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Couple killed in violent crash

■ Emilio and Annabel Guerrero were killed when they were struck by a speeding pick-up truck.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY—An investigator with the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and his wife -- a teacher -- were killed in a South Gate crash, and the cause is under investigation.

Sgt. Emilio Guerrero, 52, and wife Annabel Guerrero, 47, were Downey residents, according to a Downey Police Department press release.

The crash occurred about 2:05 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and Gardendale Street, police said.

A vehicle driven by a 60-year-old South Gate man crashed into the vehicle driven by Emilio Guerrero, police said.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn posted on social media that Emilio and Annabel Guerrero "were dedicated public servants who gave so much to their communities."

"I know this has hit the Downey community hard and my prayers are with their two daughters and their many loved ones in the wake of this incredible loss. May they rest in peace," Hahn said in a post on social media.

Anyone with information was asked to call the Downey Police Department, which is investigating the case, at 562-904-2308 or Investigator Alaina Clark at 562-904-2339. Anonymous tips can be phoned into Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

LAPD officer involved in shooting

DOWNEY — An off-duty LAPD officer was involved in a shooting in Downey early Wednesday morning.

Downey Police were dispatched to the 10000 block of Arrington Avenue at approximately 4:40 am after receiving reports of a man wearing a mask in a residential driveway.

An off-duty LAPD officer "attempted to contact the subject" and a shooting occurred, Downey Police said. The person fled in a vehicle and was not captured.

It's unclear if the person was hit by gunfire. The police officer was not injured.

The LAPD is conducting an administrative investigation, separate from the Downey Police Department's investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Gee at (562) 904-2331 or eroberts@downeyca.org.



FROM LEFT: Ben Seybold II, William Ridgeway, Lupita Infante and Dawn O'Keefe.

Downey High announces 2023 hall of fame class

■ Lupita Infante, Dawn O'Keefe, Ben Seybold and William Ridgeway to be enshrined.

DOWNEY — Downey High School has released the names of its 2023 hall of fame class, with an induction ceremony scheduled for this Friday, Oct. 13.

The ceremony, which begins at 10:15 a.m. in the Downey High writing center, will recognize four alumna that include members who have distinguished themselves in the areas of civic engagement, business, science and education.

Inductees will also be recognized that same evening at the annual Downey vs. Warren football game at SoFi Stadium.

This year's inductees are listed below, with brief biographies as provided by Downey Unified School District.

Lupita Infante

Lupita Infante graduated from Downey High School, Class of 2005. After years of honing her craft and simultaneously working her way through college, she graduated in 2017 from UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethnomusicology (World Music).

Lupita was a semi-finalist on Mexico's version of The Voice in 2017. She was nominated for the Latin GRAMMY's 2020 for best regional song, "Dejaré", and also received a Grammy nomination for best Regional Mexican Album for her debut release, "La Serenata".

She has performed on some of the biggest stages such as the Hollywood Bowl, the televised broadcasts of the Latin GRAMMYs and Premio Lo Nuestro, as well as taking the field to sing the National Anthem five times at Dodger Stadium.

Stadium.

In 2022, she signed with Sony Music Latin and released her first major label album "Amor Como En Las Peliculas De Antes" in May 2023.

She was born in Los Angeles, Calif. to Marisol Esparza, a Mexican immigrant from the state of Zacatecas, and Pedro Infante Torrentera, the son of legendary movie and singing icon Pedro Infante, famous in Mexico's Golden Age of Cinema.

Lupita is still active in the Downey community. She visited Downey High School's first Mariachi class in 2022 and assisted in finding specialized Mariachi coaches for Downey Unified students. She believes that music is a powerful tool to help celebrate and conserve culture, and she looks forward to inspiring future generations as they embark on their musical journeys.

Dawn (Carson) O'Keefe

Dawn (Carson) O'Keefe was very active during her years at Downey High School. She was class president for three years, Varsity head cheerleader and Normaneer. She graduated in 1978 with a 4.0 GPA and was selected by her classmates as an all-around "Vike".

Dawn went on to attend Westmont College where she double majored in Business/Economics and English Literature. She started her career as a news producer working for ABC in Santa Barbara. After relocating to Los Angeles, she spent several years producing medical programs for Cable Health Network (now Lifetime Network) before returning to news as a producer at NBC.

She then co-founded Blue Field Productions with her director/cinematographer husband and together they have served the production needs of over 200 clients, including

producing the award-winning documentary, GO PUBLIC: A Day in the Life of an American School District which aired nationally on PBS. Currently, she is VP of Finance for the Academy Award winning Breakwater Studios.

Dawn is very active in the community, serving on the Board of the Pasadena Educational Foundation, the oldest educational foundation in the state of California. She is also an active member of Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena. The role she is proudest of is mom to four great kids.

Ben E. Seybold II

Ben Seybold graduated from Downey High School in 1985. He was an outstanding student academically, athletically and was a student leader.

Ben was the Student Body President and Captain of the Varsity football, wrestling and track teams. He earned All-CIF in football and placed top in the Top 10 in California's State Wrestling Championship in both his junior and senior years. He was a 3-year varsity letterman in football, wrestling and track.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University of New York where he was also a varsity athlete, lettering in football and wrestling.

Ben's professional career has spanned close to four decades in commercial real estate. He has worked for the last 30 years with CBRE, the world's largest commercial real estate company. Currently, Ben holds the position of Executive Vice President, responsible for facilitating relocation, consolidation, and expansion of local, national, and international corporations along with the development of major industrial logistics centers in Southern California.

This year, Ben will celebrate his 30-year wedding anniversary to his wife Kim. Ben has four children Bennie III, Jackson, Madison and Chloe.

William Bill Ridgeway

The Renaissance Man, Bill Ridgeway or Mr. Bill, as his friends call him, came from humble beginnings. Through hard work, sacrifice and self-reliance, he built numerous careers.

While attending Long Beach State University, he was a draftsman at North American Aviation, a skill he learned at Downey High, which led him to work on the Apollo Program from 1962-1966. He attributes his time at Downey High School, as "a stepping-stone to his successful and productive life."

In 1964, Bill served in the US Army Reserves. He was a Los Angeles Co. Fireman, Paramedic #10, a pioneer in the original pilot program, Engineer and Captain, all before retiring in 1980 due to fire related injuries. He was a technical advisor for the TV Show "Emergency" and is a Docent at the L.A. Co. Fire Museum.

Out of necessity, he started three businesses which consisted of a Silk-Screening Business (from 1961-1969), Bill Ridgeway Design and Consulting (from 1972-2004), which brought in over 2,000 designs and consulting projects in the Long Beach area, and finally, a real estate and development company (beginning in 1966 to present day). He's competent in numerous construction trades.

