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Signs indicate healthy economy, experts say

Economists don't see signs of a recession but rising housing costs will continue to pose a challenge.

LOS ANGELES - Southern California's top economists on Thursday offered a largely promising outlook for the region, forecasting continued strong growth across key industry sectors into 2020 and the foreseeable future.

"If I could summarize in three words: Things are good," Wallace Walrod, chief economic advisor for the Orange County Business Council, told the 10th Annual Southern California Economic Summit.

"I don't have a crystal ball to predict when the next recession will occur, but nothing in the numbers would suggest that happening soon."

Sponsored by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Southern California Leadership Council, the summit brought together leaders and influencers from across the six-county region to hear updates on the economy, the housing crisis and Connect SoCal, SCAG's 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Among the highlights of the economists' panel were statistics showing that employment and income growth in the SCAG region have exceeded national averages since 2012. Among the key industry sectors that continue to outperform the nation as a whole: Construction, trade and goods movement, arts and entertainment, and hospitality.

The news wasn't all good, however. High housing costs, long commutes and the threat of automation are widening the gap between rich and poor. This is exacerbated by a proliferation of low-skill jobs in many communities.

In Los Angeles County, for example, roughly one-quarter of projected new jobs over the next five years will require workers without a high school diploma. The income difference between those jobs and those requiring a graduate or professional degree is \$57,000 per year on average.

A significant consequence of all of this is negative net migration - more people moving out of the region than are moving in - a phenomenon that is already occurring in some communities.

During a panel on the housing crisis, Daryl Fairweather, chief economist for Redfin, said Southern California remains "a very desirable place to live with its strong job market and sunny weather."

But increasingly, I've seen heavy movement out of this market due to undesirable conditions ranging from lack of quality inventory to wildfire damage. California's future can still be decided through strong economic policies that support construction, transportation, education, manufacturing and the environment."

One competitive advantage for the region is its investment in transportation infrastructure. Connect SoCal, recently released in draft form, identifies \$638 billion in mobility, land-use and air-quality improvements in the six-county region over the next 25 years.

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Blanca Pacheco takes oath as mayor

Pacheco looks to engage the youth during her first run as the mayor of Downey.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Tuesday marked a historic night for Downey, as Blanca Pacheco was sworn in as the mayor for 2020.

Less than 24 hours from taking her oath into her new public office, Mayor Blanca Pacheco said that "it is starting to sink in."

"I was excited last night just to be given the opportunity to be a mayor for the great city of Downey," said Pacheco. "I'm excited for next year...of course, a little nervous. I know I have big shoes to fill. Rick [Rodriguez] did an amazing job; he was an amazing mayor. My hope is that I'm as good or better, even though I think that's almost impossible because he gave it all of his heart."

Pacheco says that she had a full council chambers to lean back on for support.

"I had a lot of friends there, a lot of people from the community," said Pacheco. "My Kiwanis family was there... it was just nice to see everyone from the community come out."

Having been elected in 2006, Pacheco enters the mayor's seat having just completed her third year on council and facing her final year of her first term in office.

She says that throughout her tenure so far, she has learned more of "the logistics" of city business.

"It feels like the first year you're just learning; you don't go in being a pro," said Pacheco. "The first year was a learning experience, getting to know staff, getting to know how the city is run, and budgeting. Just a new environment."

After that year of learning and two years of application, Pacheco says that she feels she has been effective as a council member.

"I've helped numerous residents when they've reached out to me," said Pacheco. "It's been little things like helping them find out when their streets will be paved, making sure that their streets are safe...it's been little things, but I believe it's little things that make a big impact on the lives of residents."

"Since day one, I want the residents to feel that they can reach out to me if they have any concerns, because that's what I'm here for...being the mayor



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MAYOR BLANCA PACHECO AND MAYOR PRO TEM CLAUDIA FROMETA

is the face of the city, and also people feel like you're the person they should contact. I'm comfortable with that, because it doesn't matter what district a person lives in; if I can help, I'll help them."

Pacheco already has some experience with the reigns of the city, having stepped in during former Mayor Rick Rodriguez's medical absence. She says that this experience made her more comfortable when running meetings.

"In that regards, it prepared me," said Pacheco. "It also prepared me on how to deal with speakers that sometimes may use colorful language. It definitely has prepared me."

Pacheco's first term as mayor is a doubly historic one for the city, being the first Latina mayor and a part of the first all-female mayor / pro-tem team alongside Councilwoman Claudia Frometa.

While she is excited about the prospect of the historical weight her next year holds, it is not her priority.

"It's not that I want to be recognized or receive any special recognition," said Pacheco. "I only mentioned it last night because I wanted to encourage our young females to pursue much more in life."

"I do take it as something to be celebrated, something to be proud of, something to be proud of our city, but I don't

want it to be the focus."

Having just been sworn in, Pacheco didn't have any issues specifically in mind yet that she wished to address.

"We're going to have a lot going on in our city," said Pacheco. "We're going to see a lot of grand re-openings - all four fire stations, our library, a lot of parks, the Downey Theatre, Ride and the Stride event - we're going to have a lot of fun activities..."

"I'm more excited than anything. I'm excited to see the completed project, the faces of children who go into the new library or into the parks. The fire stations are going to be exciting for everyone, especially our firefighters...I'm very optimistic."

However, residents can expect Pacheco to use her new role to work with the youth.

"One of the main things is going to be the youth, helping the youth, and creating programs to get them more involved and more engaged," said Pacheco.

Pacheco also looks forward to working with Mayor Pro Tem Frometa and the rest of the council.

"The whole plan is to work together, to collaborate, to help each other out, to help each other succeed, and help the city succeed," said Pacheco.

Group exhibit 'Perspectives on Acceptance' opens Dec. 20 at Stay Gallery

DOWNEY - Stay Gallery is pleased to present "Perspectives on Acceptance," a group exhibition featuring the works of five Southern California artists - Alexander Antezana, Hadasa Castro, Josh Randall, Bryn Riihimaki, and Amanda Santos.

Perspectives on Acceptance will run from December 20 - January 10. An opening reception will be held on Friday, December 20 from 7 - 10p, with a closing reception on Friday, January 10 from 7 - 9p.

The five, collectively titled Omnium, are a group

of multidisciplinary artists and close friends. The word Omnium originates from the Latin meaning "of all" to embody the group's artistic diversity in medium, approach and application. The group met while each achieving their Bachelor's of Art at Azusa Pacific University.

This exhibition explores the concept of acceptance as a life-long practice. The artists of Omnium each contribute their own perspective and personal experience with acceptance, piecing together an honest depiction of vulnerability, self

reflection and growth.

"Acceptance is a journey rather than a destination. It is an honest exploration of self," states Omnium. "As we journey down the road life has set for us, we grow and change into the people we need to be for tomorrow. But we are not alone on this road, and that will make all the difference."

To learn more about this exhibition, please visit staygallery.org/omnium

Downey restaurant grades

Five Guys
8901 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 12/6/19
Grade: **A**

Third Street Coffee
8221 3rd St.
Date Inspected: 12/6/19
Grade: **B**

Hall of Fame Market & Deli
10846 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/6/19
Grade: **A**

Boba Indeed
12246 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Squeezy's Pizza
7502 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Yum Yum Donuts
7410 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Uncle Henry's Deli
7400 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Taco Bell
11905 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Subway
11858 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Dominos
7433 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Studio Movie Grill
8200 3rd Street
Date Inspected: 12/5/19
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box
7905 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 12/4/19
Grade: **A**

Teriyaki Plus
7850 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 12/4/19
Grade: **A**

Burger King
7957 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 12/4/19
Grade: **A**

Sansei Japan
125 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 12/4/19
Grade: **A**

Subway
7930 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/3/19
Grade: **A**

Hometown Buffet
8432 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/3/19
Grade: **A**

Subway
8843 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 12/3/19
Grade: **A**

Mariscos y Tacos Raul
8740 Firestone Blvd.
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Tacos N Miches
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Sansai Japanese Grill
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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 65°

Sunday 67°

THINGS TO DO



Whittier Christmas Parade

Saturday - Uptown Whittier, 10 am
Now in its 66th year, the parade includes floats, marching bands, celebrities, dance troupes, and lots more.



Vendo-Rama

Saturday - St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey, 11 am to 4 pm

30-plus vendors selling unique items just in time for Christmas. Plus a special appearance by Santa Claus.



Cowboy Christmas

Saturday - Lakewood Equine Center, 5-7:30 pm

Petting zoo, pony rides, tractor rides, coloring contests, ornament decorating, and more. \$4 admission, rides extra.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday - Paramount Community Center, 8 am to 12 pm

Snow play area, sled runs, kiddie trains, and prizes, all free. Breakfast is \$6 (breakfast line closes at 11 am).



Long Beach Filipino Festival

Sunday - Browning High School, 9 am to 6 pm

Up to 60 retail and non-profit vendors, two dozen food vendors, two stages of live entertainment, cultural and educational workshops, and Santa Claus. Suggested entry donation of \$2



Living Nativity

All Weekend - The Church at Green Hills in La Habra

See the story of Christmas acted out, complete with Mary (on a donkey) and Joseph, shepherds (with live sheep), Roman soldiers, and the wise men. Performances at 6 pm, 7 pm and 8 pm

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

It's hard to grow old. I have yet to hear from even one of my patients that getting older is a breeze. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) develops as we age, and is the leading cause of severe, irreversible vision loss in those over 60. One in five over 75 suffer from it. What is this terrible disease, and how can we treat it? Can it be prevented?



The retina is the light-sensing nerve tissue at the back of the eye. Age-related macular degeneration occurs when the small central portion of the retina (the macula) deteriorates. Although AMD almost never leads to complete blindness, it is nonetheless extremely debilitating.

There are two main types of AMD. Most starts as the dry type, but 10-20% of the time it progresses to the wet type, which can result in more serious vision loss. It is always bilateral (occurring in both eyes), but does not necessarily progress at the same pace in both eyes. It is possible to experience the wet type in one eye and the dry type in the other.

With the dry form, there are yellow deposits in the macula. A few small deposits may not cause changes in vision, but as they increase in both size and number, vision becomes dimmer and distorted. This is

mostly noticed when reading. In more advanced stages of dry macular degeneration, there is also a thinning of the light-sensitive layer of cells in the macula, which leads to atrophy (tissue death), and blind spots occur in the center of the vision.

With the wet form, there is a growth of abnormal blood vessels from underneath the macula. These blood vessels leak blood and fluid into the retina, causing distortion of vision that makes straight lines look wavy, as well as blind spots and loss of central vision. These abnormal blood vessels and their bleeding eventually form a scar, leading to permanent loss of central vision.

How do you know if you have macular degeneration? Watch for blurred or hazy vision, where the center of the view looking straight ahead is blurry. Some people experience blank spots in the main line of vision. There may be flashes of light in one or both eyes, halos that appear around lights at night, or a change in the color of the iris or clarity of the cornea. Even with magnification and more light, reading and writing become increasingly difficult.

What treatments are available? In the early stages of dry AMD, taking some antioxidants may reduce vision loss. For later stages of dry AMD there is currently no approved treatment. There is a treatment that can slow the progression of wet macular degeneration.

Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) is a naturally occurring protein in the body, and its normal role is to trigger formation of new blood vessels. However, in certain diseases (including wet AMD) it is also associated with the growth of abnormal new blood vessels in the eye. An injection is available that can slow down this process. Eye drops are currently under study which may be able to replace the need for an injection.

Can we reduce our risk for macular degeneration? Very possibly. Stop smoking cigarettes, eat fatty fish like salmon, tuna, mackerel or sardines twice a week, and eat plenty of vegetables and fruits. Wear sunglasses for protection. Researchers with the Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) reported that nutritional supplements containing omega 3 fatty acids, vitamin C, vitamin E, beta-carotene, zinc and copper may reduce the risk of developing advanced age-related macular degeneration.

Age-related macular degeneration is truly a terrible disease, however, there is significant progress in research being made and the future is promising.

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Short Story

Exploring the Pacific Electric tunnels underneath L.A.

