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LA County flirts with anarchy

■ **ANALYSIS:** The L.A. County Board of Supervisors is prioritizing criminals over public safety.

By Alex Villanueva
Guest Contributor

Leave it to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to find a way to endanger further the lives of county residents. It's almost as if they feel residents are not threatened enough with violent crime, brazen retail theft, homeless encampments encroaching on residential communities, and a district attorney who champions the rights of criminal suspects over victims of crime.

Now the board wants to close Men's Central Jail, arguing that they felt compelled to act based on an emergency of their own making.

The board's motion (eventually pulled from this week's agenda) claimed that due to a lack of mental health treatment capacity and overcrowding, they need to "depopulate" Central Jail and "decarcerate" the county jail system in order to solve a humanitarian crisis.

Both issues are patently false, and extremely dishonest for Supervisors Hilda Solis and Lindsey Horvath to claim given they are the ones responsible for the mental health services provided in the jails. They are also well aware that the county jails can hold a little over 17,000 inmates, and the current population of 14,000 and change puts them far below maximum capacity.

The poor conditions of confinement in our county jails were exacerbated by the board of supervisors' move to defund the LASD and impose a hiring freeze in 2020, when Supervisor Janice Hahn declared she wanted to "seize the moment" during the summer of civil unrest.

This followed a unanimous vote in 2019 to permanently close Men's Central Jail (MCJ) without a replacement, in spite of multiple reports concluding that it cannot be accomplished without a replacement facility.

Wait, you mean releasing dangerous inmates is dangerous? Who knew?

The board of supervisors is on a roll, for sure. Closing MCJ without a replacement and killing the Mental Health Treatment Center while paying a mind-boggling \$80 million penalty was pretty bad, but it follows a breathtaking trend of incompetence and ideologically driven bad decisions that harm the public at every turn.

The board refuses to regulate public space and take proactive steps to reign in the homeless crisis. They voted to increase outreach to the homeless on our transit system while reducing the presence of law enforcement, so we now have 5,700 transients living on our trains and platforms. No wonder ridership is plunging.

The current board of supervisors is a special breed of career politicians. They created the "Care First, Jail Last" policy that has been an utter disaster at every turn.

The Probation Department is now a raging dumpster fire with an ill-defined mission, personnel leaving by the droves, and escalating costs to house a dwindling number of juvenile offenders.

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St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy cuts ribbon on new theater, cafe

■ The \$3.8 million project creates the infrastructure needed to support new student programs.

By Alex Dominguez and
Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy (PMA) celebrated a new milestone this week, cutting the ribbon on a new multi-million dollar facility the school says is a step towards its ultimate goal.

The \$3.8 million project includes the new St. Matthias Theater, Warrior Café, student plaza, and "edible school yard."

PMA President Dr. Christian De Larkin said the new facility was helping PMA "realize our vision" to be a "Catholic University experience for teenagers."

"Our goal is really to start with college access starting freshman year, which we have programs that are doing that academically," said De Larkin. "But college access should be more than just academic, so this facility, this plaza, this space, is not only improving the academic programs that we have, through the theater, the culinary arts, through the agricultural program, but also the aesthetics and the campus."

"These spaces not only beautify 1.5 acres of our campus, but also create the infrastructure to support new programs that ultimately impact student learning," he added. "We are excited for the new feel of campus and love to see how students are responding."

The theater will house the school's visual performing arts and future concerts, beginning with a production of an Alice in Wonderland musical which opened the day following the grand unveiling.

The café is still currently under construction, hoping to open in about a month. Once complete, it

will offer dining services to students in the morning, afternoon, and evenings.

The "edible schoolyard" will allow students to grow their own harvest.

"We want to connect more to the Downey community through this, and so with the garden we do want to start reaching out to Downey restaurants and see if they're interested in sourcing their food from us, whether it be herbs, and spices, and vegetables, and all that kind of stuff."

The project is the product of several benefactors, including the John and Dorothy Shea Foundation, the John H. and Cynthia Lee Smet Foundation, The Ahmanson Foundation, the Bill Hannon Foundation, the Dan Murphy Foundation, the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation, and the Steinmetz Foundation.

New Principal

After an exhaustive search, Claudia Rodarte has been named principal at PMA.

Rodarte graduated from the school in 1999 and has served as principal at St. Raymond's Catholic School since 2017.

"I have spent my 20 years in education serving in Catholic schools because I firmly believe in the power it has to develop and inspire children and young adults to live a life of faith, values, achievement, and passion," Rodarte said in a statement released by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

"I am grateful to my St. Raymond family for allowing me to serve them. I am incredibly humbled and excited to return to my home, my alma mater -- class of '99 -- which was instrumental in my spiritual, academic, and leadership development. I am blessed to continue my vocation through my work as Principal of PMA and move



PMA President Dr. Christian De Larkin speaks at a ribbon cutting ceremony last week for the campus's new additions.

(Photo by Alex Dominguez)

its mission forward.

"I am committed to now pay it forward and help our young adolescents discover and nurture their fullest capabilities, support PMA faculty and staff, and be present to the community always with great purpose, virtue, pride, respect and commitment."

After graduating from St. Matthias High School, Rodarte earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education with a specialization in English and Literature, a Multiple Subjects Credential, and a Master of Arts in Education with a specialization in instructional leadership from Mount St. Mary's University.



Claudia Rodarte

She previously taught at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Pasadena and Alverno Heights Academy in Sierra Madre.

What I took away from the citizens police academy

■ Staff writer Alex Dominguez participated in the citizens academy run by the Downey Police Department.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — I guess now is as good a time as any to admit this: I didn't sign up for Downey Police Department's Citizens Academy "to have a deeper understanding of the police department."

At least, not entirely.

You could say my intentions were more strategic. I wanted to have more connections with those in the department, for those times where a story required me to dig for information. I wanted to know why it is like pulling teeth sometimes to get that information from the police, or at the very least a call back. I wanted a better chance to be let off with a



warning if I ever got pulled over.

The Citizen's Academy — which has run in Downey for over 20 years — is a yearly program, which runs alternatively to the Youth Academy that was introduced last year.

"The main focus of the citizens academy is to bring awareness to the citizens — not only of Downey, anyone who is interested — of the functions

of the police department," said Stephanie Arroyo, who helps coordinate both the Citizen's and Youth Academies.

Almost every department is covered during the course; everything from patrol, to information technology, from narcotics to gangs, to traffic to K-9's.

We even got a shot at the simulator, running several

different "shoot / don't shoot" scenarios.

"I think it is really important, especially for the city, the community, to know that there is actually a procedure and a function to the police department of how our officers operate," said Arroyo.

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 73°

Saturday 74°

Sunday 81°

ON THIS DAY

1199: Mortally wounded in battle, Richard I (the Lionheart) died at Chalus in the duchy of Aquitaine.

1830: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was formed by American prophet Joseph Smith at Fayette, New York.

1862: Union troops clashed with Confederates in southwestern Tennessee at the Battle of Shiloh, the second great engagement of the American Civil War.

1868: The Japanese emperor Meiji issued the Charter Oath, which served to modernize the country during the Meiji Restoration.

1896: Pierre, baron de Coubertin, a founder of the International Olympic Committee and its president from 1896 to 1925, realized his goal of reviving the Olympics when the first modern Games opened in Athens.

1909: American explorer Robert Edwin Peary led the first expedition to the North Pole.

1917: The United States declared war on Germany, thus entering World War I three years after the conflict began.

1947: The Tony Awards were presented for the first time; notable winners included actress Ingrid Bergman, playwright Arthur Miller, and director Elia Kazan.

