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Ballots mailed for recall election

■ District 3 voters will decide Jan. 31 whether Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez should remain in office.

DOWNEY – The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office began mailing ballots Friday for next month's recall election against Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez.

The special election is scheduled for Jan. 31 and is only for voters living in Downey's District 3.

Voters can return their ballots by mail with no postage required or at one of six ballot drop boxes located in Downey and Norwalk.

A voting center at Furman Park will accept ballots starting Jan. 21.

Supporters of the recall say Alvarez should have disclosed her criminal record before she was elected in November 2020.

"It's clear that Catherine Alvarez has no business representing Downey in any capacity," the Recall Catherine Alvarez campaign said in a statement.

"We strongly believe that she would not have been elected had residents known her criminal history. On January 31, the residents of Downey will speak loud and clear at the ballot box. We encourage residents to vote YES to recall Catherine Alvarez."

'80s pop stars headline concert

DOWNEY – The Downey Theatre kicks off 2023 with "Ladies Night," a high energy show starring pop divas Taylor Dayne and Sheena Easton, Saturday, Jan. 14, at 8 p.m.

Dayne and Easton have sold nearly 100 million records (combined), acted in movies, TV and Broadway, and performed in sold-out concerts worldwide.

Taylor Dayne catapulted to international fame with 1987's "Tell It to My Heart," followed by 17 "Top 20" hits including three at No. 1. She's sold over 75 million albums and singles worldwide, has three Grammy nominations, received an American Music Award, and ranked #18 on Rolling Stone's list of top female dance artists of all time.

Sheena Easton was the first, and is still the only, artist to have top five records on five major Billboard charts. Her chart toppers include "Sugar Walls," "U Got the Look" (with Prince), "Morning Train (9-5)," and "For Your Eyes Only" (James Bond).

Both singers are also veteran actresses of film, TV and stage, including Broadway in the 90s.

Tickets for "Ladies Night" are \$75 and are on sale now at the Theatre box office (562) 861-8211 or www.DowneyTheatre.org



Miss Downey Sarah Sarofeem sits on Downey's Rose Parade float.

Downey float wins trophy for best floral presentation

■ Downey won the Leishman Public Spirit Award for best floral presentation by a non-commercial entry.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – The 134th Rose Parade Monday was a spectacle of flower-covered floats, musical performances by marching bands from across the country and a host of equestrians, with thousands of spectators lining Colorado Boulevard and other Pasadena streets to witness the annual tradition.

The Downey Rose Float Association's entry won the Leishman Public Spirit Award, presented to the "most outstanding floral presentation from a non-commercial participant."

Designed by Jason Redfox, the float measured 46 feet long and was constructed entirely by volunteers.

The parade stepped off promptly at 8 a.m., opening with a performance by Fitz and The Tantrums aboard the Honda float "Forever Determined." The parade then made its way along its traditional 5 1/2-mile route, moving east along Colorado Boulevard to northbound Sierra Madre Boulevard, ending at Villa Street.

This year's parade theme was "Turning the Corner," with Tournament of Roses President Amy Wainscott saying it was meant to celebrate the potential of every new year and rising above challenges.

"Whether that corner is actual or figurative like the unlimited potential that each new year brings -- we all enjoy the opportunity of a fresh start," Wainscott said in a statement. "Turning a corner means rising above -- alone, or with family, friends and community. This year,

as we turn the corner together, we share in the hope, beauty and joy of what 2023 will bring."

Leading the parade was grand marshal Gabby Giffords, the former Arizona congresswoman who was shot in the head during an assassination attempt in January 2011 and has become an outspoken gun-control advocate.

Discussing how her experience matched the parade theme of "Turning the Corner," Giffords said in October, "Our lives can change so quickly. Mine did when I was shot. But I never gave up hope. I chose to make a new start, to move ahead, to not look back."

Wainscott hailed Giffords as a "trailblazer," noting that she was the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona state Senate before moving onto Congress.

"She was re-elected to a second term beginning in 2011, but her tenure was cut tragically short," Wainscott said, referring to the shooting that occurred during a community event near Tucson that nearly killed her. Giffords survived the shooting, but she had to re-learn how to walk and speak.

"What followed was an arduous journey of recovery that included physical, occupational and speech therapy," Wainscott said.

Giffords was able to return to the House of Representatives later that year, but she submitted her resignation in January of 2012, one day after attending President Barack Obama's State of the Union Address.

Giffords is married to former astronaut and current Arizona U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly.

In an annual tradition, the parade was overseen by the seven-member Royal Court, made up of Pasadena-area high school girls chosen for their public speaking,



academic achievement, youth leadership and community involvement.

The court, which had already taken part in dozens of community events leading up to the parade, was led by 104th Rose Queen Bella Ballard, an Altadena resident and senior at The Ogburn School.

More than 20 marching bands marched during the parade, hailing from as far away as China, Panama, Italy and Japan. Also featured were bands from the two universities participating in the Rose Bowl Game -- Utah and Penn State.

Sixteen equestrian units also took part, including the Budweiser Clydesdales, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Mounted Detail, the New Buffalo Soldiers and the U.S. Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.

But the highlight of the parade by far was the procession of ornate floats, all of which must be completely covered by flowers or other natural materials, such as leaves, seeds, fruits, vegetables or bark. The floats were meticulously crafted over several months, beginning with the understructure and concluding with the arduous task of applying flower petals and other materials, generally one piece at a time.

A total of 39 floats took part in this year's procession. Some of them were sponsored by local cities, such as Torrance, Burbank and Alhambra -- each touting local attractions, while others were funded by businesses such as Kaiser Permanente, American Honda, Trader Joe's and Snapchat.

Also entering floats were NASCAR, the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, the Building Industry Association of Southern California and Blue Diamond Growers.

Cal Poly Universities presented its annual student-designed and built float. And for the 20th year, the Donate Life float celebrated the impact of organ donors. This year's Donate Life float featured a Chinese street dragon -- a symbol of power, good fortune and strength. The float again featured dozens of "floragraphs," or floral photographs, of those who have given the gift of life through organ donation. Several living donors rode aboard the float.

Following the parade, the floats went on display at the Floatfest at Sierra Madre and Washington boulevard, giving spectators a chance to get a close-up look at the creations.

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1933: Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge, a suspension bridge that once boasted the longest main span in the world and that has been celebrated for the magnificence of its setting.

1943: Amy Johnson, a 37-year-old pilot and the first woman to fly solo from London to Australia, disappeared after bailing out of her plane over the River Thames, and was presumed dead.

1944: The Daily Mail became the first major London newspaper to be published on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

1953: "Waiting for Godot," a hugely influential and enduring play by Irish writer Samuel Beckett, was staged for the first time, in Paris.

1972: President Richard Nixon announced the Space Shuttle program.

1973: Bruce Springsteen released his debut album, "Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J."

1980: "Rapper's Delight" by The Sugarhill Gang became the first rap song to hit the Top 40 when it reached No. 37 on the chart.

2005: The dwarf planet Eris was discovered in images taken two years earlier at Palomar Observatory in California.

2014: Eusébio, perhaps the greatest Portuguese football (soccer) player of all time, died in Lisbon.

