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# Classes resume after latest campus mass shooting

■ A gunman killed 19 kids at a Texas elementary school, sparking another nationwide debate on how to keep students safe.

By Eric Pierce and City News Service

**DOWNEY** - One day after a tragic shooting at a Texas elementary school that killed 19 students and two teachers, campuses opened their doors as usual Wednesday across the Southland, with some under a closer watch from law enforcement hoping to offer some assurance of safety to students, parents and staff.

Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes said there were "no adequate words" to describe Tuesday's shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, about 85 miles west of San Antonio.

But he added, "While we believe this is an isolated incident, the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center is monitoring the situation, and we will have an increased presence at schools in our jurisdiction (Wednesday)."

Barnes went on to say, "No parent should ever have to wonder if their child is safe at school. We extend our condolences and prayers to the grieving community of Uvalde."

In a statement, the Downey Police Department send its "thoughts and prayers to the community of Uvalde, Texas and to the families and loved ones affected by this senseless tragedy."

"The Downey Police Department is aware of the events that unfolded at Robb Elementary School [Tuesday] and are aware that events like this can happen anywhere and at anytime," said Police Chief Leslie Murray. "The Downey Unified School District (DUSD) Superintendent Dr. John Garcia and I are focused on the safety of our community. The Downey Police Department has established practices and other security measures that will be implemented at all schools across DUSD."

In its own statement, Downey Unified said it works hand in hand with Downey Police to keep students and staff safe, including active shooter drills.

Downey Police also maintains emergency response plans for each school campus, including contingency plans for evacuations.

All three Downey public high schools - Downey, Warren and Columbus - have armed resource officers on campus.

"Our schools were not designed during a time when controlled campus access was as important as it is today," Superintendent Dr. John Garcia said. "However, we are now experiencing a paradigm shift that requires us to address school safety in many different ways, including school infrastructure, internal and external communication and emergency planning."

Garcia said the Downey community's support of a bond measure eight years ago also allowed the school district to make significant security upgrades to its middle school and high school campuses.

"As a result of community support for our facilities in 2014, DUSD has made significant physical upgrades to our campus safety which has supported our efforts to ensure another level of security for our students and staff."

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said his department would be working with "school resource officers to ensure the safety of our children."

Los Angeles Police Department Chief Michel Moore said the department "is working closely



People gather at Robb Elementary School, the scene of a mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, on Tuesday.

with Los Angeles School Police to increase patrols around our schools and common pathways to ensure the safety of our children. We are also working diligently to investigate crimes and behaviors that can lead to future violence."

The Santa Monica Police Department issued a statement saying, "Even though we have no information of any credible threats occurring in our schools, personnel within our department will show a strong presence around our local schools." In Torrance, police Chief Jay Hart said the department "is committed to protecting the safety of Torrance students and continues to work with (Torrance Unified School District) to create an environment where students and teachers can thrive."

In Long Beach, police issued a statement also saying there are no known threats of violence locally, but "we are maintaining a vigilant posture and increasing our patrol presence throughout the city, including at our schools."

Across the Southland, parents walked or drove their kids to schools as usual. There were no announced changes to any school schedules at the Los Angeles Unified School District, the second-largest district in the nation.

"Don't be afraid! Today is a day of showing our true colors to each other," LAUSD Superintendent Alberto Carvalho wrote on his Twitter page Wednesday morning, sharing a video of Cyndi Lauper's song "True Colors."

He again lamented the shooting, saying, "This devastating, repeating tragedy that keeps robbing us, as a nation, or our future, through the murderous bullets of derangement is the result of a heartless and cowardly failure of political leadership and courage. Silence and inaction are tantamount to complicity."

Tuesday's shooting sparked an outpouring of emotion from local officials, many of them making emotional calls for gun control.

"Our hearts are breaking. I'm sick of this," Mayor Eric Garcetti tweeted. "We can't keep losing innocent children because we're incapable of doing what's right. We can't stall on gun control any longer. How much sorrow before stopping these acts of senseless violence?"

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Los Angeles, wrote, "My heart breaks for the families of the victims in Uvalde, TX. We cannot continue to do nothing on gun reform and expect a different result. We must pass laws to stop these awful, preventable tragedies NOW."

Tuesday's horror took place around noon Texas time.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott initially confirmed that 14 students, along with a teacher, were killed when a single gunman struck. The number of students killed later rose to 18, and then to 19, along with two teachers.

According to reports, the gunman, identified as 18-year-old Salvador Ramos, allegedly shot his grandmother earlier in the day, then headed to the school, armed with a handgun and a rifle.

In addition to those killed, roughly 15 other children and two adults were injured in the shooting, according to various reports. The gunman was killed by police.

Carvalho and LAUSD board President Kelly Gonez issued a joint statement Tuesday saying, "Our hearts are with the victims of today's school shooting. May they have the strength and resilience to endure this unacceptable tragedy. As a nation, we must continue to speak up against gun violence. We have a moral and professional collective obligation of ensuring a perimeter of inviolable safety around schools. Enough is enough."

Cecily Myart-Cruz, president of United Teachers Los Angeles, the union representing LAUSD teachers, said in a statement, "We grieve with the parents, guardians, educators, students, families and the Uvalde community. It saddens us that once again our world is rocked with the senseless death of students and an educator. Our schools should be the safest spaces to send our children. ... Thoughts and prayers are not what's needed. We need gun reform now."

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block added, "Children should be able to go to school without the fear of violence. What happened today shakes me to my core."

In response to the calls for gun control, the Sacramento-based Gun Owners of California retweeted a statement from its partners at Gun Owners of America, saying, "We mourn the innocent Texans murdered this afternoon. Sadly, we have already seen significant politicization of this tragedy for political gain by those on the left, including most alarmingly, in fundraising emails -- but also in calls for gun control. Additionally, politicians who support the Second Amendment across the state and country are being made the subjects of unacceptable, vitriolic, ad-hominem attacks, and we stand in their defense."

"Instead of playing politics, we must discuss real solutions to



preventing this type of evil from striking again, for example, by arming willing teachers which is a solution supported by 81% of police. If our elected officials are important enough to receive armed protection, so too should our children."

The nation's latest mass shooting came one day after Los Angeles elected officials, faith leaders and cultural leaders gathered at First AME Church of Los Angeles for a candlelight vigil to honor the victims killed in two racial- and hate-motivated mass shootings in Buffalo, New York, and Laguna Woods last week.

The vigil was hosted by the Los Angeles Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department and attended by Garcetti, Councilmen Curren Price and Paul Koretz and Los Angeles Police Department Chief Michel Moore.

A candle was lit for each of the 11 victims killed during the two shootings: 10 in Buffalo on May 14 and one in Laguna Woods on May 15.

"Going to school. Going grocery shopping. Going to church. Going to the mall. My heart breaks for the families and community in Uvalde, Texas -- and for all victims of gun violence," Rep. Judy Chu, D-Pasadena, tweeted following Tuesday's school shooting. "We must do better. We must save lives. We must #EndGunViolence."

Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis echoed those thoughts, saying on Twitter, "My thoughts and prayers are with those whose loved ones were tragically lost and injured during the horrific shooting at Robb Elementary School."

"Gun violence has devastated far too many communities including Uvalde, Texas today. When is enough, enough? #EndGunViolence NOW."

Rep. Karen Bass, D-Los Angeles and a candidate for mayor, said, "After the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, we said never again. Ten years later 1 teacher and 14 children are murdered in Texas. Republican inaction is killing our kids. They choose to look away. They choose to not act. We need reform now."

Mayoral candidate and L.A. City Councilman Kevin de León wrote, "I'm disgusted that this is normal in America. The worst part? We can prevent this. But Republicans in DC would rather watch our kids die than take action. We need national gun safety laws, and we need them now."

Mayoral candidate Rick Caruso tweeted Tuesday night, "As a father, my heart absolutely breaks for the families in Texas tonight. No parent should ever have to endure such unbearable loss. We have to do better as a country."

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday	73°	
Saturday	69°	
Sunday	74°	

### THINGS TO DO



**Murder-Mystery Show**  
Friday, 6 pm  
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A live murder-mystery show with proceeds benefiting the Downey Rose Float Association. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased online at facebook.com/downeyrosefloat or call (562) 822-7678.

### ON THIS DAY

**1521:** Martin Luther was declared an outlaw and his writings were banned by the Edict of Worms

**1805:** Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned king of Italy.

**1868:** The impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal as the Senate fell one vote short of the two-thirds majority required for conviction.

**1896:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was first published. The average price of the 11 initial stocks was 40.94

**1907:** John Wayne, the American actor famous for his roles in western movies, was born.

**1908:** The first major oil strike in the Middle East took place as engineers working for British entrepreneur William Knox D'Arcy hit a gusher in Masjid-i-Suleiman in present-day Iran.

**1969:** Apollo 10 returned to Earth after a mission that served as a dress rehearsal for the first moon landing.

**1978:** The first legal casino in the eastern United States opened in Atlantic City, N.J.

**1994:** Pop star Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were married in the Dominican Republic.

**1998:** The Supreme Court ruled that Ellis Island - historic gateway for millions of immigrants - is mainly in New Jersey, not New York.

**2009:** President Barack Obama nominated federal appeals judge Sonia Sotomayor to be the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court.

**2009:** California's Supreme Court upheld the Proposition 8 gay marriage ban but said the 18,000 same-sex weddings that had taken place before the prohibition passed were still valid.

### Birthdays

Rock singer **Stevie Nicks** (74), country singer **Hank Williams Jr.** (73), actress **Pam Grier** (73), rock singer **Lenny Kravitz** (58), "South Park" co-creator **Matt Stone** (51), R&B singer **Laurn Hill** (47), and reality star **Scott Disick** (39).

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Downey hires interim city manager

**DOWNEY** - The Downey City Council made things official with their interim city manager on Tuesday, approving the hiring of Mark Scott on an interim basis.

Scott will take over for current city manager Gilbert Livas upon his retirement on July 1. His appointment was announced last week.

Scott will receive the same salary as the current city manager (\$138.20 an hour); however, he will work limited hours and will not receive any benefits or compensation in lieu of benefits. According to staff, this will result in a cost savings.

He brings over 32 years of

experience working in other public agencies, including as city manager for eight other cities, and as an interim city manager for two. Most notably, Scott was the city manager of Beverly Hills from 1990 to 2003.

He will serve as the city's head executive until the city finds a permanent replacement.

In the meantime, the city has also hired a firm to aid in that process.

