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Rancho named LGBTQ equality leader

■ A national survey ranked Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center a leading hospital in LGBTQ inclusion.

DOWNEY - Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center received the designation of "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader" for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 15th anniversary edition of the Healthcare Equality Index (HEI), earning an exemplary evaluation score of 100.

HEI, the nation's benchmarking survey of healthcare facilities on policies and practices dedicated to the equitable treatment and inclusion of their LGBTQ+ patients, visitors and employees, had a record 906 healthcare facilities who actively participated in the 2022 HEI survey.

"Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center actively supports our patients and staff who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning," said Dr. Aries Limbaga, Chief Executive Officer of Rancho. "Our goal is to provide a safe and inclusive environment for our LGBTQ+ patients to heal and our LGBTQ+ staff to thrive. Our mission is to restore health, rebuild life, and revitalize hope for all persons with a life changing illness, injury, or disability."

"Our world class care respects the diversity of the communities we serve. Achieving this prestigious award as the leader in LGBTQ+ healthcare for the fourth consecutive year demonstrates our commitment to LGBTQ+ person-centered care, our continuous efforts toward compassionate, welcoming and equitable treatment and inclusion of patients, visitors and staff."

The HEI evaluates and scores healthcare facilities on detailed criteria falling under four central pillars:

- Foundational Policies and Training in LGBTQ+ Patient-Centered Care;
- LGBTQ+ Patient Services and Support;
- Employee Benefits and Policies; and,
- Patient and Community Engagement.

In the 2022 report, 496 facilities earned HRC's "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader" designation, receiving the maximum score in each section and earning an overall score of 100.

With 82% of participating facilities scoring 80 points or more, health care facilities are demonstrating concretely that they are going beyond the basics when it comes to adopting policies and practices in LGBTQ+ care.

The progress reflected in the 2022 HEI includes:

93% of participants met the HEI's training requirements, completing more than 200,000 hours of staff training in LGBTQ+ patient-centered care.

82% of participating facilities earned either the Leader or Top Performer.

99% of HEI participants documented that they include both "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" in their patient and employment non-discrimination policy.

81% of HEI participants offer transgender-inclusive healthcare benefits to their employees, up from 75% in 2019, which was the first year this was required in order to obtain leader status in 2020.

Councilman Mario Trujillo traveled to Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico last week with the goal of re-establishing relationships with Downey's first sister city.

"I was well received," Trujillo said. "They were very interested in working with us for cultural, educational and economic development relationships."



City delays decision on outdoor dining request

■ The restaurant plaza at Lakewood and Gallatin is seeking a permit to make its outdoor dining area permanent.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - A decision to allow The Commons at Gallatin Road commercial plaza to keep its outdoor dining space permanently was postponed to the Planning Commission's April 20 meeting.

City officials originally issued the commercial center an outdoor dining permit on July 29, 2020, when restaurants statewide were forced to close their indoor space due to the pandemic.

Located at Gallatin Road and Lakewood Boulevard, The Commons is seeking a renovation of the space including a wooden plank deck, drought tolerant landscaping, lighting and bollards to match features from the existing plaza.

The conversion would come at the cost of seven parking spaces although the plaza currently has a surplus of 42 stalls, according to city staff's report.

On Tuesday, the Planning Commission received a letter from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, voicing her support for the project.

"I am writing to support The Commons application to make the outdoor dining space they have used during the pandemic permanent," Hahn wrote in the letter. "During the pandemic, many restaurants turned to outdoor dining as a creative way to keep their doors open and serve their customers safely."

"Since then, restaurants across the County have transformed sidewalks, parklets, alleyways and private parking lots into beautiful outdoor dining patios. Residents have become accustomed to these additions in their neighborhoods and diners have embraced them, allowing restaurants to be able to



recover the financial losses they experienced during the worst of the pandemic.

"Now, I hope we can make outdoor dining we enjoyed these past two years permanent. In fact, my colleagues and I on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors will soon be calling for a formal ordinance to make

outdoor dining permanent in unincorporated areas.

"There is a lot about the pandemic that I hope we can leave behind, but outdoor dining is something we should hang onto. I urge the Commission to approve the conditional use permit for The Commons at Gallatin Road."



Students urged to get tested after spring break

DOWNEY - As students head into Spring Break next week, Downey Unified School District is asking students and staff to take a Covid-19 test before they return to campus.

Thanks to a partnership with the Los Angeles County of Public Health and the Los Angeles Office of Education, the district is distributing another round of rapid antigen tests for students and staff to take home before Spring Break next week.

The kits also come with a strong recommendation: take a test on April 18 before returning to campus on April 19.

"It's a non-requirement; we're not checking you at the door," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Roger Brossmer at the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday. "It's just a strong recommendation. It's really just a way for us to all keep each other safe."

If students or staff test positive, they will be required to follow the current LA County Health Department guidelines for isolation.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Survey: 27% of Downey residents are obese

DOWNEY - More than a quarter of Downey's adult population is obese, according to the results of a national survey released Wednesday.

The analysis was completed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce using data by the Center for Disease Control.

According to the report, 27.6% of Downey adults are obese and 26.8% reported high cholesterol.

Another 10.3% of Downey adults have been diagnosed with diabetes and 14.5% of adults have depression.

It's not all bad news, however. The analysis found that 75.5% of Downey adults are physically active, which is more than the U.S. average.

Results of the survey are available at ChamberOfCommerce.org.

Jacob Wood, of Downey, was recently promoted to Drill Sergeant at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Wood is a 2009 graduate of Warren High School.



Weekend at a Glance

Friday 98°

Saturday 82°

Sunday 75°

THINGS TO DO



Downey Symphony
Saturday, 8 pm
Downey Theatre

The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs its spring concert, featuring tunes from "Captain Marvel" and "Westside Story."

ON THIS DAY

1862: Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

1927: The image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

1947: Auto pioneer Henry Ford died at age 83.

1949: The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.

1969: The Supreme Court unanimously struck down laws prohibiting private possession of obscene material.

1990: A display of Robert Mapplethorpe photographs opened at Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center; the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges.

2001: NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft took off on a six-month, 286-million-mile journey to the red planet.

2001: An unarmed black man wanted on 14 misdemeanor warrants was fatally shot by a white police officer in Cincinnati, sparking three days of riots.

2003: U.S. troops in more than 100 U.S. armored vehicles rumbled through downtown Baghdad and seized one of Saddam Hussein's opulent palaces.



