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■ Mayor Claudia M. Frometa applauded public safety and Downey's vaccination push in her State of the City address.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Mayor Claudia M. Frometa delivered the state of the city address to a room full of Downey's leaders, business owners, dignitaries, and residents on Tuesday.

The event was held at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Frometa was labored with the task of painting a picture of the city in a post-pandemic reality, especially after last year's address was forcibly shelved due to Covid-19.

Much of the mayor's presentation was review of the city's accomplishments over the past year, which included the completion of Measure S projects, the balancing of the city budget for the seventh consecutive year, and the ground breaking of the Rancho Los Amigos sports complex project, which Frometa announced was now around 65% complete.

Frometa did pay particular attention to public safety.

So far this year, Downey Fire Department has responded to approximately 9,900 emergency incidents. That number is expected to increase to 10,700 - up 7.5% - by year end.

"That's a pretty significant number considering the pandemic, and considering people still have emergencies," said Frometa. "People are still needing to go to the hospital, and that is aside from Covid-19."

Frometa also highlighted Downey Police's crackdown on street racing and reckless driving.

So far this year, police have made 18 arrests for DUI's and drivers involved in a crash that caused serious injuries, 205 driving citations associated with street racing, reckless driving and unlicensed or suspended licenses, 52 vehicle impounds for engaging in speed contests, unlicensed or suspended license and DUI's, and 228 speeding citations for exhibition of speed.

Downey PD's homeless outreach program has also been active, having conducted eight outreach programs since May in collaboration with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), Kingdom Causes Bellflower, Salvation Army, Veterans Assistance Team, and the Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

In total, 81 persons experiencing homelessness were contacted and offered services.

Later during her comments on the city's fiscal responsibility, Frometa would defend the public safety budget, which accounts for 66% of general fund expenditures.

"A lot of people say, 'Gee, why is 40% going to the police? Why is 26% going to fire,'" said Frometa. "Let me remind you that during the height of the social justice movement of last year, the defund the police movement that other cities embraced, those same cities are seeing more than a doubling of their crime rates. That is a direct correlation to their defund the police movement. I have said again and again, as long as I am on this council, as long as I am serving this city...I will be supportive of our men and women in uniform."

"People want to come to cities that are safe. People are looking for neighborhoods that are safe, that have fast response times, that have a sense of community. This is what Downey provides."

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Hospital, city and county officials stand in front of a painting by Rancho patient Alex Pule on Wednesday. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Rancho celebrates over 40 years of innovation in treating spinal cord injuries

■ A five-year federal grant solidifies Rancho Los Amigos as a model hospital for treating spinal cord injuries.

DOWNEY - The spirit of restoring health, rebuilding life, and revitalizing hope shined brightly this week as Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center celebrated its grant award for another five years as a federally funded Spinal Cord Injury Model System (SCIMS).

This program is the largest network of research centers devoted to spinal cord injury in the world.

Wednesday's ceremony was mastered by Aries Limbaga, Rancho's CEO, along with Dr. Barry Jordan, Rancho's CMO. Special guests of honor included Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Janice Hahn, 4th District Field Deputy Ivan Sulic, and Dr. Christina Ghaly, Director of DHS.

"Rancho has a long tradition of serving individuals from underserved populations including individuals from racial and ethnic minorities and those from economically-disadvantaged backgrounds," said Hahn. "Our spinal cord injury population is the youngest at the time of injury (30.9 years) of all the centers and the most ethnically and racially diverse (57% Hispanic, 12% Caucasian, 20% African American, 4% Asian/Pacific Islander, 2% Native American)."

"Information from this group of patients makes a unique contribution to the national statistics on spinal cord injuries, critical to understanding the specific rehabilitation trends and needs of these under-served groups."

Dr. Ghaly said Rancho maintains a comprehensive multidisciplinary system of care for individuals with spinal cord injury through an extensive network beginning with pre-hospital emergency care provided by Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services, followed by emergency and acute care services at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California (LAC-USC) and Harbor/University of California, Los Angeles (Harbor-UCLA) Medical Centers, and comprehensive rehabilitative care at Rancho.

This includes inpatient rehabilitation, transitional discharge programs, out-patient services, and community-based programs that continue

throughout the person's life.

"Rancho receiving the SCI Model System award for another 5-year cycle should not be taken lightly even though we have been receiving this grant since 1980," shared Dr. Michael Scott, Rancho's Associate Chief Medical Officer and co-director of Rancho's SCI Model System. "The SCI Model System grant is a highly competitive process, with Rancho being one of only 14 centers in the country selected for this designation. So, it's fitting that Rancho celebrated and acknowledges all of those who put in the hard work that keeps Rancho competitive year after year."

"Rancho's spinal cord injury patients are the reason this model system is so important to spinal cord patients across the nation," Dr. Scott added. "They drive the research questions that are posed. 'How can I walk again?' 'What is the best exercise for me?' 'How can I prevent pressure sores?' 'How can I better manage my bowel and bladder or address my pain?' 'How can I be cured?'"

"Our patients push us to find better treatments, better solutions to improve their lives. They are the center of what we do and why we exist."

The focus of the Model Systems research activities is to improve the lives of people living with spinal cord injury, commented Dr. Sara Mulroy, Project Director of the SCI Model System.

For this cycle, Dr. Evgeniy Kreydin will lead Rancho's collaborative module on identifying factors contributing to bowel-related quality of life.

"Our center's site-specific research study will expand and test a community-based pain management program," said Dr. Kreydin. "I want to recognize and thank the team who collaborated with me to develop this important program including Dr. Lisa Haubert, Dr. Rebecca Lewthwaite, Sonja Kiseljak Dusenbury, and Jenna Martinez and all the staff of the Pathokinesiology Lab who will help to carry out this study."

Since its beginning, the goal of the SCI Model Systems program has been to improve care and outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injury (SCI). The model system approach is based on research that demonstrated the superiority of comprehensive versus fragmented SCI care.

The 14 medical centers currently funded by the National Institute on Disability



Philip S. Requejo, CEO of the Rancho Research Institute, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research provide a multidisciplinary system of rehabilitation care ranging from emergency services through rehabilitation and reentry into full community life. These centers also conduct research, provide education, and disseminate information with the goal of improving long-term functional, vocational, cognitive, and quality-of-life outcomes for individuals with SCI.

As a SCI Model Systems center, Rancho created the very first primary care clinic dedicated to SCI and established the medical home model to provide a comprehensive and continuous care to patients, resulting in reduced cost and improving the quality of lives for patients.

"But there was one 5-year cycle when Rancho was not funded. It was around the time that Rancho was being considered for closure and no one wanted to commit grant funds to an organization that might close," said Dr. Scott. "Boy were they wrong. Look at us now...we're thriving."

"But it's very interesting, if you review the national data on spinal cord injury during that 5-year cycle where Rancho was absent you would conclude -- erroneously -- that the Latinx population stopped having spinal cord injuries. That's right, injuries in the Latinx population appeared to have plummeted during those five years, as if someone had implemented a great prevention strategy. But that wasn't the case. It was only because new Rancho patients, many of whom are Latinx,

weren't included in the database.

"But that's a tragedy because it means that Rancho wasn't at the table during that time to pose and prioritize research questions that are relevant to our patient population. It means that the national data wasn't representative of a diverse population. It means that the science being produced during that time may not have been applicable or translatable to our patients. So, for the right research focus to be highlighted, for the science and the results to be relevant to our patients, Rancho must participate. Rancho must be at the research table. It's part of our obligation and it aligns with our culture of doing whatever is necessary to restore the health of our patients, revitalize hope, and rebuild lives."

"As Rancho's Chief Medical Officer, I would like to extend my congratulations to Rancho Research Institute for receiving another 5-year grant for the Spinal Cord Injury Model System," said Dr. Jordan. "To the interdisciplinary team that brings this model system to life, thank you for your passion and commitment to our spinal cord injury patients. To Dr. Ghaly, thank you for your continued leadership and valued vision. We are stronger today because of you. Finally to Supervisor Hahn, we are proud to be YOUR hospital and proud to serve the needs of this county. With your support, guidance and partnership, we will continue to provide innovative care and solutions to our patients living with a disability."

Weekend at a Glance

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THINGS TO DO



Downey Symphony Concert
Saturday
Downey Civic Theatre

The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs the Downey Overture by Oscar Navarro, Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World." Plus a performance by violin soloist Strauss Shi.

