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Downey councilman alleges Brown Act violations, threatens to sue

DOWNEY – Councilman Sean Ashton, who was passed over for the position of mayor pro tem in a controversial decision Tuesday, has accused the city of Downey of violating the state's open meetings law, and is threatening to sue if the violations "are not addressed."

On Tuesday, the City Council voted to make Fernando Vasquez mayor for 2017. Alex Saab nominated himself for the position of mayor pro tem, after which Ashton nominated himself for the same position.

"This is the time where I expected to hear some sort of explanation as to why they believed that I was not "ready" to serve as Mayor Pro Tem," said Ashton. "However, to my surprise, there was silence."

Ashton's motion died for lack of a second; Councilman Rick Rodriguez seconded Saab's original motion, which passed on a 4-0 vote, with Ashton abstaining.

"Two Brown Act violations occurred in [Tuesday's] meeting," said Ashton. "The first violation was when

other council members had a meeting before they decided to vote. This meeting was an illegal closed meeting that violated the Brown Act. The second violation was when the Mayor did not allow for public comment on this item (or for the appointment of the Mayor as well).

"It is with a sad heart, but a heavy resolve that I decided to file with the City of Downey a letter of notification of a Brown Act violation. The City of Downey has 30 days to respond to my letter. If they do not respond or do not agree with my letter, then I will file a complaint with the District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles.

"In effect, I will be suing the City of Downey if the Brown Act violations are not addressed. I am prepared to spend my own money to fight this; not because I like to take people to court, but I am an elected official for the City of Downey and I must do this to protect the rights of the people of the city.

"If the city can do this to me, what is stopping them from doing other things that we don't want like giving contracts to businesses that belong to family members, doing away with term limits for elected officials, or just giving themselves a raise."

On Thursday, Mayor Saab announced a second discussion on the positions of mayor and mayor pro tem to take place Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

"Although we followed all of the appropriate rules and procedures, out of an abundance of caution I am asking staff to agendize the items for the next council meeting to allow the public and City Council a second opportunity to comment," said Saab.

"The Downey City Council is committed to transparency and public involvement, and that's why we will schedule a second opportunity to attend an open, public meeting at which we [will] discuss the items," added incoming mayor Fernando Vasquez.

–Eric Pierce, editor



Clockwise, from top left: Blanca Pacheco, Alex Saab and Rick Rodriguez take their oaths of office after being elected to the City Council.

It is Saab's second and final term as a Downey council member.

Photos by Eric Pierce



Rick Rodriguez, Blanca Pacheco installed as Downey City Council members

DOWNEY – There wasn't a seat left in the house Tuesday evening as community members and elected officials alike came together within the Council Chamber to welcome two new city council members and bid farewell to another.

Roger Brossmer

The evening's ceremony began with the honoring of longtime elected official and former Mayor Roger Brossmer.

"Our city is so fortunate to have a person like Roger Brossmer - not only serve us in this capacity as Mayor and City Council Member for over 16 years - but we're very fortunate that he's involved with the education of our kids," said Mayor Alex Saab. "... If you really think about the enormous impact Roger has made here at city hall [and] down the street at the school district, think about the lives [and] the decisions that Roger has made that has changed people and really has forged the path for thousands and thousands of kids and the future of our community...We're forever indebted for what he has done..."

Brossmer was honored by several local organizations, public officials and residents, including the Downey City Council, State Senator Tony Mendoza, the office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, The office of United States Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard, and the Downey Unified School District Board of Education.

Brossmer, who was described earlier in the evening as "tough" and "a man of few words," was visually emotional when it came time for him to officially step down.

"I'm very proud of our accomplishments in the past eight years and I hope our constituents feel the same way," said Brossmer. "...Thank you to the residents of Downey for electing me twice. I fully acknowledge the trust and responsibility that being elected was, and I worked hard to conduct myself and represent them in a way that would honor their support...To our current council, I want to thank you for your support and your continued hard work. I am proud of the work that we have done together and completed together...lastly I need to thank my family, with which I would not be able to do this..."

New Councilmembers Take Their Seats

Flanked by their families and loved ones, Blanca Pacheco, Rick Rodriguez, and Alex Saab were sworn into office, officially kicking off the new term.

Each individual was allowed to address the crowded room with a few words after they completed taking their oaths.

Blanca Pacheco expressed her enthusiasm to begin working with her fellow colleagues on the council.

"I am incredibly humbled to be here today as your new elected city council woman for District 1. I am proud to say that today is a historic event, and the reason is because I am the first Latina here voted into city council," said Pacheco. "...I'm ready and I'm anxious to serve with our council members, Mayor Alex Saab, Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez, and our other council members including Rick Rodriguez...My goal will be to serve with dignity and transparency. As a city council member I will be here for the people. I will have an open door policy. I will advocate for improvements and projects that will better our community, and better our streets and parks, and increase public safety. There is so much that I would like to do for our city and our community, and I'm glad that I can start this journey today..."

Rick Rodriguez, who will now preside over District 3, emphasized his goals to use his newly acquired position to benefit public safety, veterans, and at risk children.

"I'm not a politician; I'm a servant leader," said Rodriguez. "...it's not so much being elected; it's a wonderful thing being elected and earning the votes...but the real issue now is service. The real issue now is to be transparent, to be available, and what I like to call being "F.A.T." - faithful, available, and teachable..."

Newly reelected Mayor Alex Saab kept his comments brief.

"It has been an overwhelming warmness to serve our community, as a council, as a city," said Saab. "...I promise to continue to serve all of you ethically. I will not embarrass your family or mine, more importantly ours, and will continue the path of transparency..."

–Alex Dominguez, contributor

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 61°

Saturday 60°

Sunday 64°

THINGS TO DO



Community Paint Day

Saturday - Stay Gallery, 11 am
Help paint an 18-ft. painting being created by artist Roy Anthony Shabla. All ages, plan to get dirty.



Holiday POPS

Saturday - Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro, 8 pm
The Golden State Pops Orchestra performs holiday film music and traditional classics.



Hopkins vs. Smith

Saturday - The Forum, 4-10 pm
Future hall of famer Bernard Hopkins fights the last bout of his career against light heavyweight Joe Smith.



Family Game Night

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 6:30 pm
A "Star Wars" themed event with games and activities for the entire family.



Cruise Night

Sunday - Whittier Boulevard, 9 pm
Bring your classic cars for a Sunday night cruise down Whittier Blvd. Meet at the East L.A. sign.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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Norwalk council members choose not to run for re-election



By Christian Brown
Norwalk Editor

NORWALK – After a combined 48 years in office, both Mayor Mike Mendez and Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley opted against running for re-election last Friday, ensuring the city will welcome three new leaders into

the dais in March.

While Mendez had previously announced that he would not seek reelection, Kelley's decision not to run for another four-year term was a surprise.

Kelley was first elected to the Norwalk City Council in 1997 and was re-elected four times subsequently. In 2013, she perhaps faced her toughest

election, winning a tumultuous race against Enrique Aranda by just 34 votes.

Nonetheless, seven candidates have already filed their nomination papers to replace both Kelley and Mendez.

According to City Clerk Theresa Devoy on Wednesday, Harvey Cardenas, Jamie Armenta, Esperanza Free, Tony Ayala, Marcel Mercado, Candy Martinez, and Norwalk Planning Commissioner Jennifer Perez have all submitted their paperwork to run for the four-year terms.

On March 7, 2017, Norwalk residents will vote to fill two, four-year terms, but also a single, two-year term to replace former Councilman Marcel Rodarte, who resigned in June.

Devoy said that three candidates will faceoff for that seat, including Alberto Uribe, Ken Menchaca, and current Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School board member Margarita L. Rios.

While they may choose not to run, six other residents pulled nomination papers for the four-year term seats, including incumbent Norwalk planning commissioners Scott Collins, Jack Aduna, Debbie Martinez, Leroy Baca, Enrique Aranda, and Dr. Sandra Salazar, who was just re-elected to serve another term on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

The window to file nomination papers officially opened on Monday, Nov. 14, and closed on Friday, Dec. 9 for the two-year term. Since no incumbent filed before Dec. 9 for the four-year term, the deadline ends on Dec. 14.

Martha Sodetani named president of Downey school board

DOWNEY – Martha Sodetani was elected president of the Downey Unified Board of Education at the school board's annual reorganization Tuesday, which is held in December of each year.

Other officers include Bobbie Samperi as vice president and Nancy Swenson as clerk.

Outgoing president D. Mark Morris, a member of the school board since 1982, will continue to serve on the board as a representative of Trustee Area 6.

There to present Morris with certificates thanking him for his one-year term as president were Senator Tony Mendoza, Kim Tachiki-Chen representing Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Ivan Sulic representing L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, and council members Roger Brossmer and Sean Ashton representing the City of Downey.