He loves his family, always has a smile on his face, and is a dedicated father and grandfather. He was married to his college sweetheart, Bev, for 57 years.... Most say, "There is a right way, there is the wrong way and there is the RidgeWAY".

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 89° ☁️

Sunday 88° ☀️

SOMETHING TO DO



WHAT: Join the city of Downey as it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding. Festivities include food trucks, arts and crafts, classic car show, live music, performers, historical photos and videos, and more.

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 14, 5-8 pm

WHERE: Downey Civic Center

ON THIS DAY

1492: The New World was "discovered" when land (most likely San Salvador) was sighted in the Caribbean from the Pinta, one of the three ships that participated in Christopher Columbus's historic voyage.

1810: The first Oktoberfest was celebrated in Munich, in the form of a horse race held in honour of the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen.

1901: President Theodore Roosevelt officially changed the name of the president's residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. from Executive Mansion to the White House.

1998: Matthew Shepard died several days after being beaten by two men and left in the cold in Laramie, Wyoming; Shepard's homosexuality was believed to have motivated the attack, and his death contributed to the expansion of federal hate-crime legislation.

1999: Wilt Chamberlain, who was considered one of the greatest basketball players in the history of the game, died at age 63.

2000: The USS Cole, a U.S. naval destroyer, was attacked by suicide bombers associated with al-Qaeda; 17 sailors were killed.

BIRTHDAYS

TV journalist **CHRIS WALLACE** (76), "X-Men" star **HUGH JACKMAN** (55), "Growing Pains" star **KIRK CAMERON** (53), Olympic runner **MARION JONES** (48) and ventriloquist **DARCI LYNNE FARMER** (19).



Thousands of people attended Crosstown Kickoff on Saturday, a family-friendly street festival ahead of this week's Downey-Warren football game.

Crosstown Kickoff included 50-plus vendors, inflatables, games, a maze, food trucks, corn maze, and more. It was produced by Downey Collective, the event planning branch of the Downey Patriot.

Wrestling legend Tully Blanchard credits ‘power of prayer’ for changing his life

■ Speaking at the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast in Downey, Tully Blanchard revealed the importance of faith in his life.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – After falling from the jet flying, limousine riding, wheeling and dealing lifestyle of pro wrestling, Wrestling Hall of Famer Tully Blanchard says it was prayer that helped him turn his life around.

Blanchard was the keynote speaker at the 35th annual Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, held

at the Rio Hondo Event Center last Thursday morning. He is a former singles and tag-team wrestling champion, who worked across the National Wrestling Alliance, World Wrestling Entertainment, and most recently All Elite Wrestling. Known as one of the original members of the Four Horsemen stable alongside Ric Flair, and Arn and Ole Anderson, he was inducted into the NWA Hall of Fame in 2009, and the WWE Hall of Fame in 2011.

At Thursday’s event, Blanchard spoke on turning points in life and the power of prayer.

He recalled the day that his

younger brother was killed in a car crash.

“My brother had lost control of his car going to baseball practice...16 years old, he was gone,” said Blanchard. “That changed everything in my family. It wasn’t much after that, both of my parents came to know Jesus.”

“I was 26, I’d graduated college, started my wrestling career, and my dad would call me and start preaching to me, and I’d go, ‘Look, if this is all you want to talk about, don’t call me anymore. That’s not my world, that’s not how I’m handling this thing.’”

Blanchard said he didn’t know that his mom and dad

“were praying diligently that there was a Christian man in their other son.”

“I kept going, playing the life of a star. Ric Flair, Arn Anderson, and Barry Windham and I used to get on TV and talk about jet flying, limousine riding,” said Blanchard. “We did. Private airplanes. I mean we did everything that you would think anybody was a star did. Drugs, sex, and rock and roll.”

“We wrestled every day someplace, 330 days a year, and get up on Saturday morning and fly to Atlanta and tape that 6:05 TV show at 10 in the morning when you didn’t want to do anything but sleep. But that’s how we made a living, and these prayers were rolling off in San Antonio Texas.”

Blanchard wouldn’t find his religion until a failed drug test cost him not only his position with the WWE, but a job offer with World Championship Wrestling.

“In my own genius, I had managed to get fired from the only two places I could work in the country in eleven days,” said Blanchard. “I had absolute panic. I don’t know if anything has ever hit you like that; I could not move.”

“I laid in my bed, and I just wanted to go to sleep, just turn it off, and it wouldn’t go off. I laid in my bed for three hours, and at 4:03 in the morning I said five words that changed my life: Jesus take over my life...There was a calmness that came over me that I had never felt before.”

Blanchard said “That is what the power of prayer will do.”

“But you have to believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder



Wrestling hall of famer Tully Blanchard delivered the keynote address at Downey’s Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast last week. (PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

of them that seek him,” said Blanchard.

During the event, Mayor Claudia Frometa also spoke, thanking those in attendance for “praying for our city.”

She said that she “covets your prayers.”

“Downey has been a shining light in the southeast Los Angeles County region, and over the

course of the last couple of years it has been on shaky ground. I think you’ve noticed; you’ve realized that,” said Frometa. “But at the same time, I think the Lord has a special plan for the city, and as believers we need to continue to believe that the Lord has a plan for the city of Downey, California; the 10th largest city in LA County.”



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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Every day I am asked about muscle cramps; I would imagine that we have all experienced them. What causes them? How can we stop them?



Can they be prevented?

Muscle spasms (cramps) are painful contractions and

tightening of the muscles. They're common, involuntary and unpredictable. They are most common in our calves and thighs, but can involve any muscle. Spasms range from mild and uncomfortable to severe, intense pain. The muscle may feel harder than normal, and/or look distorted. Spasms typically last from seconds up to 15 minutes or longer, and may return.

Muscle cramps can occur after working a muscle too hard or straining it; as a result of dehydration from sweating, or from holding one position for a long time. These kinds of muscle cramps, although painful, are harmless.

Sometimes a muscle cramp is related to an underlying medical issue. Atherosclerosis (peripheral artery disease) narrows the arteries, leading to too little blood flow to the muscles. In that case, muscle pain tends to come on with use, and resolve with rest.

A mineral deficit (potassium, calcium, or magnesium) is a common cause. This may be due to a lack of these minerals in the diet, or could be a side effect of certain medicines, like some diuretics used to treat high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. Vitamin D and thyroid deficiencies can also cause muscle cramps. Simple blood tests can detect all of these deficits.

Pressure on a nerve in the spine can cause cramping pains in the legs, which worsens with walking.

Other factors that may

lead to muscle cramps include older age, poor conditioning, muscle fatigue, exercising in the heat, lack of stretching, excessive sweating which removes minerals from the body, pregnancy, being overweight, and other underlying health conditions.

