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Downey to host global Carpenters convention

■ A four-day celebration of the Carpenters is planned for April 24-27.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A multi-day celebration of the Carpenters is anticipated to draw fans of the musical duo to Downey from around the world.

Commemorating the 55th anniversary of when Richard and Karen Carpenter signed with A&M Records, the four-day event, taking place April 24-27, will immerse visitors into the life, music, and history of the Grammy Award-winning sibling duo.

Headquartered from the Embassy Suites, the event will include several presentations, musical performances, and walking tours and field trips to locations of historical significance to the Carpenters, including the former home on Neville Avenue, the Carpenters Performing Arts Center in Long Beach, their star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and to Karen's mausoleum at Pierce Valley Thousand Oaks Memorial Park.

The event was organized by Greg Kuritz, a self-described "big fan of the Carpenters to the point of almost being an obsession." Kuritz attended the 25th anniversary in 1994, which was also held in Downey.

"It was there that I met Randy Schmidt who was the organizer of the event. I had such a fantastic time, that I thought if there was going to be another similar event, I would like to help organize it," said Kuritz.

"So in 2017, I contacted Randy, who by that time had become a friend, and asked him if he was planning to do something to celebrate the 50th. He informed me that he had so much on his plate that he would not be able to be one of the organizers, but if I was still interested in doing it, he knew two people who might want to get involved. Those two people were Robert Ingves and Peter Dawe, both of whom happened to live in Canada.

"So after thousands of emails and phone calls, our event was launched in April of 2019 in Thousand Oaks, California."

Dawe, an event planner, says he was brought on board for his "Carpenter's knowledge."

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Plan to replace church with townhomes draws skepticism

■ Residents are raising questions about a developer's plan to replace Lord's Grace Assembly Church with 33 townhomes.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Residents living near a controversial townhome project are expressing their frustration as a public hearing on the project continues to be delayed.

The project, located at 7360 Foster Bridge Rd. and developed by Olson Homes, will see the demolition of the Lord's Grace Assembly Church and the construction of a new 33-unit condominium project.

Each home will range from 1,188 to 1,792 square feet, located within four separate buildings. It includes three affordable-housing units.

Residents living on The Island neighborhood where the project is located and in the surrounding neighborhoods have expressed concerns with the project, fearing the area will be too densely populated and cause increased traffic congestion.

Brian Chambers lives on the west side of Horley Avenue. He explained that the area already suffers from traffic struggles.

"My main concern is the increase in traffic, of course," said Chambers. "The traffic on Suva, especially in the high-traffic times, they're just really bad. I think the main part is in my proximity to the stop sign on Horley - and maybe the lack of traffic on Horley - that the line of cars that roll through the stop sign leaves exactly the perfect little gap that prevents me from getting out of my driveway.

"There's literally 20, 30 cars at a time waiting, going through that stop sign, and if there's no traffic on Horley, I get a steady line of cars, sometimes for up to 30, 40 minutes; especially when the school zones let out."

Yolanda Harrison Anderson, a homeowner living on The Island, said she is primarily concerned about "an increase in the density of the area." She said, "it's not a good place to put that many townhomes."

"That lot is fairly small, and I know that they're asking for... the ability to not have enough parking for all of the residents that they build for," said Anderson. "Right now, Bluff [Road] and Foster Bridge [Road] are no-parking, and I don't know if that's going to change."

"Foster Bridge is a very narrow road and it's not going



The Downey Planning Commission is expected to consider a developer's proposal to redevelop Lord's Grace Church with 33 townhomes. Photo by Eric Pierce

to have enough space for cars to drive down if you have cars parking on either side."

The Planning Commission was scheduled to review the project at its meeting Wednesday but it was continued to a future date, potentially as early as March 6. The item had previously been slated for discussion and potential approval on Feb. 7.

Adrienne Osezuera, a resident of The Island who has attended previous Planning Commission meetings to speak out against the project, described the delays as "very frustrating."

"It's very frustrating because we want answers; we want to be updated with the plan with the city," Osezuera. "We're frustrated. A lot of the neighbors are frustrated."

Chambers believes the meeting delays are intentional.

"I personally feel that they're changing it and rescheduling it and rescheduling it to confuse when the meeting is actually going to be so not a lot of people show up to protest it," said Chambers.

Anderson said that she feels the Planning Commission "is playing around with homeowners."

"They want to push it back and frustrate us to the point that we don't show up, and then they just push through what they want to do," said Anderson.

She also believes the project will be approved regardless of residents' concerns.

"I'm going to be honest with you, I know the Planning Commission is going to do what they want, because that's what Downey does," Anderson said. "The Planning Commission doesn't care about the residents; they will push through what they want to push through. They have subdivided lots, put in horrible-looking townhomes that don't keep with the aesthetic of the city.

"I think this is just their way of kind of giving us a voice, but really in the end, they're going to do what they want."

Planning Commissioner Mario Guerra encouraged

residents to "feel comfortable and ask all the questions."

"If I was the residents of The Island, I would be totally concerned until you find out more information," said Guerra.

He added that he has seen and heard residents' concerns. On the project being pushed to a future meeting, he said he "felt bad for the residents."

"I'd want to know - one way or the other - what's going to happen in my neighborhood if I were them," he said.



Residents have expressed frustration with the City of Downey for twice postponing meetings regarding redevelopment of Lord's Grace Church. "It's very frustrating because we want answers," said resident Adrienne Osezuera.

Photo by Eric Pierce

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 77°

Saturday 72°

Sunday 69°

ON THIS DAY

1680:

Catherine Deshayes, a French fortune teller known as La Voisin, was executed in Paris for selling poisons that killed between 1,000 to 2,500 people.

1932:

The Purple Heart, a U.S. military decoration originally instituted by George Washington in 1782 to honor bravery in battle, was revived as an award for those wounded or killed in action against an enemy.

1942:

Three members of the White Rose, a German anti-Nazi group that advocated nonviolent resistance, were beheaded in Munich.

1959:

NASCAR held the first Daytona 500, which was won by Lee Petty.

1980:

During the 1980 Winter Olympics, against the backdrop of the Cold War, the U.S. ice hockey team defeated the favored Soviet team in one of the greatest upsets in the history of the Olympic Games.

1989:

Jethro Tull won the first Grammy for Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance, beating out Metallica.

1997:

The Spice Girls conquered America as their debut single, "Wannabe," hit #1 on the music charts.

1997:

A team of British scientists announced the birth of Dolly the sheep, the first clone of an adult mammal.

2009:

At the Academy Awards, Heath Ledger posthumously won Best Supporting Actor for his performance as the Joker in "The Dark Knight."

2014:

Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich was impeached following widespread protests.