The council voted 4-0 (with Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa absent) to contract with Bob Murray and Associates to help recruit the city's next full-time city manager. The firm will assist in identifying, recruiting, screening and interviewing candidates, negotiations, and provide recommendations.

The cost of the executive search totals \$35,000, with an additional \$65,000 in funding authorization to fill other executive recruitments as needed.

## Police eyes military equipment

**DOWNEY** - The Downey City Council approved on Tuesday its policy for the use of military equipment by the Downey Police Department, including armored vehicles and unmanned aircraft.

Creation of the policy was required due to Assembly bill AB 481, which was enacted by the state legislature in September of last year and went into effect in January. Under AB 481 DPD would need to gain City approval in order to use, purchase, and acquire military equipment.

The city's new policy authorizes use of a large amount of varying pieces of equipment under specific guidelines, including unmanned aircraft systems, armored vehicles, several types of less-lethal rounds, less-lethal shotguns, distraction devices, chemical agent and smoke canisters, pepper balls, rifles, and personally owned rifles.

The bill also required Downey PD to inventory any military equipment that it had acquired prior to Jan. 1. of this year.

Councilmember Donald La Plante expressed annoyance with the new law, calling it "nonsense."

"The legislation may have had a good idea of requiring the cities to produce information on military police equipment; look at our agenda at what our police department had to do to comply with that law," said La Plante. "It's page upon page that provides detail upon detail about nothing... This whole report is unfortunately nothing more than a pile of paperwork to document things like rubber bullets."

When asked by La Plante how long it took staff to inventory the equipment, Police Chief Leslie Murray confirmed that it took several DPD staff members a "significant" amount of time, though was unable to give a specific number.

The inventory will need to take place annually, including a meeting held by DPD to allow for community input.

graduating, hunger for young kids in our city. How could we do that by using our clergy and not using taxpayer dollars," said Rodriguez. "They came, they met, and they were a solution."

However, Rodriguez says that the council has been virtually "destroyed" as of late, pinning blame on a group of aggressively vulgar usual city critiques that have recently expanded their activity beyond city council meetings.

"Very few people come anymore, because the three terrorists that like to go and visit our city council, they've showed up at our clergy council with their cameras, with their vulgarity, with their insults," said Rodriguez. "These church people don't want to deal with it. No one talks to them like that, no one uses the 'f-word' three or four times in one sentence, nobody does that to them, so they leave."

Rodriguez added that a similar situation has occurred with the Downey Care Collaborative.

In response, Rodriguez says he spoke to City Manager Gilbert Livas and members of the City Council about taking over the Clergy Council himself as part of his already established non-profit, the Living Tree Foundation.

"That way these protestors can't come; it's a closed meeting by invited guest only," said Rodriguez. "We're a 501c3, and we invite who we want to invite."

In a statement to the Downey Patriot, Councilwoman Frometa - who oversaw the council before its dissolution - echoed many of the sentiments by Rodriguez.

"The Clergy Council brought together faith-based leaders from throughout our community representing all faiths, with the goal to strengthen City-Clergy relationships and form collaborations to address issues facing our residents. Over the last several years, we were successful. The Clergy Council was looked at as a best practice in other cities and a similar model was created.

Unfortunately, known city gadflies and agitators invaded the meetings with the goal of causing disruption and disrespecting our clergy leaders in the name of 'free speech.' I call those instigators local terrorists whose sole purpose is to disrupt our meetings and create havoc.

By dissolving the Clergy Council, these agitators will no longer be able to bring their hate and disruption and important work will continue, separate from the city.

I thank my friend and former Mayor Rick Rodriguez for his vision and I look forward to continuing to support the clergy group in a different capacity."

Rodriguez hopes to eventually take over the Downey Care Collaborative and the Pets for Troops program from the city as well.

## Catherine Alvarez recall now underway

**DOWNEY** - A second effort to recall Downey Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez is officially underway, organizers announced in a news release.

More than 4,000 residents of Downey's District 3 signed a petition to recall Alvarez earlier this year but the recall came up 35 signatures short.

Organizers said they are confident they can get all the signatures required to trigger a recall election this time around.

"The residents of District 3 are welcoming us with excitement and eagerness to sign the new petition to remove Catherine Alvarez from public office," the recall committee said in a statement. "Hundreds have already signed in the first week. Recall 2.0 is well underway."

Alvarez was elected to the City Council in 2020. Critics, however, said Alvarez should have disclosed her criminal history before the election, including arrests for welfare fraud and shoplifting.

"Our city and community deserve better and we hope to be able to have the recall election in the fall of this year," organizers said.

The recall petition can only be signed by residents of District 3, which is roughly north of Firestone Boulevard and west of Downey Avenue. For details, visit [RecallCatherineAlvarez.com](http://RecallCatherineAlvarez.com).

## Downey Clergy Council goes private

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Clergy Council will dissolve under the city's jurisdiction, reforming under the banner of former mayor Rick Rodriguez and the Living Tree Foundation.

The City Council decided to dissolve the volunteer group with a 4-0 vote at their meeting Tuesday, with Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa absent.

The Clergy Council was originally created by Rodriguez during his time on the city council, as a way to tackle some of Downey's toughest issues through the collaboration of Downey's religious community.

"I got all denominations to the same room to discuss how we could be of service to the city and volunteer to take away the burden of homelessness, children not

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## Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia is fighting to keep our children safe.



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Diet pills are incredibly dangerous for teens. California needs to regulate them like cigarettes  
SF Chronicle Jan. 4, 2022

Body shaming is a major factor in eating disorders and depression among young people—especially women. I wrote AB 1341 to ban sale of diet pills to minors and require stores to restrict access & display notice at locations where they're sold.

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# Fourth graders discover love for robotics



■ A group of Alameda Elementary students have thrived in robotics and engineering, even winning a district competition.

**DOWNEY** - A group of 4th grade students at Alameda Elementary School who are part of the Robotics and Engineering Club on campus came together last week to celebrate a year full of learning, exploration and problem solving.

These students joined the club at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year not knowing what to expect. After a long stretch of time where the pandemic kept

many of them at home learning on Zoom, they finally got the opportunity to be hands-on and build their Vex IQ Robots.

Students struggled at the beginning but as the months went by, they began to excel on their own and collaborate with each other. Students learned how to code and program their robots as well as how to drive and maneuver through game obstacles and challenges.

As students began to want to learn more than what was being offered, their Robotics coach - Mr. Alex Gaytan - decided to expand the program and teach

engineering principles. Students learned about physics through building a catapult, they learned about Newton's 3rd Law through an aerospace engineering experiment, students built a solar powered plastic car, and built circuits to learn about electricity, and many other engineering projects.

"The students would not stop asking questions, and after seeing how eager they were to learn, we started meeting during recess and lunch, when that was still not enough, we added an extra day after school," said Gaytan.

Students were given the opportunity to explore how things work by opening up computers, machines, iPods, and even old iPhones.

"I find that robotics with students that don't necessarily excel in a traditional classroom, from your special education students to the person that is not able to communicate well, these kids shine," Gaytan said. "It brings out talents in students you wouldn't normally see because they are given the opportunity to learn by doing and freedom to create."

Students from the Downey

High School Striking Vikings mentored these 4th graders and inspired them to think like engineers. Guest speakers from different engineering fields also motivated students to keep wanting to learn more. In addition to that, students went on field trips to the Columbia Memorial Space Center and to the Downey High School Robotics lab.

On April 30, these 4th graders participated in the 3rd Annual Downey Unified School District Robo-Olympics where third, fourth and fifth graders throughout the district competed

in a Vex IQ Robotics challenge. After the competition was over, these ambitious 4th graders not only won first place but set a record by finishing with 15 seconds to spare and a perfect score.

With the school year coming to a close, these students are focused on the future and plan to continue in Robotics and Engineering next year, and on to high school. The future looks bright with these young engineers looking to expand their minds and make an impact on the world.

















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## Where did it go wrong?

When you look around, what do you see?

- Criminals are allowed to rob you without any consequences.
- You hesitate when your kids ask you to take them to the park or beach because the gas prices are so high.
- If the government has its way, your kids will be taught pornography and no longer call you mom but a birthing person.

... and things are not getting better.

You ask yourself if this is the life you want or asked for? Or have you been deceived by politicians?

How can you trust the incumbent to fix the issues when she is the one who voted us into these predicaments?

I am running the You First Campaign to seek the congressional seat in the 38th district. I want to serve you by putting God First and Your Interests First.

I am humbly asking for your vote. And let us consider one another and provoke unto love and to do good works.

Blessings,

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# Things you didn't know about Downey: Saturday nights

By **Bobbi Bruce**  
Downey Historical Society

This article came from the Southeast News Thursday, Oct. 4 1973, Downey Centennial Celebration:

Rural "downtown" Downey was a Saturday night town.

It requires an enormous leap of one's imagination to look back in time to Downey's beginnings and realize that for more than 50 years the entire mercantile effort of the surrounding area was

concentrated in one three block strip of Downey Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and Third Street.

In those days, in fact, there was no Firestone Boulevard, only a small country lane called First Street, which went as far as College Road – now Paramount Boulevard – on the west, and became a meandering wagon road which led southeast rural to Corvallis (now the city of Norwalk) over the old Foster

Bridge on the San Gabriel River.

At the beginning, the old road through town was named Anaheim Road, and it was this that renamed Crawford Street to honor the town's leading citizen. The name stuck until land developers managed to have it named Downey Avenue about 1934-35, arguing it would make it easier for outsiders to find out about the town if the main street bore the same name.

Business in those early days

was geared to rural farming economy, and essentially "downtown" Downey was a Saturday night town. Farmers would bring in their produce and dairy products to the local creamery and the railroad depot, then they'd tend to their needs for the coming week buying staples and hardware, livestock feed, field implements, and harnesses for their team of horses and mules.

If there was enough money, the family would linger to see the latest one-reelers at the silent movie house Rube Mathews ran on the east side of the street between First Street and the alley to the north.

The old town had its saloons as well. One of the first known was the "Depot" Saloon which was opened in 1875 by a Slavonian immigrant named John Mitrovitch, who started the community of southern refugees from the Civil War by single-handedly holding the town's first 4th of July celebration that same year.

Mitrovitch's brick building at

the southeast corner of Second Street and Crawford (Downey Avenue) thrived as one of the more respectable watering spots until the town voted to go dry and shut down all the saloons in 1905. A few of the old saloons managed to survive for a time as gambling halls.