There is no good sure treatment. There is no pill or injection that can instantly relieve a spasm. The best thing to do is to stretch and massage the muscle. If it involves the leg, get up and walk around. Try ice or heat, whichever is effective for you. Ibuprofen or acetaminophen can give some pain relief, and muscle relaxants may be helpful. Some people who get frequent muscle spasms find relief by taking supplements of calcium, magnesium, and vitamins B12 and D.

Here are some tips for prevention: Stay hydrated

by drinking plenty of fluids through the day and during activities. (Note that liquids with alcohol or caffeine don't work as well). Stretch gently before and after exercise, and work towards better overall fitness. Avoid exercising in hot weather. Wear shoes that fit properly. Perform mild stretches or light exercise before bedtime. Discuss your medications with your physician; you might be taking one that can lead to muscle cramps.

If your muscle spasms are severe, occur frequently, respond poorly to treatment, and do not have an obvious cause, I urge you to see your doctor.

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

Patriot staff writer Alex Dominguez is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Downey Patriot staff writer Alex Dominguez will be the guest speaker at the Downey Historical Society's next meeting, Thursday, Oct. 19, starting at 6 pm at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Dominguez's reporting covers a wide range of topics, from local government to entertainment and human interest. His journalism has won awards from the Los Angeles Press Club and California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Dominguez joined the Patriot as an intern in 2015 and was hired as a staff writer in 2017.

He is a member of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and graduated from Warren High School.

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Norwalk-La Mirada school board ratifies agreement to boost high school's academics

■ The school board contracted with National College Resource Foundation to help El Camino High School students.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK – The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District board of education voted unanimously to ratify a contract with the National College Resource Foundation (NCRF) during their meeting on Monday.

Under this contract, the NCRF will aim to enhance the academic performance of El Camino High School students by providing them with advising and emotional support.

Students will also be given after-school tutoring, assistance to improve their math scores and support to help them on



The NLMUSD school board determine their next course of action during their board of education meeting. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

their path to college.

School board member Narcis Brasov expressed concerns over the agreement, questioning whether the contract utilized outside businesses or a district responsibility.

"The contract itself seems like a high school counselor's

job plus tutoring," Brasov said. "I'm concerned that we're outsourcing a quintessential district responsibility and public responsibility to a private company."

The district has agreed to compensate the NCRF with \$117,920 for its services between Sep. 2023 and July 2024.

Jessica Medrano, assistant superintendent of educational services secondary, explained the district made a plan of how to use the temporary Comprehensive Support and Improvement funding based on the needs of the school. The goal was to improve student's academic scores with financing over a short period of time.

"This was a solution the site worked to find that provides a variety of resources, not just math, tutoring, not just language arts, tutoring, but also college career counseling," Medrano said. "It's able to help them meet that goal of improving the graduation rate,

which was the need initially for the CSI funds and why the school is labeled as CSI."

A school qualifies for CSI funding if the average three-year graduation rate is below 68%, according to the California Department of Education. The schools must have graduation data for the past three years to be eligible for support in this category.

Mark Hunter, assistant director/principal of El Camino High School, shared that the school qualified for CSI funding during the 2020-2021 academic year when the graduation rate dropped to approximately 45%. He noted this was the year when students were distance learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The graduation rate improved during the 2021-2022 year and increased to 68%. During the 2022 - 2023 academic year, the graduation rate increased to 80%.

"Now the average graduation rate of those three years is 64%," Hunter said. "So we will meet the three year average requirement of 68%."

A school can only receive CSI funding for three years, so this academic year would be the final year El Camino High School receives these funds.

After these clarifications, Brasov motioned to pass the contract, which was unanimously supported by the board of education.

The NCRF will service students four days a week between Monday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., for 40 hours weekly. There will be at least three staff members including a site coordinator.

Early detection key to surviving breast cancer

With October observed as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it's important for women to have a good understanding of this potentially deadly disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year in the United States, about 240,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in women. About 42,000 women in the U.S. die each year from breast cancer, and Black women have a higher rate of death from breast cancer than all other women.

Additionally, consider the following alarming statistics, according to BreastCancer.org:

Approximately 13% of U.S. women (about 1 in 8) are going to develop invasive breast cancer in the course of their lives.

In 2023, an estimated 297,790 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in U.S. women.

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among U.S. women. About 30% of all newly diagnosed cancers in women each year are breast cancer.

According to Dr. Karen W. Kwan, Hematology and Oncology, Kaiser Permanente Southern California, most breast cancers are found in women age 50 or older, but younger women are not immune to this disease. The CDC notes about 10% of all new cases of breast cancer in the U.S. are found in women younger than age 45. Men can also get breast cancer, but it's not as common. Less than 1% of breast cancers occur in men, the CDC reports.

A mammogram is an X-ray of the breast that is used to screen for breast cancer. Mammograms can find tumors that are too small for a woman or her doctor to feel. The United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends women start breast cancer screening at age 40 instead of the previously recommended starting age of 50. The USPSTF notes women should get screening mammograms every other year from ages 40 to 74.

Alice Rademacher, a retired psychotherapist from Pasadena, is a breast cancer survivor who attributes early detection of her stage 1 breast cancer to her successful treatment at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, which has now made her cancer-free.

"It definitely made a difference, as I really think having that mammogram saved my life," noted Rademacher, who says her survival of the aggressive disease was set at 50-50. "If we hadn't detected it early, with this specific cancer that I had, it would have grown so aggressively that eventually it probably would have killed me. But because it was discovered in its early stages, I was able to make a full recovery."

According to the CDC, there are different symptoms of breast cancer, which include:

- Any change in the size or shape of the breast.
- Pain in any area of the breast.
- Nipple discharge other than breast milk (including blood).
- A new lump in the breast or underarm.

The CDC notes many factors over the course of a lifetime can influence your breast cancer risk. You may not be able to change some factors, such as getting older or your family history, but you can help lower your risk of breast cancer by taking care of your health in the following ways:

- Keep a healthy weight.
- Exercise regularly.
- If you have a family history of breast cancer, talk to your doctor about other ways to lower your risk.
- If you're taking or have been told to take hormone replacement or birth control pills, ask your doctor about the risks and find out if it is right for you.
- Don't drink alcohol, or limit alcoholic drinks.
- If possible, breastfeed your children.

This article was written by Kaiser Permanente.

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What kind of president would RFK Jr. be?

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. holds political views that don't fit a box.

By Peter Bergen

Peter Bergen is CNN's national security analyst and host of the podcast "In the Room With Peter Bergen."

On Monday, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said he was running as a third-party candidate to be president of the United States. Kennedy holds a mix of Republican and Democratic policy views which could make him attractive to the large numbers of American voters who are unhappy about a Biden-Trump rematch.