2017: President Donald Trump ordered a missile attack against Syria in response to a chemical attack against its own people.

2020: China ended its pandemic lockdown in Wuhan, where the coronavirus is believed to have originated.

Birthdays

Rock singer **John Oates** (74), football hall of famer **Tony Dorsett** (68), film star **Jackie Chan** (67), actor **Russell Crowe** (58), comedian **Bill Bellamy** (57), and pop singer **Anne-Marie** (31).

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Fiesta Casino, 6-10 pm. Downey Kiwanis' annual casino night fundraiser, taking place this year at the Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., in Santa Fe Springs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Grocery Outlet, 8320 Firestone Blvd.

Stay Gallery: Soft Opening, 10 am to 2 pm. Enjoy a day of local art and artisan shopping in celebration of Stay Gallery's soft reopening. Free admission. Learn more: staygallery.org/reopening. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Father-Con, 10 am. Hear from guest speakers on topics such as human trafficking, cyber safety, foster care, masculinity, the importance of father figures, the dangers of pornography, dealing with sexual hurt, dating, divorce, and more. Register at father-con.org.

Warren High School, 8141 DePalma St.

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

Celebrity Meet & Greet, 10 am. Meet voice actors Bryce Papenbrook, Leah Clark, Elizabeth Maxwell and Jason Liebrecht. Prices vary for autographs and selfies. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

Book Club, 12 pm. Bring your lunch and join a lively discussion of "Bewilderment" by Richard Powers. Free. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Free Document Shredding, 8-11 am. Bring your confidential paperwork for free, on-site shredding. Limit three banker boxes per resident. No bags (no exceptions). City Hall west parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Pancake breakfast, games, vendors, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

Stay Gallery: Family Paint Day, 11 am to 12:30 pm. Create a colorful, spring-themed landscape painting with your family in this guided workshop. Includes paint supplies. Register: staygallery.org/paintday

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Police & Firefighter of the Year Luncheon, 11:30 am. The Downey

Police & Fire Foundation hosts its eighth annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year ceremony. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Tree Giveaway, 8-11 am. In honor of Arbor Day, the city of Downey is giving away trees. One free 5-gallon tree per resident (while supplies last). City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

One Day of Service, 9 am. Join other volunteers for a day of service in Downey. Join a community project or create your own. To suggest a project, email jmontenegro@downeyca.org or call 562-904-7284. Event kicks off with a rally outside City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Stay Gallery: Ecuamex Pop-up, 9 am to 2 pm. Enjoy local art while sipping on local coffee. Local vegan coffee bar, Ecuamex, will be popping up for the day at Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Author Discussion, 1 pm. Poet and author Dr. Tiffanie Tate Moore will discuss her latest book of poetry, "FloweTry." Originally from Compton, Dr. Moore graduated from Lynwood High, is a Navy veteran, and an OB/GYN. Copies of her book will be available for sale. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

own personalized self care booklet with guidance from local artist cindy "cindita" macias. Free admission. Register: staygallery.org/selfcare

Amistad Gala, 5:30 pm. Annual black-tie fundraiser benefiting Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. For tickets and sponsorships, visit http://ranchofoundation.org/amistad/

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Touch-A-Truck, 10 am to 1 pm. Get up close with emergency rescue demonstrations, Public Works trucks, police patrol vehicles, K9 unit, fire engines, construction equipment, and more. 10-11 am is "quiet hour" with no sirens, horns or lights for people with sensitive eyes or ears. A vehicle extraction demonstration is at 11 am and a vehicle fire demonstration at noon.

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 Kevin Fitzgerald on piano. 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 14

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Student Government Day, 8:30 am. High school students who live or go to school in Downey are invited to visit City Hall to learn about local government, meet civic leaders, and share their ideas for Downey. Interested students should sign up with their school ASB coordinator. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Town Hall Meeting, 6 pm. Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa leads a town hall meeting to discuss local issues. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Stay Gallery: Visioning Self Care Workshop, 12-1:30 pm. Create your

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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.

MONDAY, MAY 23

10-20 Club Golf Tournament, 10 am. Annual golf fundraiser benefiting the 10-20 Club, a Downey non-profit that works with at-risk youth. For details, call Darrell Jackson at (562) 618-2550.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

Historical Society screening short films

DOWNEY - The Downey Historical Society will screen a trio of short documentaries on Thursday, April 28.

The first film is "Taco Bell Numero Uno," chronicling the first Taco Bell in Downey and its subsequent move to Irvine.

The second film is "So California Gold," which highlights some Downey "then and now."

The final film is "Downey and Southern California" by Robert Custance, who will be in attendance.

Admission is free and the public is invited. The screenings will take place at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center starting at 6 pm.

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Grease Sing-Along

April 16th at 12 PM, 1 PM, & 2 PM

Downey Theatre Open House Tours
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April 19th at 5 PM, 6 PM, & 7 PM

Downey Theatre Open House Tours
5 PM, 6 PM, & 7 PM
Call or Email to RSVP

April 20th at 7:00 PM

Warren High School presents:
"Golden Bear Awards"