Among the most notorious of these was the "101," now the location of a finance office at the northeast corner of Downey Avenue and Firestone. There was once a poker game which left a local sharpshooter dead in the street, and a hot-headed loser who took off for Alaska. After Mitrovitch's saloon closed the building, it became the Los Nietos Valley bank, which continued operations there with W.C. Springer as president until it was acquired by Bank of America early in 1937. Now in use as Manley's Beauty College, the building still looks like a bank, yet under its concrete façade is the original bricks of the old Depot saloon.

What today is occupied by the Downey Music Center, 11125

Downey Ave., is the site of what was Downey's first "department" store and also the site of the first telephone exchange in town. Originally the site of the old Downey Hotel until it burned in 1893, the two-story brick building that replaced it was the Union Mercantile Building, which later was bought by David Strine and for almost 60 years was Strine Brothers Dept. Store. In 1905, Downey Home Telephone and Telegraph Co. set up the community's first central switchboard there, operating until a permanent phone building was completed on Second Street in 1927.

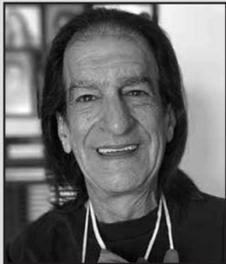
Bert Douglass, who operated a next-door hardware store, bought the building and moved in 1952, operating his Downey Hardware Store there until he retired a few years ago. Douglass still owns the building.

The old "101" saloon was purchased by pioneer banker and developer Arthur Darby, who tore it down and built the First National Bank of Downey about 1910 on the northeast corner of Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard. He sold out to Bank of America in 1924. For many years during Downey's later growth, the site was occupied by a tavern called the "Zoo Room" – today it is an outlet for waterbeds. The present location of General Telephone Company's automatic switching station on the northeast corner of Second Street and Downey Avenue once was the site of Manning's General Store built in 1889. A plaque placed there in 1967 by the Downey Historical Society commemorated it as the first two-story masonry building in town.

J.H. Wright ran a blacksmith shop on the southeast corner of Downey and Firestone – now the location of United California Bank. To the south was a livery stable and farther down next to the railroad tracks was the old Downey Co-op Creamery. Where Spire's Restaurant now stands on the southwest corner of Downey and Firestone, Larry Price's hay and feed store once catered to farmers.

**Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.**

## In Memory of



### Paul Beyrooty

September 7, 1954 - May 13, 2022

Paul Michael Beyrooty's spiritual journey transcended his earthly existence last week and has now moved into an afterlife for which he had long prepared.

A lifelong Christian, Paul died on Friday night, May 13, at Whittier Presbyterian Hospital, his physical end brought about too soon by the COVID disease that overpowered his multiple vaccinations.

Paul, 67, had undergone dialysis treatments three days a week for 11 years -- until he received a kidney transplant in 2019.

Perhaps most famously known in Downey for Beyrooty's Burger Bar that he owned and operated on Florence Avenue in the late 1970's and early 1980's and then again in the late 1980's, Paul also ran his own house-painting, maintenance, import-export and other businesses, until his health no longer permitted him to perform heavy work.

Born at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood on Sept. 7, 1954, and raised in Downey, Paul could be quite the rascal to be sure. He cherished his identity as a "Casier Boy," named for the old Roger Casier Elementary School that served as a hangout for Paul and his young friends, whose hijinks often took place well after curfew. He later attended Gordon Griffiths Junior High School and Warren High School, from which he graduated in 1972.

Paul and his brothers, John and Dennis, played host in recent years to an annual Warren High reunion party at Dennis' house attended by hundreds of graduates and attendees from the 1960's and 1970's, as well as by others from later years who knew the children of the host family.

Always entertaining, Paul loved to joke and tell stories, albeit slightly exaggerated, it turns out, on occasion. He thoroughly enjoyed the many dogs he owned and partnered with in his lifetime and all his animals. He liked to listen to live music, watch movies and sports and was always all in when it came to a good fight. He took particular joy in re-connecting with childhood chums on Facebook.

Unquestionably, though, Paul's greatest satisfaction and pride came from raising his spectacular sons, Gabriel and Ronny, and watching them evolve into the outstanding young men that they've become. He was SO proud. Both followed in his footsteps, going to Warren. Gabriel, 24, graduated from Long Beach State in 2020 and Ronny, 22, will graduate from Ohio State this summer.

Paul's travels took him overseas and into many corners of the United States, where he worked and lived in Georgia, Vermont and Michigan. But all roads in Paul's life led back to Downey, where he had resided at the time of his death.

Although he was raised a Catholic and was confirmed into the religion at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Paul later embraced his own, independent style of Christian worship, one that guided every aspect of his life and marked his interactions with all who knew him for his compassion as well as his sense of justice that sharpened in his later years.

Paul was preceded in death by his Father, John Beyrooty Sr., his Mother, Victoria Cora Beyrooty and his Step-Mother, Mae Vonnie Beyrooty.

Paul is survived by his sons, Gabriel and Ronny, wife Gema Beyrooty, his brothers John and Dennis (Denise), nieces Nichole (Leroy), Brianna (Joe), Victoria, Erin (Andrew) and Laura, a great nephew, Teddy Mae, a great niece, Lyla Mae, Step-Brothers John Sanders (Suely), Tod Sanders (Kathleen), a Step-Sister Lori Schwab (John) and their wonderful families, many, many loving, kind-hearted cousins and a slew of close, special friends.

Our sincere appreciation to Dr. Gary Curtis, Paul's minister and confidant for the last 26 years.

Paul left a lasting legacy. He will never be forgotten.



## In Memory of

### Mary Elizabeth Hartnett

January 24, 1952 - April 23, 2022



Buffie was born in Downey in 1952 to Mary Elizabeth Chambers and Redmond Chambers. Buffie developed a great love of music in early childhood, which led her to study music and to become a vocalist as a young adult. After a free-spirited youth, Buffie completed a degree in psychology at Cal State Fullerton, where she

met her husband, Thomas Hartnett, a geologist. Tom and Buffie married in 1985 and settled down in Hollydale, where they had two sons, Conor (1986) and Brendan (1989).

After Tom's death in 1992, Buffie raised her sons alone. She shared with her sons, and everyone around her, her love of knowledge, music, and literature, and her great curiosity about the world around her. An engaging conversationalist, Buffie enjoyed telling stories from her eventful youth and young adulthood to family, friends, and neighbors, and she was a source of endless humor, love, and support for those around her.

Buffie continued to live in Hollydale until the end of her life, although she frequently traveled to New Jersey to visit her son Brendan and his family. She took great pride in the successes of her sons, who became a human rights lawyer and an opera director. In her final years, Buffie remained physically and mentally healthy, and enjoyed crossword puzzles, sudoku, and reconnecting with childhood friends over the Internet.

She died suddenly, of natural causes, while visiting family. She will be remembered for her wit, her musical talent, and her great kindness. She is survived by her sons, her grandson, Owen, her sisters, Kathleen and Wendy, and her brother, Jack.

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## We are a country that prioritizes guns over children

By Dr. Roxane Gay

There is a cultural obsession nowadays with civility, with the idea that if everyone is mannered enough, any impasse or difference of opinion can be bridged. But these are desperately uncivil times. And there is nothing more uncivilized than the political establishment's inurement to the constancy of mass shootings in the United States: 60 deaths in Las Vegas, 49 deaths in Orlando, 26 deaths at Sandy Hook, 13 deaths in Columbine, 10 deaths in Buffalo. Adults, schoolchildren, concertgoers, nightclub revelers, grocery shoppers, teachers.

The scale of death in Uvalde, Texas, is unfathomable. At least 19 children and two teachers are dead. These staggering numbers will not change one single thing.

Time and again we are told, both implicitly and explicitly, that all we can do is endure this constancy of violence. All we can do is hope these bullets don't hit our children or us. Or our families. Or our friends and neighbors. And if we dare to protest, if we dare to express our rage, if we dare to say enough, we are lectured about the importance of civility. We are told to stay calm and vote as an outlet for our anger.

Incivility runs through the history of this country, founded on stolen land, built with the labor of stolen lives. The document that governs our lives effectively denied more than half of the population the right to vote. It counted only three-fifths of the enslaved population when determining representation. If you want to talk about incivility, let us be clear about how deep those roots reach.

The United States has become ungovernable not because of political differences or protest or a lack of civility but because this is a country unwilling to protect and care for its citizens — its women, its racial minorities and especially its children.

When politicians talk about civility and public discourse, what they're really saying is that they would prefer for people to remain silent in the face of injustice. They want marginalized people to accept that the conditions of oppression are unalterable facts of life. They want to luxuriate in the power they hold, where they never have to compromise, never have to confront

their consciences or lack thereof, never have to face the consequences of their inaction.

Gun violence is one of the problems with which they need not concern themselves because they believe these calamities will never affect them or their families. Instead, these politicians talk about protecting our Second Amendment rights — and they have reimagined the Second Amendment as something that will accommodate whatever the gun lobby wants, rather than what the Constitution actually says. With a conservative majority on the Supreme Court, the continued reinvention of the Second Amendment will likely flourish, unchecked.

When asked for solutions, Republicans talk about arming teachers and training them to defend their classrooms. We hear about how good guys with guns will valiantly stop mass shootings, even though there have been good guys with guns at several mass shootings and they have not prevented these tragedies.

These politicians offer platitudes and prayers and Bible verses. But they do not care to do what must be done to stop the next gun massacre or the average of 321 people shot a day in the United States — including 42 murders and 65 suicides. It is critical that we state this truth clearly and repeatedly and loudly. That we don't let them hide behind empty rhetoric. That they know we see through their lies. They must know that we know who they truly are.

They called for civility again and again, as they did during protests after Black people were shot or killed by the police in Ferguson and Kenosha and Minneapolis and Louisville. They called for civility when a draft of a Supreme Court decision that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* leaked this month. The draft decision tells people of childbearing age that they have no bodily autonomy. It is barbaric.

In the wake of the leak, there were lawful, peaceful protests outside some of the justices' homes. Journalists and politicians proceeded to fall all over themselves to condemn these protests as incivility — as if the protests were the problem. The Washington Post editorial board wrote that justices have a right to private lives, that public protests should never breach certain boundaries.

They call for civility, but the definition of civility is malleable and ever-changing. Civility is whatever enables them to wield power without question or challenge.

In March of last year, Senator Christopher Murphy of Connecticut reintroduced the Background Check Expansion Act. The bill is common-sense legislation mandating federal background checks for all firearm purchases, including private sales and transfers. Nothing has happened with this bill. The vast majority of voters support background checks, but Republicans in Congress are preventing the bare minimum of gun legislation.