1973: Ron Blomberg of the New York Yankees became the first designated hitter in Major League Baseball; the rule change, which allowed for a better-hitting player to replace the pitcher in the batting order, was originally only adopted by the American League.

1974: Europop group ABBA had their international breakthrough as they captured the top prize at the Eurovision Song Contest with "Waterloo."

1980: 3M began selling Post-it Notes in U.S. stores; the small pieces of paper with adhesive strips became hugely popular.

2009: Michael Jordan, widely considered basketball's greatest all-around player, was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.



2014: Diminutive actor Mickey Rooney—who was noted for his high energy, charisma, and versatility—died at the age of 93.

Birthdays

Film star **Paul Rudd** (54), "Scrubs" star **Zach Braff** (48), "Full House" star **Candace Cameron-Bure** (47), and radio host **Clay Travis** (44).

A greater appreciation for first responders

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"You hear in the class, most people say 'We call 9-1-1 but dispatchers are rude, or they will ask you the same question five times.' But I think in the class you are able to understand a little bit of why they do that, and it's not until they finish the class that they're like, 'Wow, we have a bigger understanding of law enforcement; not just the officers, but the entire department as a whole and how everyone has an important role in the department.'"

Classes are relatively intimate; around 15 participants.

Our class was a hodgepodge of different ages, walks of life, and intentions: a high school senior who thought the course seemed interesting, a business owner who had taken the course before, a couple of college students with interest in law enforcement, longtime residents, a handful of active community leaders and volunteers, a business owner.

It is definitely a time commitment, as participants are expected to set aside three hours, from 6 pm to 9 pm every Wednesday for ten weeks. It is not a hard commitment (several in my class have missed at least one night, myself included), but it is still recommended that those in the program check to see if they might have any scheduling conflicts prior to start.

Each class member is required to also go through a security screening, done at the police department.

So, what were my takeaways?

There is much more involved to "catching a bad guy" than just dialing 9-1-1 and having an officer show up on scene. Crime response / prevention is a multi-faceted operation in which all departments and staff work congruently with one another.

Sometimes, that takes time.

When you are dialing 9-1-1, chances are you are experiencing one of the worst days of your life; it is natural to want instant response / gratification.

But law enforcement hardly ever works that way. There is a procedure that is followed, and often many different departments need to work their separate roles before any given case comes to a resolution or answer.

Did I like everything that I was taught or that was said? No.

As a local reporter and a Downey resident, I admittedly struggle to toe the line between critical eye and outright police supporter.

That does not mean that it doesn't still bug me that police radios

have gone encrypted, that someone in a mental health crisis gets handcuffed and put in the back of a police car; my ears still perked up at the mention of some of the equipment and weaponry that the police may be eyeing in the future.

What I will say, however, is that each presenter was willing to dialogue when we had questions or concerns. At the bare minimum, they had some sort of answer or reasoning behind everything that they were explaining.

Again, the reasoning did not always satisfy personal opinion. Still, I appreciated that each officer and staff member who presented during the class seemed to sympathize, and sometimes even empathize, with the concerns brought forward.

Lastly, and at the very least, Citizens Academy is a nice way to meet some of Downey PD's officers on a more personal level, away from city functions, or god forbid, a crime or traffic ticket.

Citizens Academy's growth and success hinders primarily on word of mouth. That said, I cannot recommend enough that those who have an interest in law enforcement or questions about their own Downey Police Department consider taking the course when it comes back around, probably sometime early next year.

Politicians put public at risk

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The Orwellian-named Justice, Opportunity, and Care Department is literally a paper tiger with no physical presence to accomplish anything, yet the board wants to empanel them with "caring" for those who would otherwise wind up in the county jail.

They're still chasing the Housing First solution to homelessness, which has been proven to be a colossal failure, as the Homeless Industrial Complex continues to grow as the homeless population grows as well.

Now convicted felon Mark Ridley Thomas claimed that I needed to be removed from office in 2020, and he was joined by Sheila Kuehl. They said I was the biggest threat to public safety, without presenting a shred of evidence to support their outrageous claims. I think the record of the board speaks for itself -- they are the ones who need to resign and apologize for harming the residents of Los Angeles County.

Alex Villanueva is a retired law enforcement officer who served as the 33rd sheriff of Los Angeles County.

Effort to depopulate LA County jails delayed amid backlash

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — A proposal to declare a humanitarian crisis in Los Angeles County's overcrowded jails and begin efforts to dramatically pare down the inmate population was pulled from Tuesday's Board of Supervisors agenda amid opposition from some board members and law enforcement groups.

The motion to "depopulate and decarcerate" the jails -- introduced by Supervisors Hilda Solis and

Lindsey Horvath, and originally scheduled for a vote Tuesday -- was met with backlash from law enforcement organizations when it was published late last week. Among those opposing the plan was the Los Angeles County Association of Deputy District Attorneys, which bashed it as "dangerous and reckless."

The Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, meanwhile, wrote in a letter to the board that the measure would "further erode community safety and quality of life." The association also said it received no advance notice of the motion, learning about it only on Friday, and called for more collaboration before the proposal advances.

Monday, Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Hahn issued a statement saying she planned to oppose the motion, saying that while she agrees with the need to address jail overcrowding, "any plan to reduce the population of our jails needs to be decided in

partnership with law enforcement, our deputy district attorneys and our courts."

Supervisor Kathryn Barger told the Daily News earlier that she also planned to oppose the motion.

As a result, Solis on Monday yanked the motion from the agenda.

In a statement, Solis said that since the motion was published late last week, her office "has received concerns from a variety of stakeholders -- those who feel the motion is not doing enough and those who feel it is doing too much. To that end, I will be referring the motion back to my office so that I can continue to gather input from all stakeholders. We must help balance the needs of public safety while also getting into compliance with our federal obligations. And in that process, I ask that county departments and agencies help us with meeting the need of our most vulnerable."

The now-delayed motion is

another step in a long-running effort by the Board of Supervisors to implement a "care first, jails last" agenda, which includes a long-fought effort to close the much-criticized Men's Central Jail without constructing a replacement facility.

Proposals to close the jail have envisioned a redistribution of the inmate population across other correctional facilities over time, while also releasing thousands of inmates to residential programs or community treatment.

The Solis-Horvath motion called for a litany of efforts aimed at reducing the jail population and redistributing inmates, including through the release of some people in jail for select felonies or misdemeanors "who can be safely released back into the community."

Solis said the motion primarily called for:

-- giving the sheriff authority to use electronic monitoring as a form of an alternative to incarceration;

-- advocating for the Los Angeles Superior Court to reimplement a zero- bail system that was used during the COVID-19 emergency, setting "bail at \$0 for our pre-trial population, which accounts for almost half of the total jail population." She noted that "many who have not yet been tried for misdemeanors and lower-level felonies are languishing in county jails.;"

-- requesting the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to take individuals in county jails who have been sentenced to prison to their facilities, accounting for about 10% of the jail population; and

-- advocating for legislative changes at the state level so those who are medically fragile can be eligible for compassionate release.

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Crime Report

On 2/27/2023 at 9:00 AM, officers responded to the area of Florence Ave and Paramount Blvd regarding a road rage incident where a male pointed a firearm at another driver. Detectives began investigating and later arrested the male.

On 3/2/2023 at 4:30 AM, officers responded to the Downey Landing regarding multiple burglaries to the businesses and discovered several windows had been shattered. Detectives are investigating.

On 3/3/2023 at 1:10 AM, officers located a stolen vehicle in the area of Lakewood Blvd and Firestone Blvd. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested both occupants for different charges.

On 3/5/23 at 4:10 AM, officers responded to a burglary in the area of Stewart and Gray Rd and Woodruff Ave. When officers arrived, they located their suspects and arrested them for various charges.