BIRTHDAYS

"Harry Potter" actress **JULIE WALTERS** (74), basketball hall of famer **JULIUS ERVING** (74) singer **JAMES BLUNT** (50), actress **DREW BARRYMORE** (49), former Lakers guard **RAJON RONDO** (38) and Los Angeles Chargers linebacker **KHALIL MACK** (33).

Downey man accused in string of massage parlor robberies



Video footage from a Torrance massage parlor robbery on Feb. 16. Photo courtesy Department of Justice

■ Arturo Hawthorne, a 28-year-old Downey man, is accused of robbing at least a dozen massage parlors

DOWNEY – Two Los Angeles County men were charged Wednesday in a federal criminal complaint alleging they committed more than a dozen armed robberies of massage parlors in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Andy Cuellar, 28, of Hawthorne, and Arturo Morales, 27, of Downey, were arrested last Friday and were scheduled to make their initial appearances Thursday in

United States District Court in Santa Ana.

The defendants are charged with interference with commerce by robbery (Hobbs Act) and using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence. Their arraignment is expected in the coming weeks.

According to an affidavit filed with the complaint, on the evening of February 16, Cuellar drove the getaway vehicle – a black Jeep Grand Cherokee – with Morales as the passenger to multiple massage parlors before robbing one such business in Torrance. After the robbery, Cuellar and Morales allegedly were located less than two miles away at a gas station,

standing at the back of the Jeep and going through items taken in the robbery, throwing some of them in the trash.

Once law enforcement arrived on scene, the defendants allegedly fled on foot and discarded items they had stolen.

At the time of his arrest, Morales was found to have approximately \$4,000 in cash on his person while Cuellar carried \$400 and was found to have the same type of clothing – including a blue Los Angeles Dodgers baseball cap – identified in previous robberies of massage parlors, the affidavit alleges.

After the defendants were arrested, law enforcement searched the Jeep, in which they found a .38-caliber firearm that had been reported stolen in 2018, according to the affidavit.

Law enforcement believes that Cuellar and Morales are responsible for at least 12 additional armed robberies, including the alleged robberies of massage parlors from January 12 to January 29 in Santa Ana, Reseda, Venice, Orange, Bellflower, and Redondo Beach.



Downey to mark Carpenters milestone

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“We are having a celebration of about 100 fans from all over the world, coming to celebrate the music of Karen and Richard, and the legacy that they have left us that so many fans are still joining on after all these years,” said Dawe.

According to Dawe, the success and legacy of the Carpenters draws from their “earthiness,” adding that their talent “took them to another level.”

“I find that the two of them were always very relatable,” said Dawe. “They weren’t to me like celebrities; they were always people who had talent to me, and I could relate to.”

“On top of that, Karen’s voice, you hear the first notes of her on the radio, and it’s just this velvety beautiful tone, and of course Karen’s voice was projected with Richard’s productions.”

He added that there was “a

fascination with fans of wanting to know who Karen was” due to her untimely passing.

Greg Kuritz, another organizer of the event, agreed with Dawe on the strength of Karen’s voice.

“For me, it was the music and Karen’s voice; that’s the first thing you hear, and that’s what you get attached to,” said Kuritz. “It was just my kind of music, and her voice was just soothing. It was like butter, as they would say.”

Both Dawe and Kuritz, along with Kathy Perez, President of the Downey Conservancy, agreed that Downey is, in many ways, the equivalent to Carpenter fans as Graceland, Neverland, or Dollywood would be to fans of Elvis, Michael Jackson, and Dolly Parton.

Perez said that “It always amazed me that they remained in Downey.”

“When they hit it big, they could’ve gone,” said Perez.

“They could’ve left their smaller home here in South Downey... but they purchased a home on Newville in 1969.

“They could have gone anywhere else; they stayed in Downey, they remained in Downey.”

She says that Richard and Karen “truly loved Downey,” and added that “the fanbase knows.”

“The people that interacted and grew up with them that are still with us, they have such wonderful memories of them,” said Perez. “It’s that warm, down-home community feeling.”

“Isn’t it the quote that Karen, one of them said, ‘We’re just two kids from Downey.’ That’s how they referred to themselves: just two kids from Downey.”

Mayor Mario Trujillo, a Carpenters fan himself, expressed enthusiasm and excitement for the event.

“Downey has immense pride in the Carpenters and the legacy they have created as musicians and as proud residents and products of Downey,” said Trujillo. “As a personal fan and Mayor of the City of Downey, we are excited to celebrate their 55th anniversary and invite everyone to join us in April to honor the Carpenter’s musical legacy.”

More information on the 55th Celebration can be found at Carpenters55th.com, as well as on Facebook.

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Eyes on our Schools

By Nancy A. Swenson
President
Downey Unified School District
Board of Education

It's February and I hope you have been staying safe and dry! Last month, I shared a bit of what our middle schools were up to, and now, I am coming back with an elementary school update. Throughout 2024, I hope to shine the spotlight on all our grade levels and activities, ranging from the classroom, visual and performing arts, sports and more. Now, on to what's been happening!

First, I want to congratulate Luz Perez on receiving the 10-20 Club's inaugural 2023 Youth Legacy Award in January. This was an outstanding event and I cannot think of a more deserving awardee. If you didn't know, Luz is the Director of Downey Unified's True Lasting Connections (TLC) Family Resource Center. Established in 2000, TLC has grown from supporting two campuses to being a true lifeline to all 22,000 Downey Unified students. Luz and her team are the heart and soul

of this support center and the connections they have built over the years, with more than 50 agencies and the Downey community as a whole, have made an incredible impact on the lives of our students and families who need it most.

Whether organizations or individuals support TLC's mission by donating grocery gift cards, toys during Christmas time or hygiene kits, there is always an opportunity to contribute. You too can support TLC this Saturday, Feb. 24th for their annual 5K Run/Walk at Apollo Park! If you haven't done so already, consider making a donation and signing up to walk, run or just be a sponsor at web.dusd.net/tlc-5k.

I'm happy to say that the rain didn't keep me from visiting Old River School (ORS) and Ward elementary schools this past month! In each classroom I was pleased to witness the innovative use of iPad apps in engaging lessons, as well as seeing our students use pencil and paper when it was more practical. I was also impressed with the stimulating anchor charts placed around

the classrooms. Anchor charts are used as helpful visual guides that capture the most important content and relevant strategies for learning to support students during their lessons. In the Special Day Class (SDC) classrooms, I saw students thoroughly engaged with their teachers in small instruction groups. I must admit, I love visiting schools while the students are in session. It's always so rewarding to see how our students' minds are being challenged every day in our district.

Like in all of our elementary schools, ORS and Ward both have great Wellness Spaces that are utilized daily and supported by experienced Clinical School Therapists. The ORS Wellness Space recently moved to accommodate even more students who may be referred for individual or group mental health supports. Additionally, students have the option to walk in for a short break usually during an open time such as recess, to sit in a quiet and relaxing area.