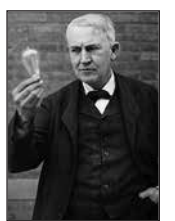
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1797

The U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides, was launched in Boston Harbor.

1879

Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.



1917

American soldiers first saw action in World War I on the front lines in France.

1921

President Warren G. Harding delivered the first speech by a sitting U.S. president against lynching in the deep South.

1967

Tens of thousands of Vietnam War protesters marched in Washington, D.C.

1975

Boston Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk hit a ball that struck the left field foul pole in Boston's Fenway Park for a home run, giving the Red Sox a 7-6 victory in 12 innings over the Cincinnati Reds in Game 6 of the World Series.



1988

Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife, Imelda, were indicted in New York on charges of fraud and racketeering.

2003

Invoking a hastily-passed law, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush ordered a feeding tube reinserted into Terry Schiavo, a brain-damaged woman at the center of a bitter right-to-die battle.

Birthdays

Judge **Judy Scheindlin** (79), sportscaster **Jim Hill** (75), reality star **Kim Kardashian** (41), model **Amber Rose** (38), and singer **Doja Cat** (26).



Jim Hill

Parents protest vaccination mandate for students

■ Gov. Gavin Newsom said students will soon be required to get vaccinated to attend classes on campus.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A small mix of parents and students gathered outside of Porto's Bakery on Monday in opposition of California's recently announced Covid-19 vaccine mandate for students.

Earlier this month, Governor Gavin Newsom announced plans to require all students to be vaccinated against Covid-19 – once the vaccine received full approval from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – for in-

person school attendance.

California is the first state in the nation to do so.

Several of those at Monday's protest said that they were not anti-vaccine, however did not feel it was right that their children should be forced to receive the shot.

Patty Duarte, of Downey, has two students at Downey High School. She, her husband, and her family are vaccinated, however have been hesitant to have their children follow suit.

"I am for freedom, our country, our rights, our freedom," said Duarte. "I feel like if we are giving that up, it shouldn't be a mandate; especially to something that we put in our bodies."

"I'm not against vaccines, I'm against the Covid vaccine; something that came about so fast, and for them to put something in my children's body like that."

Duarte added that she does not believe when experts claim the vaccine is safe.

"There is a lot of them that don't even have the vaccine, and they're experts, supposedly," said Duarte.

She added that she believes that "Covid is real," however she still feels safe sending her children to school.

Megan Muniz, of Lynwood, has a daughter who is unable to receive several of the usually required vaccinations due to a previously existing medical condition.

"My daughter suffers from epilepsy, so she's already exempt from certain vaccines," said Muniz. "Being forced to take another vaccine which could be very harmful to her, it's scary because I haven't even spoke to her doctor or communicated with the school."

"It's just scary that they could force people to do something that might not be the right choice for that individual."

Muniz herself is not vaccinated, and said that her choice shouldn't have an effect on those who were.

"I feel like if people want to go and get vaccinated, and that makes them healthy, then they're healthy and that won't affect me," said Muniz. "If I don't get vaccinated, it only affects me, it doesn't affect other people."

Muniz's daughter does not attend Downey schools.

Leah Gutierrez, of La Mirada, said she joined the protest for her "rights as a parent" and her children against the vaccine mandate.

"I'm not against the vaccination, I'm against the freedom of choice," said Gutierrez. "I'm against the government trying to force us to vaccinate me, or vaccinate my children."

"I'm not against the vaccine; if people want to have the vaccine, that's fine. I just feel that we're in America, we should have the freedom to choose whether we want the vaccine or not."

Gutierrez's children attend school in the Norwalk La Mirada School District, which recently voted against implementing a Covid-19 vaccination mandate for staff.

According to officials, Downey Unified School District did not initially seem to experience any unusual number of absences on Monday.

They released a statement on Tuesday, saying:

"We understand that families may have strong emotions and questions about COVID-19 safety measures, including vaccine and testing requirements. However, keeping children home from school to protest Governor Newsom's COVID-19 vaccine requirement only resulted in lost learning time for students across the state of California. School attendance has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in kindergarten and



Parents protested Monday against a statewide vaccination mandate for students. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

continuing through high school; we truly hope our Downey Unified families kept their children in school today.

"Unlike other districts in our region that have mandated COVID-19 vaccinations for their staff and students, we in Downey Unified have not. That being said, our district has no control over the proposed State mandate put in place to require the COVID-19 vaccine in the same manner as the current 10 vaccines already required by California law for students attending K-12 schools.

"This mandate would not go into effect until COVID-19 vaccines are given full authorization by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This means implementation of the vaccine mandate would occur no sooner than July 2022. As a district, although we cannot predict actions such as the student vaccine mandate, we continue to encourage those who are interested and eligible to get vaccinated."



Downey natives Scott Cousimano and Ray Gonzalez collaborated this past weekend to compete in the 2021 Funny Car Chaos Outlaw Fuel Altered World Finals, hosted by the Alamo City Motorplex in San Antonio.

Proud of their home community, they brought along the Downey Patriot.

Cousimano is CEO and president of Nitro Mafia Racing, Inc. Gonzalez is CEO and president of MVP Family Practice and Sports Medicine in Downey.

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Things you didn't know about Downey: The Swaton twins

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY – This story is taken from the Southeast News dated May 19, 1983:

If it wasn't hard enough to tell the identical twin Swaton brothers apart, Norman and Jack had to make it even more difficult by both excelling at everything they do and doing pretty much everything.

If you want to know about their accomplishments here at Downey High School, you only need ask one. They both have done everything and are the best at it, warned Downey High School Assistant Principal Edward Potter.

Jack and Norman Swaton both held 4.0 grade point averages, are tied for first place to their senior class, are co-captains of the varsity water polo team on which they've achieved All-American status and are talented musicians playing in the Downey High band but also in a band of their own.

The Swaton Twins, as they are known on campus, recently were named outstanding students of the year by the Rotary Club of Downey. Also honored were Shery Symons, who shared the number one position in the senior class with them, and Warren High School students Jeffrey Bradbury and Mary Chu.

At 17, the Swaton Twins are at an age when each is struggling to establish his own identity but that is hard when they just happen to like all the same things.

At the beginning of the school year, each worked out their schedules independently and it just happens that most of the classes and activities they picked were the same type.

"We don't do everything together on purpose, we do it because we happen to like the same things," said Jack.

The main accomplishment which led to their Rotary award was their academic standing. Both have straight A averages and share the top spot with Symons in a class of 518 students.

Beyond their academic standing, the Swatons have both excelled in sports and music.

They are co-captains, most valuable players and All-Americans in water polo. Something in their common genes must have held a proclivity for loud brassy things for both play brass instruments. They play together in the school marching band, and both also play in a German oom-pah band and a band called Pegasus.

With graduation near, each of the two youths has decided which college he will attend and what his major will be. Given the many similarities to past endeavors, it shouldn't be a surprise to learn that both Jack and Norman to attend USC and major in Business. (They say they plan to live in separate dorms.)

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

Crime Report

On Oct. 4 at 12:30 am, officers were dispatched to the 10300 block of Western Ave. regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. Responding officers located the victim and the suspect, both who were unharmed. The initial investigation revealed an argument amongst roommates escalated and one adult female used a glass shard to try to stab another female adult. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

On Oct. 6 at 9:40 pm, officers responded to a call of a suspect brandishing a firearm at Buffalo Wild Wings, 193 Stonewood. Officers arrived within moments and detained the adult male suspect. The suspect was involved in a verbal argument inside the restaurant with another customer. The argument followed outside, when the suspect raised his shirt and exposed a firearm in his waistband. A witness grabbed the suspect and a second male hit the suspect in the head with a bottle. The suspect was arrested and a replica firearm was recovered at the scene.

On Oct. 6 at 11:25 pm, officers were dispatched to an armed robbery at the 7300 block of Florence Ave. The adult victim was walking to his apartment when two suspects pulled alongside him in a vehicle. The male suspect approached and pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at the victim, and demanded his property. The suspect took the victim's property and fled in a vehicle.

On Oct. 9 at 12:25 am, officers responded to a fight in progress call at The Glen Bar, 7356 Stewart & Gray Road. The adult victim was involved in a fight with the adult suspect at the bar. The suspect pulled out a knife and the victim sustained a minor laceration during the fight. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle, but was located and arrested.