By Anthony Caldwell

I felt like I stepped back in time to Ancient Pompeii (buried by Mount Vesuvius). Only I was under modern Los Angeles in 1980! My friend worked for AT&T at 3rd and Olive in L.A., and said "Do you want to see something fantastic under L.A. next Sunday? I immediately said "Sure." He drove into the underground garage, signed in, and we went to a backwall sign that said "Loading Dock Closed, Use 4th Street Dock." He unlocked a huge sliding counter weighted door and stepped inside. Inside was a dim old tunnel about two stories high, lined in white tiles onto a wide wood walkway. It was built even with the internal loading dock. Protective steel pipes pierced the walls and were all plainly labeled "AT&T" fiber electric lines and the associated users. Under the walkways were pipes labeled "P.G.&E.," "D.W.P.," and "Gas Company." The walls had big racks holding utility associated pipes and lines. Overhead were dim, yellowed fluorescent lights, some new, and air ducts emitting musty air. The whole place smelled like wet concrete, very old wood, chemicals, and mold

of all sorts. To the west was a locked security entrance to the BofA Twin Towers, and to the east was our destination. We walked down the creaking walkway; past old loading docks with signs of old, closed, and gone department stores; Zales, I. Magnin, Desmond's, J.W. Robinson's, and a Warner's Theater with chained-shut centurion gates. We came to a branch where another bricked-in barrier with the pipes and lines that entered the old "Pacific Electric" terminal, still remained, and is now a bus terminal. We had passed signs that said AT&T, 3rd Street, Olive, Broadway, Figueroa, and Hill Street. Now we had to go north, past an old P.E. maintenance trolley on the walkway surrounding it, and saw loading docks labeled Grand Central Market and our destination of The Million Dollar Theater. The loading dock itself was elaborate—brass railing with old and faded red sash cords. One-half of the double doors was removed for the new pipes and lines, passing neatly into the lower theater. He unlocked the right remaining door, turned on lights inside and we entered into what was now a huge storage area, which once was a very private and cozy viewing theater with what looked like a large bar. It looked like a big Speak-Easy (prohibition was the law), but Hollywood-Babylon's promiscuous past is legend. Now we went upstairs to our quest; only the lighting control room was locked so, we got our flashlights. Egyptian motifs were everywhere--the mosaic picture of an Egyptian type priestess or modern vamp like Clara Bow or Theda Bara.

I said "A woman like that could stop a war!" My friend countered "Or start one." Now we went into the main theater area. It has surprisingly been kept intact, but was being re-purposed by the L.A. Historical Preservation Society, and we found papers of their private tours. Next we had to climb up the stairs to the big balcony to see the piece de resistance. The chandelier must have weighed a ton! It was covered in gold leaf and could be lowered by cables for cleaning, to replace lights, etc. As we left this great jewel of L.A., my friend said, "In WW II all this was used for training military personnel and for tapping into international telephone and telegraph lines. We have found papers that seem to indicate that lots of state and California buildings were used as training centers; like the old L.A. Science Museum. As we retraced our steps, my friend said "We are not only re-purposing the old subways, but also many underground obsolete or under used loading tunnels; some legal and some suspicious. With the coming of new subways and New York style construction, expect lots of action to occur. Now, I see it all happening. P.S. I want to credit my deceased friend, Ronald D. Barton, who made the information and tour possible. R.I.P.

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Donald LaPlante takes helm as school board president



Tod Corrin and Mark D. Morris will serve as vice president and clerk, respectively

DOWNEY - On Tuesday evening, at the school board's annual reorganization meeting which is held in December of each year, Donald E. LaPlante was elected president of the Downey Unified Board of Education.

Other officers include Tod M. Corrin as vice president and D. Mark Morris as clerk. Outgoing President Nancy A. Swenson, a member of the Board since 2005, will continue to serve on the Board as a representative of Trustee Area 5.

There to present Swenson with a certificate thanking her for her one-year term as president was City of Downey Council Member Alex Saab. LaPlante presented outgoing president Swenson with a plaque, on behalf of the entire Board of Education, thanking her for her leadership as president this past year.

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized tonight," expressed Swenson. "I truly appreciate the support of my Downey Unified family this past year. I have learned a lot as president and I look forward to

continuing to learn as a member of the Board in the coming year. I would like to thank the community for taking the time to read my articles each month; it has been a true pleasure to write them and an even greater pleasure receiving your feedback."

Serving on the Board since 1979, LaPlante is Warren High School alumnus and one of the longest serving Board members in the state of California. This is the seventh time that LaPlante has served as president. He has been actively involved in school board organizations during his time on the Board. In 2012, he was elected by his colleagues in the southern part of Los Angeles County as Director for Region 24 of the California School Boards Association.

For the past 30 years, he served as a member of the Delegate Assembly for the California School Board Association. Professionally, LaPlante retired from teaching English and United States history for the Duarte Unified School District, teaching at the seventh and eighth grade level for over 20 years.

Corrin, a Downey resident for over 40 years, is an active volunteer, member of PTA for over 20 years and a past

member of the Warren High School Academic Booster Council. A Board of Education member since 2003, Corrin has also served as a member of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and is the past-president of Northwest Downey Little League.

In addition to his role as a member of the Board of Education, Corrin has served in multiple capacities on the Downey YMCA Board of Managers and has directed the YMCA Easter Caravan for 41 years.

Morris is a lifelong resident of Downey and a graduate of Downey High School. He has been a member of the Board of Education since 1982.

Morris is a member of the California School Board Association and the Los Angeles County School Boards Association. He retired from the City of Downey as a Housing Planner after 28 years; also, having worked for six years for the cities of Norwalk, Paramount and Alhambra.

Morris is married to his wife Pam, who is a Downey Unified teacher. All their children have attended Downey Unified schools as well as their four grandchildren.



PIH Health Announces Ramona Pratt and Ceonne Houston-Raasikh as Chief Nursing Officers

DOWNEY - Ramona Pratt, MSN, MSHCA, RN, and Ceonne Houston-Raasikh, DNP, MSN, RN, have been named PIH Health Hospital - Whittier and PIH Health Hospital - Downey chief nursing officers (CNO). Pratt will be responsible for executive oversight of PIH Health Hospital - Whittier nursing practice and operations and Houston-Raasikh will be responsible for executive oversight of PIH Health Hospital - Downey nursing practice and operations.

Pratt has worked for PIH Health for nearly 40 years, and has served the organization in executive roles since 2007. Most recently, she held the position of vice president of Oncology Services. Prior to that, she served as chief operating officer and chief nursing officer of PIH Health Hospital - Downey. Other executive positions she has held include, chief operating officer of PIH Health Physicians and vice president of Nursing Operations at PIH

Health Hospital - Whittier. She became CNO in November 2019.

"In my many years with PIH Health, I have been given the opportunity to grow within the organization and work in several different roles," says Pratt. "Now I will be working with front line staff and nursing leadership to ensure we continue to provide outstanding care as we expand our presence in Southern California."

Pratt is a registered nurse and has a Master of Science in Nursing and Healthcare Administration, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from California State University, Long Beach.

Houston-Raasikh became CNO in August 2019, and previously served as vice president of Nursing Operations for the PIH Health Hospital - Downey campus since March 2018. She joined PIH Health Hospital

- Downey in 2017 as clinical director of Outpatient Surgical Center, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, and Gastroenterology Services, and quickly advanced to administrative director of Surgical Services.

"It is a pleasure to contribute to an organization that stands true to its vision of putting patients first," says Houston-Raasikh. "In my role as chief nursing officer, I will ensure that our team of caregivers maintains a high level of care for every patient that walks through our hospital doors."

Dr. Houston-Raasikh is a registered nurse and holds a Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the University of San Francisco, a Master of Science in Nursing Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from California State University, Los Angeles.

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A tip tutorial, brought to you by Christmas

BYCONNIE SCHULTZ

Last month, a reader tagged me in a post on her Facebook page to let me know that a tip jar in central Ohio was not operating as a tip jar at all.

You would agree with her assessment, unless you’re a restaurant patron who loves to reward good service with tips for managers and owners.

That’s not you, right?

I didn’t think so. C’mere and give me a hug.

When I asked that reader for further details, her response on her page inspired two other people to send me private messages a few days later about skimmed tips in businesses in their parts of the country: Houston and Milwaukee, respectively.

All three of these people gave me the names of the businesses and described the conversations that transpired when they pointed to the tip jars and asked the clerks behind the counters a simple question: “Who gets to keep the tips?”

In each of these instances, the answer was the same: Management keeps the tips.

Welcome to the holiday season.

Or, for those who insist saying “Happy Holidays” is an attempt to rob the season of its reason, welcome to the never-ending Christmas fight for food service workers’ rights.

Could there be a faster way to keep the Christ in Christmas than to advocate for those who wait on us everywhere we eat? Surely, we Christians can agree that Jesus (a) would not want bosses stealing their workers’ tips, and (b) expect us to do our part to put an end to it.

To state what I wish were obvious to everybody, one needn’t be a Christian to want hourly wage earners to keep their tips. The Christmas season, however, is a particularly fitting time for the reminder, as so many of us will be eating out more as part of our seasonal rituals.

I’ve been writing about skimmed tips for more than a decade, but as the examples at the top of this column illustrate, it’s a problem that never goes away. Just when we’ve outed one manager or owner who, not coincidentally, immediately changes their tip-stealing ways, another one thinks he or she is immune from discovery.

One of the most rewarding parts of being a columnist for these past 17 years is the steady stream of readers who care about this issue. They confront these businesses, and they let me know when they’ve changed their own tipping practices because of the ongoing discussions we’ve had. So often, I meet someone and one of the first things he or she wants me to know is this: “I always tip in cash.” I’m never going to stop loving that.

Yes, in a just world, no worker would have to depend on tips to make minimum wage. As soon as the restaurant industry in the U.S. universally agrees to pay their servers a living wage, I’ll be one of the first to absolve you of this burden of treating fellow humans as fellow humans.

Kidding.

But if that time ever comes, I will agree that you can stop feeling obligated to leave tips for good service.

In the meantime, a few reminders during this time of giving:

Whenever possible, please tip in cash. Many restaurants still deduct a percentage of the charge card fee from the tips of their servers.

If you are dining with enough people to trigger management’s mandatory “gratuity” — quotation marks intended — ask your server what percentage of that payment goes to him or her. Often, the answer is zero.

Likewise, if you are hosting a party and using a catering service, ask in advance who gets that mandatory service charge. I have found the only sure way of getting tips to the waitstaff is to press it directly into their hands at the end of the night.

If you’re staying at a hotel and order room service, do not assume that the service charge goes to the person delivering your food. Ask, and you will likely find that he or she is getting none of it. While you’re there, please tip the housekeeper every day of your stay.

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Gearing up for 2020

BY JACKIE CUSHMAN

By Tuesday night, the week’s national political news was already too much to grasp. On Monday, the Justice Department’s inspector general, Michael Horowitz, released the 436-page report “Review of Four FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) Applications and Other Aspects of the FBI’s Crossfire Hurricane Investigation.”

“Crossfire Hurricane” was the FBI investigation opened during the 2016 presidential campaign into whether people in Donald Trump’s campaign were “coordinating, wittingly or unwittingly, with the Russian government’s efforts to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.”

Crossfire Hurricane concluded that there was no collusion.

But that wasn’t all. The report also concluded that there were “instances in which certain FBI personnel at times during the 2016–2017 period reviewed by the OIG, did not comply with existing policies, neglected to exercise appropriate diligence, or otherwise failed to meet the standard of conduct that the FBI expects of its employees — and that our country expects of the FBI.”

There were so many instances of failed FBI process that, in his written response to the IG report, FBI Director Christopher Wray said he “ordered more than 40 corrective steps to address the Report’s recommendations.” Clearly, a lot of missteps were made during the Russian investigation.

In response to the report, Attorney General William P. Barr stated on Monday, “The FBI launched an intrusive investigation of a U.S. presidential campaign on the thinnest of suspicions that, in my view, were insufficient to justify the steps taken.”

After the launch of the FBI’s Russian investigation, Barr said, “in the rush to obtain and maintain FISA surveillance of Trump

campaign associates, FBI officials misled the FISA court, omitted critical exculpatory facts from their filings, and suppressed or ignored information negating the reliability of their principal source.”

In an opposite take, The New York Times covered the release with a headline that read, “Report on F.B.I. Russia Inquiry Finds Serious Errors but Debunks Anti-Trump Plot,” written by Charlie Savage, Adam Goldman and Katie Benner. My bet is Barr is correct.

Keep in mind that Barr has opened a second inquiry into the Russian investigation, which U.S. Attorney John Durham is overseeing as a potentially criminal investigation. This gives him subpoena power and the ability to call a grand jury.