Birthdays

Academy Award winning actor **Robert Duvall** (92), Oscar-winning actress and director **Diane Keaton** (77), goth singer **Marilyn Manson** (54), film actor **Bradley Cooper** (48), "Mad Men" actress **January Jones** (45), DJ **Deadmau5** (42) and reality star **Kristin Cavallari** (36).



Diane Keaton

Downey girls b-ball: A tradition of winning

■ The Vikings are off to a 13-4 start under veteran coach Nate Harris in the new Suburban Valley Conference.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY – Since 2008, the Downey High School girls basketball team has been in the post season every year.

This year is looking like it won't be any different, as the Vikings are off to a 13-4 start overall.

Behind the success of the Downey girls program is longtime coach Nate Harris, who is in his 14th year.

Downey, along with the rest of the teams that were a part of the old San Gabriel Valley League, will now compete in the newly named Suburban Valley Conference, which is divided into two leagues – The Gateway League and the Mid Cities League.

Downey opened Gateway League action with a huge comeback in a 48-47 win over Paramount Wednesday (January 4).

The Vikings trailed by 20 points, 27-7, in the first half and completely turned it around in the second half.

Behind 16 points from junior guard/forward Olivia Vaughn, 14 of which came in the second half, the Vikings came all the way back for the one-point win. Vaughn

had four 3-pointers in the second half, while junior guard Taleyah Oporta had 11 points and senior guard Alana Venegas had eight.

“(Wednesday) we showed a lot of heart against Paramount,” Harris said. “We were missing everything in the first half, but the girls never gave up.”

The Vikings travel to Mayfair Friday (January 6) for another Gateway League game.

Harris talked about the competition in the Gateway League, which they are a member of starting this season.

“We're excited about the new league,” said Harris, who has a 240-144 overall record with the program. “I think every game is going to be a battle. Hopefully we're healthy during league. Our league is very tough this year.”

During the previous 13 years in the San Gabriel Valley League, the Vikings amassed an 85-45 record, appeared in the CIF playoffs every year, finished in the top three in league in the last 10 years and shared a league title in 2018 with Lynwood.

Included in those CIF playoffs were two quarterfinal appearances (2017, '21) and a CIF runner-up in 2018. The Vikings lost to Glendora in the title game and advanced to the CIF State second round.

“We are in the Gateway League, which is the top part of the Suburban Valley Conference,” Harris added. “In our part of the

league is Lynwood, Paramount, Downey, Mayfair and Warren. “Lynwood will be very tough, as they return everyone from their league championship team from last year. Paramount has a very good team led by junior guard Kaylani Polk.

“These are battles we're used to. Lynwood won or shared the San Gabriel Valley League title for years.”

Highlighting the season to date for the Vikings is a championship game appearance in their own tournament – the 45th Annual Downey Classic. They finished 3-1, losing to Los Osos by a basket.

They were led by Vaughn and Oporta, who were named to the All-Tournament team.

Vaughn, who is leading the Vikings in scoring, has had three 20-point, plus games and also has over 20, 3-point baskets. She scored 20 points against Los Osos in the Downey Classic title game and 23 against La Serna and Shadow Hills in non-league games.

The Vikings played in their second tournament, going 2-2 at Villa Park, but sickness and injuries were a big factor for Downey. Returning varsity junior forward Symantha Barnett was named to the All-Tournament team.

Barnett, who was the Downey 2021-22 team Co-MVP and named to the '22 All-San Gabriel Valley League, along with Vaughn, have led the Vikings recently.

In a game for Downey against Walnut in mid-December with the Vikings trailing, 35-25, “... Samantha completely took over the game,” Harris added.

Barnett scored nine points, as the Vikings went on a 17-2 run to end the game and eventually defeat the Mustangs, 42-37.



She finished with 14 points, 12 rebounds, five steals and two assists.

“Barnett and Vaughn have been huge for us in the first part of the season while we have had girls out with injuries,” Harris explained. “I definitely don't think we've hit our stride yet because of a couple of injuries.”

As for the injury update, junior Genesis Salinas, who was the Vikings' starting point guard last year, has been out all fall with an injury. She recently was cleared to practice and made her debut in the win against Paramount. Salinas made a 3-pointer in the game and “.....was a spark off the bench,” Harris added.

Senior forward Alexis Price, who was All-San Gabriel Valley League in 2022 and the team Co-MVP in 2021-'22 and senior forward Portia Iniguez, are both key players who have missed time with injuries. They have both played in the last six games for the Vikings.

Also on this year's roster is senior varsity returner Alana Venegas and top newcomers,

junior guard Ashley Aguirre and sophomore forward Amanda Velazquez.

The rest of the roster includes senior guard Natalia Lopez, senior forward Tiffany Rolon, senior guard Miranda Alvarez, senior guard Briana Reyes, senior forward Emily Soria, senior forward Alyssa Marquez and senior center Katelyn Aquino.

The Vikings played in their third tourney of the season after Christmas, in the Gator Winter Classic in Henderson, Nevada at Green Valley High School. They finished 4-1 in the tourney. Downey lost in the championship game, 38-28, to a good St. Joseph team.

Vaughn and Price were both named to the All-Tournament team.

Harris spoke of his teams' play and never give up attitude in the tourney.

“I'm really proud of the girls for how they battled back when we were down,” Harris said. “We came from behind against Desert Oasis, Flagstaff, and Corona Del Mar. Alexis Price hit a go-ahead

three-pointer with eight seconds left when we were down by two against Desert Oasis. She also did a great job defensively against the 6-4 post player from St. Joseph.”

The Vikings last played in the tourney in 2016, when they finished second out of 29 teams.

In Harris' 14 years as coach, the team has traveled out of town 12 times during the Christmas break, going to Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Monterey, Henderson and San Diego.

Downey Boys Basketball review

Off to a 16-1 start in the 2022-23 season, Downey Boys Basketball is led by a veteran team of 10 seniors, six of which are 3-year varsity players.

The team is under the leadership of Larry Shelton, who is in his final year as coach.

The Vikings started the season with seven consecutive wins, before losing a close, 55-49, game to Loyola.

They have since began another streak with nine straight wins, which includes championships in the Faith Baptist Tournament in Canoga Park before Christmas and the Desert Holiday Classic at Rancho Mirage High School after Christmas.

In the Faith Baptist Tourney, senior guard Omar Cisneros was named MVP, along with senior Jathan Lopez on the All-Tournament team.

Senior guard Jacob Topete was named the MVP and seniors Jathan Lopez and Marcus Sanchez were named to the All-Tournament team in the Desert Holiday Classic.

“We have a lot of returners this year,” Shelton said, who will be retiring after 35 years at the helm of the Vikings. “We have a pretty deep team. Our team relies on our defensive intensity and our ability to shoot.

“We have five players averaging close to double figures and we're off to one of our best starts we've ever had.”

Highlighting the team are six seniors – Lopez, Topete, Sanchez, guard Alvin Verdugo, forward Aiden Rouse and Cisneros.

Also contributing is senior guard Alex Melgarejo and sophomore forward Tyler Harris.