Their obstruction is vile malfeasance. These are not people who value life, no matter what they say. They value power and control. This too we must state clearly and loudly and repeatedly.

There have been at least 213 mass shootings in the first 145 days of 2022. The politicians on both sides of the aisle who have enabled this convey no real sense of understanding or caring about the incivility of children practicing active-shooter drills and wearing bulletproof backpacks to school. They care nothing, it seems, about children being instructed to throw things at a gunman who might enter their classroom. They care about nothing but their own political interests.

On Tuesday morning, at least 19 children's parents woke them up and helped them brush their teeth, fed them breakfast, made sure they had their little backpacks packed. They held their children's small hands as they walked or drove them to school. Those children were alive when their parents waved to them and handed them their lunches and kissed their cheeks. Their lives were precious, and they mattered.

The greatest of American disgraces is knowing that no amount of rage or protest or devastation or loss will change anything about this country's relationship to guns or life. Nothing will change about a craven political system where policy is sold to the highest bidder. Language is inadequate for expressing this lack of civility.

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## Let us never forget our solemn pledge

By Joseph Reagan

On Memorial Day, 1945, the war in Europe had ended but the fighting in the Pacific continued. Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott voiced remarks at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. Turning his back on the assembled VIP's he faced the rows upon rows of headstones and apologized to the 20,000 fallen Americans who had been laid to rest far from home. He was quoted as saying, "All over the world our soldiers sleep beneath the crosses. It is a challenge to us — all allied nations — to ensure that they do not and have not died in vain."

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2022, and the familiar voices of brothers in arms begin to call one another on the phone. People usually think of reconnecting with former military buddies as a joyous happening. However, for this Memorial Day, the topic of conversation was not an armistice, a promotion, or even a daughter's wedding or new addition to a home, it was about the latest in a string of suicides that silence the voice of our brothers but brought renewed connections from other familiar voices. One desperately said, "Sir, I needed to call someone who could understand this."

Everyone in the greatest generation understood war. At home they experienced rationing, schoolchildren collected scrap, and women took up factory jobs while overseas the troops endured combat and were witness to some of the largest and most brutal atrocities in the modern age. When the war was over, they followed the lead of Lt. Gen. Truscott and committed their lives to ensure that they "have not died in vain." The shared sacrifice of a generation united them and helped them solve tough problems.

In subsequent wars, such as the Korean and Vietnam era, Veterans did not experience the same level of understanding and thus either turned their voice inward or used their voice to fight for one another on subjects that varied from Agent Orange, PTSD, and other once-silent conditions.

The War on Terror introduced a unique time in our nation's collective

history as acts of war played out in real-time on our media devices. Although only one percent of Americans served post 9/11, it seems 100 percent of the country used their voice to express their opinions of this shared history as it unfolded.

For Korea and Vietnam Veterans, war was not a shared experience and therefore various voices having various opinions helped further the national conversation regarding the treatment of veterans leading to safer and more thoughtful approaches. Unlike the veterans of Korea and Vietnam, the veterans of the last several decades did not return home to the voices of dissent that could be addressed directly, instead, they returned to a polite nation that creates media of dissent and very little opportunity for honest, open dialog.

This new era of media, learning, and personal discussions bring rise to the question, "Do people really remember why we hold our veterans in a place of honor?" For years, voices saying meaningless phrases like "the enemy gets a vote" or "there's nothing you could have done" were meant to comfort those of us who have held the heavy responsibility of leading troops in combat. However, many people seem to lack the understanding that our hearts have been forever scarred by the invisible wounds of war, scarred by guilt and grief, and by the longing for forgiveness that will never come. Even if forgiveness was offered, it would be hard to accept as no mere words can undo a life experience and because of this, we often feel isolated, misunderstood, and undervalued therefore our voices remain silent.

As conversations with the voice on the other end of the phone come to its inevitable conclusion, I am reminded that to remain silent is a betrayal of my obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Horace Bushnell once said, the best thing for us to do is to remember "what they have put it on us to do for the dear common country to which they sold their life." As we gather as one nation this Memorial Day, my hope is that instead of directing shallow words of gratitude at each other, we do as Lt. Gen. Truscott did and direct our gratitude directly towards those who made the ultimate sacrifice. In both our

words and actions, let us all commit ourselves to serve the country to which they gave their lives.

While there is still much work to be done, the generation of Veterans from this century have access to vast resources, life-saving technology, and increased information. This same generation of Veterans is just now starting to define our post-service legacy and like our grandparents, return home with a deep commitment to service, and a desire to address the many problems that we face.

One such issue needing to be addressed is helping Veterans find purpose in their post-service lives. Truscott's apology to the dead are not empty words, but a strong voice reminding us that we have an obligation to choose resilience and purpose when faced with guilt or grief. As an example, Gold Star Families, who have experienced tremendous loss, continue to serve their communities to maintain the legacy of the loved one they lost. I often recall a colleague of mine responding to the question "why do you do so much to help Veterans?" he simply held up his finger, choking back tears he responded, "for the one I couldn't save." By choosing to use his voice to advocate for other veterans, he not only helped them find their purpose — he found his own.

It's often said that for those who have served "every day is Memorial Day," a traditionally silent observance in the Veteran's mind that can best be described as an impossible trinity made up of an overwhelming sense of guilt, grief, and grit. Usually, a moment of silence on this day is a welcomed and solemn way to honor the voices from our past, but for myself, after losing three former soldiers to suicide in the past few months, silence is no longer an option and the freedom to use our voice is the greatest gift that our veterans have to offer this Memorial Day.

**Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America.**

## When lazy lawyers are not enough

By Susan Estrich

The right to counsel in criminal cases is fundamental. Even schoolchildren can recite the famous warning: You have a right to be represented by counsel, and if you can't afford a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you.

But having a lawyer is not simply a formality, although sometimes — with

overburdened public defenders who meet their clients at the arraignment — it seems that way. No one should face the power of the state and the risk of losing their liberty without a lawyer by their side doing more than just standing there.

The adversary system depends on strong defense lawyers. The government always starts with an advantage in criminal cases, notwithstanding the formal presumption of innocence. They represent the "People." They speak for the victim. Where there's smoke, there's fire. And most of the time, they have far more resources at their disposal than the mostly indigent defendants they prosecute.

The Constitution does not simply guarantee a right to counsel, however incompetent, lazy or overburdened the counsel may be. In theory, according to well-established doctrine, counsel must be "effective." And therein lies the rub.

What happens if someone is sentenced to death after being represented horribly ineffectively by counsel? Back in the day, when death cases were rare, top firms, well-known lawyers, famous professors and elite advocacy groups would take them on to ensure a vigorous defense. Now that executions are frighteningly routine, defendants get no better representation than others in the system, which is the problem.

"Would you rather be rich and guilty or poor and innocent?" I used to ask my students, and the results were a troubling indictment of the system.

The Supreme Court this week, in a 6-3 decision, held that federal courts could not conduct evidentiary hearings to determine if two prisoners sentenced to die had been denied their right to counsel. In the first case, the lawyer at trial utterly failed to investigate or present evidence as to the defendant's impaired mental state, which would have provided a basis for the jury to mitigate his punishment to life in prison. In the second case, even more troubling, the defendant was sentenced to death for causing the death of his girlfriend's daughter after his lawyer failed to investigate whether the injuries had been suffered while the baby was being cared for by someone else.

In that case, Justice Clarence Thomas expressed outrage that the lower

court had actually conducted a seven-day hearing to try to determine if an innocent man was about to be executed. Such a waste, said Thomas; "Ostensibly to assess cause and prejudice ... the district court ordered a seven-day hearing that included testimony from no fewer than 10 witnesses, including defense trial counsel, defense post-conviction counsel, the lead investigating detective, three forensic pathologists, an emergency medicine and trauma specialist, a biomechanics and functional human anatomy expert, and a crime scene and bloodstain pattern analyst."

But as Justice Sonia Sotomayor countered in dissent, the reason such an elaborate hearing was required was that the trial lawyers had done none of it. "Far from constituting an inappropriate and 'wholesale re-litigation of Jones's guilt,' the district court's hearing was wide-ranging precisely because the breakdown of the adversarial system in Jones's case was so egregious."

"Death is different," as the Court has long recognized.

The constitutionality of the death penalty depends on the ability of the system to get things right.

Proponents of the death penalty ought to be most troubled by this week's decision because it raises the question of whether the criminal justice system can be trusted to administer the death penalty fairly. Mistakes, it goes without saying, are not acceptable. A system fair enough to execute those found guilty must be one that fully adheres to the constitutional model. Lousy and lazy lawyers are not good enough; investigative resources must be provided. Death penalty cases should show the system at its best, not its worst.

The Supreme Court's decision, Sotomayor concluded, "will leave many people who were convicted in violation of the Sixth Amendment to face incarceration or even execution without any meaningful chance to vindicate their right to counsel."

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Frantone's Downey, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

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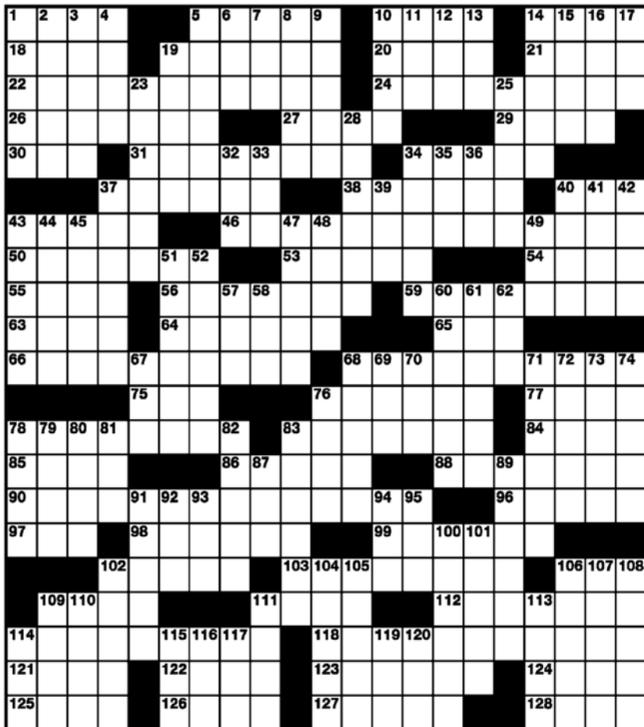
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# Sharon Lavery enthralls Rotary Club of Downey

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

The Rotary Club of Downey had a rare treat: they got to conduct a full symphony orchestra in Sousa's rousing march, The Stars and Stripes Forever.