At Ward, the staff was busy reorganizing their library into

a new room. Even though all the teachers have been terrific about having a library in their own classroom, an expanded school library will give our Wildcats even more opportunities to find a book to take home and read. Plus, it helps them understand how a library functions, encouraging them to venture even further by visiting the Downey City Library and beyond!

As is the case in each of my campus visits, I'm always so grateful for the warm and inviting environment that each of our staff members purposefully creates at each of our schools. The cafeteria teams decorate their serving areas with an artistic flare that keeps our students eager to come in and see what's cookin'. Our Operations Department team work hard every day to keep the campus clean, trimmed up and ready for our students' enjoyment. A student once said they like it here because we have flowers in our schools--true story! Watching our students interact with all our site staff and other

students while learning just makes me smile.

Lastly, I must share that this year's Elementary Education Expo, hosted at Doty Middle School, was an amazing display of interactive activities all showcased at various booths, many of them run by our talented elementary students! Each student and staff member was excited to share the tech used in our classrooms, their passion for Robotics, how our 3-D printers work and so much more! They also had one of our new Music teachers (a recent addition thanks to the voters for approving Prop 28) playing games with students and teaching them about rhythm. If you missed it, please make sure to mark your calendars for next year as this expo is an annual event.

I hope you enjoyed this article. More to come next month and remember to "Take the Time to be Kind." Here are a couple quick Shout-Outs before closing:

WHS' fantastic production of "Enemy of the People"

with the ingenious use of the rotating stage made you think you were in a small off-Broadway theater room. Our students' ability to learn their lines, hit their marks and project to the audience without microphones added to the ambiance. Make sure to watch for dates of upcoming plays.

Congrats to both DHS and WHS Cheerleading teams for their CIF-Southern Section Championship titles! DHS is now a 4-time CIF-SS D1 COED, Traditional Competitive Cheer Champion and WHS is the CIF-SS Non-Tumbling Large Division Cheer Champion. Wow, our students are amazing!

We had over 650 5th grade students enjoy Science Camp again this year. What an experience! Thanks to the parents and Downey Unified staff who helped make this another successful year.

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Regulators find Los Padrinos unsuitable to house youth

■ L.A. County was given 60 days to remedy issues at the Downey facility or Los Padrinos could be closed again.

DOWNEY – A state regulatory board Thursday deemed two Los Angeles County juvenile detention centers “unsuitable” to house youth detainees, beginning a 60-day clock for the county to rectify issues of noncompliance, after which the board could order the facilities to close.

The California Board of State and Community Corrections, meeting in Sacramento, unanimously voted to approve the “unsuitable” designation for the recently opened Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey and the Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility in Sylmar.

Los Padrinos houses pre-disposition youth detainees awaiting resolution of their court cases, while the Nidorf SYTF facility holds post-disposition youth offenders

who have already been convicted.

The county hastily reopened Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall last year and transferred all pre-disposition youth to the facility, moving them away from Nidorf Hall in Sylmar and Central Juvenile Hall in Lincoln Heights, which were both declared unsuitable and ordered to close by the BSCC.

Thursday’s decision by the BSCC leaves the future of youth detention in the county in question, although county Probation Department officials tried to convince the board that it is already in substantial compliance with state regulations, despite the findings of recent board inspections.

The Probation Department has been under fire for years over the operation of juvenile detention facilities. County Supervisor Janice Hahn issued a statement following Thursday’s board meeting questioning whether the agency can be trusted to make needed changes.

“It is unfortunate that the Probation Department made excuses at today’s BSCC meeting instead of owning up to the unacceptable conditions at two of our probation

facilities,” Hahn said. “The BSCC wants to see real change and I expect the same. Multiple probation chiefs have been unable to fix the problems facing the department. I am concerned about the future of the Probation Department and whether they are capable of the reform that we all know needs to happen.”

The BSCC’s decision found the Nidorf SYTF out of compliance with state regulations pertaining to staffing levels, training, use of force training, disciplinary procedures and youth access to programs and recreation.

Los Padrinos was found to have significantly more issues, with noncompliance found in staffing levels, fire safety plans, safety checks, room confinement procedures, use of force training, searches, education programs, youth access to programs and recreation and disciplinary procedures.

Not long after it opened last year, Los Padrinos was quickly plagued with problems. The facility experienced a pair of escapes, although both detainees were quickly re-apprehended. In January, eight probation officers were placed on leave for a “significant

incident” involving detainees. The Los Angeles Times reported that the officers stood idly by while a teen detainee was beaten by a group of other youths.

Several community members who spoke at Thursday’s BSCC meetings alleged that probation officers would stage “gladiator fights” among youth detainees.

“Every day a young person is in the facility, they are in danger,” one speaker told the board.

Another speaker representing the Youth Justice Coalition added, “It is upon you all to find these facilities unsuitable for youth. If this was your children in there, you would find it unsuitable.”

One probation officer, however, decried suggestions that the staff is responsible for issues at the facilities, nothing that some of the youth “are in there for some heinous crimes,” including murder. She said probation officers in the facilities are the ones “being spit on and getting feces thrown at us.”

“I’m sick and tired of everyone coming after us when it’s our management that’s the problem,” she said.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I feel privileged to work in health care, and one reason is because I find the human body endlessly complex and fascinating. Here are some surprising facts that I’ll bet you didn’t know:



The number of bones in our body drops from about 300 bones at birth to 206... and about half of those bones are in the hands and feet.

Astronauts can be up to two inches taller in space. Just think about what gravity does to us! In fact, we are taller when we wake up in the morning than we are at night, because when we stand, our spine compresses.

The only part of our body with no blood supply is the cornea. Our corneas get oxygen directly from the air.

Our small intestine averages 22 feet in length.

Our heart circulates blood through some 60,000 miles of blood vessels.

Some of our organs come in pairs, but we only need one to survive. That includes our eyes, ears, kidneys, testicles, breasts, and even lungs.

We can’t breathe and swallow at the same time. (That’s obvious, right? But how many of us just tried?)

You may have heard that our ears and nose never stop growing. Actually, what we really notice as we age is simply changes in the skin, combined with the effects of gravity.

Our stomach acid is strong enough to dissolve metal. If it were to come into contact with our skin, it would burn. Thankfully, the stomach is surrounded by a protective layer of mucus.

In a lifetime, we may produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.

Infants blink only once or twice a minute, whereas adults blink 10-15 times a minute.

What is the strongest muscle in our human body? Our jaw.

Our eye sees the equivalent of about 576 megapixels. The iPhone 15? 48 megapixels!

Our skin is host to trillions of bacteria, representing hundreds or even thousands of different types.

More germs are transferred through a handshake than through a kiss. Think about that!

The reason that a man’s testicles hang below the body is because sperm would die at body temperature.

Lack of sleep would cause a more rapid death than lack of food.