“(Lopez) is probably as important player that we have,” added Shelton, who also teaches math at Downey. “He's also an outstanding rebounder and he does the little things that makes us a successful team.”

The Vikings began play in the new Suburban Valley Conference, Gateway League Wednesday (January 4) against Dominguez, but the game was suspended with 3:07 left in the third quarter due to moisture on the floor. The game will be completed at a date and time to be determined.

Downey was leading 46-35 at the time.

“Almost every team is a power, Shelton said. “Three of the top ten teams in CIF are in our league.”

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Youth sports group Home Field Advantage plans ambitious 2023

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Ambitious up-and-coming sports organization Home Field Advantage is heading into the new year with eyes set on expansion.

HFA has run after-school sports programming at Downey elementary and middle schools since the spring of 2017, focusing specifically on leadership development.

“Our goal from the beginning has always been to create a leadership program...through coaching education,” said founder Sacha van der Most van Spijk.

Originally centered around soccer, HFA has grown to include basketball and – most recently – tennis. Now, the organization is laser focused on embarking on its next phase.

“Our goal has always been to become more of a community sports club, and that’s really the step that we’re taking into 2023,” said van der Most van Spijk. “This fall we had the opportunity to get a building where we started our clubhouse.

“We have our day-to-day operations; we can do meetings there. So, for us, it’s a big year coming up.”

Originally from the Netherlands, van der Most van Spijk – who has experience working in youth development for professional soccer clubs including the Los Angeles Galaxy and the since folded Chivas USA – said “in the Netherlands, pretty much every neighborhood has their own sports club.”

He hopes to replicate and bring that reality into Downey.

“Right now, we’re at pretty much every school in the city of Downey with home-grown coaches,” said van der Most van Spijk. “We envision for the upcoming year to start teams for soccer, for basketball, on the youth side, and it may even be possible to start something for adults as well. Youth, adults, a true community sports club.”

“If you think about that in the Netherlands, or countries in Western Europe, they provide a team for anybody who wants to play, and that’s what we have in mind.”

HFA will hold a ribbon cutting for its new club house, located at the First Presbyterian Church of Downey, on Friday, along with its first ever community market event the following day.



Home Field Advantage staff (courtesy photo)

In order for HFA to be successful as a club, van der Most van Spijk says HFA will need to further collaborate with both the school district and the city.

“The name says it: Home Field Advantage; we want to be as close to people as possible, to the community, within the neighborhoods, and that space is mainly available at the schools,” said van der Most van Spijk. “We are already at the schools; we are providing a service to the school district by having these young people become coaches.

“If our program is going to run successfully, then we need to have our kids have an opportunity to play at those fields in their own neighborhood.”

HFA team information is not that far away.

“Our plan is to start opening up for tryouts and for enrollment, pretty much, this upcoming spring,” said van der Most van Spijk. “If we get started truly with teams, that would get started in the fall of 2023.”

More information can be found at HFA-sports.org, and on Instagram at @hfaspports.

Downey Cemetery places wreaths to honor veterans

By Mario A. Guerra

DOWNEY – The Downey Cemetery recently participated in a country-wide appreciation for our veterans called Wreaths Across America.

This year, across the country at more than 2,700 participating cemeteries like ours, there were millions of Americans gathering as one nation to Remember, Honor and Teach.

There are 350 veterans buried at the Downey Cemetery and each one was honored with a wreath. The wreaths are not placed there to decorate their graves but to remember their lives. Each wreath is a gift of appreciation from a grateful country and community.

As proud Americans we live in a free society made up of many people, from many walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying at the Downey Cemetery and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear.

We started our remembrance by asking everyone to share in a moment of silence to remember the fallen, prisoners of war, those missing in action and honor those who have served and are serving this great nation’s armed services.

Together we showed a united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America as we REMEMBER the Fallen, HONOR those who serve and their families, and TEACH the next generation the value of freedom.

We also encouraged every volunteer there (over 95 volunteers), who placed a wreath on a veteran’s grave, to say that veteran’s name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. It’s a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of our veterans alive.

Mario A. Guerra is chair of the Downey Cemetery board of trustees, which oversees cemetery operations. He was appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Stauffer Foundation awards \$63,900 to help students open college savings accounts



DOWNEY – Continuing a tradition Dr. Mary Stauffer started 20 years ago, 445 Downey Unified School District middle school students recently received a 2022 Stauffer Foundation Scholar Award.

These high-achieving students qualified by receiving all A’s in core subjects as 6th and 7th graders and were offered a \$150 check to add to or open a college savings account.

A total of \$63,900 was awarded to these students by the Mary R Stauffer Foundation that continues Dr. Stauffer’s legacy.

The two award ceremonies were held in the Downey High and Warren High School gyms respectively for the middle school students that matriculate to them. The DHS Mariachi Band entertained the audience at their school before the ceremony started

as did the Stauffer Middle School Banda/World Music Group at WHS.

Two talented singers, Samantha Gregoria from WHS and Rianne Martin from DHS, sang the national anthem to open the ceremonies.

Two local credit unions, Downey Federal and Financial Partners, have supported this effort for several years and were available each night before and after the ceremony to answer questions about opening college savings accounts.

Cheyenne Swenson, a foundation volunteer and teacher at Gallatin Elementary, was the MC and introduced several honored guests. Among them included Dr. John Garcia, DUSD Superintendent, school board members Linda Saldana, Jose

Rodriguez, and Nancy Swenson (also the foundation COO), and foundation board secretary Reggie Donahue.

In addition, the high school principals, middle school principals, vice-principals, counselors, and various staff members were in attendance. Before the awards were presented Janet Suzuki, a daughter of the founder and CEO, explained that her mom created this award to help students in the community prepare financially for college long before graduating from high school.

The program concluded with the announcement of the “2022 Stauffer Foundation Scholar of the Year” winners, two from each middle school.

Mary R. Stauffer Foundation Announces Winners for \$500 College Savings Awards

The Stauffer Scholars were all invited to apply for the prestigious “2022 Stauffer Foundation Scholar of the Year”. One hundred ninety-three applied, from which eight were selected. The award included an additional check for \$500, a “2022 Scholar of the Year” T-Shirt & Certificate, and the student’s name engraved on a permanent plaque in their middle school office.

The application included a resume that showed school and community activities and an essay on Character Counts. Foundation volunteers scored the essays based on a consistent rubric. The winners

were selected based on the essay scores, their resume, and GPA.

These winners were announced by each middle school principal at the end of the awards ceremony:

Doty Middle School: 7th grader Monet Baez-Garcia and 8th grader Melina Ifantiss

Griffiths Middle School: 7th grader Ava Alvarez and 8th grader Carly McDermott

Stauffer Middle School: 7th grader Daniella Soto and 8th grader Jacob Galindo

Sussman Middle School: 7th grader Hailey Cueva and 8th grader Mariah Asquerra

The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation is grateful to all the DUSD staff and foundation volunteers that help make these awards ceremonies special.