And they did it at their Rio Hondo Event Center meeting, after a short lesson in conducting. To explain her job, Sharon Lavery, music director and conductor for the Downey Symphony Orchestra, demonstrated how to lead a band. Or a trio. Or 76 trombones.

"I have to look like the music," said Sharon, as she led the club in a lesson on leading. "That's how I show the orchestra how to play the notes."

Centuries ago there was no conductor as we understand the word today, only one lead player with an iron bar clamped on his foot so he could beat time and keep everyone in rhythm.

That evolved over time to a carved wooden stick tipped in silver, much like what the drum major wields today, and fast forward to today, the slim white stick that a conductor uses. It's white so it can be seen easily against the black attire of the performers.

By the late nineteenth century, said Sharon, the conductor was someone who no longer just kept time. And Sharon should know. Since 2007 she has been music director of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, an ensemble hailed as one of the best metropolitan orchestras in Southern California. Sharon is an Associate Professor at USC's Thornton School of Music, where she holds the Chair for Conducting, as well as Winds and Percussion.

Sharon began her musical career playing the clarinet, but now she conducts the Thornton Concert Orchestra, and prepares the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra

when John Williams is going to perform. She holds a Master's in Music from both the New England Conservatory of Music, and Thornton. She has led Youth Orchestras at Carnegie Hall, and the San Bernardino Symphony. She especially likes to introduce Oscar Navarro's Downey Coverture at musical festivals where she wields the baton.

Since Hector Berlioz, the conductor's job is to interpret what he – "or she, whose time hadn't come yet," as Sharon said – feels that the composer meant.

Some composers leave notes in the score, for loud or fast and with feeling. But geniuses like Mozart wrote so fast that the notes tumbled out on the page ready to play, without time for him to leave a word as to how they should be performed.

Sharon played the opening measures from Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, to show the unmistakable deep feeling, then played another composer as interpreted in two different ways by other conductors.

"Everybody on your feet," said Sharon, and everyone rose and picked up the wooden chopstick-like wands she had distributed to each table.

"Do as I do," she said. "First hold your arms out, like you were containing the music," and everyone reached out around an imaginary barrel-shaped volume of sound.

"This is the horizontal plane," Sharon said, waving her arms sideways. "And this is the vertical," and she raised and lowered her arms. "Follow

your wrists," she said. "Let your wrists lead you," and arms were gracefully gliding through the air.

Sharon then showed a two beat tempo motion, up and down, and then a three beat, like a waltz, down and up and to one side. Then, she suggested, "Suppose you want to make it short, not drawn out." And she made small swift motions. She added a four beat gesture, and soon all were rhythmically producing Row Row Row Your Boat in unison. Then Sharon turned on the recording and let Souza's march music blast away.

But don't think it's this simple. Had Sharon not been given the signal that her time was nearly up, she would have explained what the left hand should be doing. Hint: it's not synchronized with the right, but conveying emotion. That is quite another story. Coordinating several musical impulses and communicating this to 50 or 75 musicians who play instruments ranging from flutes and trumpets to tubas and timpani, takes time and practice. A lot of it.

Then the conductor addresses the rest of the players, the

majority, who constitute the strings, from violins to cellos to bass fiddles. Now one begins to glimpse what the conductor means to an orchestra.

The Downey Symphonic Society knows they picked a winner 15 years ago when they chose Sharon as the Music Director and Conductor of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, after the unexpected death of Tom Osborn.

"Where do you get your energy?" asked someone. "It's like an athlete," said Sharon. "Once the event starts, the concert, it's hard to contain me. I tell the orchestra, I get my energy from you. I feed off you."

"The Downey Orchestra and the Symphonic Society are like one big family," Sharon added. "I fell in love with the Downey Symphony Orchestra."

And Downey audiences have fallen in love with Sharon. President Jesse Vargas presented Downey Rotary's annual donation, a contribution for the fine music that raises the quality of life for all who hear it.

## POET'S CORNER

### The Rock that Is Not a Rabbit

The rock that is not a rabbit suns itself in the field, its brown coat that isn't fur furred with light. The rock that isn't a rabbit would be warm to a palm but wouldn't quicken or strain from touch. It doesn't ache with hunger or pine with rabbit-lust, doesn't breathe the world in, translating scent into some rabbit understanding. The world is beyond its understanding. And yet the rock that is not a rabbit will outlast the hawk banking above, the fox sloughing free of its den, the wheel nicking off the road to disturb the gravel berm, the mower coughing up the neighbor's yard. Even so, its ears fold back against its body as if to make itself small, a secret, though when a breeze disorders the grass, the rock's stillness appears like wild motion.

Corey Marks, 32 Poems Magazine, 2021

*"The poem unfurls its changing terms," says Marks, "leading the reader from one set of expectations to an unexpected resolution, to something mysterious, perhaps." The poem animates the stoic rock that is not a rabbit, in the way that only the imagination can. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

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# Anaheim mayor announces resignation in face of FBI probe

■ Harry Sidhu resigned Monday after it was revealed he is the target of an FBI corruption investigation.

By City News Service

**ANAHEIM** - Anaheim Mayor Harry Sidhu resigned Monday, saying he did not want to be a "distraction" as the FBI probes allegations he fed insider information to the Los Angeles Angels in the proposed sale of Angel Stadium in the hopes of a substantial campaign donation, as well as cheating on sales taxes for a helicopter he bought.

The resignation will take effect Tuesday. Anaheim Mayor Pro Tem Trevor O'Neil, who has been acting as mayor since last week, will continue to lead the council.

Sidhu's attorney, Paul Meyer, issued a statement Monday denying his client did anything wrong in the stadium deal, but was stepping down to help the city move forward. Sidhu's resignation came as the rest of the council called on him last week to step down.

Sidhu "has always, as his foremost priority, acted in the best interests of the city of Anaheim, and he does so today," Meyer said.

"In order to continue to act in the best interests of Anaheim and allow this great city to move forward without distraction, Harry Sidhu has resigned from his post as mayor effective May 24, 2022. Meeting the needs of the community has been

and will always be Harry Sidhu's top priority."

Meyer said a "fair and thorough investigation will prove that (Sidhu) did not leak secret information in the hopes of a later political campaign contribution."

Rather, Sidhu's "unwavering goal from the start has been to keep the Angels in Anaheim, so that this vibrant social and economic relationship would continue."

Sidhu joined the city's group of negotiators "to help reach a mutually beneficial agreement between Anaheim and the Angels," Meyer said.

The attorney noted that an Orange County Superior Court judge ruled that the negotiating group did not violate the Brown Act. But FBI Special Agent Brian Adkins said in a search warrant earlier this month that the judge may not have had all the facts needed to make the correct call on the Brown Act violation allegations.

"The negotiations followed accepted lawful practices used in all major business negotiations," Meyer said. "No closed session material, no secret information, was disclosed by Mayor Sidhu. The government affidavit confirms that Harry never asked for a political campaign contribution that was linked in any way to the negotiation process."

Adkins alleged that a cooperating witness who wore a wire recorded Sidhu saying he intended to ask the Angels to set up a political action committee to spend up to \$1 million on Sidhu's

re-election.

The city issued the following statement:

"While no city wants to see a mayor resign under these circumstances, we welcome the resignation as it follows a May 18 formal request as well as calls by all of Sidhu's council colleagues for him to resign. This brings clarity to a question that had been hanging over our city for the past week. And while we have a long process ahead of us, this is one step forward."

The city council meets Tuesday, but Sidhu will not be there. Councilman Jose Moreno said he expects the council will be given four options from canceling the stadium deal and starting over, pausing it until the legal issues are resolved, accepting it as is and "a wildcard option" the council majority comes up with.

"I might surprise people tomorrow," said Moreno, a solitary critic of the deal who said he now feels vindicated.

"I think it's a horrible deal, bad from the beginning," Moreno said.

But, he added, if it's shown Angels executives were unaware of the alleged insider information on the appraisal "then is it fair to them that they have this deal" canceled, Moreno said.

"I don't want to be the one who says it's a bad deal and use this other way to get rid of it," Moreno said. "I want to be open and fair."

But if a team negotiator used the inside information "then it's the fruit of a poison tree," Moreno said.

Last week, an Orange County Superior Court judge put the stadium deal on pause at the request of the state Attorney General's Office, which revealed the corruption probe in its legal papers.

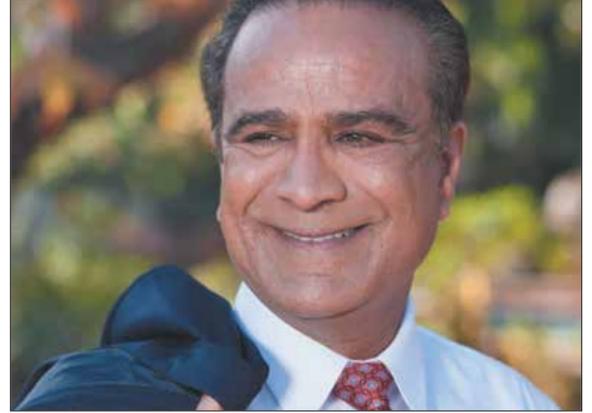
In an unusual move, the attorney general's court papers included the FBI search warrant affidavit detailing elements of the federal probe, including two confidential informants, one of whom was wired to secretly record conversations with the mayor.

Just a few weeks ago, the Attorney General's Office hailed an agreement with Anaheim that resolved a dispute over affordable housing in the stadium deal, which includes the stadium itself and surrounding parking areas.

As part of the settlement, Anaheim agreed to set aside about \$123 million for affordable housing throughout the city, with \$96 million dedicated to the creation of affordable housing within the next five years, and the rest going toward 466 apartments on site at the stadium for low-income residents.

What had been in dispute was how much affordable housing should be created at the stadium site. City officials argued that affordable housing elsewhere in the city could be constructed faster than waiting on the Angel Stadium project to be completed. They said it could have taken up to 25 years to build affordable housing into the stadium deal because it would also require parking structures.

State officials, however, alleged a violation of the Surplus Land Act, which requires promotion of



Harry Sidhu, the target of an FBI corruption investigation, resigned as Anaheim mayor this week.

affordable housing on unused or underutilized public land in the state. But Anaheim officials argued it had a lease agreement with the Angels and it did not violate the Surplus Land Act.

The agreement between the city and state resolved the issue, with the city not having to concede any violation of the Surplus Land Act.