Many of us have heard that we share 96% of our DNA with chimpanzees. Did you know that we share up to 70% of our DNA with... bananas? (Why? Because all living things evolved from a common single-celled ancestor.)

Did you find some of this interesting? Do more research on your own, and keep learning!

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What to make of Alabama's embryo ruling

A court ruling declaring embryos to be children has far-reaching implications.

By Mary Ziegler

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The Alabama Supreme Court's ruling on Friday will transform infertility care across the state, potentially setting the stage for a ruling that a fetus or even an embryo outside the womb holds constitutional rights.

The ruling is a reminder of how important fetal personhood is becoming for both the antiabortion movement and the Republican Party — and of its potentially drastic consequences. In the United States today, recognizing the value of an embryo or fetus sets a precedent that no state can permit access to abortion — and that anyone who chooses abortion may be committing a crime.

The irony in the Alabama court's decision is that more Americans who want to be parents will be unable to achieve that dream. The ruling is extraordinary not only in declaring personhood before birth but also in applying the idea to embryos that haven't been implanted in the uterus. But the ruling is not just bizarre; its consequences may be profound.

If an embryo is a person, it can no longer be destroyed, donated for research or potentially even stored. Some abortion opponents argue that if embryos are persons, each one that is created must be implanted — and that would make even storing embryos for future use impermissible. If any of that comes to pass — and in Alabama, it likely will — that will transform how in vitro fertilization (IVF) works, and will mean a lower rate of success for Americans who already struggle to start a family.

The court's ruling could set a precedent for other conservative states that embrace the idea of personhood before birth, making it harder to pursue IVF across large swaths of the country. The decision will also bolster a broader antiabortion effort to recognize a fetus in the womb or even a frozen embryo as a person under federal constitutional law, helping abortion opponents make the case that if states already sometimes treat an embryo or fetus as a rights-holder, constitutional law should do the same.

The Alabama case began when three couples visited a fertility clinic in Mobile to pursue IVF: a treatment in which multiple eggs are harvested, fertilized and implanted to create

a pregnancy. Across the US annually, about 2% of births involve IVF. The success rate of each IVF cycle can be low given the age and previous medical condition of the patient.

Since many patients who turn to fertility clinics experience trouble getting pregnant, physicians routinely create and store excess embryos so that patients can try again if a first attempt fails. IVF is also expensive — an average cycle can cost anywhere between \$12,000 and \$30,000, even when patients can use embryos they've already created. This means that patients have more embryos than they implant in a given cycle, which they can choose to store, give to other patients or donate for research.

The three Alabama couples elected to store their excess embryos at the Mobile clinic from 2013 to 2016. In December 2020, however, a patient from an attached hospital entered the clinic, handled some of the embryos and injured their hand, given the subzero temperatures at which the embryos are stored. As a result, they dropped the embryos and accidentally destroyed them.

The plaintiffs sued, first alleging that the clinic was negligent in how it monitored the embryos, contending that the clinic breached the contract it signed with the couples. The couples also had a much more controversial claim: that their embryos counted as "children" or "persons" under the state's wrongful death of a minor law.

The Alabama Supreme Court agreed that the embryos were persons. The court pointed to a 2018 ballot measure that recognized fetuses as persons under state law. "The People of this State," the court explained, "have adopted a Constitutional amendment directly aimed at stopping courts from excluding 'unborn life' from legal protection." It did not matter to the court that the embryos were frozen and not yet implanted in the uterus.

In a concurring opinion, Chief Justice Tom Parker suggested that divine law — which, he claimed, had been embraced by the people of Alabama — supported the court's conclusion. "Human life," he stressed, "cannot be wrongfully destroyed without incurring the wrath of a holy God."

The Alabama ruling is a reminder of the importance of personhood politics on the American right — and a warning about how punitive they have become. Since the US Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022, the fight to establish that the word "person" in the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution applies to fetuses has escalated. At the one-year anniversary of the reversal of *Roe*, leading groups from the Alliance Defending Freedom to Students for Life called for personhood for "preborn children."

States are considering bills recognizing the personhood of fetuses in contexts from wrongful death to tax deductions.

The goal is to slowly build the case that a fetus or even an embryo is a person for every purpose and circumstance. For the antiabortion movement, that would mean that no state could allow legal abortion. For some self-proclaimed antiabortion abolitionists, fetal personhood would mean that the criminal law would have to punish women who terminate their pregnancies.

In theory, there should be a way for Americans like the couples in the Alabama case to protect themselves against medical negligence — or even to express their belief that frozen embryos or life in the womb have value — without setting a precedent for criminalizing abortion across the US. There are plenty of examples of people asserting that fetal life matters who are not angling to criminalize reproduction. A pregnant woman tried to drive in the HOV lane, arguing that her unborn child is a person. A prison employee in Texas sued on similar grounds when her child was stillborn after she was not allowed to leave her post.

In the context of reproduction and the law, there are gaps in protections for Americans who experience stillbirth or miscarriage as a result of medical negligence, or who are otherwise denied wanted parenthood. Polls suggest that many Americans believe life in the womb has value while opposing criminal abortion bans: A 2022 Pew Forum poll found that even about a third of Americans who think abortion should be legal believe that "human life begins at conception, so a fetus is a person with rights."

That would not seem so strange if there was a way to recognize the value of embryonic or fetal life that does not inexorably lead to the punishment of physicians who perform abortions, others who aid abortion seekers and even abortion seekers themselves. It is not impossible to imagine how that would look — the Constitutional Court of South Korea took a position like this in recognizing constitutional protection for abortion rights in 2019.

If embryonic or fetal life has value, the state shouldn't start with criminalization. Instead, the government may have a constitutional obligation to advance its interest in protecting that life in ways that don't limit reproductive liberty, by protecting pregnant workers, delivering better prenatal care or safe housing and reducing the rate of maternal mortality.

There is nothing inevitable about equating criminalization with valuing fetal or embryonic life, or providing a remedy for people who want to become parents and are unfairly denied the chance to do it.

The Alabama Supreme Court's ruling is just the start of the push for fetal personhood. And unless something changes, the more fetal personhood is recognized, the more kinds of reproductive decision-making will be a crime.

A fresh approach to health care reform

By Newt Gingrich and Bobby Jindal

Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995-1999 and a candidate for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination. Bobby Jindal served as governor of Louisiana from 2008 to 2016.

As the cost of living continues to be a crucial concern for voters, there's an urgent need for candidates to present viable solutions for making health care both affordable and accessible. Here are five fresh principles for health care reform that can resonate across party lines.

Address root causes, not just symptoms. One of the biggest reasons major Washington-led health care reforms have failed to lower health care costs is because they focus on health insurance instead of health care, and very little on health itself.

ObamaCare and the Inflation Reduction Act are perfect examples. Every year, these programs give more money to health insurance companies to offset the costs of higher premiums for people with larger incomes. A better approach is to fund American patients, not health insurance companies, by giving them direct control over the subsidy they qualify for and let them use it to buy the care and coverage that works best for them.