“Based on the evidence collected to date, and while our investigation is ongoing, last month we advised the Inspector General that we do not agree with some of the report’s conclusions as to predication and how the FBI case was opened,” Durham said in a statement.

There is more to come when the criminal investigation is finished. But let’s now pivot to the news that came out on Tuesday. That’s when the Democrats, who have been wrong on Russian collusion, took President Trump to task for something else.

On Tuesday, the Democrats in the House of Representatives released two articles of impeachment against Trump. The first article focuses on abuse of power and the second on obstruction of justice. The articles focus on Trump and Ukraine.

The first article claims that Trump conducted “a scheme or course of conduct that included soliciting the Government of Ukraine to publicly announce investigations that would benefit his re-election, harm the election prospects of a political opponent, and influence the 2020 United States Presidential election to his

advantage.”

The second article claims, “Trump has directed the unprecedented, categorical, and indiscriminate defiance of subpoenas issued by the House of Representatives” during their impeachment proceedings.

These articles are expected to be voted on before the end of the year.

If passed, they will be tried in the Republican-controlled Senate, where they are expected to fail.

Let’s just say for these charges: Read the transcript of the call and not opinion news.

The same day the House filed the articles of impeachment, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., announced that the House would pass Trump’s U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). This is a big win for Trump.

While some claimed this gave Trump a victory and overshadowed the impeachment proceedings, others claimed this proved the Democrats could carry out the nation’s business while also filing articles of impeachment.

Oh, and if that wasn’t enough for you, keep in mind that there is still a chance that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will join the 2020 presidential campaign — which would just make 2020 even wilder. Just imagine how that would lead to ongoing questions about Jeffrey Epstein, his activities and his death.

With the economy roaring, and many people tuning out the never-ending soap opera in Washington, D.C., Trump is poised to win the 2020 election, whether Clinton runs or not. Thank goodness we have less than a year to go until the next election.

A drama in two acts: The House and The Senate

BY JAMIE STIEHM

They kept it simple and solemn in the House late in fall: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

These are twin articles of impeachment now facing President Donald J. Trump, just announced by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Democratic chairmen, notably Reps. Adam Schiff of Los Angeles (House Intelligence Committee) and Jerrold Nadler of New York (House Judiciary Committee). Pelosi wore bright cobalt blue.

Artillery fire across the aisle soon erupted. House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., accused them of trying to “tear down the country.”

On the other side of the creamy Capitol, the Senate was still stirring, barely awake. That’s the pattern we’ve seen all year: the House acts; the Senate reacts with a yawn.

Yet now the Senate has no choice but to get into the House act. By the Constitution’s clear words, once the House impeaches the president, the eye of the Trump storm moves to the Senate.

Hurricane Donald threatens to leave a shambles in his adopted — or abducted — party wake when it’s over. Just in time for the 2020 races.

You can count on it: The Democratic House will impeach Trump in late 2019 — next week — and a Republican Senate trial shall start in early 2020.

As sure as stars, it won’t be a pretty mud fight, whether Trump is acquitted or removed from office. It’s bound to make the bitterly

partisan President Bill Clinton affair — he was impeached but not removed — look like horsefeathers.

That House drama happened early Tuesday morning. The power of two was quickly debated and rippled among the reporters in the Rayburn Room as they ran after the speaker for questions; she took none. The lawyerly Mueller report on Russia’s 2016 election interference did not make the House cut.

That was the curious thing. Most likely, the decision to keep the articles simple was a deft stroke to protect the moderates in the House Democratic caucus.

Rather, the Pelosi impeachment is all about Ukraine. Trump’s explicit July call with the president of a foreign power, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, to pressure him into announcing an investigation of a 2020 political opponent, Joe Biden, and his son Hunter is on record. (Thank you, whistleblower.)

About \$400 million of military aid was at stake, and both presidents knew it: Trump and Zelenskiy. The American president’s misconduct, spelled out by the House, was simple: use state power for personal gain.

“That could mean they don’t like the way you get up in the morning,” Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., fumed near the floor.

Likewise, the second House article, obstruction of Congress, is not hard to prove to the real jury, the public. The Trump White House refused to provide witnesses or documents to the impeachment inquiry.

But this is politics, not a straight legal trial. Yes, Virginia,

anything could happen.

Public sentiment — and the Senate — ruled Clinton’s slight affair with a young woman wasn’t worth ousting a president in peace and prosperity. Lying about his personal life in a salacious investigation did not violate the Constitution, in the end.

Most of all, Clinton was a popular president who kept his chin up during a relentless Puritan proceeding.

Trump’s approval rating is a rock-solid 43% or 44%. A few Senate Republicans up for reelection in toss-up states are in a tight spot. Key battlegrounds are Iowa and Maine.

Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, and Cory Gardner, R-Colo., will be closely watched chess pieces in the Senate trial. Do they risk alienating their base volunteers and funders or independent swing voters?

While there may be a couple of crossovers, such as Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., or Mitt Romney, R-Utah., the Senate must reach 67 votes to remove Trump — a steep standard. House Democrats will stick together.

Schiff said in closing, “The President’s oath of office appears to mean very little to him.”

But Mitch McConnell, the shrewd Senate majority leader, may have the last word. Will he approve Hunter Biden called as a Republican trial witness? That would be foul, even in ugly political weather.

McConnell won’t even divulge the date when the Senate returns for the January trial. He’s biding — or, Biden — his time. Then the fun begins.

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Op-Ed: Read the article, not just the headline

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

I know what you’re thinking.
 “Ain’t nobody got time for that!”
 Every time I sit down to write a story, there is one lesson that a college professor taught me that I always try to keep in mind:
 “Statistically, you won’t keep the reader’s attention for long, so get your main info out as quickly and as simply as possible.”
 It’s what we journalists like to call “the inverted pyramid.”

In layman’s terms, most writers like to build up their story to a climax halfway or three-quarters of the way into their piece, and include all the fix-ins along the way.

As reporters, we like to get the gist of it done and over with without too much extraneous fluff.

Look, we get it.

We live in an age of instant gratification, where news apps and Twitter make even the internet seem slow; sitting down and committing to an entire story (even on your smartphone) is a lot to ask sometimes.

But as readers, sometimes you have to meet us halfway.

Against my editor’s advice (and maybe a bit of my better judgement as well), one of my favorite things to do is read the comment section of a story after it’s been posted.

Chalk it up to my desire to spark discussion and dialogue, but I have a morbid curiosity about what readers think about the topics I cover.

Unfortunately, I’ve noticed a trend that’s a little disheartening.

Folks, there is more to a story than its headline or its lede.

For example:

I couldn’t help but chuckle at some of the comments made on my police mounted unit feature, condemning the city for spending money on such a program.

I rolled my eyes at those who drew their line in the sand, refusing to pay any more money towards a potential new hotel bed tax that will be added to the upcoming ballot.

I let out a deep, heavy sigh when someone said that an article about a free turkey giveaway declined to provide a location for the event.

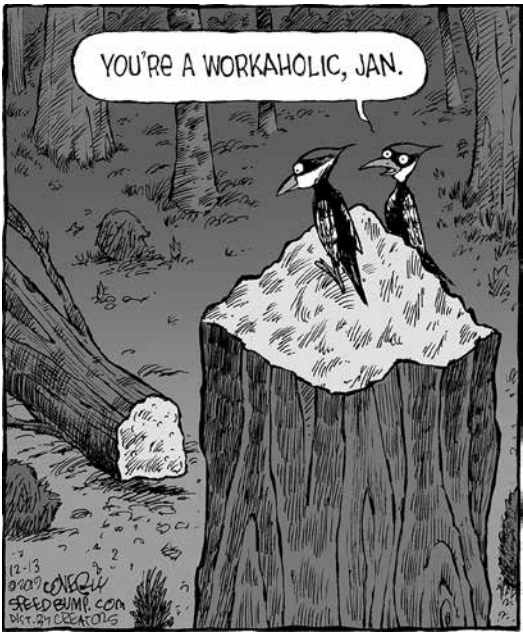
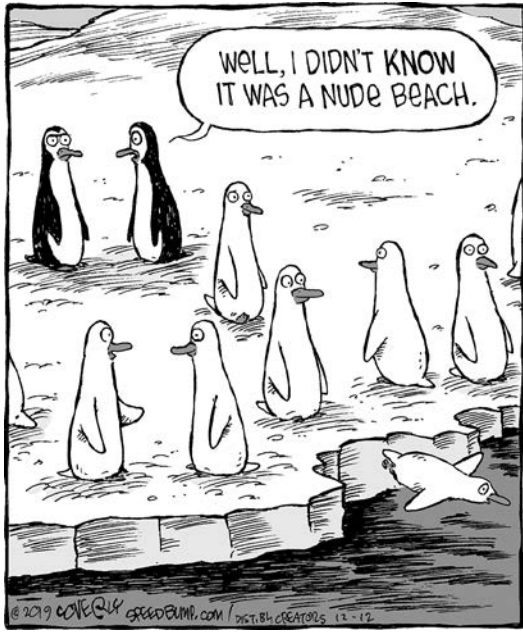
Most of the mounted unit’s expenses are covered by the officers themselves. Unless you stay in a hotel in the city, you won’t have to worry about the new tax. Turkey’s were available at 10919 Lakewood Blvd on Nov. 27.

In case you were wondering.

In other words: read the article, not just the headline. All it takes is a few extra moments of your day.

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.
- 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., 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, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6:30 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara 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.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 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., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

On This Day...

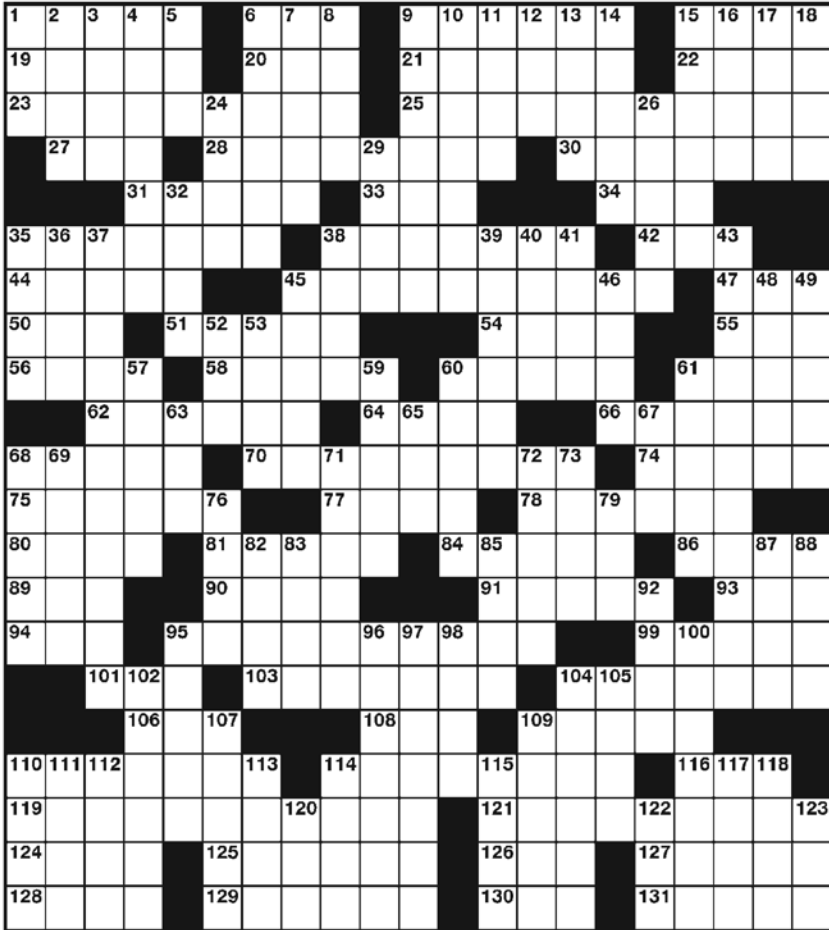
- Dec. 12, 1787:** Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
- 1800:** Washington, DC, was established as the capital of the United States.
- 2000:** The Texas Rangers signed Alex Rodriguez to a record breaking 10-year, \$252 million contract. The contract amount broke all major league baseball records and all professional sports records.
- 2001:** The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation that would implement minimum federal election standards and provide funding to help states modernize their voting systems.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Sheila E featuring Pete Escovedo, 8 pm. Drummer, singer, songwriter, author and actress Sheila E performs live on stage. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Santa Paws, 11 am to 1 pm. Have your pet photographed with Santa Claus for a \$10 donation, with proceeds benefiting SEAACA. Donation includes one 4x6 photo. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 8800 Apollo Way

Toy Giveaway, 11 am to 2 pm. Head over to Vallarta Supermarkets to receive 1 free gift per child under 12 years while supplies last and get free photo with Santa! Vallarta Supermarket 7900 Imperial Hwy.