On 3/13/2023 at 7:00 PM, the victim was walking in the area of Patton Rd and Fontana St when a male approached the resident from behind. The male took the victim's cell phone from his pocket and fled on foot. Detectives are investigating.

On 3/14/2023 at 2:00 PM, officers responded to the area of Florence Ave and the 605 Freeway regarding a robbery. Officers determined the victim was robbed at gunpoint by two subjects he had met earlier in the day. Detectives are investigating.

On 3/16/2023 at 7:10 AM, officers responded to the area of Imperial Hwy and Rose Ave regarding an assault that had just occurred. Officers determined a Downey resident had been assaulted

at an apartment and the suspects fled on foot. Detectives responded and are investigating.

On 3/19/2023 at 10:10 PM, officers responded to the area of 8500 Paramount Blvd regarding an armed robbery. The suspect robbed a business and fled on foot. Detectives are investigating.

On 3/20/2023 at 3:25 PM, officers responded to Macy's at the Stonewood Mall regarding a robbery. The victim had confronted the suspect regarding theft of items from the store and the suspect brandished a weapon. Officers located the suspect and was arrested for robbery.

On 3/20/2023 at 5:30 PM, officers responded to the parking lot of JC Penney at the Stonewood Mall regarding an armed robbery. The victim was confronted by the suspect at gunpoint and demanded the victim's property. The suspect fled from the location. Later, the suspect was located in Bell Gardens and arrested.

On 3/24/2023 at 6:25 PM, officers located a stolen vehicle being driven in the area of Firestone Blvd and Woodruff Ave. Officers detained the driver and was arrested.

On 3/25/2023 at 2:40 PM, officers located a wanted vehicle being

driven in the area of Lakewood Blvd and Apollo Wy. Officers detained the occupants and the driver was arrested by Hawthorne PD.

On 3/27/2023 at 2:50 PM, officers responded to a strong-arm robbery at 9901 Paramount Blvd. The suspects got into a physical altercation with the victim as they attempted to exit the store with stolen merchandise, causing a minor injury to the victim. Detectives are investigating.

On 3/28/2023 at 3:30 PM, officers responded to the area of Downey Ave and Phlox St regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The victim stated an acquaintance pointed a firearm at him for no reason. Detectives are investigating.

On 3/30/2023 at 10:45 PM, officers responded to an armed robbery at the Game stop located in the Downey Landing. The suspects demanded store merchandise at gunpoint and fled the scene. Detectives are investigating.

On 4/2/2023 at 7:45 AM, officers located a stolen vehicle being driven in the area of Firestone Blvd and Old River School Rd. Officers detained the occupants and the driver was arrested.

Live standup comedy returns to Downtown Downey

DOWNEY — Stay Gallery in Downtown Downey will host live standup comedy Saturday, April 29, with nine comics scheduled to perform.

Headlining the "Cheaper than Therapy" comedy show is Julia Jasunas, the new host of "This Just In," by the creators of America's Funniest Home Videos.

Jasunas has opened for comedians such Theo Von, Tom Arnold, Bobby Lee, Brad Williams, Ian Bagg, John Heffron, and more. She has also been featured in many regional musicals such as "Annie" (featuring Sally Struthers) with Cabrillo Music Theatre, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" and "Hairspray!"

Also scheduled to perform at Stay Gallery are Elyssa Phillips, Hans Hilton, Priscilla Gonzalez, Subhah Agarwal, Raul Reyes, Retha Jones, Ricky Woznichak, and Ryan Chalhouh.

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In Memory of

Mary Van Straten Graef
December 14, 1924 - February 27, 2023

Mary Van Straten Graef, a Downey resident of 70 years, peacefully passed away on February 27, 2023, at her home with her children at her bedside.

Mary was born December 14, 1924, on her family farm in Baraga, Michigan. Her parents were George and Gertrude Van Straten. She was raised by her mother and aunt Ann and worked the farm with her 2 sisters Gertrude and Martha, brother Peter and foster brothers Carl and Fritz.

Mary graduated high school and happily left the farm when she was 17. She joined the war effort and was proud to be trained as a welder. She worked at the Willow Run complex, welding parts for the B24 bomber.

Mary made quite an impression on Charles Graef, a USN sailor. Charles saw Mary at a dance, promptly drove his date home, and came back to dance with Mary. They continued to dance in each other's arms for 52 years.

Mary and Charles married in 1945, packed their few belongings and traveled across country from Ann Arbor, Michigan to Inglewood, California.

Charles worked as an aircraft engineer and Mary worked at Douglas Aircraft plant delivering parts on roller skates with her lifelong friend, Weezie Hartzell.

Mary and Charles started their family in Westchester, California and in 1953, moved to Downey with 4 of their 6 children. Mary enjoyed caring for her children and husband. Always cooking, cleaning, washing, and driving, and always looking her fashionable best, along with her children.

She was a self-taught seamstress making many of her own clothes, and her children's clothes including pajamas, prom dresses, holiday outfits, communion dresses, bridesmaid dresses and even Pendleton shirts for the boys.

Vacations were spent camping at Doheny State Beach so everyone could surf and swim.

In 1961, Mary was named Stonewood's Mother of the Year. Her daughter, Patricia, entered her in the contest. She had a wonderful time basking in the title and using the gift certificates from the burgeoning mall.

Mary was a team mother with North Downey Little League and Girls Softball. She was on the board of North Downey Little League and responsible for purchasing candy for the "Snack Shacks". She was involved with Junior Catholic Daughters of America, a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help-Downey parish and Women's Guild. She was also a mentor for Big Sisters of America.

As her children grew older, she worked at a Miller's store for men and Gemco department store. She was an avid bridge player, achieving the rank of Life Master playing consistently with her partner, Bess Kennedy, at Downey Bridge Club.

In 1982, Charles took a position in Melbourne, Australia. They packed their bags and started an exciting adventure for 3 years. They lived the Australian life, made new friends, and traveled the other side of the world.

They returned to the states, enjoyed traveling to Puerto Vallarta, bowling at Del Rio Lanes, and spending time with their grandchildren. Charles passed away at the young age of 75. It was the end of a beautiful love affair. Mary kept busy playing bridge, volunteering with Kaiser Hospice, and visiting her grandchildren.

Jim Canning, a friend of the family, became a joyful companion to Mary. They enjoyed art, film, traveling and hanging out at local pubs. They were the best of friends from 1999 until Jim's death in 2012.

Mary survived and thrived after colon and breast cancer. Mary was afflicted with the West Nile Virus in 2016. Doctors said she would never get out of bed. True to form, Mary's zest for life and determination surprised her doctors, she went home to complete her recovery and continued to celebrate many family milestones.

Growing up during The Depression, Mary developed a strong work ethic. She took pride in her appearance and her home. She strived to be a good wife and a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was most proud of bringing 6 beautiful people into the world and witnessing their many accomplishments and hard work. In turn, it brought her joy to see her children raise their own children and to be a part of her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's lives.

Mary is greeted by many family members in eternal life.

Her mother and father, aunt Ann, her older sisters Gertrude Lafond and Martha Bruckbauer, little brother Peter Van Straten, her beloved husband, Charles, Jim Canning, her companion of 12 years and granddaughter, Sarah. She leaves her children: Patricia, Michael, Peter (Polly), Chris (Rhonda), Joanne (Jose) and Lizbeth (Doug). Grandchildren: Rose (John) Matthew (Sara), Hannah, Samuel, Maddie, Milly, Willem, Gus and Owen, and Great-Grandchildren: Noah, Fern, Georgia and Milo

The Graef family is most grateful to the compassionate caregivers, and loving family that cared for "Miss Mary" during her last years. They were kind, generous, and loving companions.