To further stop this doom loop, lawmakers must shift their focus from merely subsidizing insurance premiums to addressing the underlying issues of high health care prices and excessive demand. Lower prices and lower demand will lead to lower premiums.

Localize health care. The challenge for Washington in focusing on health and health care is that they are both local

issues, not national. Health care is delivered in a local setting, and the quality of care you receive is largely linked to what is available locally. Meanwhile, population health is much more influenced by local conditions than national ones.

This means a command-and-control approach from Washington to improve the health of our people and the quality of care they receive is doomed to fail. Instead, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services should leverage its position to be a facilitator of change at the local level rather than an imposer of change.

One example of how this could be done is block grants and waivers in Medicaid, which would empower states and local communities to best cover and improve the health of vulnerable populations.

Eliminate the middleman. The current health insurance, big government-dominated system is your old cable bundle. The health care system of the future is streaming on demand. We need reforms to move us toward on demand, and that means enabling patients to cut out the middleman.

Direct care clinics allow patients to cut out the insurance middleman and pay doctors a monthly fee that gives them on demand access to their services. This arrangement is better for patients and doctors. By eliminating insurance company paperwork and getting doctors off the revenue cycle roller coaster, doctors can have smaller patient panels and spend more time with patients.

Washington can support the growth of direct care by allowing Direct Primary Care memberships to be paid for with Health Savings Accounts funds. We should also make them available to Medicaid, Medicare and ObamaCare patients using their benefit dollars.

Demand transparency. We are conservatives committed to free market principles, but we also recognize that a successful market for health care needs very strong rules in place to protect patients.

This is because health care is not your prototypical, Adam Smith-style marketplace. The asymmetry of information between patients and doctors is enormous, and the presence of the third-party payer means patients have no concept of the value of the care they receive.

Transparency can help even the playing field, bringing much needed accountability to the health care system. This means strengthening price and quality transparency for providers, so patients and self-insuring companies can find the best value for their health care dollars.

It also means transparency into the business practices of the health care middlemen like managed care companies, wholesalers and pharmacy benefit managers. For instance, self-insured companies must have the right to see their claims data so they can audit their expenses. Drug manufacturer rebates to pharmacy benefit managers must be exposed and the savings should be passed on to patients at the pharmacy counter.

We also need visibility into provider network contracts to see if hospitals are leveraging their size or position to force coverage of low value procedures (such as in-hospital imaging) and shut out competition.

Health care is a moral issue first, economic second. Finally, candidates must remember that as much as voters are demanding solutions to make health care more affordable, these solutions cannot come at the expense of patients getting the care they need. Americans view health care primarily as a moral issue, and an economic one second. Rationing from the government or private sector is not an acceptable solution.

By treating the underlying issues of high costs and inefficiencies, localizing health care solutions, eliminating the middleman when possible, demanding transparency, and recognizing health care as a moral imperative, we can create a system that truly serves the needs of all Americans.

This is an approach to health care reform that could transcend party lines and genuinely serve the American people.

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Dear Editor:

Early last week, I received the most outrageous flyer, placed haphazardly on my front lawn. It claimed that "The Downey Patriot is a Communist newspaper" and that publisher Jennifer DeKay is a "paid employee of Donald Trump's Drug Cartel!"

Are you kidding me? Who distributed this trash?

We are so lucky to have a community newspaper which covers all issues fairly and without bias! Jennifer DeKay and the entire staff do such a wonderful job with The Patriot, and I sincerely enjoy reading it every week.

Does this person printing such slanderous remarks have any proof? I'm ashamed that this kind of behavior occurs in Downey...I thought we were better than this. Keep up the great work, Patriot!

Katie Castellanos
Downey

Remembering Lorine Parks

Dear Editor:

What a terrible loss for our Downey community with the passing of the legendary Lorine Parks.

The members of the Downey Film Society appreciate Lorine's colorful and insightful coverage of the arts and social events including the Downey Film Society's annual "Glennfest" Film festival.

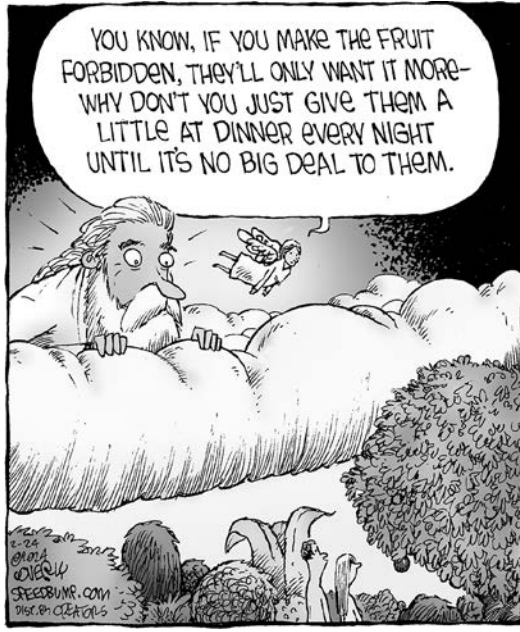
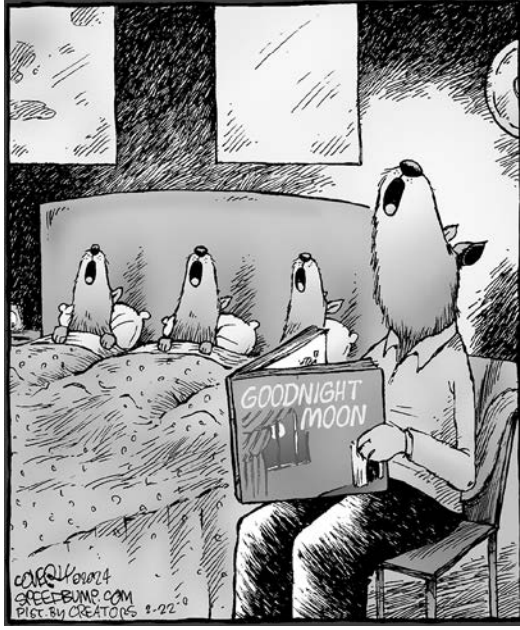
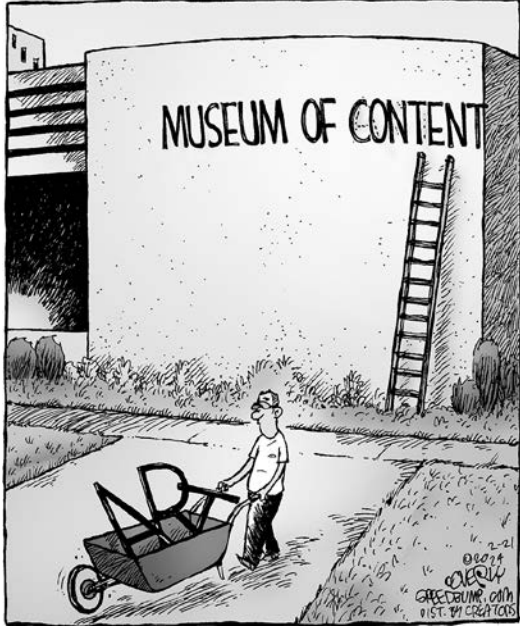
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Glenn Stephens
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 6:30 - 9 pm: Civil Air Patrol - Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138, at Downey Adult School, Room M104, call 714-402-5157.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 1st Tues., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 9 am: Quilters Group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 3rd Wed., 7 pm: 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.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
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 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
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 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