On Oct. 11 at 9 am, officers responded to a delayed assault, which occurred on the 8100 block of Paramount Blvd. The homeless victim was sleeping behind the gas station and was awakened by a known suspect. The suspect asked the victim for money and motioned towards the victim's sock where he keeps his money. The suspect cut the victim's right shin, causing a three inch laceration. The suspect fled prior to officers responding and was not located.

On Oct. 15 at 10:05 pm, officers were dispatched to Telegraph Rd. and True Ave. in regards to a suspect brandishing a firearm. The victim was walking in the riverbed when he was nearly struck by a drone. The victim went to the suspect's residence on Pico Vista Rd. and confronted him. The suspect punched the victim once in the face and pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at him. The victim declined prosecution. Officers attempted to contact the suspect but were unsuccessful.

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It's time Latina women get equal pay

By Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard with April Verrett

The landmark Equal Pay Act of 1963 made it illegal for employers to pay unequal wages to men and women who perform substantially the same work. I'm grateful this legislation and subsequent bills championed by Democrats in Congress have helped to address our nation's gender pay gap and wage inequalities. Unfortunately, nearly six decades after the Equal Pay Act was signed into law, a persistent wage gap between men and women workers continues to exist. This unfair disparity disproportionately impacts women of color, including millions of hardworking Latinas nationwide.

As the first Mexican-American woman to serve in Congress, and as the Member who is proud to represent thousands of hardworking Latinas across California's 40th Congressional District, this ongoing wage disparity is personal and deeply concerning to me.

The wage gap's impact on Latinas is an alarming and serious injustice. It highlights a discouraging lack of recognition and gratitude for the immense contributions of Latinas to our nation and our economy. It is far too common that Latina workers spend many long and thankless hours working in challenging jobs on which our nation relies without the appropriate recognition or financial compensation.

According to data compiled by the Equal Pay Today campaign, Latinas across America typically earn on average only \$0.57 to each dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men. For working Latina mothers, the wage gap is even more stark, as they earn on average only \$0.46 for every dollar made by white, non-Hispanic fathers. Because of this persistent wage gap, it takes Latinas on average until October 21 to earn that which white, non-Hispanic men made the previous year. That's why this week on Thursday, October 21, we recognized Latina Equal Pay Day to raise national awareness of these troubling inequities.

While Latinas carry out essential roles across many different industries nationwide, they are particularly overrepresented in the caregiving sector. According to data from the National Women's Law Center and the

Economic Policy Institute, respectively, Latinas comprise one in every five child care workers and over 25% of domestic caregiving workers across America. As our nation continues its ongoing battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, it's important that we recognize just how crucial the many contributions of Latina caregivers are to our communities.

The pay gap Latinas face harms their personal financial security and that of their families. It also hampers our nation's economic growth. The National Women's Law Center reports that Black women and Latinas working in child care face poverty rates that are over 50% higher than those of women child care providers of other ethnic backgrounds. Research by the Economic Policy Institute has also found that Latinas working in domestic caregiving roles face significantly higher poverty rates than their non-Latina peers.

Thankfully, there are solutions to these inequities on the horizon. My Democratic colleagues and I are working hard alongside President Joe Biden to address this issue by passing the Build Back Better Act. This sweeping legislation includes a variety of provisions to invest in the American people, set future generations up for success, and assist our economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It includes targeted investments in Minority-Serving Institutions. It also includes two historic investments in early child care and education that would strengthen Latinas' financial security: Two years of universal preschool and a sliding scale limit on child care costs for families. With these new investments in child care, the National Women's Law Center reports wages for Hispanic child care workers would increase by 24% and that women's participation in the workforce would rise significantly.

The Build Back Better Act's investments in child care would also benefit Latina mothers. The Center for American Progress reports that 41.4% of Latinas with children were the primary or sole financial providers for their families during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. When coupled with the lack of equal pay for working Latina mothers, Child Trends reports that child care expenses often consume more than one-third of Latina mothers' incomes. Thankfully, a study from the National

Women's Law Center has found that with these new investments, Latinas with children would enjoy a substantial net increase in their income over the course of their lifetimes, with Latina mothers raising two children seeing an additional \$115,000 on average in savings and earnings.

Until next year's Latina Equal Pay Day, we must do all we can to raise awareness that Latina workers are not compensated fairly for their essential contributions to our families, communities, and economy. We must make a firm commitment to relieve Latinas of financial burdens by passing the Build Back Better Act and investing in accessible and affordable child, elder, and disability care. And we must work to create a federal paid leave program so Latinas and parents of all backgrounds don't need to choose between earning a paycheck or caring for their families.

It's well past time for Latina women to be paid that which they deserve due to their extensive contributions to our nation. I encourage my constituents to spread the word about Latina Equal Pay Day to raise awareness about this issue and help us implement lasting change. Going forward, I promise to continue to work hard in Congress to pass the Build Back Better Act and other measures to provide needed support for the many hardworking, inspiring Latinas I am so proud to represent and millions of others nationwide.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard represents California's 40th Congressional District, which contains the communities of Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, Vernon, and parts of Bellflower, East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, and South Los Angeles.

April Verrett is President of SEIU Local 2015, California's largest union, and the nation's largest long-term care union, representing more than 400,000 long-term care providers—nearly 90% of them women, nearly one third of them Latina—working in both nursing homes and private homes throughout California. The Union has launched its Time for \$20 campaign to establish a \$20 wage floor for all long-term care workers. See www.seiu2015.org/timefor20.

Girls should get excused absences for menstrual pain

By Fatima Durrani and Lily Marmolejo

Young women should not be penalized for missing school days as a result of their bodily functions.

Schools exempt children and young adults from physical activities, school days and extracurricular activities as a result of illness, physical or mental injury yet fail to recognize the natural complications ladies are often met with.

As a result of such complications, a father from the UK, Marcus Alleyne, petitioned for his daughter and other young women to be excused from school due to menstrual pain.

In an interview with News18, Marcus expressed his concerns to Plymouth Live to say that according to the school if it had been any other disease or condition, it would've been noted as an illness rather than an illegal absence.

He was shocked by the answer, saying, "If I had said she had a migraine, we wouldn't be having this conversation."

Students who undergo complications due to menstruation suffer painful symptoms such as cramping, bloating, fatigue and lack of concentration. Severe cramps along with symptoms of dizziness make it nearly impossible to remain attentive.

Those who menstruate make up about half the world's population and it's only fair to allow them time once a week out of the month for a natural process that can cause disruptive pains.

About 80% of women experience dysmenorrhea according to the British Menopause Society and about 10% of women experience menstrual discomfort so severe to the point where it disrupts their life.

The average cycle is 28 days long and can range in length from 21 days to about 35 days according to the Cleveland Clinic.

It's primitive that basic information surrounding menstrual cycles is unknown to educators and isn't being taught in schools to the degree it should be. The solution to problems regarding menstrual cycles can be treatments such as birth control pills or hormonal methods.

According to the International Journal of Community Medicine and Public Health, "Awareness levels were poorer among males than females. Practices regarding menstrual hygiene were adequate. However, misconceptions were widely prevalent among both genders indicating the need for health education."

According to University College London, it's been ruled that painful period cramps are almost as painful as having a heart attack. From the moment a woman wakes, she may have to walk with symptoms like severe bloating, an upset stomach, tender breasts or a heavy blood flow every time she stands up with symptoms similar to pregnancy ones.

Morning sickness, vomiting, nausea, headaches and constant fatigue are common amongst women while on their cycle. Aside from the physical symptoms, there are also premenstrual symptoms that can cause enormous disruption.

PMS affects about 90% of women and affects emotional well-being, physical health and behavior.

The stigma around PMS needs to be changed considering sexist jokes are often made and reinforced by men who are threatened by women, such as the prior president of the United States.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services states that more than 6 million women in the United States are diagnosed with endometriosis, a condition that brings excruciating pain to a woman while menstruating.

There have been instances throughout high schools nationwide where teenage girls have been forced to exercise during P.E. Education institutions fail to recognize period pain as a reason not to participate in class.

"Half of women also said they had experienced periods so painful and heavy that they had physically prevented them from playing sport, while 63 percent of women said they dreaded PE lessons if they were during their time of the month," said an article by Elle.

Approximately a third of women will not attend class due to menstrual pain and will not notify their instructors.

A majority of these women will also not seek out medical advice according to the Journal of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology. Denying the pain of menstrual cramps is denying justice for women's health issues.