As Board of Education president, Morris had three main goals: raise the high school graduation rate, increase Advanced Placement (AP) enrollment and scores, and increase Downey Unified's Career Technical Education (CTE) program offerings. All three were completed during his term.

Downey Unified's graduation rate reached its highest rate of 96 percent for the 2014-15 school year; Downey Unified's high school AP Course enrollment and passage rate exceeded both the California and U.S./Canada averages; and finally, MADE (Downey Unified's CTE programs) received a \$1 million apprenticeship grant from the state to further develop the apprenticeship opportunities for students within Downey Unified to better prepare them for life post-graduation.

Morris is also a member of the California School Board Association and the Los Angeles County School Boards Association. He was inducted into the Downey High School Hall of Fame and has a campus building named in his honor.

His community service includes past membership on the City of Downey Community Services Commission, the Water Board, the Redevelopment Project Area Committee, the Cerritos College Advisory Board and was the founding President of the Alumni Association. He is a lifelong resident of Downey and graduate of Downey High School.

"I appreciate the honor of being president this last year," expressed Morris. "Downey Unified is a vital part of the city of Downey and I take great pride in our students, teachers, classified staff and administration. We as a board want the best for our students regardless if they moved into Downey yesterday or they were born here. We want the best for them because they are the backbone of our community and I am truly thankful for having the honor to have served them this year."

Sodetani, who has served on the board since 2005, has been actively involved in PTA for almost 40 years. She has received the PTA's highest honor, the Golden Oak Award, with other awards for volunteer work in the community.

She was nominated by the state legislature as Woman of the Year; was named Woman of the Year by Soroptimist International of Downey; and received the Mayor's Distinguished Citizen Award.

She is a member of the PTA HELPS Food Distribution Board, Downey Coordinating Council,



Character Counts Coalition, Downey Sister Cities, Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) and Thirty-Third District Executive PTA Foster Children Chairman. She delivers mandated training courses at community colleges for prospective foster and adoptive parents in Los Angeles County, and serves on the Curriculum Advisory Committee at both Cerritos and Long Beach Community Colleges.

Bobbie Samperi, a Downey resident and Warren High School graduate, has served on the Board of Education since 1993. A member of the Downey Community Service Commission for 15 years, Samperi has also been an active member of Downey Council PTA, Alameda Elementary, Ward Elementary, Sussman Middle and Downey High School's PTA.

She is currently a member of Downey Federal Credit Union's Supervisory Committee.

Serving on the school board for the last 11 years, Nancy Swenson has been a resident of Downey for 40 years and is also a graduate of Warren High School. While on the board, Swenson has been very hands-on as a member of various teams.

She has been a member of both the Budget and Audit committees as well as a member of the Character Counts Coalition. She is an active member of the Assistance League of Downey Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary, GOOD, Downey Symphony Guild and Sister Cities Association.

Swenson was also on the first Green Team for the City of Downey and has recently taken a lead role in the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation.

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Baby killed in traffic collision at Brookshire and Firestone

DOWNEY – A 4-month-old baby boy killed in a traffic collision Saturday at Firestone Boulevard and Brookshire Avenue has been identified as Xavier Leon, of Bell Gardens.

The boy was in the backseat of a Mercedes SUV traveling south on Brookshire when it collided with a Chevy Silverado heading eastbound on Firestone at about 2 a.m. Saturday morning.

Paramedics rushed the baby to a local hospital where he died.

The driver of the SUV, a 23-year-old man, and the driver of the Silverado, a 34-year-old man, suffered only minor injuries.

A 21-year-old woman in the back seat of the SUV was rushed to an area hospital. Her injuries are not considered life-threatening.

Any witnesses to the crash are urged to call Downey Police at (562) 904-2339.

Video game coding scholarships available at library

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library invites 4th - 8th grade students to apply for a Design and Code Your Own Video Game scholarship.

Students who receive one of the 32 scholarships will attend classes on January 7, 14, 21 and 28th. At the end of the four weeks, students will have coded and designed their own video game.

Matias Codesal from DreamWorks Animation will be conducting the classes.

Scholarship candidates will be rated on completion of application, commitment to attend all 4 classes, essay and reference letter.

The last day to turn in the scholarship application by mail or in person is Tuesday, December 20. Pick up your application at the Library or print it off the website at downeylibrary.org.

For additional information, please call the Downey City Library at (562) 904.7363 or (562) 904-7361.

Ethel Galeskas passes away

DOWNEY – Ethel Galeskas passed away peacefully in her sleep Friday, Dec. 5. She was a Downey resident for nearly 75 years.

Formerly from Patterson, New Jersey, where she was born Dec. 29, 1922, she moved to California as a new bride.

Ethel was predeceased by her husband, Bernard Galeskas, son, Daniel; brother, Harry DeVine; and first husband, John Seniuta.

She is survived by son, Philip Senuita, of Downey; sister-in-law, Dolores DeVine; great nieces Judith Massey and Nancy Sylvester, of New Jersey; stepdaughter, Joyce Morgan; stepson, Joseph Galeskas; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A viewing will be held Friday night from 5:30-8:30 p.m. with services Saturday, Dec. 17, at Rose Hills Memorial Chapel at 3 p.m.

Stay Gallery names Roy Anthony Shabla its artist-in-residence

DOWNEY – Roy Anthony Shabla – Downey artist, poet, and filmmaker – is the first ever artist-in-residence at Stay Gallery from December 5 to January 28, 2017.

Shabla is a recognized painter and Stay Gallery, near the corner of Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard, will be his studio and exhibition space for the next two months.

Shabla is a late Abstract Expressionist and will be painting 18-ft. canvases – the largest the gallery has shown – as well as assembling junk sculptures and hosting evenings of films on art. The public is encouraged to visit.

Shabla is Director of Collections for Downey Museum of Art and sits on the Advisory Board of Nuvein Foundation for Literature and the Arts. His films are represented by Los Angeles Center for Digital Art. He will be the featured artist at LACDA in January.

Shabla will perform "Travels with my Rant," a poetry-and-improvised-music event comparing life in Downey to life in Paris, for Poetry Matters – a Downey Arts Coalition monthly poetry gathering at Stay Gallery – on January 19. Local Downey musicians Josue Quiquix, Andrew Ariza, and Gabriel Armenta will back him.

Shabla hosts a monthly cultural event, The Green Salon – a gathering of artists, poets, musicians, and other creative people – which will happen in January at Stay Gallery on Saturday the 28th.



The gathering will also serve as an after-party for Downey Symphony which is performing that night.

Abstract Expressionism is the important American movement in art which shifted cultural focus from Paris to New York. It was supported by the CIA during the Cold War as a contrast to the Soviet Union's Social Realism, demonstrating the artistic freedom of the West to the world. The most recognizable Abstract Expressionist painters

were Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko.

Shabla will show films about these artists during his residency. Follow Stay Gallery on Facebook or Instagram for more information.

Local educators are encouraged to schedule field trips to the gallery to visit and workshop with Shabla. See staygallery.org to start the process.

A Community Day when the

public is invited to collaborate on a painting with Shabla is planned for Saturday, December 17, beginning at 11 am. Plan to get your hands dirty!

As the first Artist-in-Residence at Stay Gallery, Roy Anthony Shabla intends to create large abstract paintings to enthrall the cultural enthusiast and also expose the community to an important American art form.

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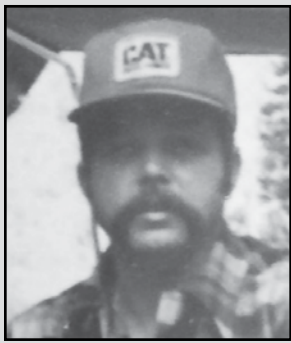
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In Memory of
Roland Norman Jonnum

October 20, 1937 – December 7, 2016 (age: 79)



Born in Williston, North Dakota, Roland was the first child of Orlando and Ethel (Anderson) Jonnum. The young family relocated to Southern California and settled in Downey, where their number grew by two with the births of Stephen and Gail.

Roland graduated from Downey High School in 1955 and attended Compton Junior College before earning an BSME from USC in 1960 and later an MSME from USC and an MBA from UCLA. Roland contracted for a number of aerospace firms and worked on NASA's Space Shuttle program before moving to Lancaster in 1987 to look after his mother.

Roland is survived by his siblings and their extended families.

Donations may be made in Roland's honor to any of his favorite charities: Red Cloud Indian School, Boys Town and L.A. Rescue Mission.

Local students earn college scholarships

DOWNEY – The Cerritos College Foundation awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to 13 Cerritos College students at its recent board meeting on November 17.

Students Briana Johnson of Norwalk, **Jacob Koepp** of Downey, and Juliana Rodriguez of Pico Rivera received the \$750 Cerritos College Foster Youth Scholarship, which was established in 2014 to recognize the former foster youth students enrolled at Cerritos College.

The Cheryl A. Epple Memorial Scholarship was presented to Jacob Lirio of Norwalk and Andres Dorantes of La Mirada. The scholarship was established in 2004 by Epple's family to honor her legacy of service and recognize students who are committed to giving back to their community.