Vendorama Monthly Pop-up shop, 11 am to 4 pm. every 2nd Saturday of the month 30+ vendors come out to offer their goods and services in a family friendly, community engaging, fun atmosphere! Huge variety of food, clothing for men, women & children, accessories, home goods, sweets, toys, independent distributor brands, local service based vendors and so much more! St. Marks Episcopal School, 10354 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Merry Mercado, 11 am to 4 pm. Jingle your way over to Los Amigos Golf Course for gift raffles and Winter fun! Santa making a special appearance from 1-3 pm, so bring the kids! Save the Date For This Winter Fun with The Family and support our community's small businesses.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

A Visit with Santa Claus, 6-8 pm. There will be stories and treats at this free event hosted by the Downey City Library. Children will be able to sit on Santa's lap for a picture – don't forget your camera. All ages are welcome. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

\$5 Movie Tickets at Cinemark, 9am-10 pm. TGather your friends and family and enjoy \$5 movie tickets at Cinemark all day Tuesday!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Winter Wonderland, 10 am to 3 pm. A free family event with music, games face painting, arts and crafts, raffles, and photos with Santa Claus. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 13200 Columbia Way

KidsCreate: Family Paint Day, 10:30 am to noon. Enjoy a fun-filled day of painting and creativity with your little one(s). Make lasting memories & take home your works of art. One ticket includes: Child-friendly paint theme, guided workshop, two take-home canvases (for you and your child), paint brushes & paint supplies, snacks & refreshments. Each additional child or parent is \$15. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Adoption Event, 10 am to 3 pm. Join the Sunny Saints volunteers and alumni and honorary Sunny Saints for a lot of Sainly love. PetSmart, 12126 Lakewood Blvd.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

\$5 Movie Tickets at Cinemark, 9am-10 pm. TGather your friends and family and enjoy \$5 movie tickets at Cinemark all day Tuesday!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Tribute Night, 8 pm to 2 am. Food, DJs, vendors, ugly Christmas sweater party, and tributes to Interpol, The Strokes and The Cure. \$15 to get in. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Soiree, 8 pm to 12 am. A 1920's themed party with live music by Synthesi. \$125 admission includes appetizers, open bar, and dinner. St. George's Greek Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

Shake, Rattle & Rock, 9 pm to 12 am. Ring in the New Year with entertainer Dean Z and music from Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Michael Jackson, and others. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Louie's Roaring 20's NYE Party, 8 pm to 2 am. Join us at Bar Louie Downey as we say au revoir to 2019 in style Get ready to ring in the new decade with our champagne toast and great friends. Admission to Event is free or you can grab our upgrade to our elite package for \$50. Entrance Includes champagne toast. Elite Package

Includes (per ticket) champagne toast, 4 drink tickets (Call drinks and Draft beer), and 1 appetizer (your choice of any Flatbread, Sliders or Nachos). Formal attire not required. 1920's attire encouraged but not required.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

State of the City, 12 pm. Listen as Councilman Rick Rodriguez presents Downey's State of the City address. RSVP with the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Downey Sister Cities Winter Party, 6-9 pm. Join us for our Winter Party and Fundraiser. Held at Pina Pizza House

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Join other volunteers in helping clean up the neighborhood. Meet in the Downtown Downey parking structure at 2nd Street and La Reina.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Happy 250th, Beethoven," this concert features a solo by pianist Sung Chang. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Briday Expo, 12-4 pm. Meet vendors in the wedding industry and tour the ballrooms and reception halls available at Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Join other volunteers in helping clean up the neighborhood. Meet in front of Western Pacific Pulp Paper, 9400 Hall Rd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5

The Buddy Holly Story, 8 pm. This production features the classic songs, "That'll Be the Day," "Not Fade Away," "Oh Boy," along with Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and The Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace," plus more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Walk for Water, 9 am to 1 pm. Join Downey High School's Thirst Project Club as they raise money and awareness regarding the global water crisis. Downey High football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Carpenters Tribute Concert, 8 pm. Sally Olson as Karen Carpenter and pianist Ned Mills as Richard Carpenter, backed up by some of Las Vegas' top musicians, celebrate the musical legacy of the Carpenters. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along, 2 pm. An interactive presentation of the Disney classic, with on-screen lyrics so the audience can sing along. Buy your tickets at the Downey Theatre box office. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Willy Chirino in Concert, 8 pm. Cuban-born vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped create the "Miami

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Sounds of America," this concert features a solo by percussionist Eric Guinivan. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Relay for Life, 10 am. Downey Relay for Life celebrates the 20th anniversary of its fight against cancer. This 24-hour event raises money for the American Cancer Society. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mariachi Los Camperos, 3 pm. The two-time Grammy Award winning mariachi performs a special Mother's Day concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

'Grease' Sing-Along, 7 pm. Fall in love with Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta all over again while singing along to all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Some events may charge admission fees. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

Economists offer mostly positive forecast for SoCal

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Connect SoCal was developed by SCAG's staff as part of an extensive planning and visioning process that included the active engagement of residents and stakeholders across the region. It is built around a core vision that centers on maintaining and better managing the transportation network we have for moving people and goods, while expanding mobility choices through land-use decisions and increasing investment in transit and complete streets.

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Downey Ushers in a new Mayor

A historic night leading to a promising new year

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

I slid into the only empty chair. Lucky for me it was a front seat right behind the glass wall that separates the Downey Council Chamber from the overflow crowd at City Hall. From the lobby we were watching one of the glories of democracy, the peaceful transition of power from the incumbent mayor to the next-in-line council member.

A familiar face greeted me, and I remembered Alodia Perez-Lam, the mother of Downey's newest school board member Giggy Perez-Saab. We had met a year ago at the Downey Theatre Christmas show on one of Alodia's frequent visits here from Miami.

Born in Cuba and raised in Downey, Alodia is abuela to the three Saab children and she keeps up with Downey doings because she has a mail subscription sent to Miami from the Downey Patriot.

We could easily watch Mayor Rick Rodriguez as he received special commendations and plaques from friends and organizations. Miss Downey and her court including Little Miss Downey came up front to commend Mayor Rick for his year, and the littlest one spoke for all. That court experience gives young women such poise and confidence.

Mayor Rick gave heartfelt thanks to his colleagues and the city for his year as mayor. A slide show of his many accomplishments showed my favorite, Mayor Rick at "Movies With the Mayor," standing on the grassy lawn of the Columbia Memorial Space Center in costume as Obi-Wan Kenobe the Jedi knight.

Sitting with time now to

reflect, I thought how the deeper meaning of my title, Society Editor, recalls the fact that in ancient Greece, the highest duty a citizen could have was to serve the city-state, the civitas, from which we get our word society. Here was a roomful of people following that noble calling.

Mayor Rick received a standing O from the packed chamber, and then former Mayor Meredith Perkins ably did the honors, administering the Oath of Office to incoming Blanca Pacheco, who joins an illustrious line of female mayors that stretches all the way back to Hazel Scott in 1971. Downey is comfortable with women breaking the gender barrier: the next year's mayor-elect, the mayor pro-tem is also a woman, Claudia Frometa.

It was comforting seeing the procedures through the glass wall that symbolizes transparency, the condition Downey wants to have between its officials, administrators and the people. I was surrounded by Alodia, on one side, and Bill Hare of the Downey Symphonic Society on the other. Directly behind me sat long-time Rotarian and past club president John Lacy. Greg Welch, newly installed chairman of the Board of Managers of the Downey Family YMCA waited directly in front on the other side of the partition, to give his congratulations to Mayor Rick.

Busy placing flyers about the January 11th Conference on Human Trafficking was Soroptimist and PTA worker Celia Goñez. Courage Forward will co-sponsor this important event, at the Downey Adult School.

Martha Medford Sotetani of the Downey School Board arrived with son Gordon, and fellow School Board member Giggy Perez-Saab with their three children came in support of husband Councilman Alex Saab.

Councilman Sean Ashton followed the proceedings from his vantage point council seat, where he sat near City Manager Gilbert Livas.

State Senator Bob Archuleta helped introduce new Mayor Blanca. She wore a red dress and fitted white jacket and stood in the well of the chamber to outline some of her projects for the coming year. Blanca plans to introduce Christmas with Santa and the Mayor, and a summer program, Girls on Fire Summer Camp for 6th-12th graders. She will keep the environment-friendly Ride (a bike) and Stride programs, and implement a Citywide Pedestrian Plan.

Rapid flashing beacons will be introduced for better traffic control, and new Downey city entrance monument signs will be erected.

There will be another Movie With the Mayor outdoors at the Space Center—wonder what one Mayor Blanca and staff will choose. Concerts in the Park will continue, always fun family nights, with picnics and blankets; and hot dogs and home-made desserts on sale to benefit the Downey Rose Float Association.

A one-time event will be the celebration on April 18 of the Downey Theatre's 50th Anniversary, an all-day free affair with music and drama and a special program by the Downey Symphony Orchestra, Sharon Lavery conducting.

Spotted in the crowd: Ben Dickow who is director of both the Columbia Memorial Space Center and the Downey City Library. The latter is undergoing a significant transformation. Incoming Mayor Blanca promises an opening in June of 2020. Dr. John Garcia, Superintendent of the Downey Unified School District was in the audience, still sporting that short white beard.

At the reception, Lori

Tiffany, director of the Downey Family YMCA circulated, as did Amber Vogel, Venutech Manager of the Downey Theatre. "This is the only show in town tonight," Amber said. "And it's been a good one."

The fare featured a special dish, tamales with three kinds of chicken filling, "red, green, and not-so-spicy white," as the server helpfully advised; and a delicious cake with boiled icing laced with honey. Lemonade and good cold water for the thirsty.

Speaking to Mayor Rick, I asked how it felt now to be the "old" mayor. "Once the mayor, always the mayor," Mr. Mayor Rick said. "But of course I'll continue to serve the city as councilman, and I am so grateful to have had this opportunity."

A presenter had described Mayor Rick as "all heart and energy." That pep has returned to Mayor Rick's step and we are glad he has survived his year.

Councilwoman Claudia Frometa in black jacket and skirt, black tights and stiletto heels wore a Christmasy necklace of sparkling red hearts. "I look forward to this year," Claudia said. "We'll be busy. And even more the year after, but I'm excited."

The last words belonged to the newest leader of the Council.

"It means a lot," said Blanca Pacheco.

Those were the sentiments of everyone in City Hall that night.

Cerritos bans smoking at Golf Course

CERRITOS - The Cerritos City Council recently approved an urgent amendment to the Cerritos Municipal Code on smoking regulations, adding the Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course as a location where smoking is prohibited.

Smoking any device stipulated in the current code — including but not limited to cigarettes, pipes, hookah pipes, cigars, electronic cigarettes and vaping paraphernalia — is not allowed on the golf course's patio, putting green, diving green and the golf course itself.

The ban is already in effect.

DUSD Open enrollment to begin in January

DOWNEY - Downey Unified will be conducting its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly School of Choice) starting in January for the upcoming 2020-21 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area may apply. This enrollment period does not apply for parents of students who reside outside of the Downey Unified district boundaries.

From Jan. 1, 2020 through Jan. 31, 2020, applications for Intra-District Open Enrollment will be available to pick up at any of the 20 Downey Unified schools, the district office or can be filled out and submitted online at www.dusd.net. New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration within Downey Unified for the new school year.

Hand written applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the Student Services office at the Downey Unified School District by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, 2020, at 4 p.m.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on an Intra-District Open Enrollment permit waiting list for the 2020-21 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting lists according to priority, only if space is available.

For additional information and questions, please contact the Student Services Office at (562) 469-6550.

Santa Fe High trumpet player will perform in Tournament of Roses Parade

SANTA FE SPRINGS - Santa Fe High School trumpet player Hector Torres is among eight Whittier Union student performers selected to join the Pasadena City College Honor Band, set to perform in the 131st Tournament of Roses Parade.