To continue helping all students and their families to plan financially for college, the foundation is sponsoring a College Savings Workshop Jan. 26. Registration is free at <https://tinyurl.com/MRSFCollegeSavings2023>

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Born on December 4th, 1940, in Macksville, Kansas, she married her high school sweetheart, the late Gary Givens, before starting a family and moving to Downey, California in 1962.

She is survived by her siblings, Larry and Barbara, her children, Brenda, Ann, and Scott, her grandchildren, Matt, Megan, Stephen, Kelsey, Nicky, and Alexis, and her great-grandson, Evan. She is predeceased by her parents, Lee and Thelma Hill, and her Husband, Gary Givens.

The service will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Monday, January 9th, 2023, at Forest Lawn in Cypress.

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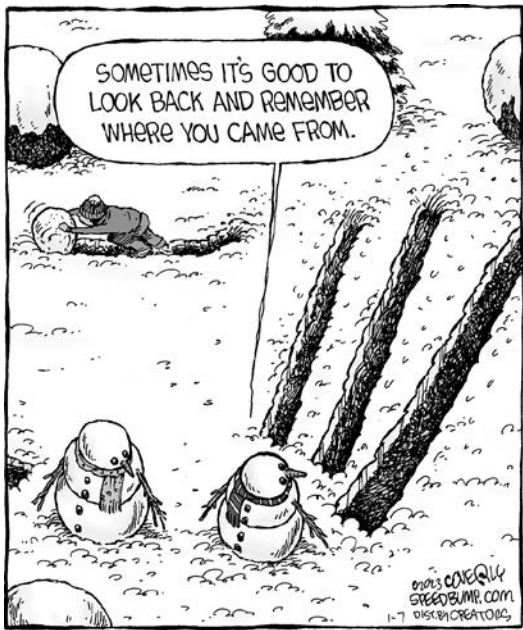
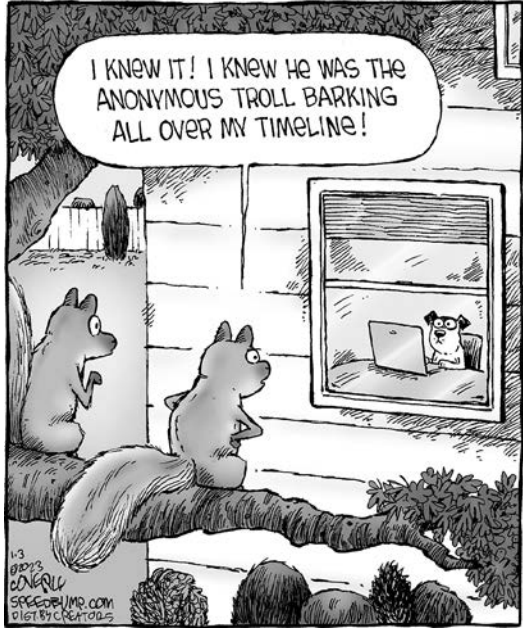
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 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, 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 Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 3rd Wed., 11:30 am: 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

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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: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
 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.
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 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

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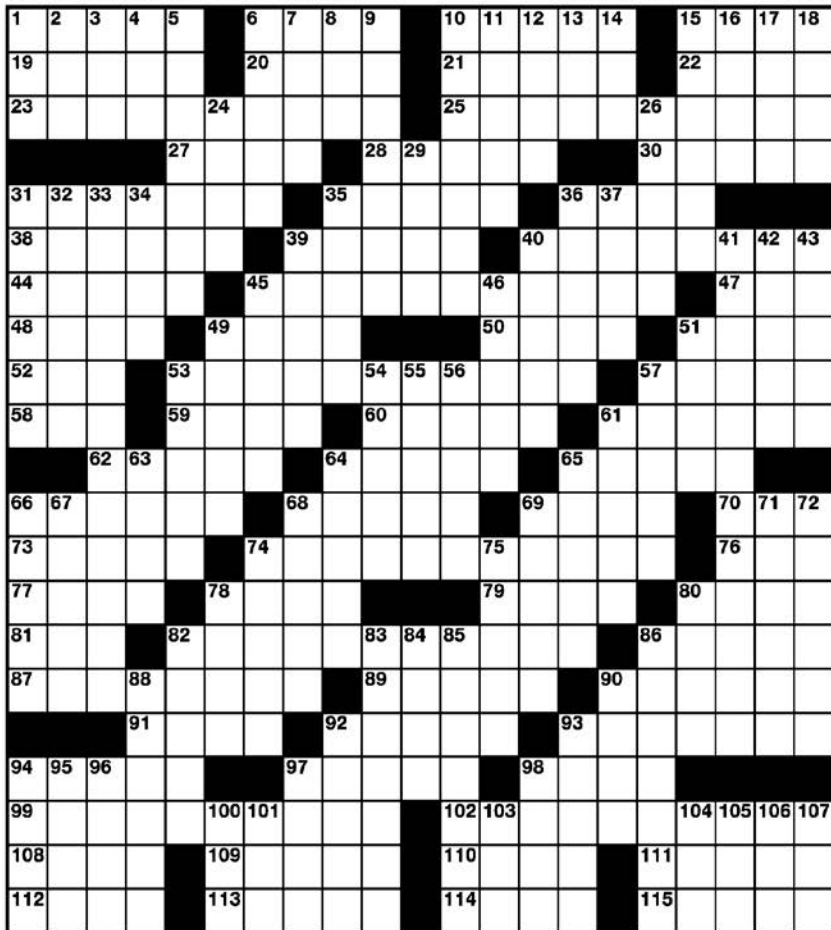
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I don't want my child to earn less than minimum wage because of who she is

By Pepper Stetler

My daughter expects to work. When she was about 5 years old, one of her favorite bath time activities was playing with a set of cups that she would fill up carefully and place on the edge of the tub. “Mo-ka-ma-KE!” she called out. She was imagining she was a barista, a job she had seen performed hundreds of times at the coffee shop.

If my daughter, who has Down syndrome, can imagine herself working in a job that allows her to participate in her community and gain independence, then why can't employers do the same?

Part of the answer lies in the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 which established a federal minimum wage, guidelines for overtime pay and child labor restrictions; it also created 14(c) certificates, which permit employers to pay people with disabilities less than minimum wage — and the law puts no limit on how much less.

Nearly 39 percent of Americans with disabilities were employed in October, with at least 70,000 working for 14(c) certificate holders, many of them “sheltered workshops” for adults with physical or intellectual disabilities. With no floor on wages, sheltered workshops have impoverished and isolated generations of people with disabilities.

But beyond fair pay we need to consider how we can more effectively support people with disabilities in the mainstream work force.

Kyle Stumpf is 32, has Down syndrome and communicates with some assistance. He worked in a sheltered workshop in Dubuque, Iowa, for five years. On most days he sorted clothes, but sometimes he cleaned the break room and the bathrooms. The city bus that picked Mr. Stumpf up at the house where he lived with his dad, Bill, and took him home at the end of the day cost \$3 a ride. He was paid \$3.35 an hour.

Bill Stumpf emphasized to me how little others expected from his son from early on. It started in school. “They pretty much warehoused him,” Bill said. “Eventually I got wore out arguing every year.” After high school, the Stumpfs looked only at workshops for Kyle.