It's astonishing how few women are taken seriously and go unheard or unnoticed.

It wasn't until recently that states like Nevada, Maine, Colorado, Connecticut, Utah, Arizona and Virginia allowed mental health days as excusable absences.

If a student suffers from another physical health condition, it'll be marked as an excusable absence. But if a young girl asks if she may be exempt from participating in class or stay home due to their period they will be marked as an inexcusable absence or as truancy.

This decision made by educational institutions is unfair and its inexcusable for an individual to ignore the physical and mental distress brought upon them.

Governor Newsom recently signed SB 221, providing excusable absences for mental health days and for those who experience substance use disorders. This will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

SB 221 is a positive push for every individual in the state of California and is instituted for the betterment of our mental health. The time to act on women's health is now.

In pushing school district board members to communicate to our senators Alex Padilla and Dianne Feinstein with a signed petition by menstruators, women will gain the same success mental health advocates did from Newsom.

Newsom signed a new law on Oct. 8 called the Menstrual Equity for All Act, which enabled the state of California to require free menstrual products in all public schools.

The governor should have implemented this act hundreds of years ago considering the cost of feminine products have been unjust, especially since they are necessary to live a comfortable quality of life.

Fatima Durrani and Lily Marmolejo write for the Talon Marks, the student newspaper at Cerritos College. Republished with permission.

Liberty is essential

Dear Editor:

It is with a heavy heart as a Libertarian and an American able to think independently that I read about the horrible Republicans that appreciate former President Trump. (There is Only One Way to Save the Republican Party from Pro-Trump Extremists," 10/14/21)

For once in our lives we had a President who showed at least a modicum of effort trying to throw back the curtains that hide the daily corruption at all levels of government within these United States. The likes of two former GOP operatives and politicians writing in your October 14th editorial page about Trump destroying democracy, while we see leaders take to tyranny like pigs take to mud, is an embarrassment to my brain. The words and thoughts written down are those of people who would rather get along and make their big bucks while freedom slips away from all including their own heirs.

It is time for the American people to wake up to the double-dealing and back office shenanigans that go on in DC, Sacramento, LA and even little old Downey.

If you think Trump was a danger to democracy more so than those in power now you have drunk the grape Kool-Aid too much. Here's hoping you can sit in your chair and watch the grass grow while you ponder, and then realize what is occurring in this nation.

Some realize that liberty is essential. Some realize liars always lie too.

David Bowers
Downey

Facebook whistleblower forgets a company's primary obligation

By Larry Elder

Stop the presses: Facebook seeks to maximize profits.

Frances Haugen, a former Facebook employee, appeared on "60 Minutes," where she slammed Facebook, a publicly owned corporation, for "optimizing for content that gets engagement." In other words, FB tries to keep users on its platform as long as possible to make money, something that a publicly held company has a fiduciary obligation to shareholders to do.

"Whistleblower" Haugen worked at Facebook headquarters in what the company called Civic Integrity, which, according to "60 Minutes," deals with "risks to elections, including misinformation." There she found that the content Facebook tailors for users seeks to trigger emotions, including anger, so that the user spends as much time as possible on the site.

Consider the following "bombshell" exchange:

"60 Minutes": "The (Facebook) algorithm picks from those options based on the kind of content you've engaged with the most in the past."

Haugen: "And one of the consequences of how Facebook is picking out that content today is it is optimizing for content that gets engagement, a reaction, but its own research is showing that content that is hateful, that is divisive, that is polarizing, it's easier to inspire people to anger than it is to other emotions. ... Facebook has realized that if they change the algorithm to be safer, people will spend less time on the site, they'll click on less ads, they'll make less money."

How is this different from any other medium, whether television, cable television, radio, talk radio, newspapers, tabloids or other media? Recall the adage about newspapers: "If it bleeds it leads." As a talk radio host for nearly 30 years, I know that ratings evaluate not just how many people listen, but for how long they listen. It's a major part of the formula that determines the popularity of any given show. The more popular the show, the more advertisers it attracts. The more advertisers a show attracts, the more advertisers pay.

In short, Facebook finds that getting people riled up makes them

spend more time getting riled up, the very method that "60 Minutes" pursues for ratings. Indeed, "60 Minutes" heavily promoted this supposed "bombshell" interview with the whistleblower.

The real scandal, not even hinted at by Haugen or "60 Minutes," is the obvious suppression of conservative content by Facebook, Twitter and the left-wing "news" media.

The treatment of former President Donald Trump stands out as the most blatant example. Days before the 2020 election, Twitter banned the New York Post from posting its own potentially election-changing expose about Hunter Biden and that his father Joe, despite his denials, clearly knew about his son's involvement in the Ukraine energy company.

And Facebook banned Trump after the Jan. 6 "insurrection" for allegedly spreading the "Big Lie" about the 2020 election.

Never mind that Hillary Clinton repeatedly called the 2016 election "stolen" and Trump "illegitimate." Several people engaged in street violence in many cities when Trump got elected and more than 200 protesters were arrested when Trump was inaugurated. Two-thirds of Democrats, according to a March 2018 YouGov poll, falsely believe Russia "tampered with vote tallies" in the 2016 election.

True, according to a Quinnipiac University poll early this year, 76% of self-identified Republicans believe there was "widespread fraud in the 2020 election." But, according to a 2018 Gallup poll, 78% of Democrats believed Russians not only "interfered" in 2016, but "changed the outcome" of that election. So, more Democrats consider the 2016 election "stolen" than Republicans who feel likewise about 2020. Why hasn't Facebook banned Clinton?

Bottom line, Haugen wants more, not less suppression of content that she considers "hateful" and "polarizing." But who decides? Would that be the same people who call Jan. 6 an "insurrection" and who permanently banned Trump, but not Hillary Clinton, for promoting the Big Lie?

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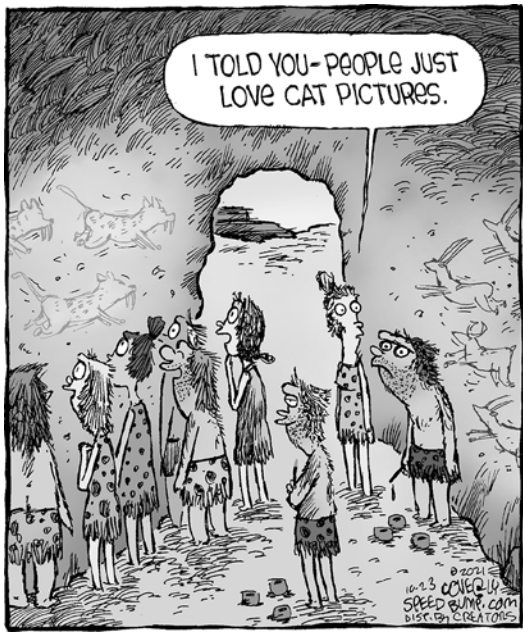
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

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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 William Medina 413-3447.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 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.
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 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cites of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 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 & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
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 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 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.