Epple served as a member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees from 1993-2004.

The Susan Bennion-Boyle Memorial Scholarship was presented to Lorena Alvarez of Whittier and Thuy Nguyen of Norwalk. Larry Boyle established the scholarship in 2010 in memory of his wife, Susan.

The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to outstanding female re-entry students enrolled full-time who maintain a GPA higher than 3.5.

First-semester students **Adriana Laureano** of Downey and Raevynn Brown of Anaheim received the \$500 John Moore First Step Scholarship, which was established by former member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees John Moore.

Moore grew up in South Los Angeles and never imagined that he would go to college. He was lucky enough to be the recipient of a scholarship right out of high school that gave him the boost he needed.

Moore established the scholarship to give others the opportunity he received and to help first semester college students who show promise of success.

Thuy Nguyen of Norwalk received the \$1,000 Jean O. Michael Scholarship which was established in honor of Jean Michael, wife of retired Cerritos College President Dr. Wilford Michael. This scholarship is awarded annually to a female re-entry student majoring in business.

The \$500 Cerritos College Veterans Scholarship was presented to economics major and U.S. Navy veteran Jacob Lirio of Norwalk. The scholarship recognizes the service of veterans of the United States Military who are returning to Cerritos College.

Speech language pathology major Tamaika Jones of Los Angeles received the \$3,000 Karl Heinz-Sterner Memorial Scholarship, which recognizes an African-American student with a high financial need and a determination to succeed.

The \$750 Dr. Antonio & Providence Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship was presented to Rosalia Guzman of Norwalk. This scholarship was established in 2013 by the children of Dr. Antonio and Providence Rodriguez in memory of their father, who was a Cerritos College alumni and taught at Cerritos College for 30 years as a speech communication professor, and their mother who supported their father's journey to become a college professor.

"It is always a great privilege to be able to present these scholarships and support these students on their educational journey," said Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation. "Our scholarship recipients are fine examples of the wide array and high caliber of students we serve here at Cerritos College."

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Vanessa Williams to perform concert in Cerritos

CERRITOS – Popular singer and actress Vanessa Williams will perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Jan. 13.

Tickets, which start at \$55, are now being sold at the box office, online at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

Williams boasts a rich and varied show business record. She's sold more than 7 million records, including "Running Back to You," "The Sweetest Days," "Dreamin," "Just for Tonight" and "The Comfort Zone."

Her rendition of "Colors of the Wind" was nominated for an Oscar at the 68th Academy Awards in 1995.



Williams first gained recognition as the first African-American Miss America in 1984 and since has gone on to prove her acting chops with various roles on television and movie screens. Her supporting role in "Ugly Betty" earned her three consecutive Emmy nominations and scored back-to-back NAACP Image Awards in 2007 and 2008.

She garnered two more NAACP Image Awards for her work on the television series "Desperate

Housewives." The native New Yorker cinched a Tony Award for her performance as The Witch in the Broadway musical "Into the Woods." She also appeared in a limited engagement of the Broadway musical "After Midnight" and co-starred with Cicely Tyson and Cuba Gooding Jr. in the acclaimed play "Trip to Bountiful."

Williams' autobiography, "You Have No Idea," was a New York Times bestseller in 2012.

Cerritos College votes to become sanctuary campus

CERRITOS – Cerritos College's Board of Trustees voted Dec. 7 to make the college a sanctuary campus where students can feel safe "regardless of immigration status."

"We will continue to do all that is possible within the law to support our students, and we will continue to equally serve all of our students regardless of their immigration status, social economic background, religion, ethnicity, and sexual orientation," said President and Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro.

According to a press release, the resolution approved by the board "reaffirms its support of student-focused California and federal legislation that allows eligible children of undocumented immigrants to pursue higher education in the United States."

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The student artwork below was selected from among 250 environmental artwork entries submitted to the City by local 5th grade students. A new student artwork winner will be featured each month.

"Save the fishes! Recycle used oil."
Giselle Gonzalez Rio Hondo Elementary School Mrs. Reeves' Class

Did you know? Storm water pollution is a threat to our ocean's plant and animal life, as well as a hazard to swimmers and fishermen. Help Keep Our Oceans Clean by preventing storm water pollution. Remember: Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!

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City Council does voters a disservice by alienating Sean Ashton without explanation



Sean Ashton was elected to the Downey City Council in 2014 but was bypassed for the position of mayor pro tem. Photo by John Zander

By Eric Pierce

Downey's five-member City Council received a fresh update Tuesday as Rick Rodriguez and Blanca Pacheco were installed into office, replacing termed out council members Roger Brossmer and Luis Marquez.

It was a day of jubilation and excitement as fresh faces promised to push Downey forward with new ideas and motivation.

Unfortunately, on its very first course of action, the new-look City Council whiffed big time.

Council members were tasked with choosing a mayor and mayor pro tem for 2017. They are mostly ceremonial positions; the mayor presides over meetings, attends ribbon cuttings, smiles for photo-ops, and serves as the city's de facto spokesperson. The mayor pro-tem fills in when the mayor is away.

Historically, the mayor pro tem goes on to become mayor the following year, which is why on Tuesday the City Council selected Fernando Vasquez – the

current mayor pro tem – to become 2017 mayor.

Who would become mayor pro tem? The answer was logical: Blanca Pacheco and Rick Rodriguez were barely an hour into their term, so they were too new; Vasquez was becoming mayor; Alex Saab was coming off his term as mayor; so that left Sean Ashton, the District 2 representative who is heading into his third year on the council.

But instead of making the reasonable choice, no one nominated Ashton, therefore Saab nominated himself for the mayor pro tem position. Rodriguez seconded. And with that, the 2017 leadership was set, leaving Ashton out in the cold.

So to recap: Alex Saab was mayor in 2016, will be mayor pro tem in 2017, and very likely could be voted mayor again in 2018.

This is not a dig at Saab; he is one of Downey's greatest council members. Downey is in fine hands with him at the helm.

This is about petty politics and a City Council's concerted attempt to deny the mayoral position to Ashton, who was voted into office fair and square by voters of his district.

Do we agree with all of Ashton's philosophies or agendas? No.

Do we think he can make a stronger attempt to become a more informed council member? Absolutely.

Do we think he holds far too many town hall meetings? An emphatic yes.

But that shouldn't disqualify him from holding the title of mayor pro tem.

When then-councilman Mario Guerra campaigned against Anne Bayer's appointment to mayor several years ago, he was very vocal and specific in his opposition. He clearly articulated the reasons he felt Bayer was unfit for the mayor position.

If Fernando Vasquez, Alex Saab, Rick Rodriguez and Blanca Pacheco know of specific reasons that disqualify Ashton from becoming mayor pro tem (and mayor in 2018), they should state those reasons clearly and on the record. It's part of "transparency."

Otherwise, Ashton has the same right to be mayor.

During the Cold War, the CIA did everything it's accusing Russia of doing today — and more

By Peter Certo

Even in an election year as shot through with conspiracy theories as this one, it would have been hard to imagine a bigger bombshell than Russia intervening to help Donald Trump. But that's exactly what the CIA believes happened, or so unnamed "officials briefed on the matter" told the Washington Post.

While Russia had long been blamed for hacking email accounts linked to the Clinton campaign, its motives had been shrouded in mystery. According to the Post, though, CIA officials recently presented Congress with a "a growing body of intelligence from multiple sources" that "electing Trump was Russia's goal."

Now, the CIA hasn't made any of its evidence public, and the CIA and FBI are reportedly divided on the subject. Though it's too soon to draw conclusions, the charges warrant a serious public investigation.

Even some Republicans who backed Trump seem to agree. "The Russians are not our friends," said Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, announcing his support for a congressional probe. It's "warfare," added Senator John McCain.

There's a grim irony to this. The CIA is accusing Russia of interfering in our free and fair elections to install a right-wing candidate it deemed more favorable to its interests. Yet during the Cold War, that's exactly what the CIA did to the rest of the world.

Most Americans probably don't know that history. But in much of the world it's a crucial part of how Washington is viewed even today.

In the post-World War II years, as Moscow and Washington jockeyed for global influence, the two capitals tried to game every foreign election they could get their hands on.

From Europe to Vietnam and Chile to the Philippines, American agents delivered briefcases of cash to hand-picked politicians, launched smear campaigns against their left-leaning rivals, and spread hysterical "fake news" stories like the ones some now accuse Russia of spreading here.

Together, political scientist Dov Levin estimates, Russia and the U.S. interfered in 117 elections this way in the second half the 20th century. Even worse is what happened when the CIA's chosen candidates lost.

In Iran, when elected leader Mohammad Mossadegh tried to nationalize the country's BP-held oil reserves, CIA agent Kermit Roosevelt led an operation to oust Mossadegh in favor of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. The Shah's secret

police tortured dissidents by the thousands, leading directly to the Islamic Revolution in 1979.