Marching in every Rose Parade since 1930, the band is comprised of Lancer Marching Band members and exceptional high school musicians auditioned from throughout Southern California. Over 600 high school students audition each year for the 200-plus spots in the band, pageantry, and Herald Trumpets.

Torres won a coveted spot in the Honor Band after a rigorous audition process. Members began practice on Nov. 3 and they will continue every Sunday in November and December, as well as almost every day during winter break.

The performers memorize and perfect five pieces during the group and sectional rehearsals, and they train for the six-mile trek during their marches around the hills at Dodger Stadium.

Thousands of people crowd Colorado Boulevard to watch the Tournament of Roses Parade and millions more watch the broadcast in 200 territories and countries across the globe. The 2020 theme is "The Power of Hope."

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MJ Live travels from Las Vegas to Cerritos



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Tickets start at \$40 for the 8 p.m. show on Saturday, Jan. 25, and can be purchased at the CCPA Ticket Office, at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

Inspired by the late superstar King of Pop, MJ LIVE takes audiences on a thrilling musical journey into Jackson’s

genius. In a rousing production showcasing a live band, singers, and dancers, a talented impersonator revives Jackson’s looks, persona, one-of-a-kind voice, and electrifying dance moves. The tribute features costume changes and performances of The Gloved One’s greatest hits, including Thriller, Billie Jean, Beat It, Dangerous, Smooth Criminal, and Black & White.

Recognized by Guinness World Records as the most successful entertainer of all time, Jackson was celebrated

and embraced globally for his contribution to music, dance, and fashion.

He debuted in show business as the youngest and most popular member of The Jackson 5 family band and went on to grip the world with distinctive showmanship and hits, including Don’t Stop ’Til You Get Enough, Bad, Wanna Be Startin’ Somethin’, The Way You Make Me Feel, and Man in the Mirror. Thirteen of his solo songs landed on the No. One spot – the most ever by a male singer.

Journey tribute band to perform in Whittier

WHITTIER – A musical tribute to American rock band Journey will be held at the Whittier Center Theatre on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.

Performing will be DSB, which has been called “the next best thing to Journey.”

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Solving the homeless crisis is “black and white,” until it isn’t

Some experiencing homelessness don’t want the help. Others find it difficult to accept.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

WHITTIER Whittier is still relatively foreign territory to me, so I only recently learned of the issues going on at Parnell and other parks.

As we all know, the homeless crisis is not unique to any one community alone. It’s in Los Angeles. It’s in Orange County. It’s in Whittier. It’s in Norwalk. It’s in my home city of Downey.

But that doesn’t change the stigma that many of us have about the homeless being dirty, potentially dangerous, and an overall nuisance to society.

It’s a bias that I am not afraid to admit that I have developed myself.

If I’m being completely honest, I wasn’t exactly volunteering to run in and be buddy-buddy with any of the homeless at Parnell Park. I drive a nice car and had over \$1000 worth of expensive camera equipment on my person. I may have needed photos for a story, but I was alone and potentially vulnerable.

I planned on keeping my distance, getting what I needed, and then getting the hell out of dodge.

It was just by happenstance that I arrived at right around the same time as Whittier resident Paul Ramirez.

Ramirez lives in Friendly Hills, and has taken it upon himself to speak with, document, and in few cases, aid those in his community who are experiencing homelessness.

“In the spring of this year, I started noticing encampments populating bands of businesses, particularly Friendly Hills Marketplace,” said Ramirez. “I began working with the city to try and get them rectified, and then the Boise law changed everything.”

The Boise vs Martin case



Sam Garcia, 43, says accepting help isn’t always as simple as it seems. Photo by Alex Dominguez

ruling prohibits the removal of a public camper unless there is a bed available.

As well intentioned as the ruling may have seemed, it has effectively tied the hands of Whittier, and created the dirty and – yes – even dangerous looking eyesore that residents have become accustomed to seeing at their parks.

Whittier remains one of the only cities to adhere to the ruling.

As I began to set myself and my camera up behind the comforts of a brick wall, Ramirez extended me the invitation to enter the park with him. He must have sensed my trepidation, because he reached into his pocket and flashed a can of what I assumed to be pepper spray at me and assured me that

I’d be safe.

Since the Boise decision, Ramirez has taken it upon himself to clear abandoned encampments by picking up trash and other items left behind.

“In doing so, I became more familiar with some of the homeless who are out here,” said Ramirez. “I maintain my own data; I record everything. Of the 110 people I have met, I would say 20% are truly homeless by circumstance...the others would be drug-addicted vagrants.”

Many of these individuals know and call Ramirez by name, including 28-year-old Oscar Alcazar.

Alcazar has been experiencing homelessness for over ten years, leaving his home

after a confrontation with his brother and mother.

He was almost immediately aggressive with me, telling me that he didn’t want me there, nor pictures taken of him, and that I needed to “get out of here.”

It was Ramirez who settled him down enough to engage in a conversation.

In talking with Alcazar, I was able to get him to admit that he was a user of drugs, although he was mum on exactly what. Ramirez would later tell me in a phone call that Alcazar spoke of injecting meth daily. While I hate writing under hearsay, I have no reason to not believe this statement based on my experience that day.

Ramirez says that he has been working hard with Alcazar’s mother to get him back home, however “the meth is what is standing in the way.”

Still, he believes that Alcazar is “redeemable.”

However, along with the drugs that may or may not be in Alcazar’s system at any given time, there is one other thing that blocks his path to redemption.

His attitude.

The prior night to meymeeeting Alcazar, Whittier’s City Council had approved a pilot program with First Day shelter, establishing 11 crisis beds for those who may need them, particularly in the city’s homeless hotspots.

Yet, Alcazar didn’t seem to want any part of it.

“It’s not easy to do that shit, man,” said Alcazar. “You’ll never know until you feel it yourself. That’s straight the [expletive] up.”

Unfortunately, much of my conversation with Alcazar dissolved into swear-filled rants from that point on, mostly directed at Ramirez.

“Mr. Paul took me and my girlfriend at the time out to lunch one day, and says how he wants to help us, which is great,” said Alcazar. “But then

he talks so low of us. He says, ‘I want to help you, you scumbag, tweaker, drug addict, [expletive] thief. Who wants to help then?’”

“Parnell Park is the 14th most dangerous place in America? Do you believe that? I’m gonna answer for you; no, you don’t believe that...That’s what [Paul] has done to us.”

Another woman, Sabrina Ruiz, 41, has been homeless for over ten years as well. She joined the conversation and almost immediately became increasingly hostile.

“You I just cannot [expletive] stand, because you’ve caused me too many [expletive] problems,” said Ruiz, directed towards Ramirez. “I don’t hate people, but you’re one person that I can actually say with a capital H-A-T-E, that I [expletive] hate.”

“You don’t help nobody, Paul. All you do is make it look more negative than it is.”

Ramirez does not discount claims that he has said negative things about some of the individuals he has tried help.

“I don’t think that was inaccurate,” said Ramirez. “I offer individuals’ help...they don’t like being called criminal vagrants or drug addicts, but that’s what they are.”

It’s increasingly rare that those who Ramirez extends his hand to actively accept the help. Of the 110 individuals he has made contact with, Ramirez says that he has only been able to work with 8.

But amongst many of the naysayers, you might find a diamond-in-the-rough like Sam Garcia.

Garcia, 43, has only been on the streets for a few months. He was forced out when his rent was raised and living in motels became too much.

He stood on the side for much of Ruiz’s tirade with the patience and demeanor of a saint. Almost as if he was the Jiminy Cricket of the encampment, he even apologized for Ruiz’s words after she departed.

He did not deny the worst kept secret of the camp: that it consisted of several substance users; even he himself smokes marijuana, although he said he doesn’t drink alcohol or do anything else.

He also affirmed that a majority of the bikes that were scattered around the premises were stolen.

“It’s unfortunate that there is a criminal element that does come here. There are people who need mental help,” said Garcia. “We can’t control that.”

Still, he insists that the entire situation is not black and white.

“Until someone comes out and assess every individual individually and sees what each person needs, help for one person is not necessarily help for the other person,” said Garcia. “Until everyone gets assessed and sees what they need, you can’t lump us together and say, ‘Oh, we tried helping them and they don’t want the help.’”

In Garcia’s case, he says it is difficult to go elsewhere because he feels he needs to stay close due to family ties. Shelter stay can also prove to be difficult to manage.

“Shelters are only good in winter months,” said Garcia. “You have to be there at 6:30 p.m., it’s limited beds, and at 6:30 in the morning, you have to leave. So, I have nowhere to go, I have to leave, now I walk around, and if I’m caught somewhere in front of a business, I’m a loiterer. Now I’m becoming a criminal; where am I supposed to go during that time?”

“I have nowhere to go, and it’s only in the winter months. After the winter, I’m maxed out. The shelter in uptown Whittier is not really an option.”

I can’t help but feel like I walked away from these conversations with a muddled opinion on homeless. Here were a couple of individuals who could use the help, who were actively turning it away. On the other end of the spectrum was a man who wanted the help but didn’t feel it was accessible to him.

For something that is not “black and white,” sometimes it feels entirely “black and white.”

And then, it doesn’t. As we stood by our cars and started to wrap up our conversation, Ramirez said something to me that hasn’t left my mind since we parted: “Sam is homeless. Oscar and Sabrina are drug addicts. There’s a big difference between the two.”

I don’t necessarily feel comfortable endorsing this statement myself, as I don’t care to label someone I’ve only just met a drug addict or not. However, Ramirez is definitely correct in that there is a huge difference between an individual like Sam and Oscar.

There are most certainly those who do not want the help of their community, that is for sure. I can only hope that they don’t end up dragging individuals like Sam – who are simply down on their luck – down with them.

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John N. Morris, Poetry, February 1977

“In the composition of almost every poem,” says Morris, who taught at Washington University in St. Louis, “some detail: a line, a grace of some sort that one hadn’t expected, manifests itself suddenly and may indeed be the salvation of the poem.” Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Vikings record impressive entering into SGVL play

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 8-1 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Gahr to face the Gladiators on Jan. 8. The Vikings competed in the Artesia Tournament Dec. 3-5 where they finished 2-1. Downey defeated Santiago 52-40 in their first game on Dec. 3, was defeated by Millikan 47-46 in their second game on Dec. 4 and defeated Artesia 49-38 in their third and final game on Dec. 5.

In the Downey/Millikan game, the Vikings narrowly lost by one point. Millikan led 10-8 at the end of the first quarter. Downey outscored the Rams 18-10 in the second quarter and led 26-20 going into the locker room at halftime. Millikan outscored Downey 12-7 in the third quarter but Downey still led 33-32 after three quarters of play. The Rams outscored the Vikings 15-13 in fourth quarter and came away with the 47-46 win. The loss against Millikan was Downey's first loss in nine games this season.

Downey defeated Inglewood at Downey 61-60 on Dec. 7. The Vikings will play Cerritos at the Staples Center on Dec. 17, will host Palm Springs at Downey on Dec. 18 and will travel to Claremont to play the Wolfpack on Dec. 20.

Downey will compete in the Rancho Mirage Holiday Invitational Dec. 26 and 27. The Vikings are scheduled to play Capistrano Valley on Dec. 26 and Rancho Mirage on Dec. 27. Downey will host LaSalle on Jan. 3, will host Covina on Jan. 4 and will travel to Gahr to play the Gladiators in their league opener on Jan. 8. Coach Shelton, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. play and competing for a league title.

WARREN BOYS' BASKETBALL: The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 4-2 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to play the Dominguez Dons on Jan. 8.

The Bears competed in the Rumble for Rosecrans Tournament from Nov. 19-23 where they finished with a record of 4-1. Warren is currently competing in the Brave Winter Classic where they are 0-1. The Bears were defeated by Long Beach Poly 85-72 in their tournament opener. Warren will continue to play in the Brave Winter Classic through Dec. 14 and their opponents will be determined based on tournament results.

The Bears will host CAMS at Warren on Dec. 20 and will head off to play at Boulder City, Nevada on Dec. 26. After opening league play against Dominguez on Jan. 8, the Bears will host Lynwood at Warren on Jan. 10, will host Paramount at Warren on November 15, will travel to Gahr on Jan. 17 and will host cross-town rival Downey at Warren on Jan. 22.

Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to league play, competing for another league title and making a deeper run in postseason play. Warren finished last season with an overall record of 20-7 and a league record of 8-2. The Bears were defeated by Santa Clarita Christian 96-63 in the third round of the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs.