A rosary will be prayed on Monday, April 17 at 6:00PM at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary. A Catholic Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 11AM at OLPH. If desired, donations can be made to Alzheimer Research or Smile Train.

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Opinion

Major League Baseball games are faster; you need to pay attention

By Steve Kettmann

Steve Kettmann has written extensively about baseball and is working on a new book about managers.

In previous years, planning a typical preseason game, the Mets manager Buck Showalter would have been laser-focused on decisions like who to try that day as leadoff batter or which pitchers he would have available coming out of the bullpen.

But this year, late in spring training, he was pondering which player would be miked up for part of a game to provide audio commentary, sometimes even from the field, for the Mets.

“Why don’t you ask Max if he’ll get miked up?” Showalter suggested at one point, clearly a joke, since the reference was to Mets’ pitcher Max Scherzer, a.k.a. Mad Max, known for possessing one of the most intense personalities in baseball.

The start of a season usually brings a fresh round of questions about baseball as cultural inheritance, a big-business sport forever looking in the rearview mirror to its halcyon days as the so-called national pastime. But this year, somewhat shockingly, the new season represents a genuine departure for organized baseball. In pushing forward with tradition-defying rules changes — like a pitch clock, bigger bases and viewer-friendly innovations like miking up managers and players — baseball has taken dramatic steps to recapture a vitality and vividness for fans and players alike.

In the 2023 season, for lapsed fans and potential new fans, Major League Baseball is making a case to give the game a second chance.

With the changes and tweaks, the pace of games will pick up. Spring training games this year were about 25 minutes shorter than in recent years — games averaged around two and a half hours.

The new pitch clock has received the most attention, and for good reason: It requires the most jarring adjustment for longtime fans. With the bases empty, pitchers now have 15 seconds to start their motion; with a runner on, they have 20 seconds. If they take longer, they will be assessed a ball — meaning, in some cases, an umpire-awarded walk for the batter. Hitters are now required to be in place in the batter’s box by the time the clock counts down to eight seconds; violators will be assessed a strike, and if it’s the third strike, a strikeout.

I hated the pitch-clock idea the first time it was described to me a couple of years ago by the former Red Sox general manager and Cubs executive Theo Epstein.

But as soon as I saw games with a clock this spring, I loved it. It worked. The absence of dead time injected games with much-needed energy and tilted the balance toward more action and intrigue.

Too often in years past, too many pitchers killed time on the mound and too many batters around the plate — by stepping out after every pitch to adjust the batting glove, scratch an itch or just plain preen. This year during spring training, there was none of that.

Another new rule concerns pickoff throws. For years, fans saved some of their loudest booing for those dreary sequences when a pitcher, with a runner on, stepped off the mound and tossed over to first base again and again and again. Now a pitcher is limited to two “disengagements” — either stepping off the rubber, to regroup, or throwing to a base — per batter. With a third, the pitcher is assessed a balk, so any base runners may advance to the next base.

With the new ban on defensive shifts, at the start of a pitch, infielders must have both feet within the outer boundary of the infield, and two infielders must be on each side of second base.

The shift ban is a response to changes in the game prompted by the baseball analytics movement, which developed a logic of its own. Teams paid millions to hire legions of Ph.D.s to crunch numbers and suggest “improvements” in positioning and tactics (like the infield shift) that may have satisfied spreadsheets but that also made the game fatally boring. What’s more, players often hated it.

Another analytics trend has put an emphasis on big home-run swings and the “launch angle” — when batters adjust their swings to lift the ball in the air when it leaves the bat. That actually minimized the penalty of strikeouts, since at least batters weren’t hitting ground balls into double plays. But it also meant fewer balls were put in play, less happened on the field — and more yawns were produced in the stands.

The problem with that way of playing ball wasn’t just the tedium — it was the death of possibility. If a player was more likely to either strike out or hit a home run, a viewer could half-watch a game and still catch any moonshot home runs on replay. There was little attention paid to the suspense of building sequences.

It’s almost like watching a different game when players are closely tuned into a sense of constantly shifting possibility, with, for example, base runners ready to run as a pitch is thrown, in

violation of the analytics-craze horror at employing the hit and run. Unpredictability is a lot more fun than analytics-programmed monotony.

The game’s makeover goes beyond rule changes, to address its lack of confidence to embrace its flair and flavor. The World Baseball Classic this spring made that clear and signaled a new dynamic: Let personality and passion shine through, and the players themselves will be far more engaged.

When ESPN carried a Mets preseason game against the Astros, Showalter and the Houston manager, Dusty Baker, did turns miked up during the broadcast and were lively and relaxed. Showalter offered sharp analysis of the impact of the rules changes. “I think it’s going to make people more aggressive,” he said, adding that “everybody’s going to push the envelope trying to get a competitive edge.”

Mets’ shortstop Francisco Lindor was also miked, talking from his spot in the infield about the art of hitting and about his ever-changing hair color. “I just did a new color last night,” he said, and added that “it’s like a mood ring, it changes colors, depending on how I wake up.”

“Baseball traditionally has been so slow to evolve, and so repressed,” the ESPN reporter Alden Gonzalez told me. “I think it has finally realized the only way to appeal to a younger generation is to have more fun. It sounds simple, right? Like: ‘Let the kids play.’”

These athletes are more talented — bigger, stronger, faster — than ever. The more they’re unleashed, the more fans are pulled toward caring. The continuing relevance of baseball comes from its ability to represent, like movies or theater, a relatable glimpse into the everyday drama of being human.

Bring on the color. Get more billionaire owners out there in the stands in T-shirts, cheering with the fans, like Steve Cohen for the Mets on opening day. How about some uniforms with pizzazz, maybe a new round inspired by those Astros’ or San Diego Padres’ uniforms of the 1970s, instead of the current trend toward pinstripe dullness?

Some rules changes might need to be rethought, and others need to be tried. The innovations that work depend on the players themselves. They like the faster games, the reduced dead time. The more the sport channels the personalities and passions of its players, rather than the suits upstairs, the better chance it has of grabbing old and new fans alike.

Conservative values

Dear Editor:

Drag queens should perform in adult entertainment venues only - never in front of young children. Nor should they be reading to young children from books with adult sexual material.

Let the children read about fun or informative books on their level. Let children be children. Teach them traditional values and involve them in traditional academia - reading, writing, arithmetic, and interactive social skills based on morality, and respect for authority and other classmates.

More gun laws are not the answer. Iceland is purported to have the most guns per person of any other country, but is reported to have very low crime. We need to get to the root cause of violence and killings. From my observations most killings - by guns, knives, and other weapons are caused by individuals with disturbed minds possibly caused by drugs, hate, or pure evil. Sociopaths lash out at society blaming it for ills they have, and psychopaths kill for the pleasure they get from doing so.

Additionally, so many young people are influenced by what they see on the internet - violent videos, indoctrination of radical ideas, and etc. A great polarization and divide in our county not only politically, but in our ideology is prevalent in our society today which might lead to some of the killings. Each ideology wants to dominate without compromising or debate. Our president spoke on unity - that he would bring forth this in America, but sadly with special interest groups, equity, and wokeism now instilled in academia, the military, and the government, the future looks troublesome.

Final thought. Mental illness needs to be addressed. In academia, we must teach traditional values based on truth, grade on the merit system, and teach history as it happened without attempting to “cleanse” or “correct” it.

I would love to see patriotism and love for country added to the curriculum. I feel so fortunate in having attended a public school where each morning the principal would lead us in prayer over the speaker system. We would then recite the Pledge of Allegiance to our great red, white, and blue.