In Guatemala, when the democratically elected Jacobo Arbez tried to loosen the U.S.-based United Fruit company's grip on Guatemalan land, the CIA backed a coup against him. In the decades of civil war that followed, U.S.-backed security forces were accused of carrying out a genocide against indigenous Guatemalans.

In Chile, after voters elected the socialist Salvador Allende, the CIA spearheaded a bloody coup to install the right-wing dictator Augusto Pinochet, who went on to torture and disappear tens of thousands of Chileans.

"I don't see why we need to stand by and watch a country go communist due to the irresponsibility of its own people," U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger purportedly said about the coup he helped orchestrate there.

And those are only the most well-known examples.

I don't raise any of this history to excuse Russia's alleged meddling in our election — which, if true, is outrageous. Only to suggest that now, maybe, we know how it feels. We should remember that feeling as Trump, who's spoken fondly of authoritarian rulers from Russia to Egypt to the Philippines and beyond, comes into office.

Meanwhile, much of the world must be relieved to see the CIA take a break from subverting democracy abroad to protect it at home.

Peter Certo is the editorial manager of the Institute for Policy Studies and the editor of OtherWords.org.

Orange Estates

Dear Editor:

I was driving northbound Rives Avenue from Firestone Boulevard when I noticed something new in the center divider. It was a sign and a pillar. The sign and pillar read "Orange Estates."

Is this a way to give that area a touch of class or boundary? The City of Los Angeles is divided by sections.

I believe Downey should be known as Downey. It is already known that the wealthy Downey citizens live in the north and east areas. What are the middle and lower class areas to be called? Is this what our taxes are to be used for?

We voted for a necessary tax for police and fire. But we did not vote for raised taxes to be used for unnecessary signage.

Robert Rodriguez
Downey

Valet parking at the Promenade

Dear Editor:

Last week I had the opportunity to go to The Promenade with my family for dinner. I was surprised at the lack of parking because it was a Thursday night. That is, I was surprised until I noticed that the valet lot cordoned off approximately 100 spaces, of which only about a dozen were being used.

I can understand the logic of wanting to add a further revenue stream by offering the valet service. But what I find disturbing is trying to create the demand for that service by reserving a vastly overstated, and underutilized, number of spaces so the public has more trouble finding a space in the open lot.

If the desire is to get the folks in Downey to embrace this new venue for dining and shopping, someone had better get a better feel for what we want and expect.

Bruce McDaniel
Downey

Downey's vision for the future

Dear Editor:

Hurray for Lawrence Christon for his letter urging our new council members to open the Downey arts and development process to us, its citizens.

I agree with Mr. Christon that Downey lacks long-term vision. As a 25-year resident of Downey, I've watched Downey's direction with a combination of something between worry, sadness, disgust and anger. Aside from the cultural emptiness which is facing Downey, there is an overall issue with development, sustainability, and the long-term economic base.

In terms of development, the projects built so far - including in my own once-beautiful neighborhood - fall somewhere in the range between tacky, pretentious, thoughtless, and ugly. The mission seems to be to bulldoze every bit of charm into oblivion and replace it with generic buildings, at breakneck speed.

Another example of myopic leadership of the is the lack of parks. Looking at Downey with Google maps, its clear that there is little green space in Downey. The parks are jammed during summer evenings, and it's not surprising that Downey has been identified by the recently-completed LA County Comprehensive Parks Needs Assessment as a "high needs" area for parks, not even as well-off as the City of Commerce. I think it was last year we were polled about our park needs, and in a noisy crowded park they were asking about our park activities. Curiously, "peace and quiet" never made the list.

When I looked at our Master Plan and realized that the concrete ditch called the San Gabriel River was categorized as "green space" I couldn't decide whether that was ironic or serious.

What is built today will be with Downey for 50 years. Not only do we need a long-term plan for environmental sustainability, we also need a long-term plan for the city's economic base and cultural engagement (and endless houses and retail space isn't going to work.)

Traffic, rising temperatures, lack of water, and economic instability are just some of the challenges facing our city.

When I think of Downey, I envision it as Downey Forever. Unfortunately, the direction that Downey seems to be heading in is more like Downey For Now. In a few years, the opportunity to redirect Downey into a more attractive version of itself will be lost

The vision of Downey 30 years from now seems to be missing. Decisions seem to be - at best -ad hoc. But there are many people with wonderful ideas about how Downey should proceed into the future. It is unlikely that the vision can be developed in the next year, but it will certainly never be created if it isn't even started. As with an arts advisory council, I think we need far, far more public input into our city's direction. There is too little communication from city government about scheduled meetings, progress made or problems encountered. Because I work a 4-10, meeting times are impossible for me to make. But email communication is uncertain: One of my emails about rezoning across the street was lost, the other was misrepresented in the City's response.

Much more needs to be done about communicating with citizens and public hearings - many of them - are a must.

Joan Niertit
Downey

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much to Lawrence Christon for the detailed and articulate open letter to Downey's new council members. I am in complete agreement with his assessment.

It should have never been allowed to get to this point. We are 3-1/2 years out from the unspeakable loss of the Downey Civic Light Opera in 2013. No art museum, and a fine symphony which needs stronger support. I have touched on these issues in my previous letters to the Downey Patriot.

I, too, implore the new, as well as returning, city council members to please do the right thing and create an environment where culture, music, and art can once again flourish in Downey.

It is my belief that before this can happen, that hoax known as VenueTech theater management company must be replaced with an ethical and fiscally responsible entity. Mr. Christon's article mentioned that they were "fiscally fleecing the city". I submit that this is a vast understatement.

Mike Sanburn
Bellflower

Defending Cristina Garcia

Dear Editor:

In response to Ms. Jackson's criticism of Cristina Garcia, our 58th District Assemblymember, for speaking out against the rise in hate crimes in the wake of our nation's most tumultuous presidential election, I strongly disagree with Jackson's unfounded view of Ms. Garcia.

She describes Cristina as being biased, unprofessional and not representative of her districts' constituents. However, this claim could not be further from the truth. In fact, Cristina is known to work tenaciously across party lines to get things done. Well respected among state officials and civic leaders, her work ethic is commendable.

Since the inception of her political career, Cristina has displayed extraordinary leadership as an activist, exposing political corruption of a local municipality and championing a bill that ensures more accountability and transparency across city government. Serving a mere four years in the State Assembly, Cristina has championed several assembly bills that benefit Californians:

AB 1561- addresses gender inequity, exposing the unfair Tampon tax women endure

AB 701- updates the outdated definition of rape to finally bring greater justice to rape victims

AB 2153- addresses cyberbullying both on and off campus

AB 2153- exposes toxic wastes contamination and demands clean up in affected communities

AB 9- repeals the Tampon Tax referred to as AX the TAX which will be pushed during the 2017-2018 legislative session.

Indeed, her actions speak for themselves, and her activism is incomparable.

Moreover, as a former high school and college educator, her Young Legislators' Program mentors local high school students toward becoming future community activists and leaders of tomorrow. She firmly believes in the importance of education as a means of empowerment and civic engagement. Indeed, she is a champion of the people, who should freely exercise her 1st amendment right to express views that greatly impact the communities she serves.

We may not fully agree with every opinion our leaders express; however, when one fights as painstakingly as Cristina to educate and defend the populous, then we should recognize a vibrant, dynamic and caring leader when we see one. As such, it is equally important to delineate effective leadership that is responsive, inclusive and just from the likes of a demagogue, whose harsh rhetoric divides our nation and incites hate.

Assuredly, Cristina will not be silenced as our cities (and nation) beg for just solutions to ever increasing divisive issues.