WARREN GIRLS' SOCCER: The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 0-0-2 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host the Dominguez Lady Dons at Warren on Jan. 7.

The Lady Bears tied La Serna 1-1 in their season opener at Warren on Dec. 5 and also tied Esperanza of Anaheim at Esperanza on Tuesday. Warren will host University High School of Irvine at Warren tomorrow and will host La Mirada at Warren next Tuesday.

Warren will play the La Mirada Lady Matadores again on Dec. 27 in the North Orange County Classic Tournament. After the league opener against Dominguez on Jan. 7, Warren will travel to Lynwood to play the Lady Knights on Jan. 9, will travel to Paramount to play the Lady Pirates on Jan. 14 and will host the Gahr Lady Gladiators

at Warren on Jan. 16. Warren will also travel to cross-town rival Downey on Jan. 21 to play the Lady Vikings. Downey will once again be the team to beat in league play.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 18-6-4 and a league record of 9-0-1. The Lady Bears were defeated by Vista Murrieta 3-0 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs. Head Coach Lily Dussan, her staff and players are all looking forward to the new season, winning another S.G.V.L. title, qualifying for the C.I.F. playoffs and making a deeper run in postseason play.

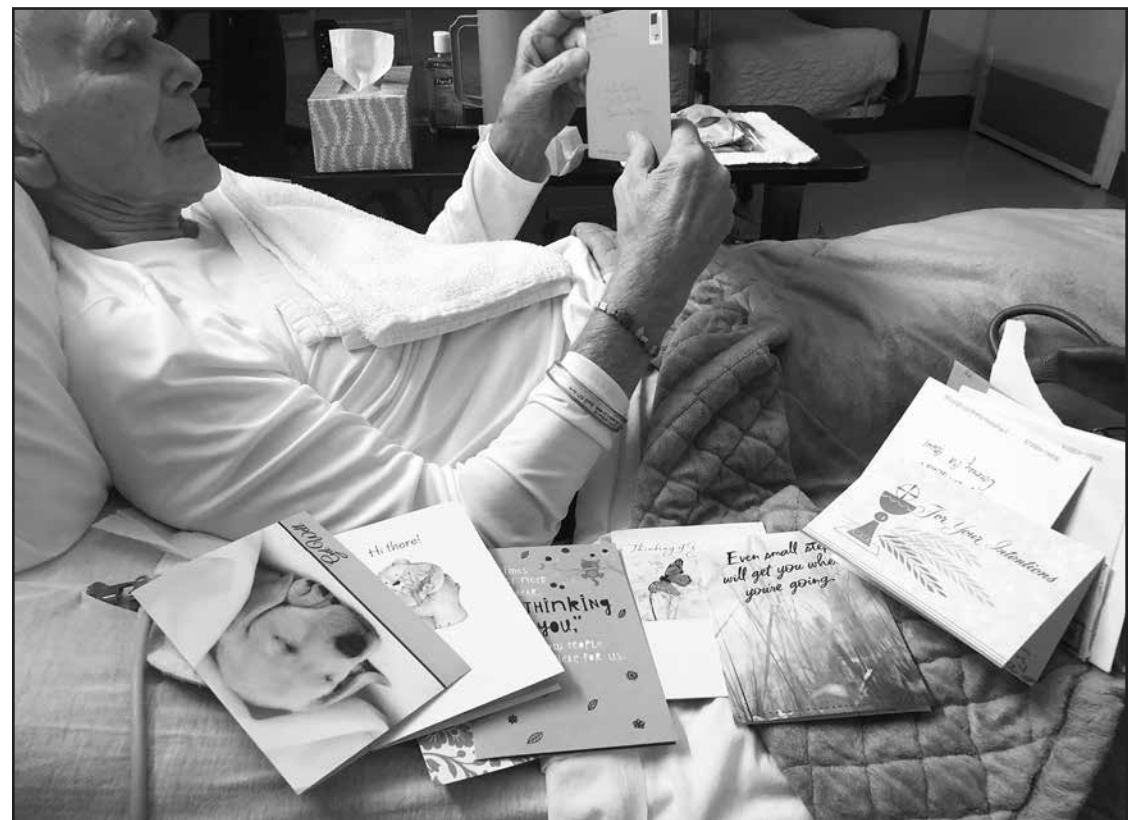
DOWNEY BOYS' SOCCER The Downey High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 0-3 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Gahr to face the Gladiators on Jan. 7. Downey was defeated by Mission Viejo at Downey 2-0 on Dec. 4, was defeated by Loyola at Downey 1-0 on Dec. 6 and was defeated by Schurr at Schurr 6-1 on Tuesday.

Downey hosted Ridgeview of Bakersfield yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will compete in the Adidas West Coast Showcase today and tomorrow. The Vikings will play Palos Verdes later today at 7:00 p.m. and Century of Santa Ana tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Downey will play Desert Vista of Phoenix, Arizona on Dec. 27 in the Arizona Soccer Showcase.

Downey will host Woodbridge of Irvine at Downey on Jan. 3 before they host Gahr in their league opener on Jan. 7. The Vikings will host Paramount at Downey on Jan. 9, will host Lynwood at Downey on Jan. 16 and will host cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Jan. 21.

Coach Marvin Mires, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play. Downey is looking to win the S.G.V.L. title again and to make a deeper run in postseason play. The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 19-5-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-0-2. Downey was eliminated by Mission Viejo 5-1 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 1 Playoffs.

Community sends letters of love and support to downtrodden resident



Letters of love give ailing Jim Rainey the strength to keep fighting to come back home.

PHOTOCOURTESY CHRISTY RAINEY

JIM RAINEY READS SOME OF THE LETTERS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS SENT HIM.

then we lost Ryan, and it just got hard from there."

"It's just me and him trying to go to doctors' appointments, visiting him two to three times in the nursing home. It's just been rough."

Rainey says that her father "has always been super strong," and while outwardly he seems to be pulling through the turbulence well, she knows that it has taken a toll on her father's morale.

That's when the community stepped in.

A campaign sprouted from the Positively Downey Facebook group, encouraging its members to write and send Jim letters of love and support during his time of need.

"Some of the letters came in today," said Rainey, who spoke to the Downey Patriot before delivering the care package. "This has been more than I could've expected...all the love and support he's gotten."

Usually private, Rainey says

she's not entirely sure what moved her and her family to open up in such a way.

"It's a little hard doing this," said Rainey. "It's been strange; we're not used to this...I just wanted his spirits lifted up. I thought it might do him a lot of good to see that."

"He's bounced back from a lot of things...each time he's come back super strong. He's been my hero; he's been his grandkids' hero."

For now, Rainey's hero continues to take the hand that he's been dealt and face it head on, all so that he can eventually return home and be with his loved ones.

"I tell him every day, 'You have to fight to come home,'" said Rainey. "He wants to come home."

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VANCE CHARLES EBERLY, M.D., INC., 11525 BROOKSHIRE AVE SUITE 405, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2019

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201927757

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BLIZZ BROZ, 8423 BOER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90606, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 2206, PICO RIVERA CA 90662**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
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State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2019299438

FILE NO: 2018111599 DATE FILED: MAY 7, 2018
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): ARTEMIS OUTDOOR CO
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 10529 KAUFFMAN AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NICOLE DAVENPORT, 10529 KAUFFMAN AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
 Business was conducted by: an Individual
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 S/NICOLE DAVENPORT, OWNER

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11/21/19, 11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019303896

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SANDRAS ANTOJITOS, 3930 E GAGE AVE SPC 154, BELL CA 90201, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3617655
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRAS ANTOJITOS INC, 5246 FLORENCE AVE, SPC 154, BELL CA 90201
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME
2019306534
 FILE NO: 2015242979 DATE FILED: SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): JBK AUTO TRANSPORT
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9826 WILEY BURKE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BIPINKUMAR PATEL, 9826 WILEY BURKE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) JULIAN SONCINI, 5280 E BEVERLY BLVD C386, LOS ANGELES CA 90022
 If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
 Business was conducted by: a General Partnership
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11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019312832

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **L'ABRI APARTMENTS, 11724 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 8141 E 2ND STREET, SUITE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RONALD A. KOLAR, 8141 E 2ND STREET, SUITE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019306228

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GONZALEZ COMMUNICATIONS, 6252 KING AVENUE, BELL CA 90201, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELINA GONZALEZ, 6252 KING AVENUE, BELL CA 90201
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019306501

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PRINTDOT EXPRESS, 11810 CORRIGAN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN MEDINA, 11810 CORRIGAN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 S/ STEVEN MEDINA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019292757

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PRONTOPAY CORPORATION, 15320 OCASO AVE UNIT DD 202, LA MIRADA, CA 90639, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C4179221

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **PRONTOPAY CORPORATION, 15320 OCASO AVE UNIT DD 202, LA MIRADA, CA 90639**
 State of Incorporation: DE
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2018

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ MICHAEL LIMA/PRONTOPAY CORPORATION, CEO, MICHAEL LIMA
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 6, 2019

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

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2019306535

FILE NO: 2015248038 DATE FILED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): JBK AUTO TRANSPORT
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9826 WILEY BURKE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BIPIN N. PATEL, 9826 WILEY BURKE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
 If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A

Business was conducted by: an Individual
 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/BIPIN N. PATEL, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 22, 2019

The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2019306536

FILE NO: 2016097024 DATE FILED: APRIL 20, 2016
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): JBK AUTO TRANSPORTATION
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 5280 E BEVERLY BLVD SUITE C386, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JULIAN SONCINI, 5280 E BEVERLY BLVD SUITE C386, LOS ANGELES CA 90022
 If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A

Business was conducted by: an Individual
 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/JULIAN SONCINI, PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 22, 2019

The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2019291489

FILE NO: 2016051282 DATE FILED: MARCH 3, 2016
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): PHOENIX CUSTOM PACKAGING
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 13208 ARCTIC CIRCLE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HIS INDUSTRIES INC, 13208 ARCTIC CIRCLE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670
 If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
 Business was conducted by: A CORPORATION

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/HIS INDUSTRIES INC, SECRETARY, JONATHANA. WORTHINGTON
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 5, 2019

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019311566

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GLOW MAKEUP ACADEMY, 6100 ATLANTIC BLVD SUITE E, MAYWOOD CA 90270, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROXANNE PAZ, 14026 CHARLEMAGNE AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2019

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ ROXANNE PAZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 2, 2019

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019284296
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **YOSSES, 8433 5TH STREET UNIT A, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DESTINY REYNOSO, 8433 5TH STREET UNIT A, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) BRITTANY MARIE REYNOSO, 8433 5TH STREET UNIT A, DOWNEY CA 90241 (3) NATALIE REYNOSO, 8433 5TH STREET UNIT A, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ BRITTANY MARIE REYNOSO, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 28, 2019
 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019318334

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE GLOBAL, BOUTIQUE, 9838 1/2 RAMONA ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELIA PAREDES ACOSTA, 9838 1/2 RAMONA ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ ELIA PAREDES ACOSTA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 10, 2019

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019315213

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MINA SMOKE SHOP, 641 E ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA CA 91702, LA COUNTY, 1336 N CRAPE MYRTLE DR, AZUSA CA 91702**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUSAM ZAIDAN, 641 E ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA CA 91702 (2) MELAD ZEDAN, 641 E ARROW HIGHWAY, AZUSA CA 91702
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/HUSAM ZAIDAN, PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 6, 2019

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019305488

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ROJAS TRANSPORT, 15623 WILLIAMS AVE, COMPTON CA 90221, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FERMIN ROJAS JR, 15623 S WILLIAMS AVE, COMPTON CA 90221
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
 S/ FERMIN ROJAS JR, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Notice - In accordance

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The Downey Patriot
11/21/19, 11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019255833
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **A 2 Z TRANSPORT LLC, 9086 LYNNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201923310040
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **A 2 Z TRANSPORT LLC, 9086 LYNNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242**
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ A 2 Z TRANSPORT LLC, MANAGER, ALEJANDRO BUCIO
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 8, 2019