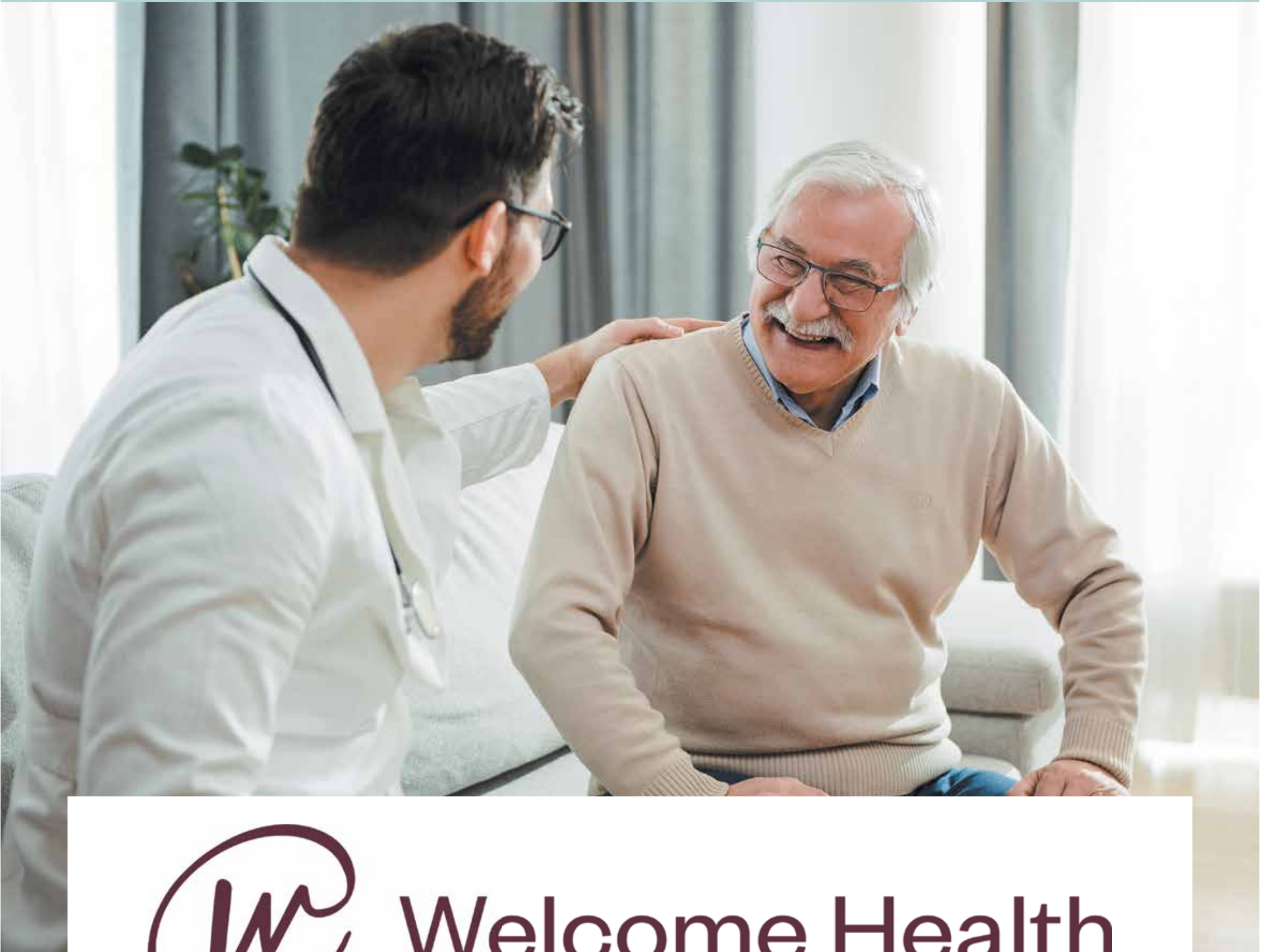



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Striking Vikings return to in-person competition

DOWNEY - Downey High School's robotics team, the Striking Vikings, recently competed at the first Robotics San Diego Regional Competition in Del Mar.

It was the team's first competition since Covid forced the cancellation of a 2020 tournament in Hawaii.

Fast forward to 2022 and two years of no in-person competitions, the Striking Vikings traveled to Del Mar once again, playing against 52 other teams. Making it to the "Elite Eight", they were eliminated from the tournament in the quarter finals, losing to the eventual tournament champions.

Because they exhibited "extraordinary enthusiasm" at the tournament and that it is apparent in all that the team does within their school, community and with their sponsors, they were awarded the Team Spirit Award.

This past weekend they traveled to the Nevada Regional Competition in Las Vegas and competed against 43 other teams, including teams from Brazil, Turkey, and Mexico. Advancing to the "Final Four", they were eliminated in the semi-finals ending their tournament run in the third place position.

"This year was an amazing experience," said senior team member Jasmine Vallejo. "I have never worked so hard, learned so much and enjoyed being on a team this much. It was totally worth all the effort."

Commenting on the return to competitions, junior Ezekiel Leyva said "I was devastated when we didn't get to go to Hawaii and Houston in 2020 but competing this year re-energized my passion and excitement."

"I feel truly blessed to be competing in person again with this amazing team."

Stauffer Middle School lands \$8K theater grant

DOWNEY - Stauffer Middle School's drama program has been awarded an \$8,353 grant from the American Theater Wing, the founding organization of the Tony Awards, the Downey Unified School District announced this week.

Since 2016, the American Theatre Wing has awarded funds through their Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative to support and invest in public schools and to help drama teachers get more of the resources they need to provide quality drama instruction in their schools.

Stauffer's winning request was one of only 12 schools in the nation, and the only one in California, to receive this year's honor.

In 2021, there were 135 grant applications submitted from K-12 public schools from across 35 states, totaling just over \$6 million in requested funds.

"This is a tremendous honor for our Spartans," said Stauffer Principal Darryl Browning. "The entire Stauffer community congratulates our amazing Drama teacher, Andrea Pyle, for applying for this grant. We cannot say enough about our educators always seeking opportunities for our students to have the best possible learning experience."

"These funds will purchase a much-needed new sound system for our Drama students' upcoming concert-style production of the 'The Wizard of Oz'. This amazing production will also be performed at neighboring elementary schools, thus sharing the benefit of this grant with our broader student community."

"By ensuring students' access to the arts, we don't just help instill a lifelong appreciation for theatre, we also support empathy-building, problem-solving, creative-thinking, and a whole range of crucial life skills," said Heather Hitchens, President and CEO of the American Theatre Wing.

"We are so proud to support these 12 Title 1 schools and their educators, who go above and beyond to provide quality arts education to their communities."

More information about the Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative can be found at americantheatrewing.org.

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DOWNEY ONE DAY OF SERVICE
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 Downey Civic Center
 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Volunteer Projects Take Place

Join us for the **Downey One Day of Service** event taking place Saturday, April 23rd!

Downey One Day is a community service day in which volunteers give back to their community by participating in various projects throughout the City. Residents, community organizations, businesses, and churches are encouraged to take ownership of a specific project and give back to their community.

Deadline to submit a volunteer project for consideration is Friday, April 15th.
 Please email jmontenegro@downeyca.org or call 562-904-7284.

City of Downey

The City of Downey prohibits discrimination of any person in any of its programs and services. For accommodation requests, contact the City's ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the event/service/program at (562) 299-6619 or ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, TTY 711.

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Leave our golf courses alone

Dear Editor:

I find it mind boggling how Cristina Garcia remains in the Assembly with legislation she introduces or re-introduces.