In the affidavit filed by Adkins last week, Sidhu is accused of using an Arizona address that was not his so he could avoid paying \$15,887.50 in California sales tax on a helicopter he bought. The FBI agent said Sidhu apparently also allegedly avoided paying sales taxes of \$1,025 in Arizona.

The FBI also alleged in the affidavit -- which sought emails and cell phone records -- that Sidhu was illegally feeding insider information to Angels officials during the negotiations over the sale of the stadium property from the city to Moreno's development company.

Sidhu used private emails and a cellphone to convey information, then deleted it to conceal his actions, the affidavit alleges. The agent included a transcript of some discussions the mayor allegedly had with a confidential informant, who agreed to cooperate with authorities.

Sidhu allegedly told the informant, who was wearing a wire, that he was going to push the Angels to start a political action committee and fund it with up to \$1 million to help with the mayor's re-election once the stadium deal was pushed through.

"... if the Angels deal goes through, by the end of the year, then I'm gonna ask ah, (Angels Representative 1). Right?" Sidhu allegedly told the informant. "I'll just call (Angels Representative 1) up and say, (Angels Representative

1), we need, we need at least half a million dollars of support for you to come with the IEs."

That was a reference to "independent expenditures," the agent said.

In another meeting with the informant Sidhu allegedly said:

"Because I, I've said, you gotta at least, minimum of a million dollars to come up with my election. They have to. And of course, you know, if Disney, I mean, if Angels (stadium sale) would conclude next year is approved hopefully, we'll push for them at least have a million dollars. You know, for (Angels Representative 1) to say 'no' is bad ..."

Sidhu was also accused of "coaching" the confidential informant to mislead an Orange County grand jury investigation of the stadium deal.

The agent also said he believes Sidhu may have tilted a key ruling from an Orange County Superior Court judge in a Brown Act violation lawsuit seeking to undo the stadium sale deal.

The affidavit said one of the people allegedly involved in the negotiations is a nationally known political consultant. Top Democratic National Committee member Melahat Rafiei resigned from her party leadership positions on Sunday after she revealed she was one of the cooperating witnesses.

Rafiei has denied allegations that she could help get a cannabis ordinance passed in Irvine if given bribe money for two council members. She acknowledged she wore a wire.

Sidhu is also accused of telling the confidential informant to write down all of the questions asked by the Orange County grand jury right after he met with them.

"Because then, then we'll meet and at least you'll let me know what happened," Sidhu allegedly told the informant.

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# Resignation puts Angels Stadium deal in doubt

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Sidhu's opponent for mayor, attorney Ashleigh Aitken, issued a statement saying, "I am saddened that what was previously perceived by many as incompetence appears to be conscious acts of fraud, greed and deception."

Aitken said the price negotiated by the mayor "was millions of dollars short of its actual value."

Aitken said city officials should restart negotiations now.

Sen. Tom Umberg, D-Santa Ana, and Assemblyman Tom Daly, D-Anaheim, sent a letter to city officials Tuesday demanding a response to a Dec. 19, 2019, letter that requested more information about the stadium deal.

The lawmakers said the FBI

search warrant leads them to "ask yet another pertinent and timely question. In light of allegations that the negotiator of this deal acted unscrupulously and outside the scope of his public office, what steps does the Anaheim City Council anticipate taking in the immediate future to remedy what appears to be an unfair, collusive sale?"

Umberg and Daly said they hoped that city officials in the next two months "use this time to review the details of this rip-off. It's important this is done in a manner that is open and transparent to the taxpayers and residents of Anaheim, and within the context and expectations of existing California law."

In December 2019, the two lawmakers questioned how the then-agreed-upon sale price of

\$325 million was much less than the property's appraised value of \$500 million.

The two lawmakers, joined by Rep. Lou Correa, D-Santa Ana, sent a letter to the council on Monday requesting an "immediate investigation into current and former council members that have been identified as part of the federal investigation.. The three lawmakers say five former or sitting council members are referenced in the documents available to the public.

The lawmakers say the sale should be canceled and called on city officials to appoint a "professional and independent negotiator," who would get an "independent appraisal" of the property.

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

**Downey Historical Society meeting,** 6 pm. Guest speaker is Councilman Mario Trujillo, who will share updates about the city of Downey. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## FRIDAY, MAY 27

**Stay Gallery: Ecuamex Pop-up,** 9 am to 5 pm. Enjoy local art while sipping on local coffee. Local vegan coffee bar, Ecuamex, will be popping up for the day at Stay Gallery.

**Blood Drive,** 11 am to 5 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Downey" Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

**Murder Mystery,** 6 pm. Join the Downey Rose Float Association for a fun night of mystery. Help us find the diamond thief at "Now You See It, Now You Don't". Tickets can be purchased at <https://form.jotform.com/213137096685058> or by calling (562) 822-7678. \$30 including dinner. 13030 Erickson Ave.

## SATURDAY, MAY 28

**Pickelball Pop-Up,** 9 am to 7 pm. Gather your friends and grab your gear for a day of pickelball. Located on tennis court 8 at Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

**Stay Gallery: Family Paint Day,** 11 am to 12:30 pm. Create a Resplendent Quetzal bird painting with your family in this guided workshop! Includes paint supplies. Register: [staygallery.org/paintday](http://staygallery.org/paintday)

**Collectible Fest,** 11 am to 5 pm. 30-plus vendors buying, selling and trading modern and retro video games, Funko pops, anime, autograph signings, and more. Plus special guests. \$5 admission. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

## MONDAY, MAY 30

**Memorial Day Celebration,** 10 am. Featuring guest speakers, a performance of "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes, a wreath laying, and the playing of "Taps." Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale Ave.

**Memorial Day Block Party,** 12-10 pm. Live music, beer garden, smoked barbecue, vendors, and more. Bastards Canteen, 11045 Downey Ave.

## TUESDAY, MAY 31

**Fair Housing Workshop,** 1:30 pm. This workshop will cover new state housing laws, housing discrimination, security deposits, the eviction process, rent increases, and more. Workshop will be

held via Zoom. RSVP at [bit.ly/3gB6SSI](http://bit.ly/3gB6SSI) or call (800) 446-3247.

**Griffiths Middle School Promotion,** 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Griffith's eighth grade students. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

**Sussman Middle School Promotion,** 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Sussman's eighth grade students. Downey High School stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

**Doty Middle School Promotion,** 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Doty's eighth grade students. Downey High School stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

**Stauffer Middle School Promotion,** 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Stauffer's eighth grade students. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

**Columbus High School Graduation,** 6:30 pm. Commencement ceremony for Columbus High School's Class of 2022. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2

**Woodruff Academy Promotion,** 10 am. Promotion ceremony for Woodruff's eighth grade students. Woodruff Academy garden, 12330 Woodruff Ave.

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## FRIDAY, JUNE 3

**Warren High School Graduation,** 6 pm. Commencement ceremony for Warren High School's Class of 2022. Veterans Memorial Stadium, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4

**Downey Greek Festival,** 11 am to 11 pm. The Downey Greek Festival returns with live dancing, music, food vendors, church tours, and more. St. George Greek Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**Downey Greek Festival,** 11 am to 10 pm. The Downey Greek Festival returns with live dancing, music, food vendors, church tours, and more. St. George Greek Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

**Ribbon Cutting Ceremony,** 10:30 am. Join the Downey Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon cutting ceremony at Ambrose Construction, 11131 Brookshire

Ave.

**Downey Adult School Graduation,** 5 pm. Commencement ceremony for Downey Adult School's Class of 2022. Griffiths Middle School gymnasium, 9633 Tweedy Lane.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10

**Excursion to Catalina Island,** 6:45 am. Enjoy all that Catalina Island has to offer in this day trip open to seniors ages 50 and older. \$50 for Downey residents, \$54 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

**Health Workshop: Special Needs Plans,** 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

**Autograph Signings,** 11 am. Anime voice actors Zach Aguilar and Abby Trott will be meeting fans and signing autographs (prices set by each actor). OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12

**Autograph Signings,** 11 am. Anime voice actors Max Mittelman, Ray Chase and Robbie Daymond will be meeting fans and signing autographs (prices set by each actor). OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

**Luau Quill,** 4 pm. A Hawaiian luau for Downey senior citizens. \$5 admission. Reservations must be made in person no later than 2 pm the Friday prior. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 16

**Bowling Tournament,** 7 pm. Fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Downey with proceeds benefiting the 10-20 Club, which works with troubled youth in Downey. \$50 for individual bowlers or \$225 for a group of 5. Call (562) 231-6974 to sign up. Del Rio Lanes, 7502 Florence Ave.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 17

**Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament,** 10 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 30th annual golf tournament. For details, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful,** 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 21

**Go Skate Day,** 12-5 pm. Kids ages 6-17 are invited to participate in games, competitions, and more. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

**Concerts at the Park,** 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

**Concerts at the Park,** 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

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## FRIDAY, JULY 8

**Health Workshop: Muffins & Medicare,** 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, JULY 9

**Intro to Computers,** 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and learn how to sign up for and use email, type up text documents, and browse the internet. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

**Book & Movie Club: 12 Angry Men,** 11 am. Read the play and then watch a special screening of the Sidney Lumet directed movie, "12 Angry Men," with a discussion afterwards. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

**Wild West Quill,** 4 pm. A Cowboy-themed dinner for Downey senior citizens. \$5 admission. Reservations must be made in person no later than 2 pm the Friday prior. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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## SUNDAY, JULY 17

**Excursion to see "Pretty Woman: The Musical,"** 3 pm. A day trip to the Segerstrom Center for the Arts to see "Pretty Woman: The Musical." Open to adults ages 50 and older. \$55 for Downey residents, \$59 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

**Concerts at the Park,** 7 pm. Live music (band to be announced) plus food sold by the Downey Rose Float Association. Dogs must be on a leash, bring your own chair. No umbrellas or pop-up shade structures. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

**Excursion to Pageant of the Masters,** 4 pm. "Wonderful World" is the theme of this year's Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach. Trip includes plenty of time for dinner before the show and to explore the pageant amphitheater. \$45 for Downey residents, \$49 for non-residents. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

**Music and a Movie,** 5 pm. Enjoy live music, food booths, food trucks, a prize walk, and a movie starting at dusk.

Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

**Health Workshop: Medicare & Medical Plans,** 10 am. A free workshop for adults ages 50 and older sponsored by Medicare Corner Group. Reservations required by calling (562) 904-7223. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

**Rocket Fever,** 10 am to 5 pm. Come by and build then fly your own rocket. Sponsored by Financial Partners Credit Union, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

**Blood Drive,** 11 am to 5 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Downey" Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**Computer & Internet Safety,** 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the fundamentals of safe internet browsing and how to better safeguard yourself both on and offline. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**Kiwanis Golf Tournament,** 12 pm. The 24th annual L'Abri Golf Classic benefiting Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and the Downey Family YMCA. RSVP to [jfritz@labrimanagement.com](mailto:jfritz@labrimanagement.com). Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**16th Annual Senior Follies,** 1 pm and 5 pm. A talent show by Downey's most talented senior citizens. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Christmas Parade,** 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, featuring bands, floats, classic cars, dance troupes, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue

## 2020 LA River Master Plan Final PEIR

### California Environmental Quality Act Final Program Environmental Impact Report

The County of Los Angeles has prepared a Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) to assess the potential environmental impacts of implementing the 2020 LA River Master Plan (Project).