This may pose some real dangers for both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump, who are the frontrunners in their respective parties, since in closely-contested US presidential elections, a small percentage of voters in relatively few swing states can have a disproportionately large effect on the outcome.

Third-party candidates — like the Green Party's Ralph Nader in the 2000 election between Al Gore and George W. Bush, and Jill Stein in the 2016 election between Hillary Clinton and Trump — have had an outside effect on the outcome of close US presidential elections despite their relatively small numbers at the polls.

It's quite possible that Kennedy could do more damage to Biden as a third-party candidate than by running against Biden in the Democratic primaries, where Biden has a large lead over Kennedy. In a CNN New Hampshire poll last month, Biden had the support of 78% of likely Democratic primary voters in this early primary state, with only 9% for Kennedy.

By contrast, running as an independent candidate, about one in seven American voters would vote for Kennedy, according to an Ipsos/Rutgers poll released on Thursday. That number could put a serious dent into Biden's support in a general election — as well as Trump's, since Kennedy draws support from both sides of the aisle.

So it is worth considering what — beyond his storied family political name and the dissatisfaction that many voters have with both Biden and Trump — the appeal of Kennedy might be.

RFK Jr.'s predilection for fringe positions is well known, particularly his long-debunked view that vaccines cause autism. But what makes him an attractive candidate for some Americans is that he is not easily pigeonholed as either a typical Democrat or a conventional Republican, since his policy positions straddle the left and the right.

His blistering critiques of the Biden administration on everything from how it has handled the Covid-19 pandemic to its support of the war in Ukraine have earned him praise from Republicans.

At the same time, he describes himself as "a traditional Kennedy Democrat. I'm a leading environmentalist, arguably, in the country. I'm for medical autonomy, for women's right to choose. I'm anti-war. I'm pro-free speech."

Kennedy told me this at the end of August for the Audible podcast "In the Room with Peter Bergen." Beyond querying him about his controversial views on the pandemic — in which he debated with me about whether Covid vaccines had actually saved many lives — I was also interested in exploring his positions on the kinds of issues many American voters care most about, such as the economy, the border, affirmative action, gun control, climate change, abortion and the war in Ukraine.

Helping Trump?

I asked Kennedy if he was worried that running against the president would only serve to hurt Biden's chances of beating Trump, the leading Republican nominee, in what will likely be yet another close general election.

He replied, "First of all, I get as many votes from Republicans as I do from Democrats. So, I don't think that there's that problem." Kennedy went on to say, "President Biden has wounded himself. You know, he's telling the country that he's brought prosperity in the country. And 57% of people in this country cannot put their hands on \$1,000 if they have an emergency. For those people, the engine light comes on in their car, and it's the end of the world."

Asked how he would fix this situation, Kennedy explained, "I will wind down the empire abroad, and I'll start bringing that money home and investing in schools, public health, eliminating the chronic disease epidemic, and getting Americans healthy again. Our biggest cost, even bigger than



the military, is health care."

I asked if he thought a second Biden term or a second Trump term would be worse, and he surprised me by saying, "I don't think either of them are good, but you know, I'm worried about Biden because I think he will — is more likely to get us in a nuclear war."

Kennedy also seems to firmly believe that the war in Ukraine is as much the Biden administration's fault as Russian President Vladimir Putin's. And he believes that, if the Russian leader's back were up against a wall, Putin wouldn't hesitate to use atomic weapons, telling me, "He's already said that if it's existential, he's going to use a nuclear weapon."

Kennedy's big idea in foreign policy is "neo-isolationism," i.e., pulling back from what some term "American Empire." His position is one that is embraced by many on the left flank of the Democratic Party as well as many Republicans, a large majority of whom think the US should stop funding the Ukraine war. A CNN poll published in August found 71% of Republicans think the US should not authorize additional funding to support Ukraine.

The Supreme Court

In light of the Supreme Court's decision last year that overturned Roe v. Wade and the constitutional right to an abortion, I asked Kennedy how the Catholic faith he had grown up with might have informed his views about abortion. He told me, "I've seen late-term abortion pictures and they're horrifying. So, I understand the people who want them banned, but I also am too skeptical of government to believe that it should be the one that should be dictating bodily decisions."

Kennedy is also opposed to the Supreme Court's decision in June to end affirmative action for minority Americans going to college, a case in which Harvard, his alma mater, was one of the defendants. At the same time, he says "legacy admissions," which give the children of alumni preferential treatment when applying to attend many elite colleges, should end. He described the practice as "affirmative action for White people only."

Even though the Supreme Court has produced two key recent decisions that he disagreed with, Kennedy would not — as some Democrats have advocated — add more liberal judges to the Supreme Court, saying, "I just think it's a terrible precedent. I'm very much aware of the attempts by FDR to do that and how that was viewed by the American public as cheating on the rules."

Climate change

Much of Kennedy's professional career was spent as an environmental lawyer, most notably helping to clean up the Hudson River in New York. Since this year is on track to be the hottest on record, I asked him what the US should do about this.

Impressed with Elvira Meraz

Dear Editor:

On Sept. 21, I attended the candidates forum at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center. Since I live in District 1, I am definitely interested in the three candidates running in my district.

I was very disappointed to learn that one candidate, Elvira Meraz, was unable to attend due to illness. I think that her absence put her at an extreme disadvantage since she was unable to speak about her candidacy.

It was my good fortune that Mrs. Meraz came to my home as she was canvassing my neighborhood. We spent about half an hour discussing the same items about which the other candidates had been questioned.

I wish she could have actually been at the forum and shown herself against the other two candidates as her answers were on point and clearly stated. Mrs. Meraz is a homeowner in District 1 and has been for a long time. Mrs. Meraz is the mother of four children, three who attend Downey schools, and she is the PTA president of Ward Elementary School. She has been a neighborhood watch captain and was recognized by the Downey Chamber of Commerce for her work as an ambassador thereof.

One of her opponents repeatedly stated that he was the only conservative running. I questioned Mrs. Meraz about this and found that she is also conservative and attends a local church. She has strong family values and her children were actually walking the canvas route with her.

I encourage every voter in District 1 to go to her website to learn more about this amazing woman. She delineates her five-point plan there, under "Positions." Please check it out.

Susan Bouris
Downey

He said he opposed "carbon capture," a technique in which carbon is pumped under the ground in deep wells to be stored there. He describes this as a "boondoggle" for the carbon-producing industries. Instead, he advocates for "habitat" and "environmental" protection since "destroying the natural systems destroys the resilience of the planet to climate changes."

The border

I also asked Kennedy how he'd approach another important issue for voters: America's southern border.

Much of Kennedy's take on border security sounds more in line with Republicans than Democrats. He said Trump had gotten "the wall" mostly right but that "you don't need a wall all the way 2,200 miles from Brownsville, Texas to San Diego. But you do need a physical barrier. You do need a wall in the heavily populated areas." Kennedy also said many more asylum judges are needed to process the hundreds of thousands of asylum claimants who are now crossing the US-Mexico border.