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7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
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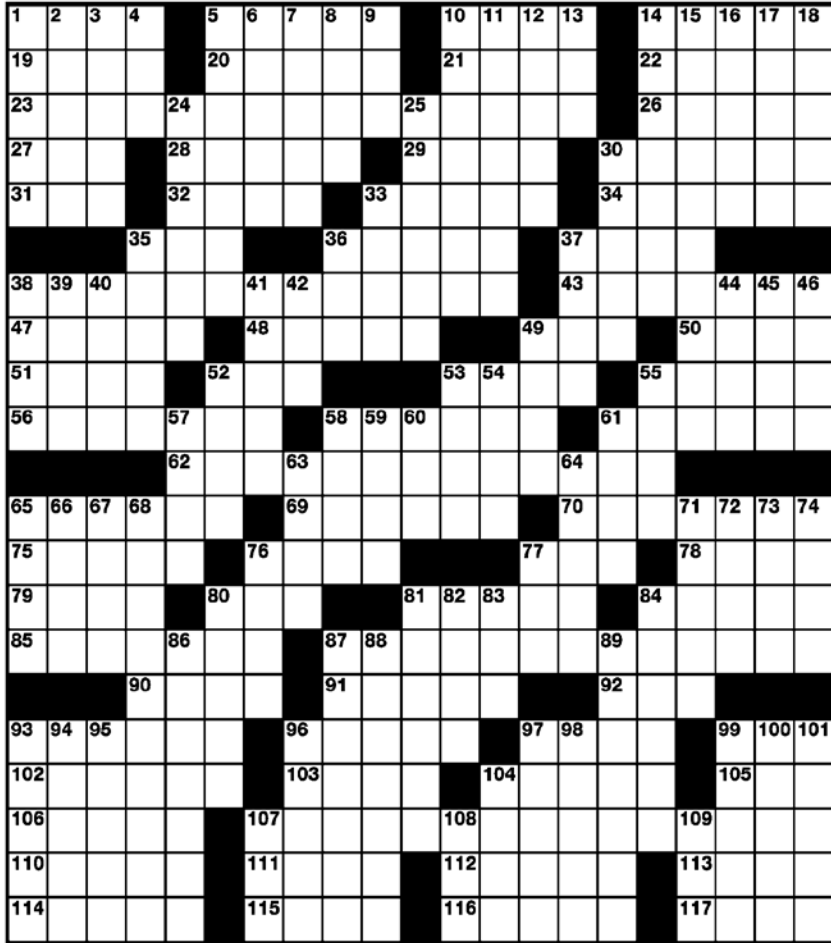
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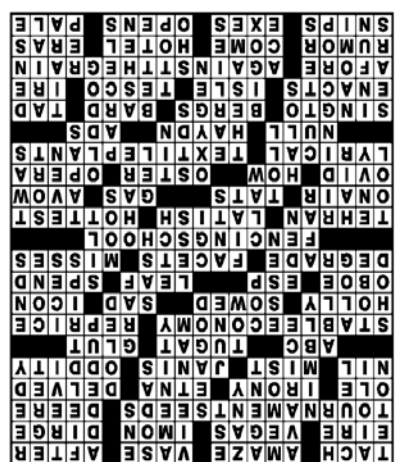
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Archuleta running for another term in state senate



■ The state senator has secured local endorsements, including from the Downey mayor and mayor pro tem.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

DOWNEY - Senator Bob Archuleta is running for his second term as California state senator for the 32nd senate district. He gave an exclusive interview at the Columbia Memorial Space Center to discuss what he is doing to help the district.

"My work is not done,"

said Archuleta. "The more I've learned, the more I've realized I don't know. And the more I help, the more I realize I want to help even more. With everything I've accomplished with this time, imagine what we can do with another four years."

The 76-year-old state senator spoke about funding the space center and his desire to bring families together.

"This is a historic site in the eyes of Downey and the district because it brings kids and families together to educate them on the future of space travel," said the senator.

Columbia Memorial Space

Center has multiple programs dedicated to introducing children to the science and technology field. Their programs also include early childhood programs and the girls in STEM club.

"That's why I brought \$800,000 and my colleagues from Sacramento, and an additional \$75,000 for the computers and workstations they needed," he said.

The 32nd senate district was heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with LA County suffering over 26,000 deaths from the virus.

"I mourn the loss of so many families we have lost in the state. I'm really saddened by all of the deaths that took place because of COVID-19. It's so important we understand the pandemic is not over yet, and we need to adhere to safety guidelines," said Archuleta.

He emphasized that people must continue to wear a mask indoors and keep a safe distance from each other. The senator also encouraged others to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and look at the science and data to show that it is working.

Archuleta also addressed mandating the vaccine as the district reopens. In the Norwalk-La Mirada school district, the board of education voted not to implement a COVID vaccine mandate for faculty.

"If school districts feel the mandate is necessary, they need to look at the science and the statistics. If they see it's working, let's find a way to continue working and save lives and keep students and teachers from getting sick," said Archuleta. "Let's not make this a political issue."

Archuleta served in the Army in the 82nd airborne, and has two sons in the military serving as paratroopers. In the state senate, he became the chairman of the military and veterans affairs committee for California.

"It is an honor that I am so proud of. With my seven colleagues we compromise, propose and analyze bills that affect veterans in the state," Archuleta explained. "This year I helped fund \$20 million for

supportive housing units at the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center."

The senator continues to help fund projects in the district dedicated to assisting veterans.

"I was also able to push and work with my colleagues for \$25 million to fund the supporting program for our aging veterans, the veterans with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness," he said. "I was able to obtain \$5.4 million per year to help the LA County veterans service officers and other counties across the state."

Archuleta says these funds will help the officers hire more professionals to assess their needs and put them into the VA system to receive VA disability payments, insurance, medical and emotional help.

The senator also helped dedicate a memorial highway on the 605 Freeway to army ranger Sergeant Thomas R. MacPherson on Oct. 12.

Archuleta is also working to help the homeless, which is a state-wide issue.

"I had a meeting with a representative from the Pacific Railroad to address homelessness along the railroad tracks. They can work with every municipality to move everyone into shelters," he said.

The senator also addressed the main reasons for homelessness are mental challenges, drug addiction and job loss.

"We are working to get them help and into permanent housing along the way," said Archuleta. "My colleagues in the state senate and the governor are working together to get them off the street and into the system to get rehab, to get trained and get everyone help, especially the children."

Archuleta has received 65 endorsements from district officials such as representative Judy Chu, Artesia mayor Ali Taj, Bellflower mayor Dan Koops, Downey mayor Claudia Frometa and Norwalk mayor Jennifer Perez.

The California State Senate election is Nov. 8, 2022.

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Guerra is a two-time mayor of Downey and currently serves as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot newspaper and a realtor.

Both Guerra and Pierce are active in the Downey community, supporting various non-profits, including Gangs Out of Downey and YMCA.

"In many ways me and Mario are polar opposites, down to our personalities," said Pierce. "But that's what makes the podcast fun. We can bounce between serious conversations and silly jokes effortlessly. Our common bond is our love for Downey."

Hans Fritz serves as executive producer of the podcast, which is currently available on YouTube. "Talking Downey with Mario and Eric" will also be available on streaming platforms such as Spotify, Facebook and other

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They can be reached at TalkingDowney@gmail.com or call 562-706-4114. They welcome thoughts on issues you want to hear about.



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Glennfest wraps up another successful film festival

■ The independent film festival recently concluded its 10th annual event, with screenings across Downey and Norwalk.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY – Glennfest has done it again. In spite of a year of Covid restrictions and the logistical problems that raised, founder and organizer Glenn Stephens has successfully brought an array of special interest films to mark the tenth anniversary of Downey’s own film festival, showing them at the Downey Theatre, Epic Lounge, Look Dine In Cinema, and expanding to a final location in neighboring Norwalk.

Watch for Year Eleven in 2022.

On Saturday Oct. 16, Glennfest wound up its 10-day 2021 festival with the movie “Racetime,” for an audience of young adults with special needs. “Racetime,” an animated feature from Canada, is a children’s film that depicts ambitious kids who spend all their time outdoors in a snowy scape working to win a sled race. Thrills and spills galore.

In welcoming the audience, organizer of the festival Glenn Stephens said, “I want to thank our Assembly member Cristina Garcia, along with SEIU 721, the largest union in Downey, that provided the movie and rental.

The newly formed Downey Film Society provided winter beanies, and Look Dine In Cinema gave out free popcorn and drinks. With everyone’s help the event was a large success.”

On Sunday, Oct. 17, for the final showing of Glennfest 2021, Glenn donned a white silk shirt with cherry blossoms, in honor of the venue and sponsor, The Southeast Japanese School and Community Center in nearby Norwalk. Glenn greeted the audience with his signature enthusiasm, and staff members handed out a goody bag with a water bottle and several delicious raisin, nut and oatmeal bars.

The film, “Talking to the Starry Sky,” is a thrill-filled fictionalized documentary about the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that devastated the Tohoku area in March 2011, just 10 years ago. This is an account of those who survived and those who did not.

The film begins just moments before a giant quake hit a hilltop school for developmentally challenged citizens, and you can imagine the rapt attention of the audience, living in earthquake-prone California. But this was worse than anything anyone here has experienced: A 9.1-magnitude undersea megathrust earthquake occurred in the north-western Pacific Ocean at a relatively shallow depth of 20 miles, with its epicenter approximately 45 miles east of the Oshika Peninsula of Thoku, Japan.



Glenn Stephens and jack of all trades David Devis at the Japanese Cultural Center. Devis’s Epic Lounge was a venue for films during Glennfest. (Photo by Lorine Parks.)

The quake lasted approximately six minutes. 19,747 deaths were recorded in the twin disaster. But the movie goes beyond, to follow a puzzling statistic: no disabled persons’ names were ever found, not on death lists nor in any of the rescue shelters.