Martha Morrissy
Downey

By Michael Lyon

Michael Lyon is chief executive of Lyon Capital Inc.

Three decades ago, I was a young lawyer working for the FDIC as we scrambled to save First Republic Bank of Texas — the country’s 12th-largest bank at the time — and resolve the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and 1990s. Though we were able to stabilize the banking system, there was one critical area where we had less success: holding those responsible to account.

This time around, faced with new banking sector challenges, regulators should seize the opportunity to make sure executives face penalties for reckless behavior or mismanagement.

There are echoes of those earlier crises in our current predicament. The S&L industry’s troubles were partly the result of a toxic combination of interest rate increases and weak regulation.

Protecting the people

Dear Editor:

I recently enjoyed visiting the Reagan Presidential Library, and throughout there were several quotes accredited to the President.

With the most recent mass shooting in Nashville - news sources say it’s the 129th this year - that tragically ended the life of three children and three adults by an individual armed with assault rifles and a handgun, the following quote came to mind: “Government’s first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.”

There is so much happening in our country with politics doing this and that, saying it’s to keep people safe from whatever is out there to get us...can there be a logical compromise between protection and the running our lives part?

Kay Begich
Downey

S&L managers took bigger and bigger risks with government-backed deposits in often frantic attempts to earn their way out of trouble. Tails they won, heads we all lost. At that time, the FDIC worked closely with various government enforcement entities, including the Justice Department, to try to identify wrongdoing behind institutional failures. In the end, we found that most who led the failed thrifts simply made bad business decisions, and few actions rose to the level of criminal behavior. While many of these reckless managers lost their jobs, they often walked away with relative impunity and were even enriched in some cases.

Later, we witnessed a similar pattern during the global financial crisis of 2007-2009. Even as a series of bank failures threatened the world’s economy, many executives who had pocketed significant sums in the years leading up to the crisis simply walked away with their large bonuses and compensation untouched.

Some of us working in banking regulation reform back then suggested the introduction of clawback provisions to reclaim excessive compensation and other earnings received by executives before their institutions failed. In 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act took steps in this direction. But political forces and legal concerns limited the scope of the enacted clawback provisions — both in the scope of compensation that could be clawed back, as well as narrowing the conditions under which this correction could take place.

Now, here we are again, with a combination of mismanagement and inadequate regulation leading to further bank failures, including the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. In his testimony of March 28, the Federal Reserve’s vice chair for supervision, Michael S. Barr, concluded that “SVB’s failure is a textbook case of mismanagement.” Later, he stated that although regulators had identified multiple risks at SVB, “it is not the job of supervisors to fix the issues identified; it is the job of the bank’s senior management and board of directors to fix its problems.” But if that is the case, regulators need to implement stronger direct incentives to ensure management and boards act prudently.

It is time that we have clear and enforceable laws and regulations that hold leaders responsible for their failed institutions by forcing them to relinquish inappropriate personal gains — with their excessive compensation, ill-begotten bonuses, and stock sale proceeds being clawed back or taxed. Ensuring that executives face personal loss should help limit risk taking as an institution addresses a challenging balance sheet.

To that end, the Failed Bank Executives Clawback Act introduced Wednesday by Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Josh Hawley (R-Mo.) is a positive step — though I have a few suggested modifications. First, reduce the proposed clawback period from five years to two, for better alignment with the management decisions immediately before the bank’s failure. Second, focus on executive management and board members (the proposed language could reach too deep into junior ranks). Finally, limit the clawback to bonuses, stock sales and excessive compensation — determined on a normalized basis — during this two-year period. All of this should make the bill more politically acceptable and clarify market incentives and guidelines, too, without diluting its fundamental impact.

If Barr is correct that regulators cannot effectively correct poor bank management, then we need direct incentives to ensure that management and board members know they will not benefit from mismanagement, and that the forces of greed and fear are appropriately balanced.

Neighborhood eyesores

Dear Editor:

From my front yard, I can see 5 non-operational vehicles (aka non-ops) in front driveways around my residence. These are not the only non-ops marring my neighborhood. There are many, and some of them have not been driven or even moved in years.

What is it about keeping an old wrecked or inoperable car or truck in your driveway, within eyeshot of neighbors for years on end? These serve no good purpose and create eyesores that blight neighborhoods, affect property values and consume household parking spaces, forcing families to park on the street and take up increasingly precious curb space in Downey.

The least that offending owners could do is park their dusty, broken non-ops in their garages or behind driveway gates, sparing neighbors from having to look at their junkyard vehicles every day. Better yet, sell them or tow them to a real junkyard.

I call on the Downey City Council to take action. Pass an ordinance that forbids non-ops from being parked within view of the street. City leaders need to lead the way in cleaning up and beautifying Downey neighborhoods, and getting rid of non-ops is a great step in that direction.

James R. Hendricks
Downey

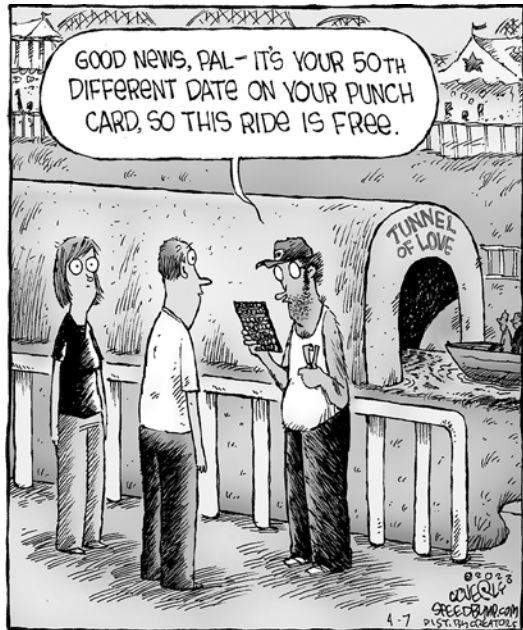
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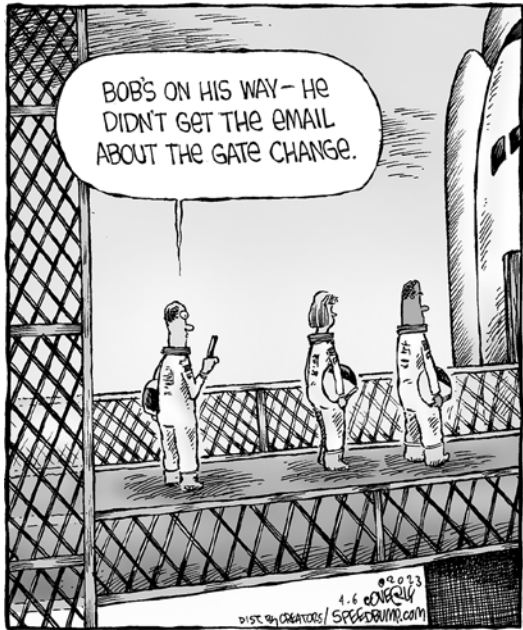
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Downey Community Calendar

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 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.
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 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 Barbara 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.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

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What was Downey like in the 1860s?

■ Cockfights, public hangings, fireworks; life was different in the 1800s.

By **Bobbie E. Bruce**
Downey Historical Society

Practically every man carried a gun and hunting knife during the 60's. Hung by a strap from his shoulder were his powder-horn and bullet pouch. His feet were covered with heavy boots and he wore "leggings" to protect him from the brush while riding. His principal weapon was a heavy, long, muzzle-loading rifle and, although it did not shoot far, was exceedingly accurate. Every boy learned to shoot as soon as he was able to carry a gun, and he began to contribute a large variety of game, which at times was a major part of the bill-of-fare.