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019307805
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SERVPRO OF VERNON (2) INVESTMENTS LLC, 12001 WOODRUFF AVE UNIT # A, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TRC INVESTMENTS LLC, 12001 WOODRUFF AVE UNIT #A, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ TRC INVESTMENTS LLC, PRESIDENT, THOMAS HOGUE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 25, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019300018
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TEMPLE EXECUTIVE PROTECTION, 9349 PIONEER BLVD APT 103, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, 9349 PIONEER BLVD APT 103, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 15, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
11/21/19, 11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019300687
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CINDERELLA MOBILE HOME COMMUNITY, 8600 CONTRERAS STREET, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201923310755
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BKKS CINDERELLA LLC, 80 SOUTH LAKE AVE

STE 719, PASADENA CA 91101
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ BKKS CINDERELLA LLC, BKKS CINDERELLA, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY BY: BKKS HOLDINGS, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ITS: SOLE MEMBER BY: LAB MANAGEMENT, LP, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP ITS: MEMBER BY: LOGAN A. BOGGS, TRUSTEE OF THE LOGAN A. BOGGS 1998 PRIMARY TRUST FBO LOGAN A. BOGGS, JR. ITS: MANAGING GENERAL PARTNER, LOGAN A. BOGGS
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 15, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
11/21/19, 11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019314531
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SEVEN TRUCKING, 12708 GNEISS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY, P.O.BOX 2764, HUNTINGTON PARK 90255**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALBERTO MOYA JR, 12708 GNEISS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ ALBERTO MOYA JR, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 5, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019299551
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DAZ CLEANING, 12405 BENEDICT AVE APT 17, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **ALEJANDRA GUZMAN, 12405 BENEDICT AVE APT 17, DOWNEY CA 90242**
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2019
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ ALEJANDRA GUZMAN, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 14, 2019

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019303041
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MOSQUITO JOE OF SEAL BEACH, 3632 NIPOMO AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90808, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4524842
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KEDEM, INC., 3632 NIPOMO AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90808
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ KEDEM, INC., PRESIDENT, KENNETH A KAY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 19, 2019

must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
11/21/19, 11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019315647
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SUPREME AUTO LEASING, 12225 SOUTH STREET #100, ARTESIA CA 90701, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MITSUMASA OKAMOTO, 12046 BERTHA STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703 (2) AKIKO OKAMOTO, 12046 BERTHA ST, CERRITOS CA 90703
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2015
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ AKIKO OKAMOTO, PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 6, 2019

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019296289
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TREVIZO TRUCKING, 13820 ACTINA AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALDO E TREVIZO, 13820 ACTINA AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ ALDO E TREVIZO, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 12, 2019

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 accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019284846
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PATRIOT MOVING & LOGISTICS, 7142 DE PALMA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUGO H. HUERTA, 7142 DE PALMA, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ HUGO H. HUERTA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 28, 2019

The Downey Patriot
11/21/19, 11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019282929
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RAPHAEL'S AUTO WHOLESALE, 18908 KINGS ROW AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOUGLAS DAVID RAPHAEL, 18908 KINGS ROW AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ DOUGLAS DAVID RAPHAEL, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 6, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019306723
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PS2 WHEELS, 4427 W. CENTURY BLVD., INGLEWOOD CA 90304, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) A & I WHEELS LLC, 4427 W. CENTURY BLVD., INGLEWOOD CA 90304
 State of Incorporation: CA
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one

thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ A & I WHEELS LLC, CEO, YASMINE IBARRA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 2019

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019312834

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **L'ABRI APARTMENTS, 11726 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 8141 E 2ND STREET, SUITE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241**
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2008
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ RONALD A. KOLAR, OWNER, RONALD A. KOLAR
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 04, 2019

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19, 12/26/19, 1/2/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019284846
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PATRIOT MOVING & LOGISTICS, 7142 DE PALMA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUGO H. HUERTA, 7142 DE PALMA, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ HUGO H. HUERTA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 28, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project. Bid No. 19/20-03:

Modular Classroom Conversion Project

The Project consists of:

CONVERT MODULAR LOCKER AND BAND ROOMS INTO CLASSROOMS AT STAUFFER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

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

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

3. Contract Documents will be available on or after December 12, 2019, and will be available electronically – request contract documents by e-mailing Andrew Ulmen aulmen@rachlinpartners.com or by calling 310-562-1365.

4. Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., January 6, 2020, at the District Maintenance Operations and Transportation Office – Room S-4, 11627 Brookshire Avenue Downey California 90241 at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and will be returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

5. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.5, only prequalified bidders will be eligible to submit a bid for this Project. Any bid submitted by a bidder who is not prequalified shall be non-responsive and returned unopened to the bidder.

6. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform

and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

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

8. A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on December 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at Stauffer Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd, Downey, CA 90242. All participants are required to sign in front of the Administration Building at Stauffer Middle School. The site visit is expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

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

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

11. The successful bidder will be required to certify that it either meets the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") goal of three percent (3%) participation or made a good faith effort to solicit DVBE participation in this Contract if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

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

13. This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

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

A. The base bid amount only.

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

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.

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forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

It is the policy of the City of Downey that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have a maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. The City of Downey hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement; DBEs will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. Goals for minority business enterprise participation have been established for the project. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, the City of Downey has calculated a DBE participation goal for this project of eleven (11) percent.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

The Downey Patriot
12/12/19, 12/19/19

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-04 SAMOLINE AVENUE AND MELVA STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at which time the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-04 Samoline Avenue and Melva Street Water System Improvement Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on Samoline Avenue from Quill Drive to Melva Street and on Melva Street from Rives Avenue to Samoline Avenue, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed generally consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, fees, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandonment of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and boxes; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) and Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 19-04.

interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him/her, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline Contractor."

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his/her work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his/her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:
Ms. Janet Ortega,
Assistant Civil Engineer I - Utilities
E-Mail: jortega@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

forth in that document (see the complaint or petition). The object of this action is: (check one)
Divorce
If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you (not counting the day of service), you must: 1. File with the Clerk of Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written answer to the complaint or petition.
2. Pay the required filing fee to the court, or file an Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and request a waiver of the filing fee.
3. Serve a copy of your answer upon the Plaintiff whose name and address is shown below.
If you fail to respond, the Plaintiff can request your default. The court can then enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

STEVEN D. GRIERSON
CLERK OF COURT
By: s/Angela Benson
Deputy Clerk
ANGELA BENSON
Date: 5-16-19

Family Courts and Services Center
601 North Pecos Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Regional Justice Center
200 Lewis Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Issued on Behalf of Plaintiff:
Plaintiff's Name: April D. Givens
Address: 1221 Dream Bridge Dr.
City, State, Zip Las Vegas, NV 89144

Information and forms to assist you are available, free of charge, at the Family Law Self-Help Center at the Family Courts and Services Center, 601 N. Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, and at the center's website at www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00416
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROBERT RUDY JAUREGUI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ROBERT RUDY JAUREGUI to Proposed name (1) WILLIAM CASAREZ JAUREGUI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 15, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** NOVEMBER 05, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Robert Rudy Jauregui
8118 Milna Ave
Whittier, CA. 90606
(562) 322-1330

without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 21, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: 44, Room: 418
The address of the court is 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** NOVEMBER 14, 2019
Judge Edward B. Moreton, Jr.
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
MARGARITE IOANNIDIS
MARGARITE IOANNIDIS
6908 PASSAIC STREET
HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255
310-488-9118

The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00437
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner IOANNIS LIVANIS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) IOANNIS LIVANIS to Proposed name (1) JOHN DEMETRIOS LIVANIS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 29, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot**, Inc. NOVEMBER 21, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
IOANNIS LIVANIS
5503 MAYWOOD AVE.
MAYWOOD, CA 90270
323/327-1221

The Downey Patriot
11/28/19, 12/5/19, 12/12/19, 12/19/19

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-10, "Electrical Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:
Mr. Edwin J. Norris,
Deputy Director of Public Works
email: enorris@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$45.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

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Telephone: (702) 886-8214
Email Address: felixdesiree889@gmail.com
In Proper Person

DISTRICT COURT
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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vs. GERALD L. GIVENS, Defendant.

CASE NO.: D-19-589626-D

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Welcome to Bedford Falls in Downey

The annual fundraiser is a spectacular showcase of classic Model A automobiles.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

“Merry Christmas,” calls out George Bailey, a Jimmy Stewart look-alike with that cracking plaintive voice. His arms held up high, scarf tossed around his shoulders, George is welcoming everyone to “It’s a Wonderful Life” right here on Eighth Street in Downey.

Lights twinkle over a bed of freshly planted pansies, cotton snow piles on a make-believe Bedford Falls picket fence, and vintage cars owned by members of Downey’s Model A Ford Club of America, Diamond Tread Chapter, are lined up diagonally at the curb. It’s an open-air trip back in time.

After a rain earlier the sky has cleared, and eight Model A’s are on display. The organizing force behind the open house party is hostess Annie Rojas, and guests are not only Model A Club members and neighbors, but also friends and co-workers from St. John Bosco High School and St. Dominic Savio Church.

The occasion is an annual holiday fundraiser and spaghetti dinner. The message of love and goodwill in the classic 1946 movie “It’s a Wonderful Life” goes so well with the good cheer of an evening with the club, singing carols and enjoying fellowship.

The car in the movie is actually a 1919 Dodge Touring Car, on display today in Colorado. That’s the one George crashes into a tree when he is despondent. Although in the story the car is magically —angelically— returned to its undamaged state, in reality James Stewart crashed into the tree with such force that the bumper needed to be repaired, and the left front fender and wheel were both replaced. It’s George Bailey’s resilience and fundamental decency that the



PHOTO BY LORINE PARKS

movie, and the open house, celebrates.

“People wave when they see us drive by” said Larry Ryan who lives in Norwalk and is president of the Downey Diamond Tread Model A Club.

“We enjoy sharing the cars,” added Charles “Chuck” Mayhew, owner of a 1931 maroon 4-door Model A sedan. “There are basically eight different body styles of the Model A made during the four years it was produced, from late 1927–1931. And there were about six colors. It was about the Model T that Henry Ford said, ‘You can have it any color you desire as long as it’s black.’”

Why collect Model A’s? Why not the earlier Model T?

“It’s a good, dependable car,” Larry and Chuck said, “and it has a lot of ‘new features,’ over the Model T, such as rear and front mechanical drum brakes, and a safety glass windshield.”

“You can get parts more easily,” Larry pointed out, and “it’s a closed car,” said Chuck. “The Model T was open on both sides.”

The Model A was a big improvement in handling

over the Model T. “In fact,” said Chuck, “Henry Ford’s advertising slogan for the model A was, ‘It’s so easy to drive, even a woman can do it.’”

“We’ve come a long way, baby.”

Where would I go if I wanted to buy a Model A? Chuck’s quick answer was, “Craigslist. Or look online. You can find them everywhere.”

Chuck grew up in Downey and now lives in Cerritos. For over 50 years he worked at LAX for American Airlines as a maintenance mechanic.

“Why don’t you sit in the car and have your picture taken?” Chuck said to me. “We love to have people get in the cars.”

Well, there is less leg room climbing in than one would have thought, and to re-open the door to exit, one pushes “that black knob” where the horn would be. All the same, what a thrill, to sit in a model that rolled off the assembly line in Dearborn, Michigan in 1931.

Larry stood by his two cars, the gray-green 1929 Model T and the yellow coupe. “The green one is special because it has rounded windows,” said Larry, pointing to the window

frame with evident pride of ownership.

“Which car is yours?” I asked another of the curbside admirers. “I don’t have a car, I’m here because I’m married to the star,” said Chet (Chester) Mueller. I didn’t know if he meant one of the vehicles, but it turned out he was speaking of the only surviving member of the movie’s cast, Carol Coombs Mueller, who played daughter Janie, the piano-playing one. Looking trim and sprightly, Carol waved from the driver’s seat in Chuck’s maroon Ford.

“It’s just great to be here,” she said.

Inside the house, Annie (Anita) and Ruben Rojas welcomed arrivals. The dining room crystal chandelier sparkled, and in the living room an array of photos and stills from the movie stood on the red-cloth covered table. In the spacious kitchen a high feast was ready to be cooked, featuring spaghetti from “Martini’s Restaurant,” in the movie.

There were plans for popcorn and pastries, mulled wine and Christmas carols, and plates of cookies were ready to circulate. A plaque on the wall read, “Keep Calm, It’s a Wonderful Life.”

Ruben took credit for the decorative touches in the front garden. “I transplanted every one of the pansies,” he said. “I plant two times a year. In the winter, when the pansies love the cold, and then in the spring, sometimes sunflowers. And no, I don’t have a Model A. I just provided the house.”