And yet, the disabled had been largely left behind because they could not leave by themselves. A search revealed how the system had failed the very persons it was to protect. The Japan Disability Network was about to start support activities in cooperation with support groups from all over Japan, but because of the Confidentiality of Disabled Persons Act, no information could be traced for these people. And there were survivors – but they were hidden, hurt, and starving.

At last the investigators found a loophole in the law that allowed them to get precious information, and locate and help the elderly, the infirm, and the mentally and developmentally challenged. It was found that

the mortality rate of people with disabilities was twice that of people without them.

The hilltop school where the movie begins was spared from the tsunami because of its elevation. The title refers to the drawings of an autistic boy there, who believed at first that the spirits of the dead came back as owls, to watch over their loved ones. But a counselor explained to him that after the owls had seen to their families, they turned into stars and now watch over the world from the skies.

On this dramatic but optimistic note, Glennfest 2021 came to an end. But not quite.

One film has been held over, “The Conductor,” about a remarkable woman who became the first woman to lead a major symphony orchestra. A free screening, at the Downey Theatre on Saturday Nov. 13 at 4:30 pm, will be introduced by the Downey Symphony’s own maestro, Sharon Lavery.

Mayor shares updates in annual address

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Frometa expressed excitement over the future of the former NASA Vultee Building, which will be developed into an “innovation incubator.”

“The incubator will leverage Downey’s leadership in STEM education, including our renowned school district programs, to provide the essential next step in our city’s evolution into a STEM hub,” said Frometa. “This area will have conference rooms, and it will also be able to have additional space for the local medical centers to have training rooms and a training center.”

“We are very excited about this opportunity.”

In response to the pandemic, Frometa and the city continues to push for vaccination, saying “efforts are paying off.”

According to data provided by Frometa during her presentation, 78.6% of the population ages 12 and older have received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, which includes 93.9% of the city’s senior population ages 65 and up.

“This is really significant; I really wanted us to be over 75% before flu season,” said Frometa. “We are really working hard on those numbers.”

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Obituaries



Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State

Colin Powell, a four-star general in the U.S. Army who went on to become National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the first Black U.S. Secretary of State, died Oct. 18 at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center of complications of COVID-19 at the age of 84.

An ROTC graduate, Powell served in the Vietnam War. He was named President Ronald Reagan's National Security Advisor in 1987, serving until 1989. He then briefly served as Commander in Chief, Forces Command before being selected by President George H.W. Bush as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At 52, he became the youngest JCS Chair ever appointed.

Though his name came up as a possible 1992 presidential candidate, Powell declined to run, and he remained JCS Chair as President Bill Clinton's presidency began.

In 2001, President George W. Bush nominated Powell as Secretary of State, and he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As Secretary of State, Powell supported the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Though Powell remained out of political life after his 2004 resignation as Secretary of State, he received three electoral college votes in the 2016 presidential election from faithless electors who had pledged to vote for Hillary Clinton.

Powell's autobiography, "My American Journey," was a best-seller.

Powell was widely honored, both by the military and as a civilian. His military honors include a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Defense Distinguished Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters. He was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton, the latter with distinction.

"Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them," Powell said. "They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership."

Raymon Odierno, U.S. Army chief of staff

Raymond T. Odierno, a U.S. Army general who helped shape the Iraq War and became the Army's chief of staff, died Oct. 8 of cancer at age 67.

Odierno attended West Point and was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army when he graduated in 1976.

By 1999, he had risen to

brigadier general, and he went on to become one of the architects of the Iraq War, a major player in the direction of the Army during the conflict. There, his 4th Infantry Division included the units that captured Saddam Hussein.

Later, Odierno oversaw the troop surge of 2007 in response to Iraqi insurgency. In 2008, Odierno became a four-star general, and he was named chief of staff, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official, in 2011.

After his 2015 retirement from the Army, he was named chairman of USA Football as well as chairman of the NHL's Florida Panthers.

Dottie Dodgion, drummer for jazz legends

Dottie Dodgion, a drummer who worked with jazz icons including Benny Goodman and Marian McPartland, died Sept. 17 of a stroke at age 91.

Dodgion began her musical career as a singer, but by the early 1950s, she had learned drums. One of the few women playing drums at that time, she sometimes met with pushback from men who didn't expect a female drummer - including from her second husband, jazz bassist Monty Budwig, whom she soon divorced.

With her third husband, jazz saxophonist Jerry Dodgion, she was invited to play in Goodman's band. Dodgion told the story in her autobiography of the day when she was playing with Goodman and the audience gave her a bigger round of applause than him - and she was fired that night.

She went on to play in an all-female group formed by McPartland, as well as leading her own combos.

Dodgion continued to play drums and sing regularly until she was 90.

Gary Paulsen, author of young adult books

Gary Paulsen, an author of books for young adults including the wilderness survival classic "Hatchet," died Oct. 13 at age 82.

Paulsen's stories of survival under harsh conditions drew in part on his own life, including his experiences hunting and trapping for sustenance as a child.

His 1986 book "Hatchet" told the story of a 13-year-old boy stranded in the wilderness with only a hatchet. It won the Newbery Honor.

Paulsen followed "Hatchet" with four sequels, including "The River" and Brian's Hunt." His other books include "Dogsong" and "The Winter Room," both Newbery Honor winners, as well as "Harris and Me."

His 1994 non-fiction book "Winterdance" told the story of the Iditarod sled dog race, in which Paulsen competed. "Winterdance" was the inspiration for the 2002 movie "Snow Dogs."

Paulsen's final book, "Northwind," will be published in 2022.

Paddy Moloney, Grammy winning Irish musician

Paddy Moloney, an Irish musician who co-founded and led the Grammy-winning group the Chieftains, died Oct. 11 at age 83.

Moloney played the tin whistle and uilleann pipes since childhood, and in the 1950s, he began playing in groups. He co-founded the Chieftains in 1962, and the band began playing their traditional Irish music.

By the early 1970s, they had become popular across the U.K., and their music began to gain an international audience.

As the Chieftains spread the music of their homeland across the world, they won six Grammy awards and were named "Ireland's Musical Ambassadors"

by the Irish government in 1989.

The Chieftains performed and recorded with a wide variety of musicians, including Van Morrison, Madonna, the Rolling Stones, Ziggy Marley, and many more.

In addition to his work with the Chieftains, Moloney worked as a session musician, playing with Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Sting, and others. He also wrote music for movies and TV shows including "Braveheart," and he founded the record label Claddagh Records.

Moloney once loaned his tin whistle to astronaut Cady Coleman, who played it aboard the International Space Station.

"You don't have to be Irish to listen to our Irish music or to watch the dancing, that sort of thing," he said in 2020. "Every nationality now, all over the world, from China even, like in '83 we played in China, and up in Norway and Finland and Iceland, and places like that. And not forgetting our neighbors next door, the UK, we've done many concerts and many tours there as well. There's something in the Irish music that really gets you, you know?"

Downey Arts Coalition hosting art exhibit

DOWNEY - The Downey Arts Coalition is hosting an art exhibit preceding the Downey Symphony concert Saturday at the Downey Theatre.

The exhibit, titled KEYS, includes work from local artists, including the featured artists Carolina Estrada-Del Toro and Pinche Ninche. It is curated by Pat Gil and Andrew Hernandez.

Before the concert, composer Lars Clutterham will welcome the audience on behalf of the Downey Arts Coalition and introduce the artists in the audience for recognition.

Tickets to the concert and art show can be purchased at the Downey Theatre box office.

Whittier church hosting 'Night of Terror'

WHITTIER - Freedom City Church in Whittier is expecting 10,000 for its "Night of Terror" event later this month.


Held at the church's historic 98-year-old building in Uptown Whittier, the four-day event runs Oct. 28-31 with showings at 7 pm and 9 pm., and an additional 5 pm showing on Oct. 31.

The event consists of a maze and live production centered around the theme "Life is a Vapor."

The live production will showcase "the greatest horror of them all - reality, the seven major ways that people die in Los Angeles, and the reality of life after death."

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at go2nightofterror.com. Additional information is posted on go2freedom.org and on the church's Instagram page (@go2fcc).