The type of work performed in sheltered workshops varies widely. It might also include packing, collating and light assembly in a factory, or rolling silverware in napkins for a cafeteria. The Department of Labor explains the purpose of sheltered workshops with a language of benevolent protection.

But sheltered workshops are not the only places in which people with disabilities can work, although other options are less known, despite a government rule that requires employers to provide information on alternative work possibilities or be forced to pay the full minimum wage.

Sheltered workshops are described as places of training, yet some people work in them their entire lives. It is difficult for people with disabilities and their caregivers to leave the stability of routines, and for those who do, the transition can be filled with fear. Bill Stumpf says that he was anxious about his son moving to another job. “Kyle enjoyed working in the sheltered workshop,” Bill told me. “He liked the people he worked with, but he got half of minimum wage. It just got really comfortable. I think most people in our situation think, ‘Why rock the boat?’”

In 2013, Bill saw a presentation on “competitive integrated employment,” regular employment with support at minimum wage

or above, and began to believe that more was possible for Kyle.

According to a 2020 report from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Americans with disabilities working under a 14(c) certificate earn on average less than half of the federal minimum wage per hour. The new Congress must pass the Transformation to Competitive Integrated Employment Act, which would prohibit issuing new 14(c) certificates and phase out existing ones. The act would also help people with disabilities make the transition into the mainstream work force. This would mean that sheltered workshops would no longer segregate people with disabilities from their communities, and pay workers like Kyle Stumpf below minimum wage.

Several states have already begun moving away from recognizing 14(c) certificates and have instituted programs that support people with disabilities working in the community. Michelle Krefft, director of community and business engagement for Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, told me that one of the biggest barriers to community integrated employment for people with disabilities is the hiring process.

But companies have begun to change their hiring practices and job requirements. With the labor market tight, employers are considering a candidate's unique skills rather than searching for someone who can fulfill a broad list of requirements. This is as true for job applicants with a disability as those without.

Ms. Krefft and her staff help job candidates with disabilities get hired without traditional interviews. The candidate does the job for a paid trial period. She also works with candidates to create video résumés, which help many people with disabilities more effectively emphasize their strengths and the skills they can bring to a job. Just like all of us, people with disabilities have different strengths and needs. Personalized support and individual choice allows for a more satisfying job than the monotonous work of sheltered workshops.

According to the Collaboration to Promote Self-Determination, an advocacy coalition, supported, community integrated employment is significantly less expensive for taxpayers than sheltered workshops. One study found that for every dollar used to fund support services for community integrated employment, taxpayers receive \$1.46 back in the form of paid taxes, savings from the expenses of sheltered workshops, and reduction in governmental subsidies.

And according to the Job Accommodation Network, an organization that has consulted with businesses on cost-effective accommodations for more than 35 years, 56 percent of surveyed employers report that accommodations needed for employees with disabilities cost nothing. For the accommodations that come with a cost, the typical one-time expenditure was \$500.

Other parents of children with disabilities have warned me that educational and social support ends abruptly after high school. My daughter is now 10, and her experience in an inclusive, mainstream elementary school classroom has been nothing like the warehousing that Bill Stumpf described to me as Kyle's later years in school. But the transition from school to employment takes planning, and knowing that my daughter has support to find a job that will be suited to her strengths, will allow her to save money, and see herself as an important part of a diverse team of people would make all the difference.

At least 17 states have introduced legislation to phase out 14(c) certificates. The federal government has also recently passed a rule

that requires employers seeking certain contracts with the federal government to pay workers with disabilities no less than the full minimum wage. But these changes are not enough.

The 14(c) certificates stand in conflict with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, which asserts that disability is a natural part of the human experience that does not diminish a person's right to participate in all aspects of life, including work. The certificates also violate the Supreme Court's Olmstead v. L.C. decision of 1999, which states that people with disabilities should live and receive services in the most integrated setting possible appropriate to their needs. It is not acceptable for any state's policies to be in such conflict with national progress on disability rights in the last 30 years.

Both the Republican and Democratic Parties announced their support for ending the certificates at their 2016 and 2020 conventions. But that federal legislation has not been passed indicates that ending this discriminatory practice is more complicated than it might initially appear. It is less about changing a law and more about changing low assumptions about how people with disabilities can participate in the work force. Unless these expectations change, elimination of 14(c) certificates could result in an even lower employment rate for people with disabilities.

In October, Kyle Stumpf celebrated eight years of community integrated employment at a Papa Johns restaurant. He folds pizza boxes, cleans the trays in the ovens and fills up the soda machines. He uses a picture schedule at work to stay on track, and he checks in with a job coach who ensures that he has what he needs to work. Mr. Stumpf makes \$8.25 an hour, a dollar more than Iowa's minimum wage.

With his earnings, Mr. Stumpf likes to go out to eat and visit microbreweries. He is also putting some of his money in a savings account. When I asked Mr. Stumpf which job he liked better, the pizzeria or the workshop, he broke into a wide smile. “Papa Johns,” he said softly.

The manager now calls Mr. Stumpf in to work hours in addition to his regular shifts when they are busy. His job has also generated meaningful friendships with co-workers. “It's real-life stuff,” Bill Stumpf said. “They're looking at his worth.”

I don't know if my daughter will work as a barista; these days she wants to be a singer like Taylor Swift. What's important is that she is seen as a valuable member of her community. In the last few years, the number of people employed in sheltered workshops has steadily declined. The more than 70,000 people earning subminimum wage in October 2022 is a significant decrease from 2016, when 241,265 people with disabilities were employed at subminimum wage.

But such a decrease doesn't necessarily mean that 140,000 or so people have found employment in an inclusive work force. Given the employment rate for people with disabilities (which for people with intellectual disabilities is even lower at an estimated 18 percent in recent years), it seems likely that many people who worked for subminimum wage under the Fair Labor Act will not be able to find jobs at all. Changing expectations, especially those informed by decades of social and economic discrimination, takes time, and ending 14(c) certificates is just the beginning.

Pepper Stetler is a professor at Miami University of Ohio and is working on a book on the history of the IQ test.

The key to success in college is so simple it's almost never mentioned

By Jonathan Malesic

For Emily Zurek Small, college did what it's supposed to do. Growing up in a small town in northeastern Pennsylvania, she had career and intellectual ambitions for which college is the clearest pathway. “I just kind of always wanted to learn,” she told me recently. “I wanted to be able to have intelligent conversations with people and know about the world.”

She enrolled at a small nearby Catholic college, majored in neuroscience and in 2016 became the first person in her family to earn a bachelor's degree — and later, a master's. She now works as a school psychologist in Virginia.

I saw Ms. Zurek Small's education up close, in two theology classes I taught during my 11 years as a professor at the college she attended. She was a good student, but what struck me more than her ability was the fact that she cared. Being in class, asking questions and exploring ideas meant something to her.

One reason she cared was that she was paying her own way and was thus amply aware of her education's cost. “If I was not engaging, I was just throwing money out the window,” she said. That engagement helped her realize that her “thoughts and opinions matter.”