Shut down the two golf courses in Downey? Replace them with affordable housing? There is no lack of access to parks or open spaces available to nongolfers in Downey. Our past and current council members have made sure of that.

The number of 921 golf courses in California that Garcia attests to is, at the least, a minimal number to the state’s population. Yes, there was a decline in 2006, not due to lack of space but lack of income that most had to choose between golf and putting gas in their cars. Sorta like today! When the pandemic hit, there appeared to be an uptick of “new” golfers because golfing was one of the few activities allowed under a controlled environment with its pandemic rules and policies and procedures that were strictly adhered to.

If memory serves me correctly, the annual revenue for Rio Hondo Golf Course helped subsidize those parks and open spaces that everyone in Downey and the surrounding communities does benefit from should they choose to do so.

I would suggest that Cristina Garcia looks at properties of businesses that have been shut down for a few years. Or maybe look at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall behind Los Amigos Golf Course. Tear that facility down and build affordable housing. Or maybe even look at the Rancho Los Amigos south campus. Leave our two golf courses alone.

Course superintendents are cognizant and sensitive to the climate changes and its effects, and they continue to do their part in making a course environmentally friendly.

If the rumors are true and there is an exodus from California, there will be plenty of housing and spaces without eliminating public golf courses.

Nix AB 1910. Find another way.

Alexa Davis
Downey

Response to conservative views

Dear Editor:

In response to Ms. Martha Morrissy’s Letter to the Editor dated March 31, 2022, I totally disagree with a majority of her statements, several of which are contradictory in nature.

For example, she writes that if “Donald Trump was President, under his leadership, this horrific war in Ukraine would not have happened.” Wasn’t it Donald Trump who wanted to wither his commitment to Article 5, who wanted to remove the U.S. from NATO, who withheld nearly \$400 million in congressional aid from Ukraine in exchange for a favor just before the 2020 election, possibly in violation of the 1974 Impoundment Control Act?

Unfortunately, Vladimir Putin mistakenly assumed that NATO had weakened due to Trump’s constant berating of NATO in front of the world.

Wasn’t it also Trump who called Putin’s annexation of Donbas and Luhansk regions “genius”?

Morrissy also refers to Putin wanting to recreate the USSR. She appears to be blaming a Democratic leader of the USA who is helping another Democratic leader of Ukraine fight against Russian aggression, but not blaming the autocratic Putin who for eight years was building up his Russian troops, closing in on Ukraine to recreate the USSR. Remember, it was Trump who changed his campaign platform in 2016 against Ukraine.

Ms. Morrissy’s statement Regarding Keystone XL, Morrissy writes that President Biden “with a stroke of a pen, put an end to our energy independence.” First, the facts are that the purpose of the Keystone XL pipeline is to give Canadian tar sands producers access to Gulf Coast refineries, not to provide the United States with a more secure supply of oil.

Referring to Critical Race Theory, Morrissy writes that “idiots on the left introduced it.” I believe that Ms. Morrissy is misinformed or lacks understanding of what CRT means. According to NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, CTR “is academic and legal framework that denotes that systemic racism is part of American society from education, housing, employment, and healthcare.” In other words, it’s studying how racism shaped public policy and tries to rectify it.

Critical Race Theory is most often taught in law schools. As Chief Justice, John Roberts said in a 2007 school assignment case, “the way to stop discriminating on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race.” It was conservative organizations like the Heritage Foundation who turned it into a “discrimination against white people” and pushes that it attributes to BLM, LGBTQ clubs in schools. CRT is being used by conservative media as a tool of division, to incite fear and anger.

Some of Ms. Morrissy’s other statements reflect divisiveness and unpleasantry in which I prefer not to address. Please pray for the people of Ukraine.

Joanne Gallo
Downey

No new taxes

Dear Editor:

The Downey Unified School District just sent out a survey asking those of us who own homes/buildings in Downey if we would be willing to pay more in property taxes with the promise that it would give “our kids” a better education.

I’m surprised that within that survey they didn’t disclose that 25% of the students attending DUSD don’t even live in the city of Downey. In fact, our current superintendent actively tries to “recruit” kids from surrounding cities to come to school in Downey.

If the DUSD is really in need of more money; then maybe they should look at why 25% of the student population doesn’t live in Downey or pay any property taxes in Downey.

Also, if they are in such need of money, then possibly the superintendent could quit spending thousands of dollars a year for “motivational speakers” for the DUSD staff. Cut that 25% of students that don’t belong in Downey and cut the ridiculous amount of money wasted on “motivational speakers” and the DUSD will have a great start with “new found money”.

It’s time our local government lives within their means. Say “no” to new taxes.

Andrew Henins
Downey

Our leaders are failing us

Dear Editor:

We seem to be in rough times. There seem to be many problems. There are many opinions and an equal number of solutions, none of which seem to work but all of which cost a lot of taxpayer money. I can’t offer a sure-fire solution but I can offer some thoughts.

First of all, let me refer to a short case study from my business school. This involves a small company that produced a line of frozen foods. It had been sometime without a new product and the president decided that something was needed. He assembled his VP staff and charged them with the task of developing a new product for the market. The staff tested the market to see what would sell, how to package it, and other factors. Periodically the president would call the team together, get progress reports from each, and consider changes to direction that he deems appropriate. Finally the team presented five new dishes that they believed would succeed.

The company could only afford to market one. The president tasted each, asked questions, and selected one of the dishes. If that product is a success, he is a good man. If it is a failure, he is not such a good man and will not survive many such failures. There is no other criteria for measuring him.

Now we get to our political climate. We have a large population of homeless that our politicians cannot seem to deal with. We are incurring billions of dollars in debt providing aid to the “needy.” We are heading into a recession with significant inflation. Housing prices are going through the roof. We seem to be badly split. There seems to be many problems with our schools. We have just come through a difficult response to a health crisis.

What is wrong with our leaders that nothing seems to work right? It must be asked who we are selecting to provide leadership. If our environment is so messed up, why are we sending these people to the legislature, to Congress, or to the White House?

As Pogo said, “we have met the enemy and he is us.”

Gordon Wall
Downey

Ojos Locos sports bar

Dear Editor:

Open letters to Rick Van Warner of Ojos Locos:

Do not bring Ojos Locos to Downey. We do not want your trashy restaurant/bar here in Downey.