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FRYKLUND ENTERPRISES, INC., Seller(s)/ Licensee(s)
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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
 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024037674
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) I-CC, 4493 FIRESTONE BLVD SECOND FLOOR, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AUTO APPRAISAL SOLUTION LLC, 6636 OTIS AVE APT 3, BELL CA 90201

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: 02/2024

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/AUTO APPRAISAL SOLUTION LLC, MEMBER, ADRIAN LOPEZ
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 20, 2024

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

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The Downey Patriot
 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24, 3/14/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024015423
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELLE CLAY CO (2) AYRAD CREATIONS (3) AYRESGUS BUNTS (4) BELLEBAZ REEL (5) CANDY BUNTS (6) ZACK + BELLA, 13337 SOUTH ST SUITE 361, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AYRAD COMPANIES INC, 13337 SOUTH ST, CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: CA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024022606
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M N B SALES, 11837 FRONT ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NOE BELTRAN CABANILLAS, 11837 FRONT ST, NORWALK CA 90650

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: 01/2024

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/NOE BELTRAN CABANILLAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 31, 2024

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

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The Downey Patriot
 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024028611
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MERCED ACUPUNCTURE, 1433 W MERCED AVE SUITE 323, WEST COVINA CA 91790, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YU MU, 1433 W MERCED AVE SUITE 323, WEST COVINA CA 91790

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: 08/2011

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/JOSE ABRAHAM HENRIQUEZ, GENERAL PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 29, 2024

The Downey Patriot
 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024022636
 FILE NO: 2023039893 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 22, 2023

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): (1) A & L AUTOBODY PARTS

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 1760 E 113TH ST, LOS ANGELES, CA, 90059

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LENIN S VILLALTA DIAZ, 1760 E 113TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90059

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS SALCEDA, 7555 KRESS AVE, BELL GARDENS 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: 09/2012

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/LUIS SALCEDA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 31, 2024

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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
 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024022784
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HSIEHS GARDENING SERVICE, 8614 6TH STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TSONG CHANG HSIEH, 8614 6TH STREET, 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: 08/2011

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/TSONG CHANG HSIEH, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 31, 2024

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The Downey Patriot
 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024038417
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SIACCOUNTING, 8043 BROOKPARK RD, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SIACCOUNTING LLC, 8043 BROOKPARK RD, DOWNEY CA 90240

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/SIACCOUNTING LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, SIAMLU COX
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 21, 2024

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The Downey Patriot
 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24, 3/14/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024028355
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WOODWORKING JIGS AND GISMOS, 7865 BROOKMILL ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEPH MCGARRY, 7865 BROOKMILL ROAD, 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/JOSEPH MCGARRY, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2024

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The Downey Patriot
 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024027256
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WELLNESS OUTLET, 8721 IMPERIAL HWY APT 216, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS

MORALES MENDEZ, 8721 IMPERIAL HWY APT 216, 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/LUIS MORALES MENDEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 6, 2024

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The Downey Patriot
 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024028611
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MERCED ACUPUNCTURE, 1433 W MERCED AVE SUITE 323, WEST COVINA CA 91790, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YU MU, 1433 W MERCED AVE SUITE 323, WEST COVINA CA 91790

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: 08/2011

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/JOSE ABRAHAM HENRIQUEZ, GENERAL PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 29, 2024

The Downey Patriot
 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24, 2/22/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024016755
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PENDABLE CARE SERVICES, 5532 HAZELBROOK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STELLA DAGDAG ANICETO, 5532 HAZELBROOK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2017

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/S STAR COLLISION, SECRETARY, ELISA ARAUZ FLORES
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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

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The Downey Patriot
 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024022784
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HSIEHS GARDENING SERVICE, 8614 6TH STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TSONG CHANG HSIEH, 8614 6TH STREET, 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: 08/2011

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/TSONG CHANG HSIEH, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 31, 2024

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The Downey Patriot
 2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024016000
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PUHLMAN RENTAL PROPERTIES, 12420 NORWOBIN STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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
2/15/24, 2/22/24, 2/29/24, 3/7/24

GOVERNMENT

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS / INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the **Downey Unified School District** ("District") will receive sealed bids to construct the following project:

Bid No. 23/24-30: Alameda Elementary Exterior Paint Project ("Project" or "Contract") located at locations below:

Alameda Elementary School,
8613 Alameda St.,
Downey, CA 90242

Contractors must submit sealed bids on or before 9:00 AM on March 20, 2024 at the District Office Facilities Department, located at T-4, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 at or after which time the District will open the bids and publicly read them aloud. Any claim by a Bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with Public Contract Code § 5100, et seq. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

The Project consists of:

Exterior building painting.

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.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: C-33

The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.

As security for its Bid, each Bidder shall provide with its Bid form

- a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District,
- cash, or
- 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. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, 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.

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 Project.

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 Public Contract Code § 22300.

The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project 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 Labor Code § 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are on file with the District and are available to any interested party on request or at www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/statistics_and_databases.html. Bidders and Bidders' subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1725.5 & 1771.1

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on March 8, 2024 at 9 AM at Alameda Elementary School, 8613 Alameda St., Downey, CA 90242 in the front of the school. All prospective Bidders are required to sign in at each school site. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

The Project consists of:

The District's 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.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible Bidder based on: The base bid amount only.

The Downey Patriot
2/22/24, 2/29/24

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS / INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the **Downey Unified School District** ("District") will receive sealed bids to construct the following project:

Bid No. 23/24-28: Various Sites Playground and/or Parking Lot Slurry and Stripe ("Project" or "Contract") located at locations below:

Gauldin Elementary School,
9724 Spry St., Downey, CA 90242

Warren High School,
8141 De Palma St., Downey, CA 90241

Transportation Department,
12330 Woodruff Ave., Downey, CA 90241

Contractors must submit sealed bids on or before 10:00 AM on March 7, 2024 at the District Office Facilities Department, located at T-4, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 at or after which time the District will open the bids and publicly read them aloud. Any claim by a Bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with Public Contract Code § 5100, et seq. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

The Project consists of:

Slurry and Stripe Playground and/or Parking Lot

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.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: B and/or C-12

The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.