The Second Amendment

Kennedy says he is not a gun owner himself, but he is not for "taking people's guns away," and he would include in that category semi-automatic weapons like AR-15s that have often been used in mass shootings in the US. He said, however, if he were to become president and the US Senate and the House both had passed measures banning AR-15s, he would go along with that decision.

But in discussing America's "gun culture" and the view by some that "their AR-15s are protecting them from government overreach" — he said it was a position he felt some sympathy with, given what he considered to be the massive US government overreach during the Covid pandemic.

On the Ukraine war, pandemic measures, US border policies, and the Second Amendment, RFK Jr. could easily be mistaken for a Republican, while on abortion, affirmative action and climate change, he sounds very much like a Democrat. All of this makes Kennedy a wild card who may scramble the presidential election and damage both Biden and Trump in unexpected ways.

Downey no better than neighboring cities

Dear Editor:

Between the 2022 fatal shooting of an off-duty Monterey Park police officer at the Promenade, mob-style looting of various stores, the quadruple mass shooting at Mambo Grill, the shooting at The Glen, and now innocent people getting their lives taken by reckless speeding drivers, not to mention all of the criminal vagrants who come from the riverbed to burglarize and steal from parked cars, we should consider renaming our city to NorGate, or perhaps SouthWalk, whichever rolls off the tongue better.

People from Downey like to make fun of the "ghetto" neighboring cities like Norwalk, Bellflower, and South Gate, but the reality is that there is no longer a discernible difference between the four cities. In fact, one could argue that violent crime rates in Downey are worse than the others. When was the last mass shooting in Norwalk or South Gate?

We are the "ghetto" city now. And to put it in perspective, South Gate and Norwalk are expected to have more crime because they have active criminal street gangs in their cities. Downey does not have any active street gangs, yet we still have all the crime that comes with it. How does that even make sense?

We have been demoted to an extension city with slightly nicer looking homes.

Rob Mendoza
Downey

Blocked travel lanes

Dear Editor:

Enough is enough with the city allowing right turn lanes and right through driving lanes to be turned into fast food waiting lines for the convenience of In-N-Out, on the busiest of intersections (Firestone and Lakewood), and for Chick-fil A (near the 105 Freeway at Imperial and Lakewood Blvd.)

It's a hazard getting around them, if you can, and dangerous. It's the restaurants' responsibility to keep their customers from blocking the traffic lanes, and the city to enforce it.

Robert Torres
Downey

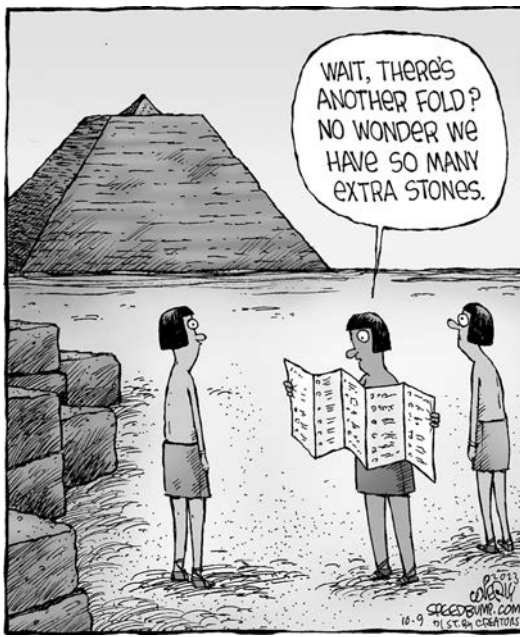
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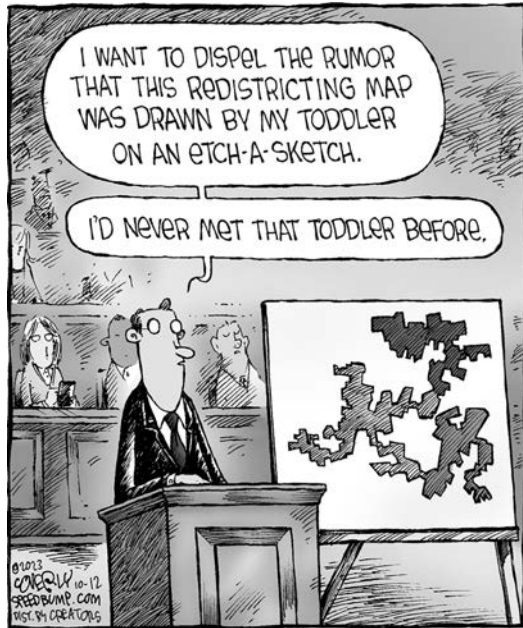
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 6:30 - 9 pm: Civil Air Patrol - Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138, at Downey Adult School, Room M104, call 714-402-5157.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 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., Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7:30 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.
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 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.

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7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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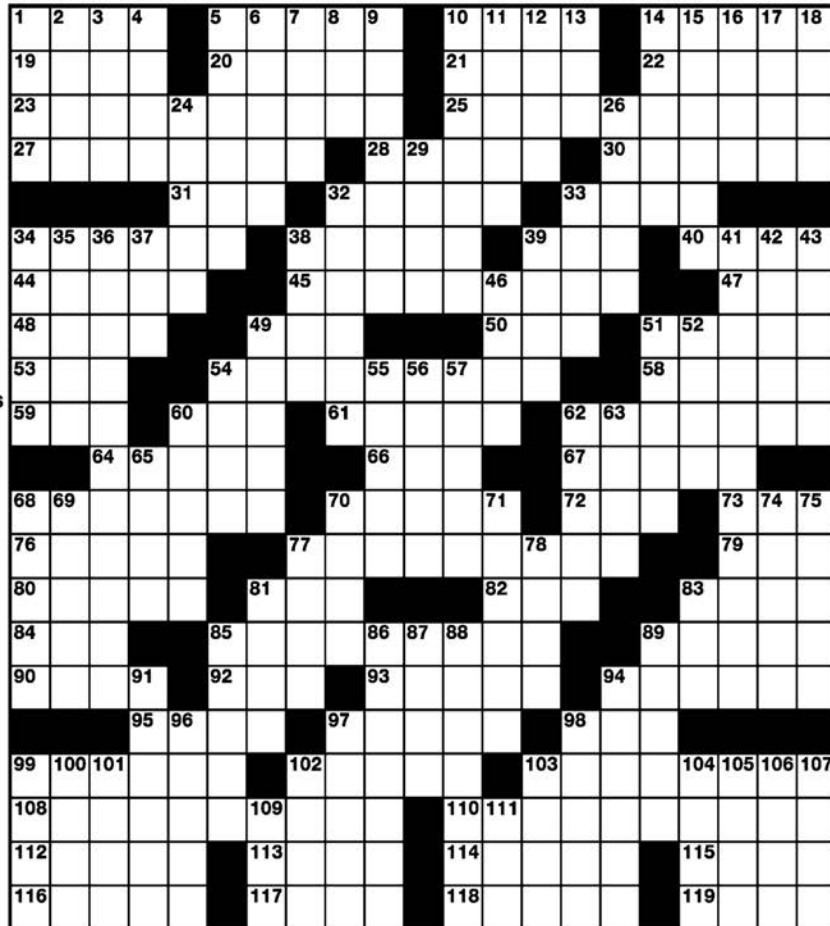
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Agatha Christie play not to be missed