Sandra Nevarez
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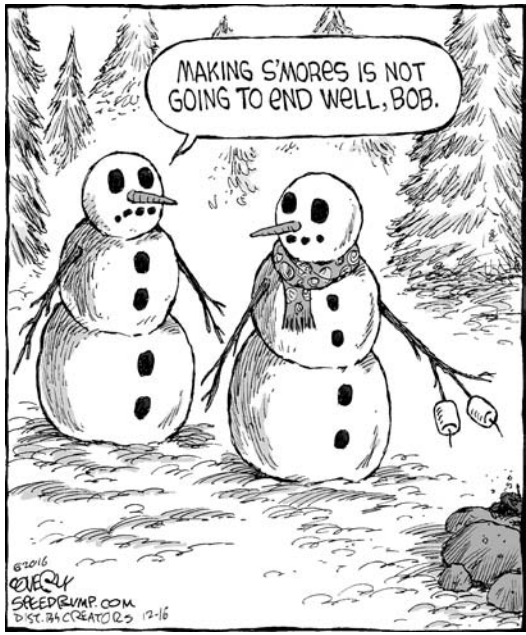
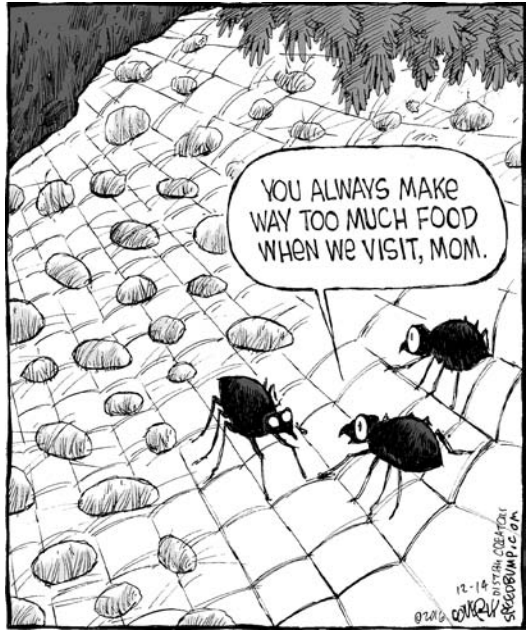
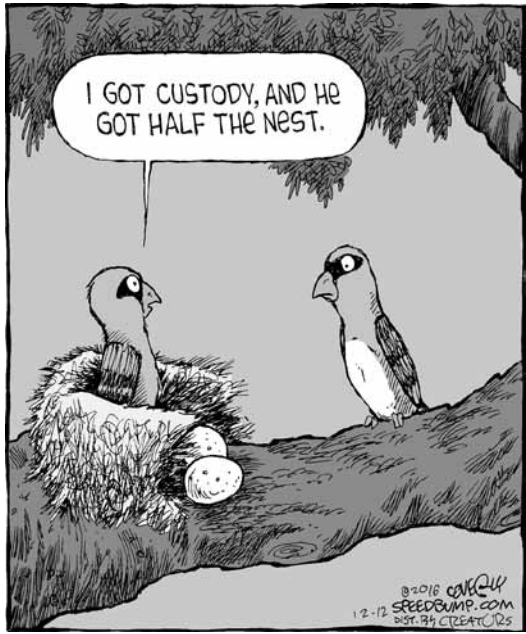
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR DECMEBER

Saturday, Dec. 17: Open house, Dismukes House, 10 a.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 17: The Nutcracker, Downey Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, Dec. 18: The Nutcracker, Downey Theatre, 2:30 p.m.

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.
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 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.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

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 Russell Skersick 929-3710.
 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: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 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., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

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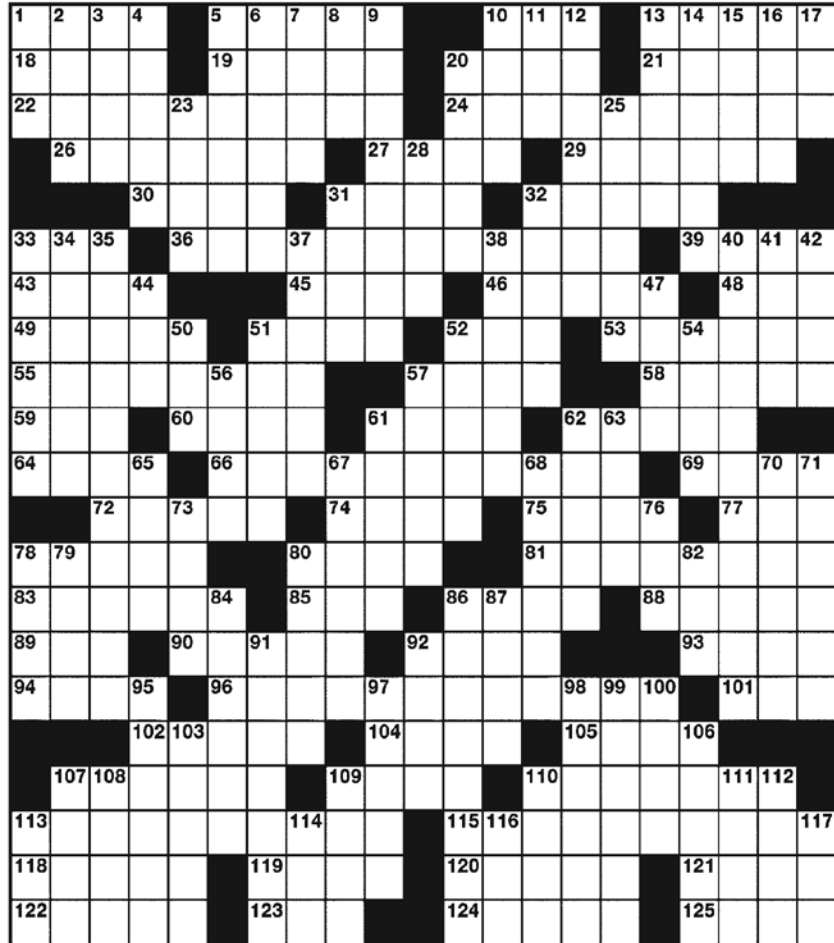
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1966: Movie producer Walt Disney died at age 65.
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Shared Stories: A Magical Learning Experience

Candy Wong has a grown son who is a medical student. Her driving passion now is to master English and attend an American college. She is grateful to her first professor at Cerritos College who quoted Will Smith, taught her life skills as well as English, and introduced her to a life-changing exercise – the full plank. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Candy Wong

How would you feel if you could never read a book? Never understand what people around you are saying?

When I first came to the United States, I could do none of the above. I felt helpless when two people were talking in front of me, because I didn't understand what they were talking about.

With this built-up frustration, I decided to study the spoken word.

Since I began studying English 20 at Cerritos College, there has been a big change in my life. My English has improved and I have become an active learner. I consider my English professor, Dr. QB, as my mentor.

Before taking Professor QB's class, I was a lost college student who didn't know what to do, but Professor QB taught me how to be a better college student through encouragement, practicing the full plank exercise, using time management, linking up with student clubs, writing essays, and benefiting from her college story and her attitude to students. I have learned what I need to do in my academic path.

Dr. QB made me believe that I could advance my English through hard work. Even when I was in English 20, I found that writing was difficult for me. I didn't have the confidence to study at a higher level, but Dr. QB told me firmly that I could pass the next class - English 52. Now I am taking Dr. QB's English 100 online course, and it is a huge challenge for me.

I learned a new exercise when I enrolled in her class. My class started at 7 a.m. Some of my classmates were very sleepy. Dr. QB asked us to do an exercise called a full plank because it can make our blood circulate better. We wouldn't feel so tired in class.

She demonstrated how to do it. We put our hands and feet on the floor and straighten our bodies like a pieces of wood.

We did full plank only few seconds the first time. Each day we held it longer than the last time. I have continued to do this exercise for more than three months.

I found my asthma condition has been improving. In the past, I was attacked by asthma every month and took steroids to control

my condition. There were side effects to my body using steroids such as weight gain, grayish skin, and insomnia.

My son is a medical school student. He warned me if I didn't take steroids to control my asthma, I might die of respiration problems. I could not imagine that full plank could relieve my health condition. I have improved my English in English 20, and I also got the benefits from doing full plank.

Dr. QB taught me time management. We needed to record our activity for five days. From the information on my log, I analyzed that I was a person using most of my time to help others to do urgent things. It often made me lack time to do my important things.

Dr. QB asked students to do a daily planner, a weekly planner, and a course planner to guide us to study, to work, and to rest. After I learned how to do this, I have procrastinated a lot less. The pace of my life seems easier than before.

Dr. QB led students to link up with different students' clubs in Cerritos College. She divided us into several groups to do research and use PowerPoint to introduce Cerritos College student clubs.

It was a very useful activity; some of our classmates joined the clubs after the presentation. Dr. QB emphasized that students should make good use of school resources to help them advance.

Dr. QB taught us how to write an essay. After many practices in writing, I could recite the writing procedures without thinking. I have learned writing an essay since I was in elementary school, but no teacher could help me totally remember all the steps of writing correctly. Under Dr. QB's very clear instructions, each time I wrote an essay I could apply these writing rules spontaneously.

I enjoyed the 10-minute writing prompts in her class. They were great warm-up writing exercises at 7 a.m. I had a comfortable feeling after using all my strength to write out my thoughts.

Professor QB set herself as an example to teach students how to succeed in college. She told us when she was in college, she didn't know her goals and dreams. Therefore, when she was in her

sophomore year, she dropped out. From her working experiences, she encountered many unfair situations.

Those experiences made her know that if she wanted to have a meaningful life, she would need to go back to school. Even after she went back college and got her degree, for many years she still could not find a job she really loved. Until she found her element; she saw that she was advancing towards her goals. She reminded each student going to college to set up his/her goals and drive himself/herself to accomplish them.

College was a place for us to grow through seeking out our experiences and opportunities. Her college experiences lifted my spirit to study, as I could relate to her.