The residents as a whole were a fine class of people, though there were among them some ruffians – especially rough when fired by whiskey. Gangs of such men, disturbing the peace, often resulted in shootings, and it was necessary for the officers who were inadequate for the occasion, to be assisted by civilians. Public whippings and hangings were resorted to, although I have found no record of the latter punishment in our vicinity.

The dress of these early settlers was simple design, made of coarse durable material. Men tanned skins of animals and these were made into shoes and garments. Women made their own clothes and those of the children largely without the aid of sewing machines. There were few articles upon which the settlers had to depend from the outside world. Of these, powder and lead were the most important.

Recreation: All down through the ages, man has found some time to devote to pleasure. The ancients had their feasts; the Indians various dances and celebrations which lasted for days; the Spanish and Mexicans of the 60's called for contests in marksmanship and horsemanship, gaiety and color; Mexicans celebrated their independence from Spain by parades, with a chosen queen riding in a decorated wagon, guitar music, patriotic songs, speaking, and dancing. The American and Mexican flags were carried side by side to the place where they were to congregate.

The Fourth of July and Christmas were occasions for fireworks and bull-fights, which

drew large crowds. In the gally-painted corrals near the Plaza in Los Angeles, a bear sometimes faced el toro, and sometimes it was a man who on other days went about his work as did other men. Cockfights were another popular sport. Sportsmen, with a cock under each arm, could be seen sauntering through the streets on their way to Sonora Town above the Plaza, where the show generally took place. Rodeos and races called for expensive outfits, some of them valued at thousands of dollars.

The old Lugo adobe was a center for those festivities. Men dressed in tight-fitting garments, with blue, yellow, or any bright-colored jacket trimmed in gold or silver lace. They wore huge pantaloons opened at the side and flanked with bright buttons, and expensive garters. Broad-brimmed hats, decorated with beads, were tied under their chins. In their selection of high-heeled boots, comfort was a minor consideration. They bought the smallest size they could possibly wear, paying from \$18 to \$20 for them.

Historical Structures

The following article was written by Eric Pierce in March of 2010:

The city of Downey is fortunate to have many of its historic structures still intact. While many of the historic church buildings, ranch homes, and restaurants did not make it into the 21st century, several, including the Rives Mansion, the Parley Johnson residence and Gallatin Elementary School, still stand.

Today, both the Rives Mansion and the Parley Johnson estate reflect the lifestyles of Downey's most wealthy and prominent residents who lived in luxurious homes, surrounded by rich, ample

orange groves and dairy farms.

However, not every Downey citizen lived in a large ranch home in the late 1800s and early 1900s. For many local pioneers, small box houses were the norm as the early settlers developed vibrant communities and started new families.

Built in 1887, the Dismukes house, located near the corner of Rives Avenue and Imperial Highway, tells the story of the average Downey farming family and their long journey to start a new life in California.

In 1865, after the Civil War had come to a destructive end, thousands of families living in southeastern states with shattered hopes and communities began to travel west. Along with the rush to find gold, these displaced families were also in search of a place to put down new roots. Many towns and cities sprang up along the thousands of miles of trails to the west. Downey was founded at trail's end.

Among these displaced families from the south was the Dismukes family.

After settling in Downey, Edwin Price Dismukes built a 20-by-25 foot farm house in 1887 for his wife, Maude Adams Dismukes. Like many Downey residents of the time, Edwin was a prosperous rancher and nurseryman with a growing family.

Using mostly redwood and pine, Dismukes built horizontally to the planks as to make a box. The planks support the ceiling and roof while the walls are held up by tongue and groove siding. Inside the home featured an open living room space where chairs, tables, and other furniture would have been placed. The large, rectangular windows provide much sunlight for the room, which still sports its

original redwood floors. To the left are two doors, one leading to the sole bedroom, and the other opens up to a small kitchen.

When first constructed, the original white-washed home, which featured a classic white picket fence, faced College Avenue, now Paramount Boulevard, near the intersection of Paramount and Firestone Boulevard. When Firestone was extended west of Paramount in the early 1930's, the house was turned to face the new boulevard.

The Dismukes house would remain at this original location until owner Bob Kiskadden donated the cottage to the Downey Historical Society in 1986. Before the Historical Society took possession of the house, it was set to be demolished to make way for a parking lot, but on July 8, 1986, the City Council voted unanimously to move the house to Apollo Park for restoration.

While the Historical Society paid more than \$5,000 to restore the Dismukes home to its original condition, the city paid for its moving costs with a \$5,000 Community Development Block Grant.

In a 1986 interview with the Los Angeles Times, Public Works Commissioner Laura Nash reflected on the historic move.

"This is the first time the city has helped move a historic house, and we are really excited about it," she said. "This house is really representative of the pioneers that made Downey what it is."

After its move to Apollo Park, the Downey Historical Society spent nearly six years reconstructing the Dismukes house, which is today opened occasionally for tour groups who desire to remember Downey's provincial past.

The Dismukes pioneers are no longer here to tell their story, but their small farmhouse still speaks – sharing a unique American story of an average family – hoping to start a new life in the western frontier.



Congressman tours Downey schools

DOWNEY — Congressman Robert Garcia was in town on Tuesday to visit Downey public schools

During his tours, Garcia met with Superintendent Dr. John Garcia and members of the Board of Education, while also speaking with school administration, teachers, students, and touring Downey's CTE Pathways.

"We're very grateful to have had the opportunity to host Congressman Garcia and be able to share a lot of our 21st century programs, and allow him to interact with our amazing students to be able to find out just what's on the mind of our students today," said Superintendent Garcia.

Superintendent Garcia had the opportunity to discuss the district's different priorities, and where the Congressman may be able to help.

"What I'm really hoping that he can help us with is advocating for resources, especially related to mental health, the wellbeing of our students, and supporting the upgrading of our facilities for a variety of reasons, most notably related to safety," said Garcia.

Congressman Garcia spoke of the strength of Downey's schools.

"As an educator myself, I think that it's really important that we fund public school's appropriately, and I think the US Congress has a responsibility to put more money into public education," said Garcia. "Both Downey and Warren have been really impressive. I had not been to either school before, so I'm just happy to be here."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer



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Think again before buying an actual bunny for an Easter gift

■ Rabbits are popular gifts for Easter but they're often abandoned after their novelty wears off.

Rabbit rescue groups across Southern California are again urging people not to purchase bunnies as Easter gifts for children, saying that what begins as a well-intentioned gesture often leads to abandoned animals when the novelty wears off and families realize they're not equipped to properly care for the pets.

Instead, rescue groups and animal control officials recommend buying a stuffed toy bunny or chocolate candy rabbit for kids' Easter baskets.

"Easter bunnies who magically appear and lay multi-colored eggs shown on greetings cards and cartoons are nothing but a fantasy," said Lejla Hadzimuratovic, founder and president of Bunny World Foundation, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that has rescued thousands of unwanted rabbits from shelters and owner surrenders since its founding in 2008.

"Every year, we scream from the top of our lungs that bunnies don't make good Easter gifts, and still, those reminders go unheeded," Hadzimuratovic told City News Service in 2022.

Retail sales of rabbits, dogs and cats are prohibited in California, but direct sales are still permitted, including online, and illegal street sales occur in urban areas where baby bunnies are sometimes deceptively marketed as adult "dwarfs."

Despite an ordinance prohibiting the sale and purchase of live animals on the streets of Los Angeles, Hadzimuratovic says "the year-round live animal market in LA's Fashion District, specifically Santee Alley, is thriving. Typically bought on a whim as a toy for a child, they often live a desolate life in the corner of a filthy cage without enrichment until they are abandoned to a shelter or die of neglect."