As universities in much of the country suffer declining enrollment, they need to make the broader case for going to college even as they debate how best to help students learn after Covid disruptions. How should universities carry out remote learning? How should they teach writing in the age of artificial intelligence? How difficult should it be to pass organic chemistry?

But there's an equally important question that only students can answer: What will they do to get the most out of college? It's their education, after all.

One of the most important factors in Ms. Zurek Small's success seems almost too obvious to mention but, in fact, deserves far more attention and discussion: a simple willingness to learn. In more than 20 years of college teaching, I have seen that students who are open to new knowledge will learn. Students who aren't won't. But this attitude is not fixed. The paradoxical union of intellectual humility and ambition is something that every student can (with help from teachers, counselors and parents) and should cultivate. It's what makes learning possible.

The willingness to learn is related to the growth mind-set — the belief that your abilities are not fixed but can improve. But there is a key difference: This willingness is a belief not primarily about the self but about the world. It's a belief that every class offers something worthwhile, even if you don't know in advance what that something is.

Unfortunately, big economic and cultural obstacles stand in opposition to that belief.

The first obstacle is careerism. To an overwhelming degree, students today see college as job training, the avenue to a stable career. They are not wrong, given the 70 percent wage premium for 22- to 27-year-old workers with a bachelor's degree over those with only a high school diploma. But this orientation can close students off from learning things that don't obviously help their job prospects. Despite the fact that I taught at a religious college, students in my theology class grumbled about having to satisfy a requirement. Why, they asked, would they need to know theology as an accountant, athletic trainer or advertising manager?

The human mind, though, is capable of much more than a job will demand of it. Those “useless” classes like philosophy, literature, astronomy and music have much to teach.

I haven't had to solve a calculus problem in 25 years. But learning to do so expanded my brain in ways that can't simply be reduced to a checklist of job skills. Living in the world in this expanded way is a permanent gift.

The other big obstacle to the willingness to learn is the urge to present yourself as always already informed. The philosopher Jonathan Lear calls this attitude knowingness. He regards it as a sickness that stands in the way of gaining genuine knowledge. It is “as though there is too much anxiety involved in simply asking a question and waiting for the world to answer,” he writes.

Knowingness is everywhere in our culture. From a former president claiming “everybody knows” some conspiracist nonsense

to podcasters smugly debunking cultural myths to your feeling you have to have read, heard and streamed everything, the posture of already knowing supersedes the need to approach new situations with curiosity.

Every semester during my years teaching theology, students would tell me on the first day of class that they knew they would get an A, because they'd already had 12 years of Catholic school. But often enough, they'd get a C. Their assumptions about the subject matter kept them from learning the more critical approach to the subject I was trying to teach.

Knowingness is a danger especially for talented students who have been rewarded for always having the right answer. At the University of Pennsylvania, undergraduates complain that student clubs expect prospective members to have extensive knowledge of the club's area of interest. As a first-year student, Adrian Rafizadeh, told the campus newspaper, “If I can't get into the clubs that will help educate me and foster that interest, then how do I even get started?”

Once, in a cafe near an elite liberal-arts college, I overheard a student lament to another, “I can't take a Russian history class. I don't know any Russian history!” Of course not. That's why you take the class.

Universities are factories of human knowledge. They're also monuments to individual ignorance. We know an incredible amount, but I know only a tiny bit. College puts students in classrooms with researchers who are acutely aware of all they don't know. Professors have a reputation for arrogance, but a humble awareness of the limits of knowledge is their first step toward discovering a little more.

To overcome careerism and knowingness and instill in students a desire to learn, schools and parents need to convince students (and perhaps themselves) that college has more to offer than job training. You're a worker for only part of your life; you're a human being, a creature with a powerful brain, throughout it.

In addition, adults need to show K-12 students that it's OK not to know something yet. School isn't a quiz show; the first person to say the right answer doesn't deserve the greatest reward. Rather, school should cultivate students' curiosity and let them feel the thrill of finding something out.

I would bet most teachers already share this outlook, but it's hard to encourage open-ended curiosity when schools are judged by standardized test scores, and it's hard to defeat narrow-minded careerism when the entire economy seemingly mandates it.

The career orientation and the culture of knowingness take for granted the outcomes of college — jobs, knowledge — and gloss over the means. But the means are everything: the books, teachers and fellow students who will change your life.

Emily Zurek Small compared graduating to “unlocking a door.” She is no longer a student, but, she said, “I am still exploring what's on the other side of that door.”

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 S/IAN FLOYD T CRUZ, OWNER, IAN FLOYD T CRUZ
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022279628
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EMERGENCY TOWING & TRANSPORT (2) REDONDO BEACH TOWING & TRANSPORT (3) REDONDO BEACH ROADSIDE SERVICES, 701 MEYER LANE SUITE C, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAYNOR A. GONZALEZ, 701 MEYER LANE SUITE C, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278
 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/MAYNOR A. GONZALEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 29, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
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another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022270174
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING ASSOCIATION (2) HUNTINGTON PARK SISTER CITIES INC., 180 E ADAIR ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3128345
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUNTINGTON PARK SISTER CITIES INC., 180 E ADAIR ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805
 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/HUNTINGTON PARK SISTER CITIES INC., PRESIDENT, ANGEL NIEVES SOLANO
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
 12/29/22, 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022274688
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M.A.G. ELECTRICAL, 714 LOOKOUT DR APT 3, LOS ANGELES CA 90012, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARK ANTHONY GONZALEZ, 714 LOOKOUT DR APT 3, LOS ANGELES CA 90012
 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: 12/22/22
 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/MARK ANTHONY GONZALEZ, OWNER, MARK ANTHONY GONZALEZ
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
 12/29/22, 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022272983
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CERULEAN THEATRICAL, 7346 DINWIDDIE ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN HUMENSKI, 7346 DINWIDDIE ST, 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: 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/STEVEN HUMENSKI, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 19, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
 12/29/22, 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022275727
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HOMESTYLE DONUTS, 11425 TELEGRAPH ROAD, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HATCHOY CHAO, 317 S ORANGE AVENUE, MONTEREY PARK CA 91755
 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/HATCHOY CHAO, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2022

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S/HATCHOY CHAO, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022276431
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) N.A.S.A. CHEMICAL GROUP, 10342 CHANEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PO BOX 40301, DOWNEY CA 90239-1301
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY COVARRUBIAS, 10342 CHANEY AVE, 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: 12/20/22
 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/ANTHONY COVARRUBIAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 23, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022256851
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ONWARD SAFETY (2) ONWARD SAFETY CONSULTING, 11941 FERRIS ROAD, EL MONTE CA 91732, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ULISES VARGAS, 11941 FERRIS ROAD, EL MONTE CA 91732
 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/ULISES VARGAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2022

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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/ULISES VARGAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 28, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
 12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 1/5/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022274913
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GO&K LOGISTICS, 2517 W 78TH PLACE, INGLEWOOD CA 90305, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MEDICUS WASHINGTON III, 2517 W 78TH PLACE, INGLEWOOD CA 90305
 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/MEDICUS WASHINGTON III, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2022