As security for its Bid, each Bidder shall provide with its Bid form

- a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District,
- cash, or

- 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. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, 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.

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 Project.

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 Public Contract Code § 22300.

The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project 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 Labor Code § 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are on file with the District and are available to any interested party on request or at www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/statistics_and_databases.html. Bidders and Bidders' subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1725.5 & 1771.1

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on February 26, 2024 at 9 AM starting at Gauldin Elementary School, 9724 Spry St., Downey, CA 90242 at the front of the school and then proceeding to the next sites. All prospective Bidders are required to sign in at each school site. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately an hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

Contract Documents are available on or after February 14, 2024.

The District's 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.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible Bidder based on: The base bid amount only.

The Downey Patriot
2/15/24, 2/22/24

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS / INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the **Downey Unified School District** ("District") will receive sealed bids to construct the following project:

Bid No. 23/24-29: Ward Elementary Food Service Line ("Project" or "Contract") located at locations below:

Ward Elementary School,
8851 Adoree St., Downey, CA 90242

Contractors must submit sealed bids on or before 10:30 AM on March 4, 2024 at the District Office Facilities Department, located at T-4, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 at or after which time the District will open the bids and publicly read them aloud. Any claim by a Bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with Public Contract Code § 5100, et seq. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

The Project consists of:

Food Service line replacement.

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.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: B

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As security for its Bid, each Bidder shall provide with its Bid form

- a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District,
- cash, or
- 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. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, 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.

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 Project.

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 Public Contract Code § 22300.

The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project 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 Labor Code § 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are on file with the District and are available to any interested party on request or at www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/statistics_and_databases.html. Bidders and Bidders' subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1725.5 & 1771.1

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on February 23, 2024 at 12 PM at Ward Elementary School, 8851 Adoree St., Downey, CA 90242 in the front of the school. All prospective Bidders are required to sign in. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately an hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

The Project consists of:

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The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible Bidder based on: The base bid amount only.

The Downey Patriot
2/15/24, 2/22/24

DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS / INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the **Downey Unified School District** ("District") will receive sealed bids to construct the following project:

Bid No. 23/24-27: Downey and Warren High School Musco Stadium Lighting Retrofit ("Project" or "Contract") located at locations below:

Downey High School,
11040 Brookshire Ave.,
Downey, CA 90241

Warren High School,
8141 De Palma St.,
Downey, CA 90241

Contractors must submit sealed bids on or before 10:00 AM on March 4, 2024 at the District Office Facilities Department, located at T-4, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 at or after which time the District will open the bids and publicly read them aloud. Any claim by a Bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with Public Contract Code § 5100, et seq. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

The Project consists of:

Musco stadium lighting retrofit.

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.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: B and/or C-10

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- 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. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, 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.

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Bid No. 23/24-31: Downey High School RSY Interior Painting & J Building Patch and Paint Interior Hallway Project ("Project" or "Contract") located at locations below:

Downey High School,
11040 Brookshire Ave.,
Downey, CA 90241

Contractors must submit sealed bids on or before 10:00 AM on March 20, 2024 at the District Office Facilities Department, located at T-4, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 at or after which time the District will open the bids and publicly read them aloud. Any claim by a Bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with Public Contract Code § 5100, et seq. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

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To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: C-33

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A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on March 8, 2024 at 11 AM at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 in the front of the school. All prospective Bidders are required to sign in. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately an hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

Contract Documents are available on or after February 21, 2024.

The District's 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.

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2/22/24, 2/29/24

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A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on February 23, 2024 at 9 AM starting at Downey High School, 8141 De Palma St., Downey, CA 90241 at the front of the school and then proceeding to the next site. All prospective Bidders are required to sign in at each school site. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately an hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

Contract Documents are available on or after February 14, 2024.

The District's 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.

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SITE PLAN REVIEW, VARIANCE, LOT MERGER AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

PLN-21-00025 & PLN-23-00086

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the **DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION** on the 6th day of March, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

Name of Project: Prologis Stewart and Gray Road Warehouse Project

Location: 9300 Hall Road, 9350 Hall Road, and 9363 Stewart and Gray Road

Applications/Requests: **SITE PLAN REVIEW, VARIANCE, LOT MERGER, and FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (PLN-21-00025 & PLN-23-00086):** A request for a Site Plan Review to construct a 535,685 square foot industrial fill-up building to be used as a warehouse distribution facility on a 29.16 acre lot, with 785 square feet of cold storage and 20,000 square feet of office space. The Variance request is to build at a maximum height of 54' (feet), rather than the required 45'. A lot merger request is made to consolidate five (5) separate lots (APNs: 6284-019-013, 6284-019-014, 6284-019-015, 6284-019-016 and 6284-019-017) on property zone General Manufacturing (M-2).

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Environmental Impact Report, as well as a statement of overriding considerations for significant and unavoidable impacts, was prepared for the proposed project and was made available on the City's website: <https://www.downey.ca.org/our-city/departments/community-development/planning/environmental-documents>.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADA.Coordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

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

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2/22/24

NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 24NWCPO0055

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JUAN MANUEL MAYORQUIN MEJIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JUAN MANUEL MAYORQUIN MEJIA Proposed name (1) JUAN MANUEL MAYORQUIN MEJIA 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: APR

CLASSIFIEDS

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Looking to hire someone to accompany a female senior to and from appointments and to make occasional visits to her residence. Reply to missmopsy@yahoo.com

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 14, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No.: 23-29823 A.P.N.: 6229-015-002
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/12/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor: William Sanchez A Single Man Duly Appointed Trustee: Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 1/25/2010 as Instrument No. 20100100898 in book page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Described as follows: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Date of Sale: 3/12/2024 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain, located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$315,108.06 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property:

10939 RIO HONDO DRIVE DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6229-015-002 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. **THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you

should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 758-8052 or visit this Internet Web site www.Xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-29823. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on

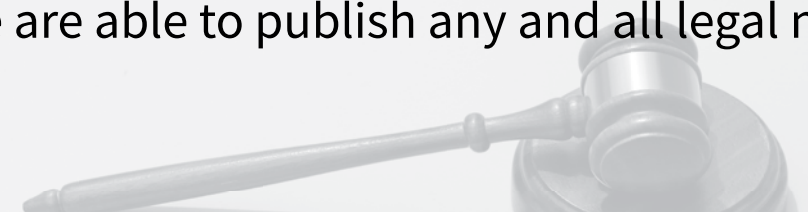
the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 758-8052, or visit this internet website www.Xome.com, using the file number assigned to this case 23-29823 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second,

you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 02/08/2024 Carrington Foreclosure Services, LLC 1600 South Douglass Road, Suite 140 Anaheim, CA 92806 Automated Sale Information: (800) 758-8052 or www.Xome.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 Tai Alailima, Director

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10AM-4PM



Crime Report

On 1/9/2024 at 3:55 AM, officers observed a stolen vehicle being driven in the area of Firestone Blvd and Ryerson Ave. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver.