As she did last year, Hadzimuratovic will be attending the L.A. Arboretum's "Spring Fling" event on Good Friday to counter the popular misconceptions and educate the public about the realities of caring for rabbits. She'll bring along some of the group's rescued bunnies who are available for adoption -- but only for those who are serious about wanting bunnies in their lives.

"In 2022, 1,200 Los Angeles bunny lovers had their chance to meet some of BWF's precious rescued bunnies at the gorgeous Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden ... It was an inspiring community

event and an excellent educational opportunity," she said. "We're expecting our efforts to double this time around. We're bringing twice as many bunnies and volunteers to the event to promote the glory of rescued rabbits and educate the general public about their care."

BWF saves and re-homes hundreds of unwanted bunnies from Los Angeles-area shelters every year -- some of whom have special medical needs that place them at greater risk. But the group's struggles are magnified each spring by the effects of the holiday, and other groups see the same problem.

"Every year, we receive numerous reports of bunnies who were bought for Easter and then discarded once their cuteness or novelty wore off, which is why we adamantly advocate against buying live animals as Easter gifts," PETA's Catie Cryar told CNS. More information from PETA can be found at www.peta.org/features/reasons-never-buy-bunny/.

"Real rabbits and Easter don't mix," the Los Angeles Rabbit Foundation proclaimed in its annual Easter message this year.

"Rabbits make poor pets for small children. Most rabbits do not like to be picked up and held, and may scratch or bite in an effort to get free, or be injured when dropped. The typical 'Easter bunnies' illegally sold on the streets or in pet stores are usually babies, taken from their mothers before they are properly weaned. They will die soon after purchase -- hardly a fun experience for kids!"

The group is a chapter of House Rabbit Society, an international nonprofit headquartered in Richmond, California, that offers education about rabbits.

Jackie Tran, public information officer for Orange County's animal care department, said OC Animal Care "recommends that the community resist the urge to get a pet on impulse. Bunnies, chicks, ducks, and other small animals are adorable, but they quickly grow into adults and require specialized daily care."

Advocates for the animals do want them to be adopted into loving homes, saying they can be wonderful companions for those who are serious about the commitment. Advocates say the animals are gentle creatures that offer many benefits over other pets, including their quiet nature and a diet of hay and vegetables that avoids adding to the suffering and environmental harm inherent in factory farming that produces dog and cat food.

Rabbits are not low-maintenance pets. They require feeding, cleaning, and humane indoor housing in a bunny-proofed room, and veterinary care can be expensive, advocates note.

They're also not ideal pets for small children, as they respond best to quiet energy and can be easily spooked by the hyperactivity of a child.

Animal advocates offered a series of basic tips:

-- Domestic rabbits should be kept indoors at all times.

-- Rabbits need to be spayed or neutered as soon as they're old enough (between four and six months) to avoid unnecessary breeding and to aid their health.

-- Once they've been spayed or neutered, bunnies should be paired with a mate for lifelong companionship. Single bunnies can be lonely and depressed.

-- They should be fed a diet of unlimited timothy hay and a daily portion of leafy greens, plus pellets and alfalfa hay for rabbits under 6 months.

-- They should never be kept in cages, as they need room to hop around and exercise their legs.

-- They need to be thoroughly groomed every two to three months to remove excess fur and have their nails trimmed.

-- They're aggressive chewers, and need to be kept away from electrical cords and anything that can be dangerous if ingested, such as taped or glued boxes.

-- Bunnies who stop eating or appear to be in pain can die within 36 hours, and need immediate care from a veterinarian trained in rabbit care.

All six shelters in the Los Angeles Animal Services system have rabbits available for adoption, as do other Southland shelters, and private rescue groups offer support and mentoring for new bunny owners.

BWF offers a free foster program in which people care for the animals, help promote them on social media and bring them to weekly adoption events until they find a permanent home. They can be contacted at info@bunnyworldfoundation.org, www.bunnyworldfoundation.org or [www.facebook.com/search/top?q=bunny world foundation](https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=bunny%20world%20foundation).

The House Rabbit Society also has resources for learning about proper rabbit care, which can be found at rabbit.org.

Music of ABBA celebrated in tribute show

CERRITOS —In a flashback to the '70s, the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) celebrates the signature sound and style of Pop legend ABBA on Friday, May 26 at 8:00 pm. Tickets start at \$50.

Direct from Sweden: The Music of ABBA celebrates the band's legacy in a musical showcase of greatest tunes, including Chiquita; Fernando; Take a Chance on Me; and Super Trouper.

With meticulous attention to costumes and make-up, the show incorporates ABBA's live traits, including solos, musical numbers, and a complete live band consisting of handpicked members from some of the

greatest ABBA tribute acts.

In 1974, the Swedish Pop-Rock band ABBA won England's Eurovision Song Contest with the single Waterloo. The quartet went on to dominate radio playlists and music charts in the '70s and '80s with a bevy of hits, including Money, Money, Money; The Winner Takes It All; and Knowing Me, Knowing You. However, it was the Gold-certified hit Dancing Queen — which skyrocketed to No. One in the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, and the United States in 1980 — that officially turned ABBA into an indisputable international pop phenomenon.

The band sold more than 400 million records worldwide and garnered an induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. The 1999 Broadway musical based on ABBA's songs, Mamma Mia, and the 2008 blockbuster hit film of the same name have kept the ensemble's appeal alive.

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Michigan family welcomes first daughter in husband's family since 1885

MICHIGAN — A woman in Michigan knew what she was getting into when she married her husband, Andrew, 10 years ago.

He told her upfront that his family had not produced a female child since 1885. The Clark family spanned generation after generation with nothing but baby boys.

“I’m like, ‘Oh, it’s a 50-50 chance every time. What do you mean?’ He goes, ‘No, legitimately, we have not had a girl in our direct line in over 100 years.’” Carolyn Clark said in an interview with Good Morning America.

That peculiarity did not disuade Carolyn. She and Andrew married and decided to start a family together.

The couple said they experienced a miscarriage in 2021, so when they found out a year later that they were pregnant with another child they were thankful but cautious.

“When we found out we were pregnant, we honestly didn’t care if we were having a boy or girl at that point. We just were thankful to

be pregnant and just praying for a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby,” Carolyn said.

As the pregnancy progressed, the Clarks decided to save the baby’s sex for a gender reveal. They had their family over and had cookies made so biting into them would reveal a pink or blue icing.

“We kept it a secret to ourselves as well. So I just assumed it was going to be blue in the center of the cookies and it’d be another boy in the lineage,” Andrew said. “I was shocked. I think I just stood at the center of that cookie like, it’s really pink. So it was a good surprise for us.”

Audrey Marie Clark was born on St. Patrick’s Day, breaking the 138-year boy streak in the Clark family.

“We’re so happy that she’s finally here and once again, that she’s healthy and that everything went well with the delivery,” Carolyn said.