The Project builds on the adopted 1996 Master Plan and other regional planning studies since then. The Project proposes six categories of project improvements, or "kit of parts" (KOP): KOP Category 1: Trails and Access Gateways; KOP Category 2: Channel Modifications; KOP Category 3: Crossings and Platforms; KOP Category 4: Diversions; KOP Category 5: Floodplain Reclamation; and KOP Category 6: Off-Channel Land Assets. Each KOP category includes a recommended collection of design components that can be implemented individually or in any combination. In addition, the 2020 LA River Master Plan includes a series of smaller common elements and Design Guidelines.

The PEIR identifies the potential for significant impacts in the following environmental areas: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use; Noise; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities; and Wildfire. There are known hazardous waste sites located within the project study area (Government Code Section 65962.5).

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider certification of the Final PEIR and take action on the Project during their regular Board meeting on **June 14, 2022**. The agenda item will be open for public comment. Information about how to participate in the public meeting can be found here: <https://bos.lacounty.gov/Board-Meeting>. Spanish translation will be provided.



To access the Final PEIR and related documents and Notice of Availability please visit [pw.lacounty.gov/go/larmpceqa](http://pw.lacounty.gov/go/larmpceqa). If you need more information, please contact:

**Grace Komjakraphan-Tek**  
Los Angeles County Public Works,  
Stormwater Quality Division  
900 South Fremont Avenue  
Alhambra, CA 91803  
833-993-1739  
[LARiverCEQA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:LARiverCEQA@pw.lacounty.gov)

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June 4, 2022  
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I love to snack on nuts. They are filling, have a satisfying crunch, and are easy to grab. They are natural and wholesome, and suitable for vegetarians, vegans, and raw foodies. However, as you might guess, they come with some disadvantages as well.



What are some of the advantages of including nuts in our diet?

Nuts are high in vitamins and minerals, including vitamins A and B, copper, selenium, iron, calcium, magnesium, and phosphorus. The amount of each varies by nut.

Nuts are actually felt to help with weight loss. Nuts are indeed high in unsaturated fat (the "good" fat), which does come with calories. However, it has been shown that some nuts, like almonds, pistachios, and cashews, help to shed extra calories when eaten in moderation. Their high fiber content helps to curb appetite.

Eating nuts helps to lower LDL and total cholesterol. This is primarily due to their unsaturated fats. Some raw nuts also have higher levels of phytosterol, which helps to lower the risk of cardiovascular disease.

Nuts are rich in omega 3 fatty acids. Walnuts, almonds, macadamia, hazelnuts and pecans have the most. The health benefits of omega 3 fatty acids include reducing triglycerides, slowing the development of plaque in the arteries, reducing the chance of abnormal heart rhythms, reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke, and lessening the chance of sudden cardiac death in those with

heart disease.

Since nuts don't affect insulin or glucose, they are a healthy option for diabetics. Nut butters like peanut butter have been shown to lower the risk of diabetes, particularly in women. Interestingly, almonds reduce the risk of after-meal sugar bumps.

Nuts are rich in plant proteins and dietary fiber. This makes them a healthy alternative to eating meat for protein.

What are the downsides of eating nuts?

Nuts, when consumed in large quantities, do add a lot of calories to the diet. Almonds have the lowest calorie count, at 160 calories per ounce. Of course, the calorie count depends on how they are processed. They may be coated in toffee, or fried in oils. Some are processed with preservatives, unhealthy chemicals, salt or sugar. The easiest way to keep the calorie count down is to avoid oil-roasted nuts. As always, read labels.

Nuts have high levels of oxalates. Oxalates can be a key ingredient in the formation of kidney stones.

For those prone to acne, nuts contain some oils that should be avoided.

For most of us, the pros of eating nuts far outweigh the cons. If you eat them frequently, I encourage you to stick with mostly raw, unprocessed and lightly salted nuts, and as with most things...to practice moderation.

*Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.*

# Citing critical race theory, school board member votes against equity training

■ Norwalk-La Mirada school board member Narcis Brasov argued the training would do more harm than good.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

**NORWALK** - Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District approved for the University of California Los Angeles Center X to provide reciprocal learning partnerships for equity training sessions for educators.

However, parents, teachers and school board member Narcis Brasov opposed the measure believing the training would spread communism and teach critical race theory.

"The contract says 'The framework creates a space to consider how an individual's identity and position unconsciously lead to an examined bias,' positionality might sound like a strange word, but it's a classic term in the critical race theory

literature," Brasov said.

The school board member also argued that the training would turn faculty members against each other, citing his sibling's experience at their unnamed district.

"One of my siblings has taught there for us for more than 20 years, has implemented a very similar training," Brasov said. "People that work together well across all races, genders for decades, are suddenly watching their backs and looking at each other suspiciously."

Dr. Jessica Medrano, Director Professional Development Innovation and Improvement, explained that the virtual training does not aim to divide faculty, based on previous training sessions at the district.

"This will be our third year, working with them on this particular training," Dr. Medrano said. "It's been a training we've done with our site administrators and services administrators around engaging in conversations focused on equity."

Parents who also opposed the training echoed similar concerns, such as Sharron Steins.

"Any type of training for teachers or students involving the words justice, implicit bias, equity, gender, socially marginalized, cultural diversity, racial bias, inclusion, or climate are all are all rhetorical disguises and euphemisms for Marxism," Steins said. "Please do not spend our taxpayer money on anything that is ideologically driven."

Dolland Elementary teacher Jose Manso was concerned about the context of racial questions on a district survey.

"Question 5: when there are major news events related to race, how often do adults at your school talk about them with students? And I just wonder, what what are we supposed to talk about with the students," Manso said. "The survey asks, how often do you think about what students of different races or ethnicities or cultures experience? How do I answer that? Am I going

to be you know, pointed out as a racist?"

Dr. Patricio Vargas, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services, tried to explain that the training provides a way to learn about an issue from a different perspective.



Narcis Brasov

"We're in the field of education, we're in the field to learn different approaches or frameworks or thought processes," Dr. Vargas said. "So we're not sending educators here, because we think they're races for their bias. It's just a different perspective to hear and seeing them to learn and to grow."

The measure passed five to one, with Brasov being the only board member in opposition to the cultural equity training.

# Witnesses: Deputy gangs still active in LA County Sheriff's Department

■ Employees of the Sheriff's Department testified that law enforcement would celebrate deputy shootings.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** - Deputy cliques continue to fester at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, witnesses told an oversight commission Tuesday -- describing how members of the internal gangs initiate "work slowdowns" to assert their power and shun or even deny backup to deputies who fail to fall in line.

The testimony, which included a current East Los Angeles station employee who spoke anonymously by telephone with a disguised voice, came in the first of what is expected to be a series of hearings by the Civilian Oversight Commission, which announced earlier this year a "full-scale investigation" into allegations of deputy gangs.

The anonymous employee told the panel a gang known as the "Banditos" still essentially runs the East Los Angeles station, despite Sheriff Alex Villanueva's previous insistence that he cleaned house at the station. The witness said members of the group initiated a work slowdown as recently as

last summer -- essentially slowing response times to calls.

The witness also described actions members of the Banditos took against outsider deputies, saying they would be shunned publicly, with members and their supporters turning their backs to those who defied the organization. In some cases, member deputies would refuse to provide backup to outsider deputies in the field.

According to witnesses, roughly 12-15 deputies are tattooed members of the Banditos at the East L.A. Station, with another 10-15 considered associates.

Sheriff's Lt. Larry Waldie, who conceded being a member of a group of deputies known as the Gladiators when he was a deputy at the Compton station, told the panel he had run-ins with a tattooed gang known as the Executioners when he became the station captain.

Waldie described how the Executioners launched a work slowdown in 2019 because he wouldn't assign a member of the gang or one of its supporters to the powerful position of scheduling deputy -- a post that controlled where station deputies were assigned and to which shifts. Waldie confirmed statistics that showed an uptick in criminal

activity in the station's coverage area during the shutdown.

Waldie also said members of the Executioners would hold celebrations in response to deputy shootings.

Villanueva was invited to attend the commission's meeting, but did not appear at the meeting. He has repeatedly downplayed the influence of so-called deputy cliques, saying discipline cannot be meted out solely because deputies have a particular tattoo -- only if it leads to some type of criminal behavior.

He has also blasted the work of the Civilian Oversight Commission and Inspector General Max Huntsman, saying they are political pawns of the county Board of Supervisors, with which the sheriff has repeatedly clashed over budget and policy matters.

When the commission announced plans for an investigation of deputy gangs, Villanueva called it a political move aimed at harming his re-election bid. He said in a statement that Huntsman's office has already been carrying out such a probe for three years and "not one deputy `gang member' has been identified."

"Almost 6,000 pages were provided to the OIG on this subject

almost a year ago, and LASD.org has an entire webpage dedicated to this topic," he said. "There is nothing new."

Villanueva told ABC7 Tuesday the hearing was a "political stunt" that allowed witnesses to testify without cross-examination.

The sheriff said previously that he cracked down on the Banditos presence in East Los Angeles as one of his first acts upon being sworn in. He told reporters he removed the station's leadership and about 30 deputies.

Retired sheriff's Cmdr. Eli Vera, now a candidate challenging Villanueva, challenged that assertion in his testimony Tuesday, saying none of the transfers from the station were forced. Vera also said Villanueva has shown favoritism toward the East L.A. station, beginning with his inauguration ceremony, when the front of the auditorium was reserved for personnel from that station.

"As a professional law enforcement officer, that is a very bad signal for the organization," Vera said.

Vera was demoted from a division chief to commander when he announced his candidacy for sheriff.