On 1/9/2024 at 8:15 PM, officers responded to the area of 9400 Firestone Blvd regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The victims stated the suspect pointed a gun at the victims during an argument and fled the scene. Detectives are investigating.

On 1/11/2024 at 12:45 PM, officers responded to the area of 7300 Firestone Blvd regarding an armed robbery. The victim stated the suspect entered the business and pointed a firearm at the victim while demanding money and property. The suspect took the items and fled on foot. No injuries were sustained by the victim and detectives are investigating.

On 1/13/2024 at 12:05 AM, officers responded to the area of the Metro Station on Lakewood Blvd and the I-105 Freeway regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect swung a knife at the victim several times, but missed each time. Officers located the suspect nearby and placed him under arrest.

On 1/16/2024 at 10:25 PM, officers observed a group of approximately 40 bicycles being ridden in the area of Brookshire Ave and Florence Ave. The bicyclists were observed committing traffic violations and shining lasers at passing vehicles. Three of the cyclists were arrested.

On 1/16/2024 at 10:55 PM, officers responded to the area of 7400 Florence Ave regarding an armed robbery. The suspects entered the business armed with firearms and demanded money from the workers inside. The suspects fled the location in a vehicle. No injuries were sustained by the workers and detectives are investigating.

On 1/20/2024 at 8:55

AM, officers responded to the area of 10200 Wiley Burke St regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect had swung a kitchen knife at the victim, who is a relative of the suspect, several times and eventually threw it at him. No injuries were sustained by the victim and the suspect fled the scene on foot. Detectives are investigating.

On 1/20/2024 at 10:25 PM, officers responded to the area of 12000 Paramount Blvd regarding a fight at a business. The suspect was intoxicated and had started a fight at 10 other subjects in the business. The suspect was located and arrested. No injuries were reported by patrons of the business.

On 1/22/2024 at 9:55 PM, officers responded to the area of 7800 Firestone Blvd regarding a robbery. The victim stated the suspects entered their business, stole items and assaulted employees when confronted. The suspects fled the scene and the victims sustained minor injuries. Detectives are investigating.

On 1/23/2024 at 2:10 AM, officers responded to the area of 9200 Stamps Rd regarding an attempted arson. The suspect attempted to ignite an occupied building on fire after an argument with the occupant. The building did not ignite and the suspect fled the scene. Detectives are investigating.

On 1/25/2024 at 4:45 PM, officers responded to the area of 8600 Gallatin Rd regarding a major traffic collision. Upon arrival, officers discovered a vehicle had collided with another parked vehicle and damaged the fence and property of Gallatin Elementary. The investigation revealed the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol and was arrested.

On 1/28/2024 at 3:10 PM, officers responded to the area of 9400 Telegraph

Rd regarding a robbery. The suspect entered a business in the area, demanded money and fled the scene. Officers searched the area and located the suspect nearby. The suspect was arrested and no injuries were sustained by the victim.

On 1/30/2024 at 10:55 PM, officers responded to the area of 9200 Lakewood Blvd regarding a robbery. The victim stated the suspects entered a business and began quickly selecting merchandise. The victim confronted the suspects and one pulled the victim to the ground causing minor injuries. The suspects fled the scene in a vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

On 2/2/2024 at 3:50 AM, officers responded to the area of 100 Stonewood St regarding a burglary alarm. Upon arrival, officers discovered forced entry into a business and observed the suspect inside. The suspect attempted to flee, but was apprehended by officers. A search of the interior of the business revealed a large amount of damage was done by the suspect. The suspect was arrested for burglary and vandalism.

On 2/3/2024 at 1:00 AM, officers responded to the area of 8860 Apollo Wy regarding a robbery. The suspects were involved in a fight with security at the location. During the fight, one of the suspects took the victim's cell phone and ran away. Officers arrived, located the suspect who fled with the phone and placed him under arrest for robbery. Two other suspects who fought with security at the location were also arrested for battery. Minor injuries were reported by the victim.

On 2/4/2024 at 1:10 PM, officers responded to the area of the Downey Landing regarding a male brandishing a firearm. Officers located the suspect exiting from one of the stores and attempted to stop him. The suspect ran from officers while holding a handgun. Officers chased the suspect and took him into custody nearby.

On 2/5/2024 at 1:30 AM, officers observed a stolen vehicle being driven in the area of Paramount Blvd and

Imperial Hwy. The suspect fled on foot, but was apprehended nearby. The suspect was arrested for Grand Theft Auto.

On 2/9/2024 at 6:00 PM, officers conducted several bar checks in conjunction with California Alcohol Beverage Control officers. Several businesses were contacted and one was issued a citation for violation of ABC regulations.

On 2/10/2024 at 5:50 AM, officers responded to the area of Brookshire Ave and Stewart and Gray Rd regarding an intoxicated driver. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a driving under the influence investigation. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence and the passenger was arrested for being in possession of a firearm.

On 2/11/2024 at 12:50 PM, officers responded to the area of 7300 Florence Ave regarding an armed robbery. The suspect entered the store, selected merchandise and began exiting without paying. When confronted, the suspect displayed a firearm and fled the location without the stolen merchandise. No injuries were sustained by the victim and detectives are investigating.

On 2/12/2024 at 7:50 AM, officers responded to the area of Suva St and the Rio Hondo Riverbed regarding a robbery. The victim stated she was on the riverbed bike path when the suspect approached her. The suspect assaulted the victim and stole a bag she was carrying. The suspect fled the scene on foot. The victim sustained minor injuries. Detectives are investigating.

On 2/14/2024 at 4:05 PM, officers responded to the area of Firestone Blvd and Dolan Ave in regards to an armed robbery. The suspects approached the victim and demanded his personal property while displaying a firearm. The suspects took the property and fled in a vehicle. No injuries were sustained by the victim and detectives are investigating.

On 2/15/2024 at 5:50 AM, officers responded to the



Los Angeles County district attorney candidate John McKinney was at Gaucho Grill in Downey on Wednesday for a community meet and greet. McKinney is one of several candidates looking to unseat George Gascon as district attorney.

Wednesday's event was hosted by Mayor Pro Tem Hector Sosa and former mayor Kirk Cartozian, both of whom have endorsed McKinney.

area of 9700 Imperial Hwy regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The victim stated an associate threatened to stab him the victim with a knife. Upon arrival, the suspect was located and was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

On 2/17/2024 at 10:55

AM, officers responded to the area of 7300 Florence Ave regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. The victim stated the suspect was shooting a BB gun from an apartment in the area. One of the projectiles struck the victim. The suspect was located and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

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