Dr. QB is an effective person. She prepares her lessons very well. Every activity in the class was connected smoothly. I didn't see her in a rush or forget to bring something in class. I appreciated when I observed her talk to students. She was very serious about her teaching, but in her heart she is very kind to students. She really wants to help students successfully transfer to a four-year college.

Dr. QB taught us not to abandon our goals and to persevere through our obstacles. Studying and taking the class English 100 is extremely difficult for me. Someone had once told me that there were many students who had to retake English 100.

Dr. QB had quoted Will Smith's view on success to teach us about studying hard. Will Smith stated, "I've never viewed myself as particularly talented... while the other guy is sleeping I'm working... while the other guys are eating, I am working... I'm working really hard."

I really connected with these words and that drove me to do my best. The learning experience from English 20 is magic in my life. The magic combines everything I love and requires everything I have to offer. It requires dedication and practice. To be a student of Dr. QB, I believe it is one of the most precious experiences I have had in my life.

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Beatles tribute show returns

DOWNEY – "In My Life: A Musical Theatre Tribute to the Beatles" returns to the Downey Theatre on Friday, Feb. 10. Tickets start at \$36 and are now on sale at the theater box office. "In My Life" played to a sold out audience at the Downey Theatre in 2014 and Abbey Road's "Beatles vs. Stones" show performed to a capacity crowd at the venue last year. The show is appropriate for all ages.

Santa Fe High student earns award for campus initiatives

WHITTIER – Santa Fe High School's award-winning Associated Student Body has played an essential role in making the campus culture a positive and inclusive environment in which students are connected, cared for and engaged. It's a job that requires time, passion and commitment – qualities that senior Valeria Restrepo has exhibited over the last four years. The only student on the current ASB cabinet to have participated all four years of high school, Restrepo has become a key leader of the spirited team, contributing to its goal of fostering a family of united Chieftains while maintaining a rigorous course schedule.

By the time she graduates, Restrepo, who holds a 4.17 GPA, will have completed 28 honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. She is also involved in several extracurricular activities and is a Southern Director on the California Association of State Leaders (CASL) board, a support and networking organization for student leaders.

In recognition of her efforts to help to build a one-of-a-kind camaraderie at Santa Fe, Restrepo was honored with an Award of Merit from the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees.

"ASB may seem like it's just about glitter and glue and becoming excellent event planners, but it is way more than that," Restrepo said. "Seeing the smiles on student's faces as they participate in our events makes all of the stress, the breakdowns and the very little sleep worth it because I knew that our student body was having fun. I am happy to say that my time at Santa Fe High has shaped me into the person I am today."

Spending countless hours at school planning assemblies and events, such as Homecoming Week and King of Hearts, or studying for exams for her classes – including AP Biology, AP Government, AP Calculus AB and AP English Literature – hasn't slowed down Restrepo.

At Santa Fe, Restrepo has been a member of the soccer and track and field teams, dance team, Chieftain Friends and Principal's Honor Court. She has applied to universities, including UC Santa Barbara,



John Hopkins and Tulane, and hopes to study biology or pre-med with aspirations of becoming a pediatric neurologist.

"I've learned from my parents that there is never a challenge that is too difficult to tackle," Restrepo said. "Santa Fe has taught me resiliency and through everyone's support, I have been able to do my best both inside and outside the classroom."

Thanks to student leaders like Restrepo, who have helped the school's ASB program become recognized as one of the most outstanding activities programs in the state over the last 16 years, students feel connected.

"Each year, the ASB cabinet leads the efforts in building meaningful and lasting connections to school while breaking down the barriers to student involvement," Principal Craig Campbell said. "Valeria is a perfect example of the type of leaders Santa Fe produces. With her strong work ethic and drive for success, we know that Valeria will be successful in whatever path she takes."

POETRY MATTERS

AUTUMN LEAVES

The falling leaves
Drift by the window
The autumn leaves
Of red and gold
I see your lips
The summer kisses
The sunburned hands
I used to hold
Since you went away
The days grow long
And soon I'll hear
Old winter's song
But I miss you most of all
My darling
When autumn leaves
Start to fall

-- Johnny Mercer translating "Les Feuilles Mortes" by Jacques Prévert

Savannah-born Mercer did not even attempt a direct translation of Les Feuilles Mortes (dead leaves), a poem written in 1945 by French poet Jacques Prévert and set to music by Joerph Kosma in 1946, which was introduced in France by Yves Montand. Instead, in 1947, Mercer made a song which is faithful to the mood and music of melancholy and regret for something beautiful which has passed away. It has been sung by Jo Stafford and Frank Sinatra, among many, and most recently Andrea Bocelli.

In 1955, pianist Roger Williams recorded "Autumn Leaves", the only piano instrumental to reach #1 on Billboard's popular music chart. This version is known for William's descending scales and arpeggios, depicting the falling leaves from the trees to the ground below.

Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Jefferson Elementary earns Golden Bell

PARAMOUNT – Paramount Unified's Jefferson Elementary School was honored with a Golden Bell Award for its "Growth Mindset is Paramount" program, which fosters professional development and improves curriculum.

Of the almost 300 entries submitted for the award, now in its 37th year, the "Growth Mindset is Paramount" program was selected to win the most prestigious honor awarded by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

"We're incredibly proud to be recognized for this honor," Jefferson Principal Kelly Williams said. "It validates the commitment we have made as educators to continually grow and embrace what the 21st century learner is going to need to be truly successful."

Williams, alongside Paramount Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez,

received the Golden Bell at a recognition ceremony on Dec. 3 at CSBA's annual Educational Conference in San Francisco. The bell will be proudly displayed on campus to recognize the hard work of the school's teachers, staff and community members.

Now in its third year, the "Growth Mindset is Paramount" program meshes professional development with support from academic coaches and processes that include learning walks, grade-level collaboration and site-based professional learning.

Teachers analyze data and connect the results to student achievement. The collaboration among administrators, academic coaches and teachers perpetuates a growth mindset, which trickles down to students, enabling them to embrace learning and aids in closing the achievement gap.

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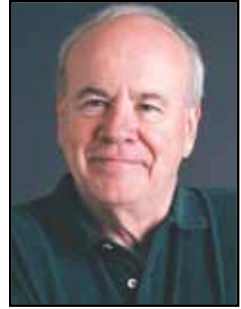
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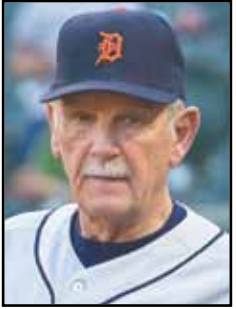
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DECEMBER 15 BIRTHDAYS

Mo Vaughn, former Angels slugger, turns 49



Tim Conway
actor
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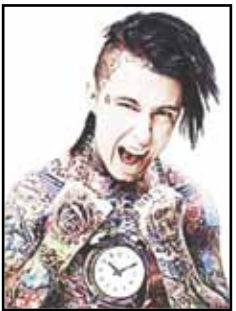
Jim Leyland
baseball manager
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Don Johnson
actor
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Rodney Harrison
football player
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Ronnie Radke
rock singer
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Jahlil Okafor
basketball player
21

PREVIEW: WWE ROADBLOCK: END OF THE LINE

Sunday, 5 p.m. PT, WWE Network



Big Cass vs. Rusev (Kickoff Match): Big Cass and Rusev face off in a huge head-to-head showdown as the 7-foot tall Cass looks to prove The Super Athlete is S-A-W-F-T.

Sami Zayn vs. Braun Strowman: Sami Zayn receives his long-awaited rematch against Braun Strowman with a catch thrown in: Zayn has to last 10 minutes against The Monster Among Men!

WWE Cruiserweight Champion Rich Swann vs. TJ Perkins vs. The Brian Kendrick: Rich Swann defends his cruiserweight championship in a Triple Threat Match.

Seth Rollins vs. Chris Jericho: The animosity between Seth Rollins and Chris Jericho finally boils over in this one-on-one matchup.

Raw Women's Champion Sasha Banks vs. Charlotte Flair (30-Minute WWE Iron Man Match): After reclaiming the Raw Women's Title from Charlotte Flair, Sasha Banks will defend the title under one of WWE's most grueling stipulations.

WWE Universal Champion Kevin Owens vs. Roman Reigns: "The Kevin Owens Show" faces cancellation at Roadblock: End of the Line when Kevin Owens defends the WWE Universal Championship against Roman Reigns.

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(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)

Escrow No. 35377-LS

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: MEDOX SERVICES INC, 13453 PUMICE ST, NORWALK CA 90650

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 7722 E. SANDBERG LN, ORANGE CA 92669

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: MUBASHIR HASSAN AND YUSRA HASSAN, 8264 E. KINGSDALE LANE, ANAHEIM, CA 92807

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 13453 PUMICE ST, NORWALK CA 90650

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: IDEAL HOME CARE

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JANUARY 4, 2017 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. F15377-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB

(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 7777 CENTER AVE #350 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92647, Escrow No. 35377-LS, Escrow Officer: LAURIE J. SHORB

(9) The last day for filing claims is: JANUARY 3, 2017.