By Alistair Hunter

BEVERLY HILLS – If you were lucky enough to see Kristin Towers Rowles perform the role of Christine in the recent “Phantom of the Opera Concert” fundraiser for the Downey Symphony, you know she is one of the finest actors in LA Theatre.

She is also magnificent in her role as Kay in Agatha Christie’s “Towards Zero” at Theatre Forty. Rush to see this production before it closes Oct. 22.

Agatha Christie is the best selling novelist of all time, and regarded as one of our greatest mystery novelists. And there



are the film, television, and play adaptations of her work. She also wrote plays, including “The Mousetrap”, the world’s longest running play, now in its 70th year in London. “Towards Zero” was adapted for the stage by Christie and Gerald Verner.

Ms. Christie invented this genre. Before we get to guessing the killer’s name, we are guessing who is going to be killed. There are enough suspicious characters and red herrings to keep us busy until the ingenious ending.

The elder Lady Tressilian (Michelle Schultz is delightful) is confined to her seaside manor with her caregiver Mary Alden (Kataya Rocker-Cook). Tressilian is hosting the end of the summer gatherings of relatives and friends for decades. Her longtime solicitor, Mathew Treves (John Colmbs is brilliant) drops in.

Athlete and English gentleman, Neville Strange (Christopher Francisco), former ward of Lady Tressilian’s deceased husband, provokes her displeasure by bringing both his new wife, the prima donna Kay (Kristin Tower Rowles knocks it out of the park), and his ex-wife, Audrey (Holy Sidell). He wants them to become friends. It’s a crazy idea.

Other guests include Neville’s long time friend Thomas Royde (Jeremy Schaye) and Kay’s friend Ted Latimer (the very authentic and believable Michael Mullen).

And yes, by the end of Act

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Eagle Poem

To pray you open your whole self
To sky, to earth, to sun, to moon
To one whole voice that is you.
And know there is more
That you can’t see, can’t hear;
Can’t know except in moments
Steadily growing, and in languages
That aren’t always sound but other
Circles of motion.
Like eagle that Sunday morning
Over Salt River. Circled in blue sky
In wind, swept our hearts clean
With sacred wings.
We see you, see ourselves and know
That we must take the utmost care
And kindness in all things.
Breathe in, knowing we are made of
All this, and breathe, knowing
We are truly blessed because we
Were born, and die soon within a
True circle of motion,
Like eagle rounding out the morning
Inside us.
We pray that it will be done
In beauty.
In beauty.

Joy Harjo, *In Mad Love and War*, 1990, Wesleyan University Press

Joy Harjo was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She draws on First Nation storytelling and histories. I feel strongly,” said Harjo, “that I have a responsibility to all the sources that I am: to all past and future ancestors, to my home country, to all places that I touch down on and that are myself, to all voices, all women, all of my tribe, all people, all earth, and beyond that to all beginnings and endings.” Poetry Matters is coordinated by Lorine Parks.

One there is a brutal murder.

Superintendent Battle (Artistic Director David Hunt Stafford is the utmost professional) and Inspector James Leach (Hisato Masuyama) arrive finding themselves in a labyrinthine maze of clues. Everyone is interviewed. Everyone has a motive and opportunity. Everyone realizes there is a killer in the house. Is it one person? Or is it a conspiracy? There are enough plot twists to keep us guessing. And the odds are we won’t get it right. It is quite marvelous.

Craig Hissong is the director and the stage manager. Jeff G Rack’s set design is perfect in so many ways. Excellent lighting design by Derrick McDaniel and sound design by Nick Foran. Michael Mullen does double duty with costume design. David Hunt Stafford is the Artistic Director.

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NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023173120 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MIMI'S DREAMY DECOR, 7816 JABONERIA ROAD, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DRUMMER RECORDS LLC, 6668 GUNDRY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805

For questions regarding the BID documents email: purchasingfinal@myluisd.org

Any communications regarding this BID shall be in writing by Email to the person(s) indicated above. *Phone calls for information concerning this RFP will not be accepted

It is improper for any potential respondent to contact any employees of LUUSD other than the Purchasing Department and/or CSM during the solicitation process, related to the RFP.

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LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the California Uniform Commercial Code, there being due and unpaid storage and other charges related to the storage for which SAN RAFAEL MOBILEHOME ESTATES is entitled to a lien as Warehouse on the goods hereinafter described, and due notice having been given to the parties known to claim an interest, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such charges having expired, notice is hereby given that these goods will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder.

required by R&TC Section 3698.5. If a property does not sell during the online auction, the right of redemption will revive and remain until Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The TTC will re-offer any properties that did not sell or were not redeemed prior to Friday, December 1, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, for sale at online auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles beginning Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the TTC at ttc.lacounty.gov. Bidders are required to pre-register at www.bid4assets.com and submit a refundable \$5,000 deposit in the form of wire transfer, electronic check, cashier's check or bank-issued money order at the time of registration.

Pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.3, the TTC sells all property "as is" and the County and its employees are not liable for any known or unknown conditions of the property, including, but not limited to, errors in the records of the Office of the Assessor (Assessor) pertaining to improvement of the property.

If the TTC sells a property, parties of interest, as defined by R&TC Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If there are any excess proceeds after the application of the minimum bid, the TTC will send notice to all parties of interest, pursuant to law.

Please direct requests for information concerning redemption of tax-defaulted property to the Treasurer and Tax Collector at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012. You may also call (213) 974-2045, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, visit our website at ttc.lacounty.gov or email us at auction@ttc.lacounty.gov.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the AIN occurred, the publication will show both prior and current AINs.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on August 11, 2023.