In the family room off the kitchen, the black and white movie was being continuously run on a loop, but most guests gravitated to the poolside patio for drinks before the sun set.

Standing conspicuously outside the sliding glass patio doors was a two-wheeler carnival-style popcorn machine painted red and gold.

“When I first thought of

having a party to benefit a charity at Christmas,” Annie said, “my husband Ruben popped the corn and we had punch and we raised about \$800.”

“Every year we’ve chosen a different charity,” said Annie. “Then we did a party with the Model A Club and raised \$1,000. It seems like a natural this year to feature It’s a Wonderful Life, having cars from the 1920’s and the ‘30’s, the time when the film is set. And enjoying fellowship while raising money for those less fortunate.”

The funds raised will go to two groups: the Los Angeles Catholic Worker, a skid row soup kitchen, and Voices of the Innocent Pregnancy Center, a Downey-based organization. The Catholic Worker is a lay Catholic community of women and men that operates a free soup kitchen, a hospitality house for the homeless, and a hospice care for the dying.

Today, from a cramped 6th Street cookery — an outpost known as the Hippie Kitchen — lines on some days stretch long down the sidewalk and crews dole out 5,000 plates of hot food each week.

“This year is the first time we’ve had the fundraiser at the house,” said Annie. Liliana, Annie’s niece from San Pedro, was there, “just helping,” as were many friends. Imagine, I thought, a hostess who actually is ready and asks you to come early, to talk. That is a well-organized person.

Some of the cars’ owners stayed at the curb, reluctant to leave their charges. Elegantly polished hoods of silver, green, maroon, yellow, and black lined up, snouts out and radiator caps turned toward the street, for all the world to admire.

The Downey Club is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. When it was founded in 1969, “Our family was a charter member,” said retired LAPD Corporal Rick Tuttle. A Rotarian, William Curver,

helped start the club. He was a member of Rotary’s LA 5 but soon transferred to the Rotary Club of Downey. Other early names in the club’s history include Ruby and Larry Callendar, who was the club’s first president; and Elmer Tolman who lived in South Gate.

“I just got this one two weeks ago,” said Arthur, standing by his silver 1930 Model A Ford Tudor. Arthur and I had met last week at the Downey Christmas Parade, where Arthur entered a black 1923 Model T touring car that carried a parade marshal.

“I didn’t know there was a club here but now I’ve joined,” said Arthur. “I have over 30 period cars. Movie and TV studios call me when they want to rent one. They cover the insurance costs.”

“I live just a half mile from here, so driving over is no big deal,” said Arthur. “But I wouldn’t take one of these on the freeway. They are most comfortable at 25 mph, or a top speed of no more than 35.”

What does Arthur the collector drive when he wants to go 55 miles per hour or more on the freeway? “I love my Toyota Camry,” Arthur said.

Also seen contributing to the fellowship of the festive evening, Vicki Spearman and her husband Don. It was Vicki, a longtime Downey Soroptimist and past president of the club, who suggested I might want to come to this event. And Anna and Harold Tseklenis, who strolled across the street to the party: they are neighbors. Harold’s previous foray into classic cars was owning a zippy 1961 2-seater Mercedes Benz 190 SL. “Fun to drive,” said Harold.

“Old cars make people happy,” said Arthur. That described the evening to a T. Or, to an A.

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Legislators celebrate clean-up of contamination site

COMMERCE - At least 16 communities in California, eight of which are in Los Angeles, have been exposed to man-made environmental lead disasters. On Monday, one community celebrated with elected officials, community activists and affected families during a press conference touting the recent passage of legislation and budget funding that will expand and expedite clean-up remediation's statewide.

The legislation, AB 142, by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) will increase the fee battery manufacturers pay from \$1 to \$2 and mandates all homes be cleaned up prior to repayment of the 2016 general fund loan of \$176.6 originally set up to clean up less than 1/4 of the affected homes.

In coordination with Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis (District 1), an additional \$74.5 million was secured this year for expedited clean up's through the State General Fund Budget.

"Finally, we have a mechanism in place to leave no one behind by providing urgent and ongoing funding for clean-up of this preventable, man-made environmental disaster that has plagued my community," said Cristina Garcia. "This is about environmental justice and ensuring we protect future generations of kids from the horrible effects of lead exposure. It's a personal issue for me and the communities I represent and live in. Creating an expanded clean-up fund that puts the people affected by these poisonings—often poor, working class communities of color—is long overdue. Every community deserves clean air, clean water and safe playgrounds."

Exide, the former operator

of a battery facility located in Vernon, CA, was believed to be the cause of a massive lead contamination found in surrounding communities, has declared bankruptcy in California making the recovery of cleanup costs difficult. Decontamination of the production site alone is estimated at \$500 million to \$1 billion.

"For far too long, hard working families near Exide suffered due to years of prolonged exposure to dangerously high levels of lead that harmed many pregnant women and children," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis. "I thank Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia for AB 142 which will help lead-contaminated sites receive additional funds to expedite cleanup efforts. I am also grateful Gov. Newsom signed AB 142 into law, and that he included \$74.5 million in the state's budget to accelerate the cleanup of homes affected by Exide. Together, we are prioritizing environmental justice and helping our communities heal."

The effects of improper disposal, production, and recycling of lead-acid batteries are detrimental to communities. Lead contamination has severe consequences, especially for young children and pregnant mothers, including cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm. No levels of lead exposure are safe for humans.

"With more than 3,000 children in LA County with elevated blood lead levels each year, more must be done to eliminate dangerous exposures to lead in soil, homes and schools," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. "AB 142, in concert with Supervisor Solis' work securing millions of dollars in funding to expedite the cleanup

process, will help ensure that communities exposed to toxic lead have the resources to mitigate and prevent additional exposures that have harmful health consequences for women and children. We applaud Assemblywoman Garcia and Supervisor Solis for their extraordinary leadership on this effort and for their constant dedication to the wellbeing of communities across Los Angeles."

Garcia succeeded in passing legislation in 2016 (AB 2153) which reallocated small portion of an existing fee on new batteries purchased by consumers and sold by manufacturers. That fee created a Lead Acid Battery Clean Up Fund to compensate toxic contamination clean-up's in thousands of homes throughout California through the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). There are at least 16 smelting sites in California communities that have tested positive for lead that would be eligible for Battery Fee funding.

In 2018 the governor took initial fee proceeds from the 2016 legislation fund to pay back the General Fund loan instead of allowing funds to accrue for clean-up efforts. Assemblywoman Garcia and the local environmental justice community felt that move was a foul of the legislative intent in AB 2153. Today's legislation seeks to clarify that intent by mandating the clean-ups prior to General Fund repayment.

Assembly member Miguel Santiago (D-53) and Assemblywoman Wendy Carrillo (D-51) were co-authors of this legislation which received consensus support from industry and environmental justice advocates. The bill will likely serve as a model for other man-made disaster

remediations given its incentive policy and funding mechanism structure.

"Protecting the health and well-being of my constituents living in the fallout zone of Exide's negligence is paramount," said Assembly member Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles). "Since the plant shut down four years ago, we have fought to secure millions of dollars from the state for cleanup efforts. But there is still much work to be done. That is why I am a proud coauthor of AB 142 and applaud my colleague Assembly member Cristina Garcia for securing this vital funding source for our communities to continue a thorough, rapid cleanup."

"Disenfranchised communities have suffered from environmental harms and injustice impacting the health of our families and children for far too long," said Assembly member Carrillo (D-Los Angeles). "Toxic waste and contamination caused by lack of oversight needs to be managed and cleaned up. With AB 142, which I am proud to co-author, there will no longer be the excuse that the funds don't exist. This is about justice for our most vulnerable residents regardless of economic status or where they live."

Roybal-Allard cosponsors climate bill

DOWNEY - The North Orange County - Southeast L.A. County chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby applauded Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard this week for cosponsoring the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763) in Congress.

Advocates say the legislation will reduce greenhouse gas emissions 90 percent by 2050.

The policy puts a fee on fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas. The fee starts at \$15 per ton and grows \$10 per ton each year.

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"This bill provides a commonsense approach to

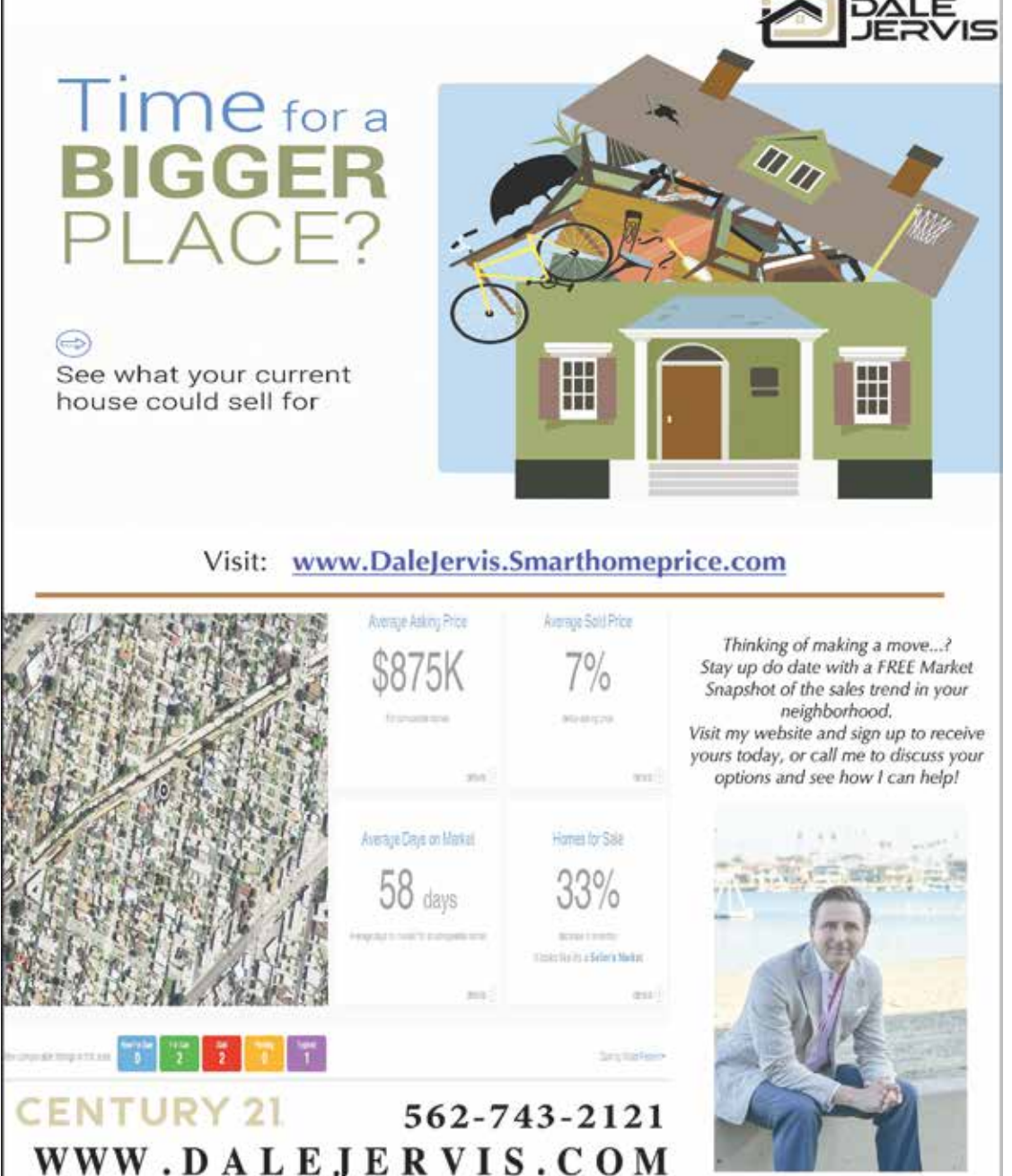
solving climate change," said Downey resident Anita Rivero. "If passed, it will benefit us in Downey by cleaning up our air and giving us monthly dividend checks. We are so grateful to Congresswoman Roybal-Allard for stepping up to support this bipartisan climate bill."

With Congress divided between a Republican-controlled Senate and a Democratic-controlled House, enacting any climate change solution requires a bipartisan approach.

"The bipartisan Energy Innovation Act is a critical first step to contain the effects of climate change and preserve a livable world for our children and grandchildren," said Rivero.



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