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S/T FAMILY 2 LLC, CEO, THAO CAO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 1, 2023

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File Number 2023056821
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FLACO READY MIX, 17128 COLIMA ROAD # 134, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA HERNANDEZ, 17128 COLIMA ROAD # 134, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745 (2) ARTURO HERNANDEZ FRAUSTO, 17128 COLIMA ROAD # 134, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745 State of Incorporation: (1) CA (2) CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

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/ARTURO HERNANDEZ FRAUSTO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 15, 2023

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the 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
3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023051908
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SHOPLIFASHION, 13528 FRANKLIN ST, APT D, WHITTIER CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KIMBERLY PEREZ, 13528 FRANKLIN ST APT D, WHITTIER CA 90602 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: 03/2023

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

S/KIMBERLY PEREZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 13, 2023

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the 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

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
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023051188
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) Q NAIL LOUNGE, 8732 IMPERIAL AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) T FAMILY 1 LLC, 8732 IMPERIAL AVE., DOWNEY CA 90242 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/Q JOSE FELIPE MARTINEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 16, 2023

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

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
3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2022

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S/ARTURO HERNANDEZ FRAUSTO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 15, 2023

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The Downey Patriot
3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KIMBERLY PEREZ, 13528 FRANKLIN ST APT D, WHITTIER CA 90602 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: 03/2023

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

S/KIMBERLY PEREZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 13, 2023

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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
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

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Date (Fecha): 3/23/22
 W. SAMUEL HAMRICK, JR., EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK OF THE COURT, IIZE SIRACUSA, CLERK

The Downey Patriot
 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 102378-CA APN: 6359-016-035 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/9/2003, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 5/10/2023 AT 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/20/2003 as Instrument No. 03 3114211 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: RICHARD J ROSIAK, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9920 WILEY BURKE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$172,086.75 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 102378-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 102378-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALE INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

STOX 937527
 The Downey Patriot
 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23

Title Order No.: 05947411 Trustee
 Sale No.: 86199 Loan No.:399362448
 APN: 6229-007-001 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/20/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/26/2023 at 10:30

AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 1/5/2021 as Instrument No. 20211657287 in Book 1111, page 1111 of official records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: INZUGO CARE LLC, A WYOMING LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Trustor DAMON JOHNSON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 294,000/594,000 INTEREST; HATCHERY INVESTMENTS, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 200,000/594,000 INTEREST; AND EMMA ROOTHIER, A SINGLE WOMAN AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 100,000/594,000.00 INTEREST, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land to be sold, THE QUANTITY OF LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 1421, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 293 PAGES 17 AND 18 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES LYING BELOW THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND BUT WITH NO RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY AS PROVIDED IN DEEDS OF RECORD. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10417 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD DOWNEY, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$ 651,233.04 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 4/2/2023 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, AS TRUSTOR 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 86199. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the

scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869 or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 86199 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

STOX 937811
 The Downey Patriot
 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 22-30446-PM-CA Title No. 2146026 A.P.N. 6254-002-054 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/07/2018. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check/s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, draw on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant

or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Jae Woen Lee, a married woman as her sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 06/14/2018 as Instrument No. 20180593640 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 05/18/2023 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$637,996.21 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8134 Third Street #106, Downey, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6254-002-054 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale

may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-30446-PM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-30446-PM-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 03/23/2023 National Default Servicing Corporation, c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Deandre Garland, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4778604 03/30/2023, 04/06/2023, 04/13/2023

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Tournament House opens for public tours

PASADENA — Tournament House, the home of the Tournament of Roses and the headquarters of the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game, will offer free public tours beginning Thursday.

The one-hour guided tours will begin at 2 p.m. every Thursday through Aug. 31, according to the Tournament of Roses.

Once home to chewing gum magnate William Wrigley Jr. and his wife Ada, the family donated the property to the city of Pasadena following Ada's death in 1958, with the requirement that it be used as the home for the Tournament of Roses.

The property also includes the expansive Wrigley Gardens, which cover roughly 4 1/2 acres and include more than 1,500 varieties of roses, camellias and annuals, according to the Tournament of Roses.

The guided tours will provide visitors with details about the history of the home and property, as well as the Rose Bowl Game and Rose Parade.

Reservations for tours of the home at 391 S. Orange Grove Blvd. are required and can be made at <https://tournamentofroses.com/house-tours/>.

Groups of 10 or more should make arrangements in advance by calling 626-449-4100 or emailing membership@tournamentofroses.com.

Exchange Club hosting pinwheel fundraiser

DOWNEY — In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Exchange Club Family Support Center in Downey is presenting its Pinwheels for Prevention fundraiser.

The pinwheel gardens can be planted at either a home or business for one week in April. They can also be gifted or kept at a desk or home yearround.

The pinwheel gardens raise awareness and generate revenue for the center.

To place an order, see donation amounts or for additional information, visit downeyfamilysupport.com or call (562) 904-9590.

Established in 1991, the Downey Exchange Club works to prevent child abuse through parent-aide and parenting education services.

Police collecting unwanted medicine

DOWNEY — Residents with unused, expired or unwanted medications can drop them off for safe disposal at a collection event Saturday, April 22, at the Downey Police Department.

Liquids must be in fully sealed, unopened plastic containers. Needles, sharps, and glass containers will not be accepted.

For questions, call Stephanie Arroyo at (562) 904-2374.

Mark Maciel is guest speaker at Sizzler

DOWNEY — Mark Maciel, president of Prison Ministry of America and author of 19 books, will be the guest speaker at the April 13 meeting of Creative Purpose in Downey.

The meeting begins at 11:30 am at Sizzler.

Maciel is also executive director of Second Chance Recovery in Paramount. He manages Jeremiah House and plans Downey's annual mayors prayer breakfast.

The meeting is open to the public. For questions or more information, call (562) 923-2311 or (562) 644-1323.



Downey Nissan donates \$5K prize to YMCA

DOWNEY — Tim Hutcherson, owner of Downey Nissan, was recently voted one of the top two dealers in the nation for customer satisfaction.

The award came with a \$5,000 prize, which he donated to the Downey YMCA in support of their new planned facility.

Hutcherson, 65, was one of a select group of 48 dealer nominees from across the country who were honored at the 106th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show held in Dallas, Texas, this past January.

A prestigious and highly coveted honor in the automobile industry, the TIME Dealer of the Year award recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.

Hutcherson was chosen to represent the California New Car Dealers Association in the national competition — one of only 48 auto dealers nominated for the 54th annual award from more than 16,000 nationwide.

Hutcherson opened Downey Nissan in 2008, and even through a recession and a pandemic, has been able to survive, thrive, and become integrated into the city of Downey.

"We've worked with the YMCA, we've worked with the school district, Rancho Los Amigos rehab, the Women's Center that's over here, police department, fire department," said Hutcherson. "I think if you do that in a community, you're not afraid to put yourself out there. They know who I am, they know who the store is. So, it kind of bodes well with the customer that no one's hiding around here; It's all right, there it is."

"I want to give back, and I think that pays off in customer satisfaction, which ends up leading to these awards that come."

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A Short History of the Apple

crunch is the thing, a certain joy in crashing through living tissue, a memory of Neanderthal days.

Edward Bunyard, *The Anatomy of Dessert, 1929*

Teeth at the skin. Anticipation. Then flesh. Grain on the tongue. Eve's knees ground in the dirt of paradise. Newton watching gravity happen. The history of apples in each starry core, every papery chamber's bright bitter seed. Woody stem an infant tree. William Tell and his lucky arrow. Orchards of the Fertile Crescent. Bushels. Fire blight. Scab and powdery mildew. Cedar apple rust. The apple endures. Born of the wild rose, of crab ancestors. The first pip raised in Kazakhstan. Snow White with poison on her lips. The buried blades of Halloween. Budding and grafting. John Chapman in his tin pot hat. Oh Westward Expansion. Apple pie. American as. Hard cider. Winter banana. Melt-in-the-mouth made sweet by hives of Britain's honeybees: white man's flies. O eat. O eat.

Dorianne Laux, *The Book of Men, W.W. Norton, 2011*

"Poetry is a slippery beast," says Laux, "that defies definition. A shape changer, a sieve, a chute. The life force rendered through language." This poem is an idea cloud of everything that comes to mind with apple. But it's not about apples. It's about how poems are built, of allusion, illusions, sensual memories. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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