Elizabeth Buenostro Ginsberg Chief Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector County of Los Angeles State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE POWER OF SALE (SALE NO. 2023B) 2809 AIN 6358-019-006 J AND S CHROME PLATING CO LOCATION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES \$123,634.00 2951 AIN 6366-034-001 LEWIS, DAREN LOCATION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES \$2,760.00 CN999811 595 Sep 28, Oct 5,12, 2023

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 076494-CA APN: 6362-006-014 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/25/2018.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000006723399 Title Order No.: 730-1703553-70 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/05/2005.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023204355 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE WEED SLAYER, 7634 SHADYOAK DR., DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOUGLAS DELINE, 7634 SHADYOAK DR., DOWNEY CA 90240

Purchase of the mobilehome and its contents by any party will require its removal from San Rafael Mobilehome Estates

Name of Owner: Jesse Tryk Amount Due: \$5,954.68 Dated at Sunnyvale, California September 27, 2023.

By: JUDY C. TSAI Attorney for San Rafael Mobile Home Estates 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180 Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (408) 775-8848

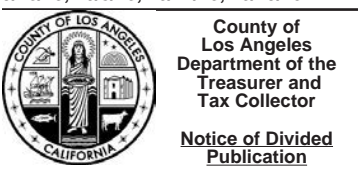
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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 23NWC03046 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner THALIA VALENZUELA FOR DYANNA KENIA ZAVALA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: OCTOBER 19, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, Downey Patriot

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Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&T) Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector is publishing in divided distribution, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles.

Whereas, on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, directed the County of Los Angeles Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), to sell at online auction certain tax-defaulted properties.

The TTC does hereby give public notice, that unless said properties are redeemed, prior to the close of business on the last business day prior to the first day of the online auction, or Friday, October 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the TTC will offer for sale and sell said properties on Saturday, October 21, 2023, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Time, through Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, to the highest bidder, for not less than the minimum-bid, at online auction at www.bid4assets.com/losangeles.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023198653 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOP VALUE CONSTRUCTION, 10562 CHANEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PROPERTY PRIMOS LLC, 10562 CHANEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2023 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023197144 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) V & TRUCKING, 14725 FOREST EDGE DRIVE, SYLMAR CA 91342, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VIDAL VALENZUELA MENDEZ, 14725 FOREST EDGE DRIVE, SYLMAR CA 91342

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2023 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023192975 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRUMMER RECORDS LLC, 6668 GUNDRY AVE LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF

GOVERNMENT

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITATION FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP# No. 07SEP23-SM

2023-2024 Resilient District-Wide Fiber Optic Wide Area Network Services and Internet Access Services

Lynwood Unified School District seeks a vendor to provide for a resilient, meshed ringed fiber WAN interconnecting all District sites. The WAN should provide 10Gbps-100Gbps bandwidth per site, scalable on-demand, with different populations at the same time. Goals are to address bandwidth constraints, allow for growth, and provide resiliency.

Optional Site Job Walk: Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 9:00 am Lynwood Unified School District 11321 Bullis Road Lynwood, Ca 90262

"Meet in front of building; vendors will be taken by bus to school sites" Note: Only Two (2) vendor representatives will be able to participate in the Optional Site Job Walk.

To receive a RFP package; 1. Go to the USAC website 2. Go to the Lynwood website to download the documents 3. Request by email to Shanda Miller, Senior Buyer and Porfiria Mora at purchasingfinal@myluisd.org

RFPs will be available Thursday, October 5, 2023 RFP Due Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10:00 am

Location: Lynwood Unified School District Purchasing Department 2nd Floor 11321 Bullis Road Lynwood, Ca 90262

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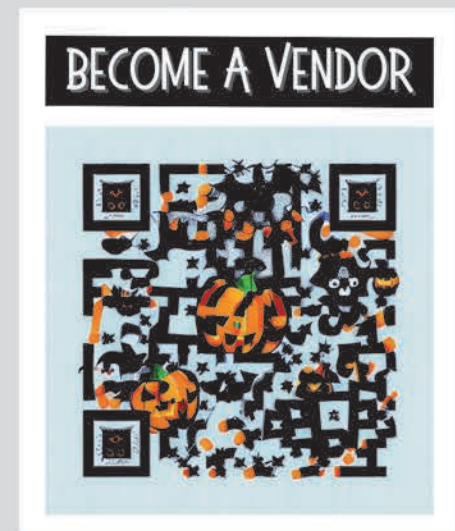
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Mulch Giveaway, 8-11 am. Downey residents can receive up to 32 gallons of free mulch, while supplies last. Bring your own containers (no bags and no truck beds). City Hall parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Document Shredding, 8-11 am. Downey residents are invited to bring their sensitive documents for free, on-site shredding. Up to three banker-sized boxes per resident. City Hall parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

150th Anniversary, 5-8 pm. Join the city of Downey as it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding. Festivities include food trucks, arts and crafts, classic car show, live music, performers, historical photos and videos, and more. Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Tides of Love," the concert features performances of "Dances in the Canebrakes" by Florence Price and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, with a special appearance by baritone Anthony Moreno. An art show by the Downey Arts Coalition precedes the concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rancho Golf Classic, 9 am. Now in its 33rd year, the Rancho Golf Classic raises funds for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Sign up online at RanchoFoundation.org. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Managing Your Medication Class, 11 am to 12 pm. Learn the importance of sticking to your medication regimen and get tips on what to ask your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new prescription. Led by the LA County Department of Mental Health. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Small Business Assistance Workshop, 6 pm. Learn how to look for capital and tax incentives, develop, start, market and write a business plan. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Claudia M. Frometa will deliver Downey's State of the City address at this public event sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "When In Rome" by Liam Callanan. New members welcome. Downey

City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Alex Dominguez Discussion, 6 pm. Downey Patriot staff writer speaks to the Downey Historical Society about his journalism career and growing up in Downey. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Job Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Bring your resume and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews with employers in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality, aerospace, trade and logistics, business and professional services, and more. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

The Makaha Sons, 8 pm. Boasting an impressive catalog of 22 CDs, The Makaha Sons' melodious Hawaiian symphonies have resonated in concert halls around the globe. See them perform live in Downey. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Downtown Downey Walking Tour, 9-11 am. Join local historian George Redfox on a walking tour of Downtown Downey. Bring your walking shoes and a camera. A walking tour PDF will be provided. Meet at Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Fright Carnival, 5-9 pm. Celebrate Halloween early at Fright Carnival in Downtown Downey, with games, music, vendors, and more

Spooky Science Night, 5-9 pm. Science themed activities, a costume parade, slime zone, creepy robotics lab, and other family fun. Come dressed in your favorite costume. \$5 admission. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

Miss Downey Pageant, 6 pm. Young ladies will compete for the title of Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey, Junior Miss Downey and Little Miss Downey. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Chamber Anniversary Gala, 5-9 pm. A gala event celebrating the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 120th anniversary. Themed "Taste of Downey," sample cuisine from Downey's finest restaurants. Plus music, a wine garden, dessert table, and more. For details, call (562) 923-2191 or email sarah@downeychamber.com. Casa de Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Drug Take-Back, 10 am to 2 pm. Safely dispose of your expired or unwanted prescription medications. (No sharps or needles.) Downey Police Department, 10911 Brookshire Ave.