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 12/29/22, 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 202269975
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NO-KO VENDING, 3651 S LABREA AVE SUITE 731, LOS ANGELES CA 90016, COUNTY OF

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another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022267423
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUXE HOME ORGANIZING, 7432 VIA RIO NIDO, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GABRIELA FRANCO, 7334 BENAERES ST., DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) DANIELA ANDREINA VESPER, 7432 VIA RIO NIDO, DOWNEY CA 90241
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: 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/DANIELA ANDREINA VESPER, GENERAL PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 10, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
12/29/22, 1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022265429

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NUCLI GROUP (2) NUCLI TAX PREPARATION & NOTARY (3) NUCLI REAL ESTATE & HOME LOANS (4) NUCLI CAPITAL (5) THE ENTREPRENEUR EXPERIMENT (6) NUCLI INVESTMENT SERVICES, 8136 2ND STREET SUITE 204, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NUCLEUS ENDEAVORS LLC, 7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/NUCLEUS ENDEAVORS LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, MARK E GARZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 8, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 1/5/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022268973

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BANDITO OFFROAD ADVENTURES (2) BANDITO OFFROAD (3) BANDITO ADVENTURES, 16229 LANDMARK DR., WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VIRGINIA I MORALES, 16229 LANDMARK DR., WHITTIER CA 90604 (2) RICK MORALES, 16229 LANDMARK DR., WHITTIER CA 90604
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2022
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/RICK MORALES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 13, 2022

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The Downey Patriot
12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 1/5/23

GOVERNMENT

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice reflects changes in due Dates/Deadlines. See dates below.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) #19DEC22PM

Notice is hereby given that **LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LUSD)** hereinafter "the District" is requesting sealed Proposals for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment and Indoor/ Outdoor Lighting Systems (LS).

The expectation is to reduce HVAC and LS operation/maintenance costs, with the lowest possible life-cycle costs, longest expected useful life, and high-efficiency energy rating.

To receive an RFQ solicitation package and to ask questions regarding this RFQ, contact by email only to: Porfiria Mora, Buyer at pmora@mylusc.org and CC; Shaunda Miller, Senior Buyer at smclucas@mylusc.org

Phone calls for information concerning this RFQ will not be accepted

A Mandatory Job Walk on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) 11321 Bullis Rd, Lynwood, CA 90262.

*****Meet in front of LUSD building at 9:00am; vendors will be taken by bus to school sites*****

Note: Only Two (2) vendor representatives will be able to participate in the Mandatory Job Walk.

Vendors interested in submitting their Qualification Proposals who fail to attend the entire Mandatory Job Walk will be deemed a "Non-Responsive" and will have their proposal returned unopened. Attendees are asked to bring business cards as part of the sign-in process

The RFQ Proposals from vendors are due:

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Lynwood Unified School District Office, Purchasing Department, 2nd Floor 11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262

*****It is improper for any potential respondent to contact any Board Member or employee of LUSD other than the Purchasing Department during the solicitation process, related to this RFQ.*****

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-20-00052

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of January, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

Conditional Use Permit (PLN-20-00052): A request to approve a modification to an existing building mounted Wireless Cellular Facility. The existing site has two cell towers that will be removed and replaced with upgraded antennas. An additional cell tower will be added with 3 new antennas. The existing equipment is located on the ground and will be modified with newly updated equipment. The property is located at 8630 Florence Avenue, zoned C-P (Professional Office.)

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 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 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 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADA.Coordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

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

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1/5/23

NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00425
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALBERTO MEJIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ALBERTO MEJIA to Proposed name (1) ALBERT DIGAT
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: FEBRUARY 6, 2023, 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, 8301 E. FLORENCE AVE #100, DOWNEY, CA 90240
DECEMBER 21, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ALBERTO MEJIA
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00506
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DIEGO ANDRES DE LA CERDA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DIEGO ANDRES DE LA CERDA to Proposed name (1) DIEGO ANDRES BUCIO DE LA CERDA
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: MARCH 3, 2023, 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, DECEMBER 29, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner DIEGO ANDRES DE LA CERDA
988 LYNDORA ST
DOWNEY CA 90242
562-302-8901

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00493
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KADY ANN STOUT-RYDER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) KADY ANN STOUT-RYDER to Proposed name (1) KADY ANN RYDER
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: FEBRUARY 17, 2023, 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, DECEMBER 29, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner RIAN MARIE STOUT-RYDER
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1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00492
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RIAN MARIE STOUT-RYDER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) RIAN MARIE STOUT-RYDER to Proposed name (1) RIAN MARIE RYDER
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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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 AND NORWALK PATRIOT, DECEMBER 19, 2022
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00494
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI to Proposed name (1) RYAN KENNETH ARGUINZONI KUKLINSKI
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: FEBRUARY 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: N/A

The address of the court is 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91760
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, NOVEMBER 29, 2022
Peter A. Hernandez, Judge
Judge of the Superior Court
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22NSCP00574
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI to Proposed name (1) RYAN KENNETH ARGUINZONI KUKLINSKI
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: 22LBCP00460
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner WARNAKULASURIYA EMMANUEL CHRISTIE JASON FERNANDO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) WARNAKULASURIYA EMMANUEL CHRISTIE JASON FERNANDO to Proposed name (1) CHRISTIE FERNANDO
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: JANUARY 27, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 27, Room: N/A

The address of the court is 275 MAGNOLIA AVE LONG BEACH, CA, 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 PATRIOTS INC, DECEMBER 13, 2022
Mark C. Kim
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner WARNAKULASURIYA EMMANUEL CHRISTIE JASON FERNANDO
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 22PSCP00574
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: N/A

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

CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00492
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CRIME REPORT

NOVEMBER 30

At 1:10 AM, officers responded to the Arco gas station, 10808 Lakewood Blvd, regarding an armed robbery in progress. The suspects brandished two firearms and demanded the contents of the cash register. No one was harmed and the suspect fled the scene just before officers arrived.

DECEMBER 3

At 1:50 PM, officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress, at Rite Aid, 7859 Firestone Blvd. The suspect entered the store and began placing items into a large trash bag. The suspect exited the store with the merchandise and entered an awaiting vehicle. An employee followed the suspect outside and an uninvolved subject blocked the suspect vehicle in its parking stall. Suspect 2, the driver of the suspect vehicle, accelerated into the driver's side of the subject vehicle. The suspect vehicle was able to escape the parking lot and fled onto Firestone Blvd. Both victims were uninjured.

DECEMBER 4

At 1:20 AM, officers responded to a robbery that had just occurred at Food-4-Less, 13525 Lakewood Blvd. The victim was walking through the parking lot when he was contacted by three subjects, which he recognized. The subjects began striking the male with closed fists. The victim fell to the ground and one of the subjects took his wallet and they fled on foot.

At 1:15 PM, officers were dispatched to a carjacking at Stonewood Mall, 100 Stonewood Blvd. The victim was placing items into the trunk of his white vehicle when he felt a hard object placed against his back. Suspect 1 told him to give him his keys, wallet and phone and the victim handed them to Suspect 2. Both suspects fled the scene in the victim's vehicle. The victim was not injured.