In Memory of



Marian Nell Curtis

Marian Nell Curtis was born to Elizabeth and Fritz Hillman on Dec 30th, 1921 in rural, southeastern Nebraska. She was one of eleven children and she loved her Nebraska roots. In her late teens, she moved to California where she lived for the rest of her life. She married William Arthur Pierce in the mid 40s, and had two children -- Patricia Ann and William Gary (deceased). Sadly, she lost her husband and son in 1948 but found love again in her marriage to Richard Wesley Curtis. Together they had three children -- Michael Wesley (deceased), Jeffrey Brian, and Pamela Lynn (deceased). Marian lived in Lynnwood and Garden Grove before moving to Downey in 1961. She loved Downey and was very active within the community, where she served as a member of the Women's Club, P.E.O, Christ Lutheran Church, and the Assistance League of Downey, where she was also past-president. When she was 95, she was honored by the city of Downey for her 50 years of membership and service to the community. Marian sought every opportunity to help others and along the way, she met many dear life-long friends. It is no doubt that family, friends and service were the cornerstones of her life, as she would often say that there was nothing more important than family, and that she considered dear friends her family too.

Marian is best remembered for her strong-willed independence, sense of humor, and love of life. Till the very end, she loved to wear high heels, get her hair and nails done, and just enjoy the little things. She died at 99, just two months shy of her 100th birthday, but lived a wonderfully fulfilled life.

She is survived by her two children, Patricia (Burns) Balcena and Jeffrey Curtis; sons in law -- Jim Burns, Nemesio Balcena and Michael Hunter; daughter in law -- Ting Wan Ju, six grandchildren -- Bryan Burns, Jeremy (Tyree) Burns, Nicole Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Kevin Curtis and Kristin Curtis; and two great-grandsons -- Benjamin Burns and Charlie Burns.

Services will be held this Sunday October 24th at 12pm at the Christ Lutheran Church (7707 Florence Ave, Downey) followed by a reception at the Assistance League House at 1pm. Donations can be made in her name to the Assistance League.

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The Downey Patriot
10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21, 11/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021197826
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAMPOS INSURANCE TRUST, 13708 STUDEBAKER ROAD STE 105, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS ALBERTO CAMPOS, 13710 STUDEBAKER RD STE 105, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/JESUS ALBERTO CAMPOS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 03, 2021
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The Downey Patriot
9/30/21, 10/7/21, 10/14/21, 10/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 202105045
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CRAZY OATS, 12020 BELFLOWER BLVD APT 2, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERTA RUIZ, 12020 BELFLOWER BLVD APT 2, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) IVAN A CAWTHON, 14027 FIDLER AVE, BELFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2021
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/ROBERTA RUIZ, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/14/21, 10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021218094
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE YETI CUSTOM BUILDS, 8210 BROADWAY AVE APT 9, WHITTIER CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RANDY ROJAS, 8210 BROADWAY AVE APT 9, WHITTIER CA 90606
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: 10/2021
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/RANDY ROJAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 5, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21, 11/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021204902
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROYAL VILLAGE APARTMENTS, 7646 SOUTH MILTON AVE, WHITTIER CA 90602, LA COUNTY, 8141 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HAZEL BOLOTIN, 7125 E. COLE, 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: 01/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/HAZEL BOLOTIN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
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The Downey Patriot
10/14/21, 10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021216874
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DEVINGTON APARTMENTS, 10700 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 8141 E. 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOWNEY ENTERPRISES, LLC, 8141 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Partnership
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2020
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/DOWNEY ENTERPRISES, LLC, GENERAL PARTNER, RONALD A KOLAR, MANAGING MEMBER OF DOWNEY ENTERPRISES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 01, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/14/21, 10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021216525
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VINOVOR, 3243 GANAHL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90063, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 201626010256 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COCOLUMA, LLC, 3243 GANAHL STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90063
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/COCOLUMA, LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, NICOLY DENHAAN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 01, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21, 11/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021212778
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SURVIVAL, 3011 FASHION AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90810, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDRES BERNARDINO-BARRAZA, 3011 FASHION AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90810
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: 09/2021
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/ANDRES BERNARDINO-BARRAZA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 25, 2021
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/14/21, 10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021227072
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROYALE INN MOTEL, 8118 NORWALK BLVD, WHITTIER CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WHITTIER MOTEL INVESTMENTS INC., 8118 NORWALK BLVD, WHITTIER CA 90606
State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/WHITTIER MOTEL INVESTMENTS INC, SECRETARY, NEIL BIPIN AHIR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 19, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21, 11/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021225844
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) J.M. PLUMBING, 2829 1/2 OREGON ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90023, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAIME ALBERTO MACHADO, 2829 1/2 OREGON

ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90023
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: 10/2021
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/JAIME ALBERTO MACHADO, OWNER
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The Downey Patriot
10/21/21, 10/28/21, 11/4/21, 11/11/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021197796
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAMPOS INCOME TAX SERVICES, 13710 STUDEBAKER RD STE 105, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YOLANDA CAMPOS, 13710 STUDEBAKER RD STE 105 STE 105, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/1997
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/YOLANDA CAMPOS, OWNER
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The Downey Patriot
9/30/21, 10/7/21, 10/14/21, 10/21/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021197159
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MYRTLE STREET APARTMENTS, 10922 MYRTLE STREET APARTMENTS, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 8141 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MI CASA PROPERTY LIMITED-LIABILITY COMPANY, 8141 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2004
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/MI CASA PROPERTY LIMITED-LIABILITY COMPANY, GENERAL PARTNER, MARY HSU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 02, 2021
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The Downey Patriot
9/30/21, 10/7/21, 10/14/21, 10/21/21

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-05 3RD STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 28, 2021 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 21-05 – 3rd Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation of 3rd Street between Rives Avenue and Paramount Boulevard in the City of Downey. This project includes reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete (AC) base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes repair of uplifted, damaged or substandard concrete curb, gutter, alley intersection, sidewalk, driveway, and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings and signings; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 21-05.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined, and copies obtained at a cost of \$35.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 21-05. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor

to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierrez@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot
10/14/21, 10/21/21

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) PLN-21-00124

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 3rd day of November 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

(PLN-21-00124) Conditional Use Permit: A request to allow an existing eating place (Le Cocco) for the sale of beer and wine for onsite consumption under Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Type 41 (On-site Beer & Wine - Eating Place) license. The establishment is located at 11901& 11903 Lakewood Boulevard, Downey CA.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend to give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the

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For more information, please contact Associate Planner Irving Anaya at (562) 904-7154, or at ianaya@downeyca.org.

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 21STCP03332
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ELVIRA PATRICIA FLORES LARA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) ELVIRA PATRICIA FLORES LARA Proposed name (1) ELVIRA PATRICIA LARA
 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: NOVEMBER 15, 2021, Time: 10:00 a.m., Department: 74, Room: 735
The address of the court is 111 N. HILL ST 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** OCTOBER 6, 2021
 MICHELLE WILLIAMS COURT Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **ELVIRA PATRICIA FLORES LARA** 7803 DACOSTA ST. DOWNEY, CA 90240 (562) 682-7683 FLORES.ELVIRA7803@GMAIL.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00320
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DIAN JEAN BARELA filed a petition with

this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) DIAN JEAN BARELA Proposed name (1) DIAN JEAN PEREZ
 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: NOVEMBER 19, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 27, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 275 MAGNOLIA LONG BEACH 90802
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 29, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **DIAN JEAN BARELA** 3518 E. HEDDA ST LONG BEACH CA 90805 (562) 513-0773 DIPEREZ923@HOTMAIL.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00383
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADRIAN VIDAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) ADRIAN VIDAL Proposed name (1) ADRIAN SALAS
 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: DECEMBER 3 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **ADRIAN VIDAL** 13007 HADLEY ST APT C WHITTIER CA 90601 562-374-5948

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00385
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARICARMEN GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) MARICARMEN GONZALEZ Proposed name (1) MARICARMEN LANDA RAMOS
 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: DECEMBER 6, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** OCTOBER 8, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **MARICARMEN GONZALEZ** 18734 BERCHARD PL CERRITOS, CA 90703 562-233-6231

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00362
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00362
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner

SHAWN LOGAN LOPEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) SHAWN LOGAN LOPEZ Proposed name (1) SHAWN LOGAN MILIAN-TORRES
 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: NOVEMBER 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **SHAWN LOGAN LOPEZ** 9105 MARGARET ST. DOWNEY CA 90241 (562) 400-2879