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.

Dated: DECEMBER 8, 2016
SELLER: MEDOX SERVICES INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
BUYER: MUBASHIR HASSAN AND YUSRA HASSAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016281680

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ESCOBEDO & CONSULTING SERVICES, 9268 GAINFORD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VERONICA ESCOBEDO, 9268 GAINFORD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ VERONICA ESCOBEDO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 18, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 20162822150

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DIAMOND LANE TRUCKING, 7331 CLEARGROVE DR., DOWNEY CA 90240, LOS ANGELES CO

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State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016275827

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ABC LIQUOR & MARKET, 9956 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FIFTH SIGN VENTURES, 9968 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016299034

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOS ARCOS INN, 2979 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANTPRAKASH V BHAGAT, 101 W WASHINGTON BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016282618

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HUE OI (2) PHO HUE OI, 4051 INGLEWOOD AVE #101, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278, LA COUNTY, 16537 BROOKHURST ST, FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA 92708

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENNETH NGUYEN, 13202 HOOVER ST SPC 46, WESTMINSTER CA 92683

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 21, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016278914

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROSAS V FLORES, 10308 CHANEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HEIDY DELAROSA, 10308 CHANEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016279002

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INDIYMD, 7113 LUGO STREET, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NELJAY ENTERPRISES, LLC, 7113 LUGO STREET, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

State of Incorporation: (1) CA

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ NELJAY ENTERPRISES, LLC, CEO, NELSON JACKSON III

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016275605

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SKY GROUP REALTY (2) SKY REALTY (3) SGR (4) SKY GROUP INVESTMENTS, 9602 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) UMAIR MASROOR SHEIKH, 9602 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ UMAIR MASROOR SHEIKH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016269884

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE BATTERY TREE, 729 S. KNOTT AVE #128, ANAHEIM CA 92800, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOE L. RUTHERFORD, 729 S. KNOTT AVE, ANAHEIM CA 92804

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ JOE L. RUTHERFORD JR., OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 3, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2016288751

NOVEMBER 21, 2016

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): ARMY TERMITE & FUMIGATION, LLC

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 14149 BROADWAY, WHITTIER, CA, 90604

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARMY TERMITE & FUMIGATION, LLC, 14149 BROADWAY, WHITTIER CA 90604

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ARMY TERMITE & FUMIGATION, LLC, MANAGER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 30, 2016

The Downey Patriot
12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016277857

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLOSSOMS IN MAY, 1318 E. 7TH STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90021, LA COUNTY, 9135 LEMORAN AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JINGHEE CHOI, 9135 LEMORAN AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ SUNGHEE CHOI, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 15, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
12/15/16, 12/22/16, 12/29/16, 1/5/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016284911

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GASLO & CO, 3642 E FLORENCE AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KARIN LOPEZ GASTELUM, 3642 E FLORENCE AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who

is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ KARIN LOPEZ GASTELUM, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016276673

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FLORAL MARKET, 4323 FLORAL DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY, 4336 FLORAL DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIRIAM HERNANDEZ, 4336 FLORAL DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

State of Incorporation: (1) CA

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ MIRIAM HERNANDEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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.

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The Downey Patriot
12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016275612

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SKY GROUP CONSTRUCTION (2) SKY CONSTRUCTION (3) SGC, 9602 ORIZABA AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) UZAIR SHEIKH, 9602 ORIZABA AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ UZAIR SHEIKH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016277881

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROXY POWERS, 8674 RHEEM AV, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MADRILYS ROXANDRA CHACON MENDEZ, 5450 N PARAMOUNT BLVD # 68, LONG BEACH CA 90805 (2) NERY RENE MORENO, 5450 N PARAMOUNT BLVD #68, LONG BEACH CA 90805

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ MADRILYS ROXANDRA CHACON MENDEZ, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 15, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016279970

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEAUTY OF THE SEED, 7680 PHLOX STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IRENE HESSE, 7680 PHLOX STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who

declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ IRENE HESSE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 17, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016274532

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HAIRTOPIA, 2340 EAST PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SUITE C, LONG BEACH CA 90804, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BELLA KHIN, 1050 EAST 19TH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90806 (2) REAKSA KHIN, 1050 EAST 19TH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90806

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by Copartners The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ BELLA KHIN, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ CAREMORE HEALTH SYSTEM, PRESIDENT, SACHIN JAIN, M.D. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 2016

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The Downey Patriot
12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16, 12/29/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2016292500

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GO THE DISTANCE SPORTS, 8428 LYNNDORA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VA EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, 8428 LYNNDORA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/19/96

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ VA EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, ADELO ANUNCIADO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 2, 2016

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.

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The Downey Patriot
12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16, 12/29/16

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029696

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Carl Twyman Bass filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Carl Twyman Bass to Proposed name (1) Carl Twyman Bass THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: February 1, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Room 101, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** November 21, 2016
Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Carl Twyman Bass
8721 E. Imperial Apt. 247
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 861-6761

The Downey Patriot
11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TIMOTHY J. FOLARON aka TIMOTHY JOSEPH FOLARON
Case No. 16STPB06553

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TIMOTHY J. FOLARON aka TIMOTHY JOSEPH FOLARON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JoAnn C. Kahnen in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JoAnn C. Kahnen be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent

Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID ALLAN ROBERTSON aka DAVID A. ROBERTSON
Case No. 16STPB06711

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID ALLAN ROBERTSON aka DAVID A. ROBERTSON
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ingrid Robertson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ingrid Robertson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROMA I. HICKS
Case No. 16STPB06602

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROMA I. HICKS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Douglas L. Hicks in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Douglas L. Hicks be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for

examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 6, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 043593-CA APN: 6364-008-007
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/6/2008. 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 payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) 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, 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: ANTONIO CASILLAS. A WIDOWER Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 11/13/2007 as Instrument No. 20072528556 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 01/05/2017 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$314,345.99. 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 (3) months have elapsed since such recording. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property 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 Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the beneficiary's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 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 Web www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA1600275526 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. Date: 11/30/2016 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. DIANE WEIFENBACH, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER 5120 E. La Palma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: (916)939-0772 Sales Website: www.nationwideposting.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0297658

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TSG No.: 8664407 TS No.: CA1600275526 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6245-014-047 Property Address: 7520 HONDO STREET DOWNEY, CA 90242 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/21/2007. 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 01/05/2017 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/28/2007, as Instrument No. 20072849384, in book, page . . . of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: BEATRIZ GRACIANO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7520 HONDO STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$305,305.40. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA1600275526 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. Date: 11/30/2016 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. DIANE WEIFENBACH, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER 5120 E. La Palma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: (916)939-0772 Sales Website: www.nationwideposting.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0296948

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 14-0847 Loan No.: *****979 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2007 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW. 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 payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) 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, 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: SHARON HEIDECKER AND DREW K. HEIDECKER Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 12/31/2007 as Instrument No. 20072864165 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 12/22/2016 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$692,777.20 The purported property address is: 10619 NEDRA AVE DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6253-011-028 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 wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recording. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property 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 Trustee's 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. 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 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

Stauffer Middle School wins grand prize at innovation competition

DOWNEY – A team of students from Stauffer Middle School won the top prize at the Dare 2B Digital Innovation Challenge held Dec. 3 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

In this challenge, young innovators who attend middle schools within Downey Unified were asked to form teams (2-5 students) and develop an innovative and feasible solution in one of five categories: Space & Transportation; Environment; Health & Wellness; Cybersecurity & Law Enforcement; and Media & Entertainment.

A panel of judges, comprised of experts in the categories, reviewed the presentation from each of eight semi-final teams and selected a Grand Prize winner and two Runner-Up teams. The challenge submissions were scored based on originality of their idea; use and application of STEAM. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) skills; feasibility and potential impact.

The three winning teams and their ideas are as follows:

GRAND PRIZE: Stauffer Middle School students Oliver Palafox, Aaron Saucedo, Christopher Almaguer, and Ezekiel Leyva envisioned a way to have people stop smoking through a wearable device that detects carbon monoxide levels through the skin. When certain levels are reached, family members are electronically notified so they can reach out and help the smoker quit.

RUNNER-UP: Sussman Middle School students Angela Lopez, Adam Yanes, Luis Arizmendi, Erick Martinez, and Joaquin Macias imagined a series of flying suction drones that removes harmful gases from the air when dangerous levels are detected to help those who are affected by chronic lung issues.

RUNNER-UP: Griffiths Middle School students Mayalyn Guadarrama, Abigail Dagundon, and Natalia Penarrieta developed a medical emergency safety and precaution wearable wristband that warns people with previous heart or health issues that they are experiencing high blood pressure.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the three top winning teams and are beyond proud of all the extraordinary young people within Downey Unified that competed," said Phil Davis, Director, Support Programs. "This was a difficult challenge and many of students stepped up with remarkable solutions to solve real-world problems. Programs like this help unleash the creative minds of our young innovators and engage them in important STEAM disciplines."