DECEMBER 19

At 10:45 PM, officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress, at Macys (400 Stonewood Center). The six suspects entered the store selected over \$2K in clothing and exited the store failing to pay for the merchandise. When the suspects were confronted by security they produced tasers. The suspects fled and no one was harmed.

DECEMBER 24

At 8:30 PM, officers responded to a carjacking at the Arco, 10801 Studebaker Road. The victim was pumping gas, when the suspect forced his way into the driver's seat. The suspect fled in the victim's vehicle after a physical struggle with the victim. The victim received minor injuries.

Contributed by the Downey Police Department.

POET'S CORNER

If It Was a Snake

You've lost something, your car keys, or your watch and you have searched for what seems like hours. But then suddenly it appears, right there on the table, not two feet away. "If it was a snake it would have bit you," Mother said. That's what you remember, a phrase, an old saying. My sister said, "Grandma told me, 'Never wear horizontal stripes, they make you look fat.' That's one of the few things I remember about Grandma." Or the words disappear and an image remains. I was getting a lecture from my parents about riding my tricycle all the way downtown. I don't remember anything they said. I remember looking out the window, it was just dark, and a block away a man wearing a white shirt and a tie passed under the streetlight and vanished into the night. That's all. Out of a lifetime, a few words, a few pictures, and everything you have lost is lurking there in the dark, poised to strike.

Louis Jenkins, *Will o' the Wisp Books*, 2013

Of what are memory and the subconscious mind composed? This poem's architecture is circular, and at the end there is the snake again, now real and waiting. That's how poetry works. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Do you know about the homeowners' exemption?

By Jeff Prang
Los Angeles County Assessor

This month I want to take a moment of your time to visit about a property tax savings program my office offers that's just waiting to reduce your budget. Moreover, I am going to be advocating for an increase in this tax-savings program.

I'm speaking about the Homeowners' Exemption that has been available since 1974 that automatically reduces your tax burden by \$7,000, if the home is your primary residence as of Jan. 1. That translates to an actual reduction of \$70 to a homeowners' tax bill. It's not much and in dire need of an increase, but it is a savings and who doesn't want to save even a little amount of money.

Let's say hypothetically, the assessed value savings was to increase modestly to \$20,000. That translates to an actual savings of \$200. Since the whole point of the Homeowners' Exemption is to encourage home ownership in the state, it should at the very least keep up with the rising costs of homes. In 1972 the median home price in California was about \$34,500, where now home prices come in about \$790,000 statewide, according to the latest figures from the California Assn. of Realtors.

For now, to get the existing savings, all the homeowner has to do is fill out the application at assessor.lacounty.gov/exemptions/homeowners-exemption and they are good to go. The deadline is Feb. 15 to get the entire savings but if you miss the deadline, please file anyway and you will get it prorated this year and the full amount the following years. Homeowners need only apply once in order to receive these savings each year. The savings continue until a change (such as a sale) is recorded.

However, nearly one in three homeowners in Los Angeles County do not take advantage of this tax savings' program, leaving \$30 million unclaimed each year. Across the County, an additional 435,000 families can be saving on their tax bills.

The Homeowners' Exemption is even more important now than ever before because of Proposition 19. Prop. 19 changes the rules that apply to transfers between parents and children and grandparents to grandchildren. It mandates that any property not being used as the primary residence will not be eligible for the transfer of the existing lower tax rate.

Furthermore, the parent/owner of the home that is going to be left to the children should have the Homeowners' Exemption at the time of the transfer. The child receiving the home does have one year from the date of transfer to acquire the Homeowners' Exemption. If the home does not have the Homeowners' Exemption, the children will not receive the tax benefit, and they could get stuck with a huge property tax increase.

In any event, I encourage the state legislature to study the matter and increase the Homeowners' Exemption, even modestly. At the very least, it needs to have a clause that guarantees it keeps pace with inflation.



Nursing home residents adopted for Christmas

Rotary Club of Downey, Risher Mortuary and Mary Kay Cosmetics supported the Adopt-a-Grandparent program at Downey Community Health Center, now in its 10th year.

Jill Torres, an independent consultant with Mary Kay, created the program to provide nursing home residents with holiday cheer.

Working alongside social services director Bridget White and Downey Community Health Care Center activities director Karla Romero, they fill Christmas stockings with non-slip socks, hydrating body lotion, lip balm and a plush stuffed animal. Torres also collects donations from community leaders in support of the program.

"It's a great way for careminded clubs and businesses to provide some joy and comfort to the elderly of our great city," she said.

Top row, from left: Jill Torres, Mary Kay Cosmetics; Maria Robbieduex, Risher Mortuary; Sandra Ceja and Bridget White, Downey Community Health Care Center; and Greg Welch, Downey Rotary and Risher Mortuary.

Bottom row, from left: Karla Romero and Anna Parra, Downey Community Health Care Center.

Swearing-in ceremony for local congressional reps delayed

DOWNEY – Tuesday's scheduled swearing in of House members for the 118th Congress, including two first-term members from Los Angeles County, was delayed because of the inability to elect a new speaker.

When former Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia is sworn in, he will become the first openly LGBTQ immigrant to serve in Congress.

Garcia said he ran to represent the 42nd District "because I want every single kid in our country to have the same opportunity that this country gave me."

Garcia, who was Long Beach's mayor from 2014 through Dec. 20, defeated Republican John Briscoe, then a member of the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees, 68.4%-31.6%, in the race to succeed Alan Lowenthal, who retired after representing the district since 2013. The district also includes areas that had been represented by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, who retired after serving in Congress since 1993.

The district runs north from Long Beach through Lakewood, Bellflower and Downey to Huntington Park.

Garcia describes himself as a comic book nerd, educator and "Progressive and proud American."

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<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>INSTANTLY APPEALING!</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beds 2 baths 1,701 sq. ft. 5,675 sq. ft. lot Living room Dated 2 car garage <p>LIST PRICE \$899,900</p>	<p>IN ESCROW</p>  <p>12040 LONGWORTH, NORWALK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 bed 1 bath Wood flooring Large covered patio and nice rear yard 2 car attached garage <p>LIST PRICE \$650,000</p>	<p>OPEN HOUSE</p>  <p>FRIENDLY HILLS IN WHITTIER</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 2 baths 1,485 sq. ft. 14,914 sq. ft. lot Living room Family room Pool <p>LIST PRICE \$1,099,950</p>	<p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>ORANGE ESTATES, DOWNEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 bedrooms 1 3/4 baths Formal dining room 2,036 sq. ft. 7,561 sq. ft. corner lot <p>CALL FOR MORE INFO!</p>	<p>HAPPY New Year FROM</p> <p>MARIO & KELLY & THE PERSICO FAMILY</p>  <p>PRESTON REYES - 8 years SPENCER REYES - 5 years LENNON DONAHUE - 3 years BRADLEE REYES - 2 years</p>
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Downey Symphony presents: With a Song in My Heart

January 22nd - 2:00pm
The Dance Co. presents: Stars Greatest Hits 2023

February 10th - 8:00pm
The Downey Theatre presents: Mariachi Rock Revolution

February 11th - 7:00pm
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