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00385
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARICARMEN GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) MARICARMEN GONZALEZ Proposed name (1) MARICARMEN LANDA RAMOS
 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: DECEMBER 6, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **LUCINDA S PEREZ** 3061 FLOWER ST. HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 (323) 605-8699

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FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00356
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LUCINDA S PEREZ BY YASLENE PEREZ TRISTIAN SCOTT PEREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LUCINDA S PEREZ Proposed name (1) LUCINDA RUFFALO
 Present name (2) YASLENE PEREZ Proposed name (2) YASLENE RUFFALO
 Present name (3) TRISTIAN SCOTT PEREZ Proposed name (3) TRISTIAN SCOTT RUFFALO
 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: NOVEMBER 29, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 24, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **LUCINDA S PEREZ** 3061 FLOWER ST. HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 (323) 605-8699

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRENE D. JUAREZ

CASE NO. 21STPB04351
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of Irene D. Juarez, and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both:
 A petition has been filed by Rolando Juarez, Sr. in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, requesting that Rolando Juarez, Sr. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of Irene D. Juarez.
 The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.
 The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. 9 at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles CA 90012 on November 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. YOU may attend the hearing via remote means using LA CourtConnect. For more information about virtual appearance, visit <http://www.lacourt.org/documents/LACCFags.pdf>.
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, 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 subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

Petitioner's Attorney of Record:
Buffington Law Firm, P.C.
8840 Warner Ave Suite 300
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000007215346 Title Order No.: 170468027 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/13/2006. 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. BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/22/2006 as Instrument No. 20062596833 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: JUVENITO NO MORENO AND LORENA MORENO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 11/22/2021 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7452 MULLER ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6249-013-008 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 made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$1,807,564.91. 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 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 833-561-0243 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000007215346. 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: 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 833-561-0243, or visit this internet website WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000007215346 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 TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 833-561-0243 WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 3990 E. Concourse Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 10/15/2021 A-4736506 10/21/2021, 10/28/2021, 11/04/2021

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Collection Drive, 8:30 am to noon. Donate your new and gently used furniture, household items, kitchenware, baby items and children's clothing to benefit military families stationed at Camp Pendleton. Stonewood Center parking lot (off Woodruff Avenue)

Freeway Off-Ramp Cleanup, 9-11 am. Join other volunteers in cleaning up the Paramount Boulevard and 5 Freeway off-ramp. Closed toe shoes and long pants required. Hard hats, vests, gloves and safety glasses will be provided. Hosted by Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

Beyond the Book Celebration, 10 am to 3 pm. The Downey City Library's first public celebration since reopening, featuring a discussion with author Michael Jaime-Becerra, performances by Little Folk Club and Ernando & The Nandos, an outdoor playground, origami workshop, henna tattoos, crafts, and more. Plus food from Helping Hands Coffee, Churros Don Abel, Cena Vegan and Kona Ice. Downey Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Grand Opening, 1 pm. Academy Jiu-Jitsu & Kickboxing celebrates its new location at 9220 Lakewood Blvd. The event features food, kids activities, a magician, and an appearance by Brazilian jiu-jitsu instructor Leo Vieira.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs the Downey Overture by Oscar Navarro, Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World." Plus a performance by violin soloist Strauss Shi. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

Rent Relief Workshop, 5-8 pm. Learn how income eligible tenants who have lost income due to COVID-19 can receive help with rent and utilities. To participate, bring IDs and income verification for all adults in household; 2020 taxes, W2, paystubs or bank statements; rental agreement; most recent utility bills; and landlord contact information. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey High Hall of Fame, 10:30 am. Downey High will induct five distinguished graduates into its Hall of Fame. Downey High School theater, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Trunk-O-Treat, 4-6 pm. Put on your costumes for fun, treats and a safe Halloween celebrated. Presented by Keller Williams Realty on the second floor of the Porto's Bakery parking structure.

Downey vs. Warren football game, 7 pm. Downey High hosts the annual rivalry game, which this year marks the end of the regular seasons for Downey and Warren. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Downey vs. Warren VIP Experience, 7 pm. Enjoy premium parking, pre-game dinner, a VIP view of the game, memorabilia, and more, with a VIP Experience ticket or sponsorship. Tickets are \$150 and proceeds benefit the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities. Details at dfco.

org/vip

Halloween Dance Party, 7-11 pm. A costume contest and dance party, plus food and raffles. Downey Moose Lodge No. 663, 12021 Garfield Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Dia de los Muertos Art Festival, 11 am to 8 pm. Downey's annual festival featuring folklorico dancers, two stages of entertainment, film screenings, artisan vendors, and more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Downey Harvest Festival, 4-8 pm. Trunk or treat, spooky mazes and games, food trucks, family fun. Legacy Church, 8333 2nd St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch, 5-8:30 pm. Free family-friendly event with carnival games, face painting, photo booths, candy, costume contests, and a screening of "Hocus Pocus" at 7 pm. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

Family Fall Fest, 5:30-8:30 pm. Carnival games, raffles, jumpers, candy, and family fun. Desert Reign Church, 11610 Lakewood Blvd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

DPFF Golf Tournament, 12 pm. The 30th annual golf tournament supporting the Downey Police and Firefighters Foundation. California Country Club, 1509 Workman

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Downey Rotary Golf Tournament, 12 pm. Downey Rotary's annual golf tournament supporting The Arc of Southeast Los Angeles and Orange Counties. For details, call Kevin MacDonald at (562) 972-1277. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 2 pm and 6:30 pm. The beloved TV classic comes

to life on stage, ushering in the holiday season. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Roots & Blues, 7:30 pm. Live blues music by RJ Mischo, Nathan James, and TJ & the Suitcase to celebrate the Downey Arts Coalition's 10th anniversary. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"The Conductor", 4:30 pm. A free screening of "The Conductor," based on the true story of the Dutch born Antonia Brico. In the late 1920's she was the world's first woman who successfully conducted a large symphony orchestra. Until recent, women barely succeeded to reach the world's top ranking conductors. This year, for the first time in Dutch history, the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra appointed a woman as its Chief Conductor: Karina Canellakis. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Inspiracion De XV Años, 4 pm. An evening of traditional Mexican folk dance, featuring dances from different regions of Mexico. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Book Lovers Club, 12 pm. Join other readers in a discussion of "Sooley," the latest novel by bestselling author John Grisham. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful for a one-hour community clean-up. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Gloves, safety vests litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Meet in the city parking lot behind Independence Park.

Legal Clinic, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys regarding immigration law, tenants law, family law, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Texas Hold'em Tournament, 6 pm. \$40 early bird buy-in if purchased before Nov. 13, \$50 afterwards, with proceeds benefiting the Knights of Columbus' building fund. For tickets, call Mario Mendoza at (323) 377-1535. Knights of Columbus Hall, 11231 Rives Ave.

Eddie Edwards use state of the art make-up to look and sound like the superstars of today and yesterday, including Cher, Elton John, Dolly Parton and Barbra Streisand. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, George Walker's Lyric for Strings, and Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, plus a special performance of Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C Major with Carolyn Osborn on violin, Dane Little on Cello, and an artist to be announced on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Book and a Movie, 11 am. Read a book and then watch the movie inspired by it. Discuss the storyline, symbolism and parallels between the literature and cinematography. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Downey Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade returns, presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Downey Avenue, from Florence to 3rd Street.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Family Story Night, 6-8 pm. Enjoy family fun with stories, music, crafts and more. All ages. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Santa Claus Visits, 6 pm. Santa Claus visits with children at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Free, bring your own cameras.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Legal Clinic, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys regarding immigration law, tenants law, family law, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

The Edwards Twins, 7:30 pm. Anthony and

helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. Second of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's Overture to Candide, Pinar Toprak's "Open World" from Captain Marvel, Ives' Variations on "America," and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Plus a percussion concerto with Wesley Sumpter. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Grease Sing-Along, 7 pm. Hand jive in the aisles, enjoy specialty treats and drinks and get ready to fall in love with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John all over again as you sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mariachi Los Camperos, 4 pm. Two-Time Grammy award winner Mariachi Los Camperos originated in 1961 and played a fundamental role in the development of Mariachi music in the United States and was the first to take the Mariachi performances out of customary locations such as cantinas and into concert halls. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Carpenters Legacy Concert, 8 pm. A recreation of The Carpenters' 1976 UK tour, starring Sally Olson and Ned Mills. Plus a special tribute to Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.



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