We are a family-friendly community. We are a God-fearing community with no need for your business. It would be across the street from our high school. I bet your kids do not have a bar across the street from their schools. What makes you think we are any different?

Stay away from Downey.

Donna Siemann
Downey

Dear Editor:

I am a mother to a girl that will not like to grow up in a city with the type of restaurants that puts her in danger with drunk drivers and sex addicts.

I grew up working with my mother in beach cities and was able to see the differences between a good and bad neighbor. I hope Downey doesn’t become an unsafe city by having people from other cities come here because of your business. I hope you understand our point. Thank you.

Claudia Ventura
Downey

Dear Editor:

Mr. Hicks, we know what you’re all about. We are disgusted by what you’re trying to bring into our community.

We’ve seen the young girls you hire, making them look like prostitutes. We’ve been following your other locations and they all show pictures to back up what we’re saying.

This is a disgrace and you’re not welcomed here. Stay in your own town.

Sonia Pena
Downey

Dear Editor:

I’m glad the TV news has picked up the story about Ojos Locos and its detrimental effect on the Downey community.

To be clear, this is not a Hooters type restaurant. It is well documented that Ojos Locos attracts crime. They have been fined for employing underage girls. The attire of their staff is just the tip of the iceberg.

The Downey community must continue fighting to keep this scummy establishment out of our city.

Diana Ramos
Downey

Dear Editor:

Which city officials were asleep at the wheel to allow Ojos Locos to come into Downey?

Or worse, was this intentional? Is this a business that our elected leaders wanted to attract?

I’m so ashamed of Downey right now.

Mia Torres
Downey

When will Democrats get serious about repealing pot prohibition?

By Jacob Sullum

When Republicans who oppose federal marijuana prohibition vote against your legalization bill, you probably are doing something wrong. That is what happened last week, when the House of Representatives approved the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act by a vote of 220 to 204.

The ayes included 217 Democrats but only three Republicans, two fewer than voted for the MORE Act when the House passed it in 2020. The meager and waning GOP support for the bill suggests that Democrats want credit for trying to legalize marijuana but are not really interested in building the bipartisan coalition that would be necessary to accomplish that goal.

The 2020 vote was the first time that either chamber of Congress had approved legislation that would remove marijuana from the list of federally prohibited drugs. But as expected, the MORE Act went nowhere in the Republican-controlled Senate.

The Senate is now evenly divided between the two parties, with Democratic control depending on Vice President Kamala Harris’ tie-breaking vote. So even if Democrats unanimously supported a legalization bill, they would still need the support of 10 Republicans to overcome a filibuster.

Democrats seem determined to ignore that political reality. Both the MORE Act and the legalization bill that Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) plans to introduce this spring include unnecessarily contentious provisions that are bound to alienate Republicans who might otherwise be inclined to resolve the untenable conflict between federal prohibition and the laws that allow medical or recreational use of cannabis in 37 states.

According to the latest Gallup poll, 68% of Americans think marijuana should be legal, including 83% of Democrats and 50% of Republicans. Even Republicans who are not crazy about the idea should be able to get behind legislation that would let states set their own marijuana policies without federal interference.

Such legislation can be straightforward. The Respect State Marijuana Laws Act of 2017, sponsored by then-Rep. Dana

Rohrabacher (R-California), consisted of a single sentence that said the federal marijuana ban would not apply to conduct authorized by state law. Its 46 co-sponsors included 14 Republicans — 11 more than voted for the MORE Act last week.

The Common Sense Cannabis Reform Act, which Rep. Dave Joyce (R-Ohio) introduced last May, is 14 pages long. So far it has just eight co-sponsors, including four Republicans, but that still means it has more GOP support than Democrats managed to attract for the 92-page MORE Act, which includes new taxes, regulations and spending programs.

Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Kentucky) thinks Congress never should have banned marijuana because it had no constitutional authority to do so. He nevertheless voted against the MORE Act, objecting to the “new marijuana crimes” its tax and regulatory provisions would create, with each violation punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The 163-page preliminary version of Schumer’s bill doubles down on the MORE Act’s overly prescriptive and burdensome approach. It would levy a 25% federal excise tax on top of frequently hefty state and local taxes, impose picayune federal regulations and create the sort of “social equity” programs that gave pause even to Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Florida), the MORE Act’s lone Republican co-sponsor.

GOP support for marijuana federalism is clear from the fact that 106 Republicans voted last April for the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act, which would protect financial institutions that serve state-licensed marijuana businesses from federal prosecution, forfeiture and regulatory penalties. The SAFE Banking Act would already be law if it had not been blocked by Schumer, who insisted that his own bill take priority.

Instead of building on the Republican appetite for letting states go their own way on this issue, Schumer is effectively telling GOP senators their views don’t matter. That makes sense only if he is more interested in scoring political points than in reversing a morally, scientifically and constitutionally bankrupt policy that should have been abandoned long ago.