"We are honored to work with Downey Unified on this amazing Challenge and see all the incredible solutions," added Staci Lyons, President and Chief Strategy Officer, Dare 2B Digital. "As a society, we are facing complicated problems, yet we see more innovative breakthroughs coming from young people than ever before. STEAM programs that inspire critical thinking around solutions and impact are vital for developing innovations of the future. We have much to learn from these inspiring young innovators as we continue to provide programs that support their leadership development."

In early 2017, the Grand Prize winner will go on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to San Francisco and tour some of the most innovative companies in the nearby Silicon Valley in addition to seeing the popular sites of the city. All the three winning teams will receive a tour of some of the most innovative companies in the Los Angeles area as well as a KitHub STEM Creative Center.



Michelle Davila and her daughter, McKenna Davila, took the Downey Patriot on a recent trip to New York City and the Brooklyn Bridge.

"We took the pic on November 23, during a fantastic Thanksgiving break," she said.



Jim Brandis took the Downey Patriot to Mount St. Helens last October.

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Foster kids receive new backpacks thanks to Rio Hondo College

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College students, faculty and staff have donated close to 250 backpacks and suitcases for foster children and youths as part of the College's third annual Case of Hope Drive.

The donations, which included gifts from community members, far exceeded the 150 bags donated in 2015, and came with an added surprise: a donation of 200 toys by a Rio Hondo College

graduate.

"It is heartwarming to see this amazing sense of giving at all levels of the Rio Hondo College community," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. "This is an event that truly captures the spirit of the holidays."

The event was sponsored by the Rio Hondo College Guardian Scholars Program, which partnered on the drive with the Rio Hondo College Foster/Kinship Care Education Program, Rio Hondo Associated Students, Student Life & Leadership and the Concept 7 Foster Family Agency.

Many of the bags and toys were handed out at a Dec. 3 lunch at the Rio Café attended by about 130 guests, including 90 foster children and youths. Guests enjoyed Christmas songs performed by a student violinist, guest speakers and activities.

Jocelyn Ortega, 24, a former Rio Hondo College student and former foster youth, returned as a guest speaker and surprised the children with a donation of 200

toys.

"I've spent many lonely Christmases ... wishing more than anything that somebody out there was thinking about me," Ortega said. "The most important thing is that we remind the foster youth that no matter where they are or what they go through, they are remembered."

The Dec. 3 program also included among its guest speakers Rio Hondo College Foundation Board of Directors President John Peel, who is executive director of Concept 7 Foster Family Agency.

"Our Case of Hope program keeps getting bigger each year," said Marisela Saenz, interim counselor/coordinator for Rio Hondo College's Guardian Scholars Program, which oversees the bag drive. "It's amazing to see what an impact we can have on our community."

The bag drive was launched in 2014 to help foster youths and children, who often have no bags when they shift homes or leave the system, forcing them

to abandon their possessions. Saenz's team for this year's drive included intern Paola Mejia and a team of staff and students.

Rio Hondo College enrolls about 135 students in foster care or in transition – a number that grows annually. Since the College began providing specialized services, more than 400 foster youths or former foster youths have received assistance.

Guardian Scholars has partnered on the drive with the Rio Hondo College Foster/Kinship Care Education Program, Rio Hondo Associated Students, Student Life & Leadership and the Concept 7 Foster Family Agency.

"Events like these help to highlight the 'community' in community college," Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco said. "It's important for Rio Hondo College to connect with youths from all segments of our population, to help support them and inspire them to seek paths to success, including higher education."

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SPORTS: Warren High boys soccer looks to build on last season

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNNEY – The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 2-3-2 and have not begun S.G.V.L. play.

Warren tied Long Beach Jordan 0-0 at Warren on 11/28, defeated La Mirada 2-1 at Warren on 12/1 and tied La Serna 1-1 at La Serna on 12/6.

The Bears were defeated by Palos Verdes 2-0 on 12/8 in the Adidas West Coast Showcase, defeated Cabrillo at Warren 4-0 on 12/9 and were defeated by Paramount 1-0 on 12/10. The Bears were also defeated by Bell Gardens at Warren 2-1 on Tuesday. Warren will play Liberty of Peoria, Arizona, on 12/28, will play El Rancho at Warren on 1/5 and will travel to Katella on 1/6 in their final tune-up before league play begins.

The Bears will open league play when they travel to Paramount on 1/10. Warren will continue league play when they host Gahr on 1/12, when they travel to cross-town rival Downey on 1/17 and when they host Dominguez on 1/19.

Coach Miguel Pena, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of league play. The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 18-7-2 and were 7-1-2 in S.G.V.L. play. The Bears were defeated by Loyola in the C.I.F. Division One semi-final on PK's and were then defeated by Cathedral Catholic 2-1 in the C.I.F. Southern California Regional Boys Soccer Championships.

The Bears had an excellent season a year ago and hope to follow that up with another strong

season. Paramount will once again be the team to beat in league play.

■ The Warren High School wrestling team competed in the Edison High Beach Bash last weekend and finished in third place.

Mayfair finished first with 258 points, Cypress finished second with 234.5 points Warren finished third with 176 points, Bonita finished fourth with 150 points and South Hills finished fifth with 149 points, respectively.

Mayfair had 11 wrestlers who placed in the top eight of 14 different weight classes, Cypress had ten wrestlers who placed, Warren had nine wrestlers who placed, Bonita had six wrestlers who placed and South Hills had eight wrestlers who placed. There were more than 25 teams competing in this tournament.

Warren's Carlos Vasquez finished fourth at 106 pounds, Salvador Alvarez finished third at 113 pounds, Joshua Mendoza finished second at 120 pounds, Matthew Lopez finished fourth at 126 pounds and Allan Dillon finished sixth at 138 pounds.

The Bears' Calos Durazo finished seventh at 160 pounds, Ismael Bautista finished seventh at 170 pounds, Kenneth Gonzalez finished second at 195 pounds and Alexis Galvan finished fourth at 220

pounds.

The Bears had two wrestlers wrestling in the final of their respective weight classes. Joshua Mendoza was defeated by Dean Pons of Mayfair 6-4 at 120 pounds and Kenneth Gonzalez was defeated by Aleid Hothaifa of Cypress 4-3 at 195 pounds.

Coach Brogden, his staff and wrestlers are looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. competition. Cross-town rival Downey will once again be the team to beat.

■ The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 4-4 and have not begun league play. The Lady Vikings defeated Dana Hills 49-47 at the Ocean View Tournament on 12/5, were defeated by

North Torrance 48-47 on 12/7, were defeated by Los Alamitos 55-52 in overtime on 12/9 and defeated Carson 73-30 on 12/10 in the same tournament. The Lady Vikings played Garfield at Downey on 12/13 (score unavailable at press time).

The Lady Vikings will compete in the Gator Classic at Green Valley High School over the Christmas Break. Downey has games scheduled on 12/27 against Santa Margarita and Orosi on 12/28. Two more games on 12/29 and 12/30 are against opponents yet to be determined.

Downey will play Schurr at the Staples Center on 1/4 and will host Woodbridge on 1/6. The Lady Vikings will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host the Dominguez Lady Dons on 1/11, when they travel to play the Lynwood Lady Knights on 1/13 and when they host the cross-town rival Lady Bears on 1/18.

Coach Harris, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 19-9 and were 7-3 in league play. Downey looks to improve upon a solid season from a year ago. Lynwood will once again be the team to beat in league play.

■ The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 3-3 and have not begun S.G.V.L. play.

The Vikings defeated Tesoro at the Coyote Classic in Buena Park 48-41 on 11/30, and were defeated by Buena Park 48-36 on 12/2 in the same tournament.

The Vikings were defeated by Sonora in the North Orange County Championships 75-51 on Monday and were defeated by Aliso Niguel 71-63 in the same tournament on Tuesday.

The Vikings played Mayfair yesterday at Mayfair (score unavailable at press time), will play La Serna at La Serna on 12/21 and will play Cerritos on 12/23.

Downey will play Mission Vista of Oceanside on 12/27 in their first game of the Holiday Hoops Classic Tournament. The remainder of games for this tournament in late December are yet to be determined. The Vikings will also host Murrieta Mesa at Downey on 1/5 and Sunny Hills of Fullerton on 1/6.

The Vikings will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host the Dominguez Dons on

1/11, will travel to play the Lynwood Knights on 1/13 and will host the cross-town rival Warren Bears on 1/18. Coach Shelton, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2017 league season.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 20-10 and a S.G.V.L. record of 3-7. Lynwood, Dominguez and Gahr will be the teams to beat in league play. The three teams finished in first, second and third places respectively last season.

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