Harvest Festival, 4-8 pm. Trunk or treat, jumpers, food trucks, costume contests, raffles, craft zone, movie zone, obstacle courses, police cars, fire trucks, maze, pie-eating contest, pop-up vendor fair, face painter, toddler

zone, performances by Downey High jazz band and choir, and legacy band, and more. Legacy Church, 8333 2nd St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Excursion to Dia de los Muertos, 10 am to 6 pm. Take an excursion to the Museum of Latin America Art's Dia de los Muertos Festival, featuring live performances and activities to enjoy. Cost is \$15 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

Downey Dia de los Muertos, 11 am to 8 pm. Now in its 10th year, Downey Dia de los Muertos features live music, ballet folklorico, Aztec dancers, car altar displays, papel picado, calaveras, face painting, food trucks, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch, 5-8:30 pm. Family-friendly games, activities, costume contests, candy, and more. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Crochet Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of crochet in this free workshop. The class is intended for beginners with no previous experience. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Sugar Skull, time tba. Sugar Skull is a touring bilingual, bicultural musical. Using traditional regional music and dance from Mexico, it tells the story of 12-year-old Vita Flores, who things her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. But when a spirited candy skeleton springs to life, Vita finds herself on a musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Dia de los Muertos. This musical is intended for young audiences and families. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 am. Join the City of Downey in honoring our nation's military veterans. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5K for a 5 King, 7 am. A 5K run/walk organized by the Friends of the Downey Police K9 Foundation. Sign up at downeypoa.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, 6:30 pm. Get in the Christmas spirit early this year with the beloved TV classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" as it soars off the screen and onto the Downey Theatre stage. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Steve Blum, time tba. Meet prolific voice actor Steve Blum. Autographs also available. Tickets required. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Small Business Saturday, 3-9 pm. Join Downtown Downey in celebrating and supporting small businesses and all they do for their communities.

Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait, 8 pm. Direct from Las Vegas, "Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait," starring Sally Olson as Karen Carpenter and Ned Mills as Richard Carpenter, takes the audience back in time to an old fashioned Christmas. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Crochet Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of crochet in this free workshop. The class is intended for beginners with no previous experience. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Downey Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas parade returns with floats, marching bands, classic cars and, of course, Santa Claus.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6-8:30 pm. This free event features entertainment from local schools, a snow play area, arts & crafts, photos with Santa Claus, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Posadas, 5-9 pm. Celebrate Las Posadas at this free, outdoor festival in Downtown Downey, featuring shopping, food trucks, family activities, and more

Apollo Lighting, 6-8 pm. The Downey space center's annual Christmas tradition returns with the lighting of its Apollo

capsule. Plus an appearance by TubeChristmas. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Excursion to LA Zoo Lights, 4-9 pm. LA Zoo Lights brings you a winter wonderland, featuring seasonal magic, wildlife-inspired displays, fantastic photo ops, immersive interactive experiences, and dynamic projections and lights. Cost is \$40 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Jose Feliciano, 7:30 pm. Jose Feliciano takes the stage to perform "Feliz Navidad" and his array of hits from an iconic six-decade career. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Robert Cazimero in Concert, 3 pm. Robert Cazimero is a Grammy-nominated recording artist who has performed from the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York to stages in Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle. See him live at the Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Join Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia for coffee and conversation. Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

TLC 5K, 8 am. Save the date: the TLC 5K run/walk returns with

proceeds benefiting Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Springtime," the concert features performances of Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 "Italian," and Mozart's Piano Concert No. 20 in D minor with Cameron Akioka on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

The Dennis Kamakahi Music Festival, 3 pm. The Rev. Dennis Kamakahi is considered one of the most prolific Hawaiian songwriters of all time. Watch him perform live at the Downey Theatre, joined by special guests. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10


Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Join Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia for coffee and conversation. Lewis Elementary, 13220 Bellflower Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24


Carpenters Legacy, 8 pm. Direct from Las Vegas, Carpenters Legacy is the definitive show celebrating the music and legacy of the famed brother-sister duo. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Mark Yamanaka, Kupaoa, Hoku Zuttermeister in concert, 7 pm. An authentic Hawaiian concert featuring three talented, award-winning recording artists. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.



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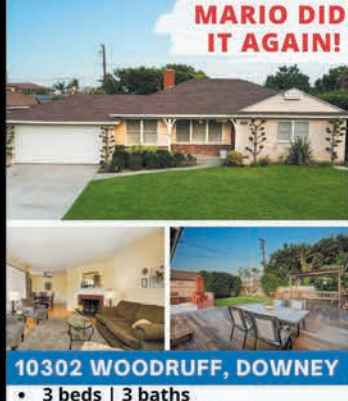
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Dear Downey Patriot Valued Reader,

On behalf of The Downey Patriot, I am thrilled to announce the establishment of the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism, a non-profit foundation launched by the Downey Patriot newspaper. As a cherished member of our community, I wanted to share this exciting news and invite you to be part of our journey.

For several years, the Downey Patriot has been dedicated to providing reliable and unbiased news coverage, championing the principles of journalism, and serving as a beacon of truth in our community. We strongly believe that independent journalism is a cornerstone of a thriving democracy, and it is with this conviction that we have founded the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism.

The Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to ensure the sustainability and integrity of local news reporting, fostering an informed and engaged citizenry. Our mission is threefold: to support the training and professional development of journalists, to promote investigative journalism, and to enhance access to reliable local news for all residents of our community.

To achieve these goals, we are seeking tax-deductible donations from generous individuals like yourself who share our commitment to independent journalism. Your support will play a crucial role in empowering local journalists, enabling them to cover important stories, hold those in power accountable, and provide unbiased information to our community.

With your contribution, we will establish scholarships and training programs for aspiring journalists, ensuring that the next generation is well-equipped to uphold the principles of ethical and accurate reporting. We will also dedicate resources to support investigative journalism projects, fostering in-depth reporting that uncovers truths, reveals corruption, and sheds light on critical issues affecting our community.

Additionally, the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to address the challenge of access to local news in underserved areas. We will explore innovative approaches, such as expanding our digital presence, partnering with community organizations, and launching initiatives to bridge the information gap for those who face barriers to accessing reliable news sources.

We kindly invite you to contribute to the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism and become a vital part of our mission. Your tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a difference in supporting local journalism and nurturing a vibrant democracy.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to the ideals of independent journalism. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure that our community remains well-informed, engaged, and empowered. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or provide further information on how your contribution will be utilized. Please contact our office at (562) 904-3668 or jennifer@thedowneypatriot.com.

We look forward to your support and the possibilities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

 Jennifer DeKay
 Chief Executive Officer
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