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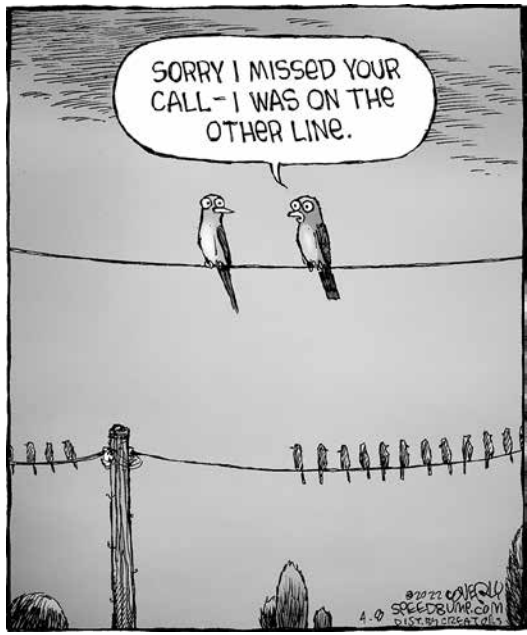
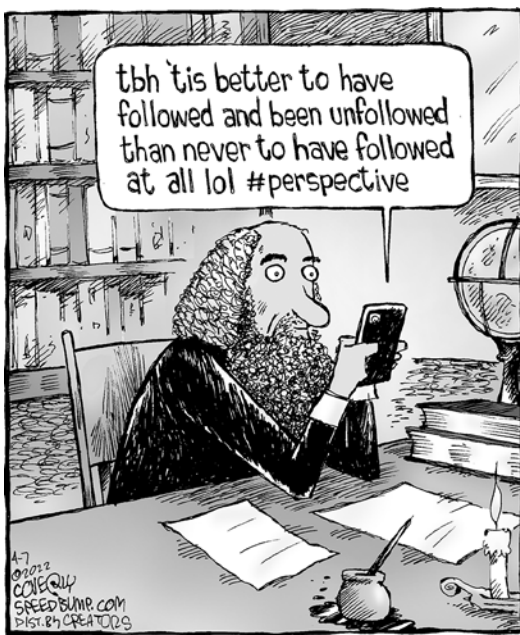
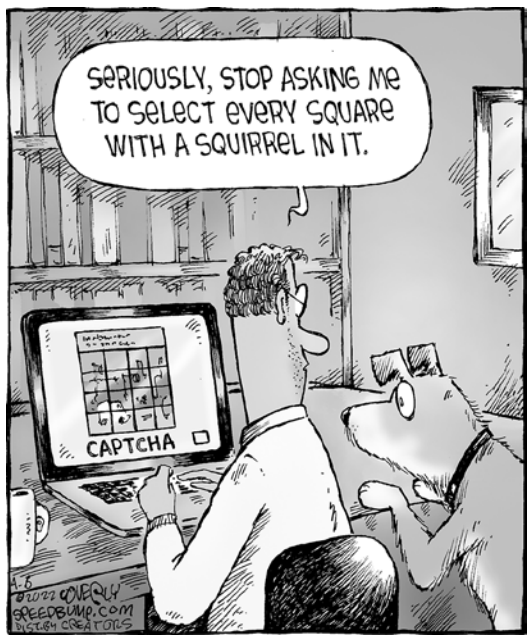
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call 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.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
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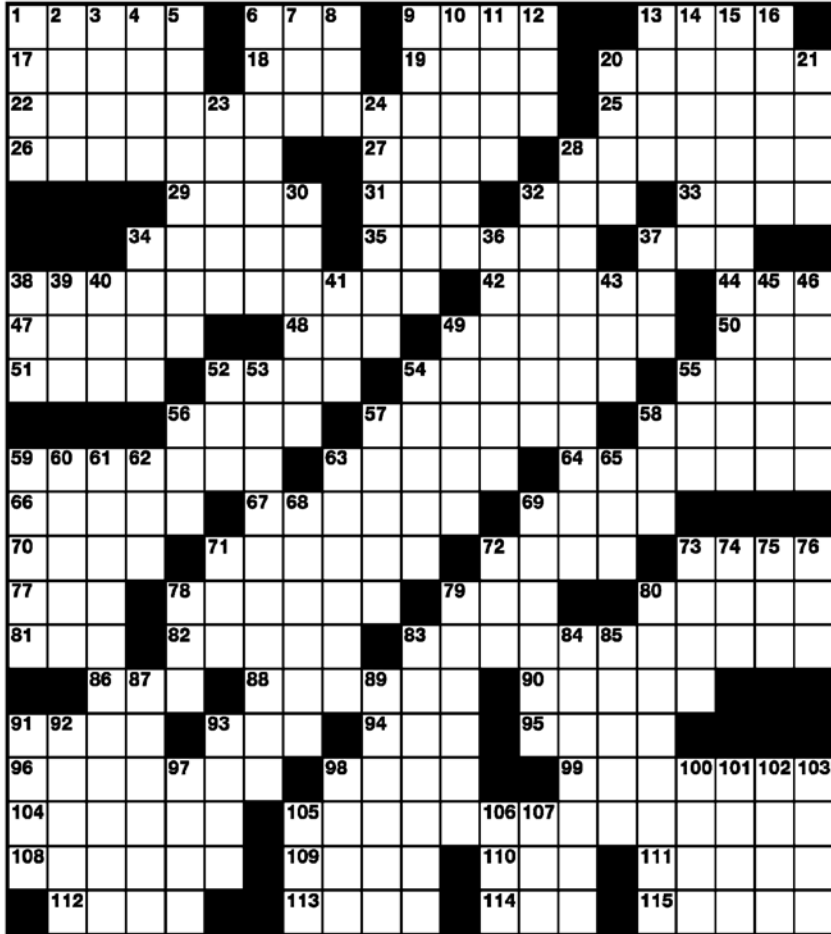
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At Rancho, an effort to make sure healthcare workers don't forget self-care

Created before the pandemic, a volunteer program at Rancho Los Amigos aims to ensure hospital staff also take care of themselves.

By Zachary Deere
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY - Helping Healers Heal, also known as "H3", is making an amazing difference at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

"The spirit of H3 is to take a traumatic or significant event a health care worker has experienced and provide them with a safe and confidential space for immediate support. This way, an individual can turn a moment of crisis into a situation that they can thrive in," shared Kelli McSwan, Clinical Psychologist and Director of H3 at Rancho Los Amigos. "Healthcare providers are often so focused on caring for others that they forget to care for themselves."

The H3 model was first introduced to the Rancho Los Amigos staff in 2019 and at Rancho, each department has at least two staff members who have volunteered to undergo specific H3 training.

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from their patients.

With the added pressures on healthcare workers over the last two years, Dr. McSwan has made it her mission to make sure that all 1,500+ Rancho staff members not only know about H3, but also feel comfortable accessing these resources.

Equipped with snacks and treats provided by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, Dr. McSwan, along with Speech Therapist, Sarah Taylor, regularly make rounds throughout the hospital to educate staff about this invaluable resource and to counsel staff when necessary.

Dr. McSwan hopes that H3's impact at Rancho will continue to grow and so too will the ways staff can connect. Whether through one-on-one sessions, group meetings, bereavement sessions, or spontaneous conversations in the halls, H3 will continue to break the stigma around mental health and will care for those who care for others.

For more information on the programs and services funded by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation or to make a donation, please visit us at www.RanchoFoundation.org.





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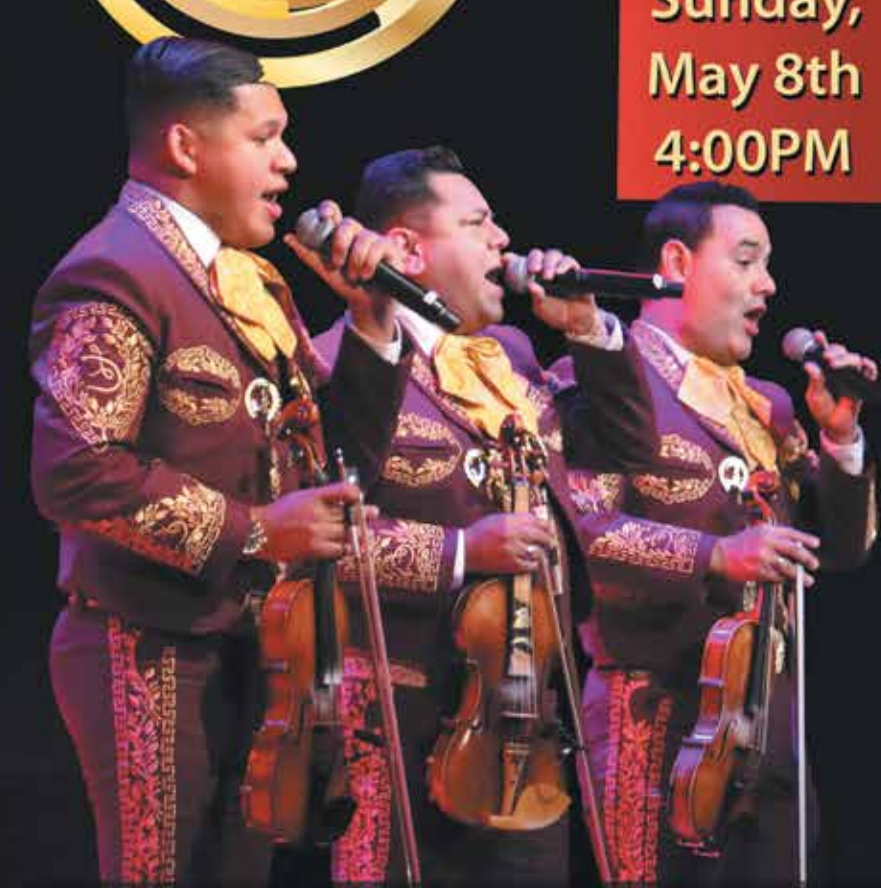


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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HILM SERVICES 7147 STEWART AND GRAY RD APT 19, DOWNEY UNITED ST
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN JOHN ZEPEDA, 7147 STEWART AND GRAY RD 19, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2022

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/STEVEN JOHN ZEPEDA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 7, 2022 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022071053
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FLIRTY EYELASHES, 1403-A WHITTIER BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAYRA GOMEZ, 1711 E 115TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90059 (2) MELISSA GOMEZ, 1711 E 115TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90059
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: Copartners
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2022

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/MAYRA GOMEZ, GENERAL PARTNER, MAYRA GOMEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 1, 2022 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22, 4/28/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022071837
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BUDEGA, 10461 SANTA MONICA BLVD., LOS ANGELES CA 90025, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS STE 120, LOS ANGELES CA 90068
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ZXC11 LLC, 1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS STE 120, LOS ANGELES CA 90067
State of Incorporation: NV
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2022

punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ZXC11 LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, KATHARYN FIELD
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 4, 2022 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22, 4/28/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022054607
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DISCOUNT FIREPITS AND MORE (2) MARVEL INVESTMENTS, 6847 THORNLAKE AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES BARAJAS, 6847 THORNLAKE AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90606 (2) CHRISTIAN JAMES BARAJAS, 6837 THORNLAKE AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90606
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: Copartners
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/CHRISTIAN JAMES BARAJAS, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 9, 2022 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
3/31/22, 4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022043662
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE DAKOTAS, 8517 FONTANA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES NELSON, 104 ADAMS STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78210
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: 07/2000

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/JAMES NELSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 24, 2022 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
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

GOVERNMENT
CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE PLAN REVIEW PLN-22-00015
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 20th day of April, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 1111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:
Site Plan Review (PLN-22-00015): A request for a Site Plan Review to construct a new 5,378 square foot medical building, on property located at 9432 Telegraph Road, zoned C-2

(General Commercial).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page 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 15332 (Class 32, In-fill Development).

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 in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 1111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241. ADA Coordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-4619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information contact Senior Planner, Alfonso Hernandez at 562-904-7154 or at ahernandez@downeyca.org.

The Downey Patriot
4/7/22

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project no later than the specified bid deadline.

Bid #22/23-07 - Warren High School New Engineering Class

The Project consists of:

Demolition to interior finishes and installing all new finishes for a new engineering program.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' licenses(s): B

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code.

Contract Documents will be available on or after April 18, 2022, by contacting Kay Domingo at kdomingo@dusd.net, or downloaded from the District's website, <https://www.dusd.net/purchasing/bids> under the "Facilities Planning & Development" tab.

Sealed bids will be received until **9 a.m., May 5, 2022** at the District Facilities Office, Attn: Kay Domingo, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey California 90241 or at after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Downey Unified School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on April 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St., Downey, California 90241 at the front office. All participants are required to sign in. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to

the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on:

- A. The base bid amount only.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

The Downey Patriot
4/7/22, 4/14/22

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00127
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HSINHSHIANG LIU AND HANWEI CHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) KYRON MENGCHEN LIU to Proposed name (1) KYREN MENGCHEN LIU

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MAY 27, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., ROOM 101 NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** MARCH 29, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
Hsinshiang Liu, Hanwei Chen
17910 Laurelbrook Pl.
Cerritos, CA, 90703
(323) 620-8687
sbidc@hotmail.com

The Downey Patriot
3/31/22, 4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00135
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LITA G. NIGOS FOR TRISHA NICOLE N. PESANON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) TRISHA NICOLE NIGOS PESANON to Proposed name (1) TRISHA NICOLE GARCIA NIGOS
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: JUNE 6, 2022, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT, THE APRIL 05, 2022**
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
Lita G. Nigos
11970 Old River School Rd. Apt 12
Downey, CA, 90242
(562) 607-5509
Litaofficia18@gmail.com

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4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22, 4/28/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00140
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ARTURO GALARZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ARTURO GALARZA to Proposed name (1) ANTONIO ARTURO GALARZA
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: JUNE 8, 2022, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT, THE APRIL 05, 2022**
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MARIE LOURDES MOJICA
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DOWNEY, CA 90240
213-282-7738
MYPHONEX@YAHOO.COM

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4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22, 4/28/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00121
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSEPH MARK ORTIZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOSEPH MARK ORTIZ to Proposed name (1) JOSEPH MARK TAMASI

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. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** MARCH 29, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
DULCE MACIAS AND DANNY G. RODRIGUEZ FOR DANIELLE RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DANIELLE RODRIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) DANIELLE BRISEIS MACIAS
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.

Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ARTURO GALARZA
9206 BRADHURST ST
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
562-948-2242
SILVER76K@YAHOO.COM

The Downey Patriot
4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22, 4/28/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00087
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PETITION OF MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS to Proposed name (1) MARCHELL MARSHAY WOODS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MAY 2, 2022, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** MARCH 24, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MARSHALL MARSHY WOODS
5204 HAYTER AVE
LAKEWOOD, CA 90713
562-331-6951
MARCHELLWOODS94@ICLOUD.COM

The Downey Patriot
3/17/22, 3/24/22, 3/31/22, 4/7/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00141
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ARTHUR ALEXANDER GALARZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ARTHUR ALEXANDER GALARZA to Proposed name (1) ALEXANDER GALARZA
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: JUNE 8, 2022, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** APRIL 6, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
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4/7/22, 4/14/22, 4/21/22, 4/28/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00095
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIE LOURDES MOJICA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIE LOURDES MOJICA to Proposed name (1) MARY LOURDES MOJICA
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.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00121
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSEPH MARK ORTIZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names

Norwalk installing wifi at parks

NORWALK - The bipartisan omnibus appropriations bill signed by President Joe Biden on March 11 includes more than \$1.72 million earmarked specifically for Norwalk.

Included in the bill is \$1.72 million for Norwalk's Smart Cities Digital Divide project, which will provide free wifi zones at Norwalk public parks and city facilities.

The wi-fi project is designed for Norwalk's underserved students, employees, workers and small businesses, with free internet at parks and facilities where residents may not have access to the internet.

"This funding is much needed to help bridge that gap in access to free wifi, especially for our students in the city," said Mayor Rick Ramirez. "My city council colleagues and I have been working with our legislators at all levels of government to secure funding to improve our city."

"I was honored to successfully include funding for this critical project in the City of Norwalk," said Rep. Linda Sanchez. "Taxpayers deserve to have a say in where their money is spent and I am glad to have secured this funding at the city's request. This project will make life better for students and residents all across Norwalk."

Also included in the appropriations bill is \$250,000 for an environmental infrastructure project with the Army Corps of Engineers. The project will ensure that Norwalk's groundwater remains safe.

Norwalk named a 'Tree City USA'

NORWALK - Norwalk is officially a 2021 Tree City USA, the eighth year in a row that Norwalk has earned the recognition.

The Tree City USA program is one of the Arbor Day Foundation's earliest programs.

Cities achieve Tree City USA recognition by meeting the following four requirements: forming a tree board or department, creating a tree care ordinance, having an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"It is a great honor to be recognized as a Tree City USA for the eighth year in a row," said Mayor Rick Ramirez. "My City Council colleagues and I are committed to the environment and this program highlights the importance of trees in our community and makes it an even more attractive place to live."

Dan Lambre, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation, said Tree City USA communities benefit from the positive effects that an urban tree canopy offers.

"The trees being planted and cared for by Norwalk ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life," Lambre said. "Additionally, participation in this program help cultivate a sense of stewardship and pride for the trees the community plants and cares for."

LA County urges Congress to continue Covid funding

■ Officials worry that a reduction in funding could limit access to testing and vaccinations.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES - As negotiations continue in Washington, D.C., the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Tuesday urged Congress to approve additional COVID-19 funding to ensure continued access to vaccinations, testing and care for virus patients.

The board unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Hilda Solis to formally urge President Joe Biden and members of Congress to negotiate an agreement that continues funding for COVID health measures.

"For the last two years, federal COVID-19 relief funding has been critical in supporting our efforts in Los Angeles County to combat this unprecedented pandemic," Solis said in a statement after the vote. "With these resources, our county, with our federally qualified health centers, hospitals and community partners, has created an extensive testing network, supported a massive vaccination effort with large scale and mobile vaccination sites, distributed PPE to our most vulnerable, and delivered lifesaving therapies and treatments to those with COVID-19."

"These funds were essential, and they helped us provide services to those most in need, including low-income communities and communities of color," she said.

The board's vote came one day after news that congressional leaders had reached a tentative agreement on a \$10 billion COVID-response funding package. The total is well below the White House's original \$22.5 billion funding request, and below a more recent

\$15 billion agreement.

The reduction in funds primarily represented money that would be used to battle virus outside the United States.

Los Angeles County officials have expressed concern in recent weeks about possible cuts in federal funding domestically that could hamper continued COVID-control measures -- most notably in providing access to testing and vaccinations, and for treatment of patients without insurance.

Solis wrote in her motion that a reduction in federal funding will force health-care agencies that care for "vulnerable" residents to "absorb costs, turn people away or withdraw from the significant network that the county has built for testing, vaccine administration and treatment."

Speaking to the board Tuesday, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer reiterated that local COVID case and hospitalization rates are down dramatically from the winter surge, although the decline in infection numbers has leveled off.

She noted that over the past week, the seven-day daily average of new cases was 783 -- a 19% increase

from the prior week. Average daily deaths, however, remained low at 14 per day, nearly half of the average of 27 per day two weeks ago.

Hospitalizations have also remained low, she said. According to state figures, there were 297 COVID-positive patients reported in county hospitals as of Tuesday, up from 287 a day earlier. There were 42 of those patients being treated in intensive care, down one from the previous day.

Ferrer reported 708 new COVID cases on Tuesday, along with 12 additional virus-related deaths. The new figures gave the county an overall death toll of 31,722, and a cumulative case total of 2,837,430.

The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus was 0.8% as of Tuesday, roughly the same level as the past several weeks.

Ferrer noted that there has been a recent upswing in outbreaks of cases in school classrooms. She said that last week, only four classroom outbreaks were reported, but for the week of March 28 through Sunday, 10 were reported. And on Monday alone, six new classroom outbreaks were reported.

"While we don't see significant



Hilda Solis

increases in the number of students and staff that are testing positive through routine testing, we are ... seeing a sharp uptick in school outbreaks," she said.

She said the county continues to strongly recommend that people wear masks indoors at schools, even though they are not required. The county is also recommending that schools across the county conduct weekly testing for unvaccinated students and staff.

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