## Crime Report

On May 2 at 2 am, officers responded to the 8200 block of Telegraph Rd. to reports of a male yelling for help. Responding officers located two adult male victims who stated they were contacted by three suspects who robbed them of \$40,000 in jewelry and a French bulldog. The suspects were armed with a kitchen knife and one handgun. The victims were able to exit the location unharmed and called for help. The suspects fled the scene.

On May 2 at 1 pm, officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress at 7900 Imperial Hwy. The suspect approached the victim and grabbed the victim's purse, which led to a struggle over the purse. The suspect was able to remove the purse and fled in an awaiting vehicle.

On May 7 at 11:35 pm, officers responded to the 9900 block of Lakewood Blvd. in regards to a robbery. Responding officers determined the adult victim had his wallet and iPhone taken from him by two suspects. The suspects fled prior to officers' arrival and were not located.

On May 8 at 8:10 pm, officers were dispatched to a disturbance at CVS, 7915 Florence Ave. The victim and her daughter were shopping at the location when a verbal argument ensued with the female adult suspect. The suspect produced a stun gun type device and struck the victim with the device. The suspect fled the location.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND  
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**NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION**  
Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation  
Code Section 3381

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Sections 3381 through 3385, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in the County. A portion of the list appears in each of such newspapers.

**NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO  
SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY**  
Made pursuant to Revenue and Taxation  
Code Section 3361

Notice is hereby given that the following parcels listed will become Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell on Friday, July 1, 2022, at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time, by operation of law. The real property taxes and assessments on the parcels listed will have been defaulted five or more years, except for:

1. Nonresidential commercial parcels, as defined in R&TC Section 3691, which will have been defaulted for three or more years;

2. Parcels on which a nuisance abatement lien has been recorded, which will have been defaulted for three or more years;

3. Parcels that can serve the public benefit and a request has been made by the County of Los Angeles, a city within the County of Los Angeles, or nonprofit organization to purchase the parcels through Chapter 8 Agreement Sales pursuant to R&TC Section 3692.4, which will have been defaulted for three or more years.

The Tax Collector will record a Notice of Power to Sell unless the property taxes are paid in full or the property owner initiates an installment plan of redemption, as provided by law, prior to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Thursday, June 30, 2022, when the right to initiate an installment plan terminates. Thereafter, the only option to prevent the sale of the property at public auction is to pay the taxes in full.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming Subject to the Tax Collector's Power to Sell, but it terminates at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on the last business day before the scheduled auction of the property by the Tax Collector.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office will furnish, upon request, information concerning making a payment in full or initiating an installment plan of redemption. Requests must be made at 225 North Hill Street, First Floor Lobby, Los Angeles, California 90012. For more information, please visit our website at [tcl.lacounty.gov](http://tcl.lacounty.gov) or contact us at (213) 974-2111.

The amount to redeem the property, in United States dollars and cents, is set forth in the listing opposite each parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of Thursday, June 30, 2022.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Dated this 25th day of April, 2022.

*Keith Knox*  
KEITH KNOX  
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM  
EXPLANATION**

The Assessor's Identification Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map, if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page of the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's Office, 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

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

**PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR  
2019 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND  
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2018-2019**

2530 \$16,174.27 LRSS ASSOCIATION  
SITUS:7962 BURNS AVE DOWNEY CA  
90241-4227 AIN: 6247-004-034  
2550 \$2,012.42 DOWNEY PRIME  
INVESTMENT LTD AIN: 6285-033-022

**PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED IN YEAR  
2017 FOR TAXES, ASSESSMENT, AND  
OTHER CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2016-2017**

2516 \$5,250.40 DELGADO, ANGEL  
E AND MARICELA G SITUS:11620  
SALFORD AVE DOWNEY CA 90241-  
4312 AIN: 6231-012-012  
2531 \$29,933.34 CACIOPPO, PAUL  
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LUXOR ST DOWNEY CA 90241-5136  
AIN: 6255-025-043  
2532 \$9,214.27 NEWTON, THOMAS  
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TRUST SITUS:12702 WHITEWOOD AVE  
DOWNEY CA 90242-4739 AIN: 6256-  
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The type of license to be transferred is/ are: 21- OFF-SALE GENERAL LICENSE #6230022 now issued for the premises located at: SAME

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAILED ESCROW, INC. 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is JUNE 17, 2022

The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$160,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$70,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$160,000.00; TOTAL \$160,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/ Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/ Transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Dated: APRIL 13, 2022  
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ORD-969089 DOWNEY PATRIOT 5/26/22

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The Downey Patriot  
5/26/22**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022095756

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HYDRO WATER FILTRATION CENTER, 9056 E GORRAN RD, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELVA I CHAVEZ, 2058 W. 145 ST, GARDENA CA 90249

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/ELVA I CHAVEZ, OWNER, ELVA I CHAVEZ  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 2, 2022

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

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

**The Downey Patriot  
5/5/22, 5/12/22, 5/19/22, 5/26/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022105582

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) N'IMYSHOES, 8027 70TH STREET 1/4, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LESLIE YOLANDA MCPETERS, 8027 70TH STREET 1/4, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

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/LESLIE YOLANDA MCPETERS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 12, 2022

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

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

**The Downey Patriot  
5/19/22, 5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022102076

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEEIT, 3920 REDONDO BEACH BLVD, APT 61, TORRANCE CA 90504, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEX E DOS SANTOS, 3920 REDONDO BEACH BLVD, APT 61, TORRANCE CA 90504

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/ALEX E DOS SANTOS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 9, 2022

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

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

**The Downey Patriot  
5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22, 6/16/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022102234

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALLIED PAVING ENTERPRISES INC., 15007 SALT LAKE AVE, INDUSTRY CA 91746, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALPAV, INC., 1656 AVENIDA LOMA VISTA, SAN DIMAS CA 91773

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 9, 2022

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

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

**The Downey Patriot  
5/19/22, 5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022106855

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SAVAGE INDUSTRIES COMPANY (2) SAVAGE INDUSTRIES CO (3) BROWN EXCELLENCE (4) CITY OF SAVAGES, 7123 DE PALMA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRISTOPHER RIZO, 7123 DE PALMA 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: 01/20/21

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/CHRISTOPHER RIZO, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 16, 2022

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

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

**The Downey Patriot  
5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22, 6/16/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022107624

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MI BURRITO MEXICAN GRILL, 15856 WHITTIER BLVD, WHITTIER CA 90603, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SALDANA ZAVALA INC, 11321 183RD ST, CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/20/17

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/SALDANA ZAVALA INC, PRESIDENT, JOSE LUIS SALDANA  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 17, 2022

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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  
5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22, 6/16/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022110022

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUNNYSIDE NURSING AND POST-ACUTE CARE (2) SUNNYSIDE NURSING CENTER (3) SOUTH BAY SENIOR LIVING (4) SUNNYSIDE REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER, 22617 SOUTH VERMONT AVE., TORRANCE CA 90502, LA COUNTY, 15760 VENTURA BLVD, SUITE 920, ENCINO CA 91436

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FH & HF-TORRANCE I, LLC, 22617 SOUTH VERMONT AVE., TORRANCE CA 90502

State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA 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/FH & HF-TORRANCE I, LLC, PRESIDENT, KEREN BAVILSKI  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 19, 2022

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

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

residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

**The Downey Patriot  
5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22, 6/16/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022094970

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAVAZOS TRUCKING, 2893 TOPAZ LN, WEST COVINA CA 91792, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERTO CAVAZOS, 2893 TOPAZ LN, WEST COVINA CA 91792

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2019

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

S/ROBERTO CAVAZOS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 29, 2022

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



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Exercise as you learn to dance to the beautiful music of Polynesia. Noho (seated) hula and Praise Hula will also be offered. Please call me to find the best location and time for your hula experience.  
Thank you. Mahalo  
Toni 310-717-4139

substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mrs. Lorena Powell, Associate Civil Engineer-Utilities E-Mail: lpowell@downeyca.org Tel: (562) 904-7110 Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC City Clerk

The Downey Patriot 5/26/22, 6/2/22

### CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

On May 24, 2022, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced the following Ordinance:

Introduced an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey adding Chapter 15 ("Military Equipment Policy") to Article II ("Administration") of the Downey Municipal Code.

Copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC City Clerk

The Downey Patriot 5/26/22

### LIEN SALES

#### NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the California Uniform Commercial Code, there being due and unpaid storage and other charges related to the storage for which DEL AMO MOBILE HOME ESTATES is entitled to a lien as Warehouse on the goods hereinafter described, and due notice having been given to the parties known to claim an interest, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such charges having expired, notice is hereby given that these goods will be sold at public auction at 2601 E Victoria Street, Space 18, Rancho Dominguez, California 90220 on June 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The following is a brief description of the property to be sold: A 1978 KINGSTON Mobilehome, Decal numbers(s) LBC9136, Serial Number(s) GW2CAL5792A, GW2CAL5792B, HUD/Label/Insignia Number(s) 280516, 280517, 56 feet in length, 24 feet in width.

Purchase of the mobilehome and its contents by any party will require its removal from Del Amo Mobile Home Estates

Name of Owner: Raymond Barksdale Yvonne E Barksdale

Amount Due: \$11,405.86

Dated at Sunnyvale, California

May 5, 2022 By: JUDY C. TSAI Attorney for Del Amo Mobile Home Estates 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180 Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (408) 775-8848

The Downey Patriot 5/26/22, 6/2/22

#### NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the California Uniform Commercial Code, there being due and unpaid storage and other charges related to the storage for which SAN RAFAEL MOBILE HOME ESTATES is entitled to a lien as Warehouse on the goods hereinafter described, and due notice having been given to the parties known to claim an interest, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such charges having expired, notice is hereby given that these goods will be sold at public auction at 1065 Lomita Blvd., Space 187, Harbor City, California 90710 on June 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The following is a brief description of the property to be sold: A 1973 Great Lake Mobilehome, Decal numbers(s) AAX2715, Serial Number(s) S10673U, S10673X HUD/Label/Insignia Number(s) 142132, 142131, 48 feet in length, 20 feet in width.

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

Name of Owner: Carolyn J Wickey

Amount Due: \$3,846.58

Dated at Sunnyvale, California

May 20, 2022 By: JUDY C. TSAI Attorney for San Rafael Mobile Home Estates 710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180 Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (408) 775-8848

The Downey Patriot 5/26/22, 6/2/22

### NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00163  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ELIZABETH RAMIREZ EVANGELISTA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ELIZABETH RAMIREZ EVANGELISTA to Proposed name (1) ELIZABETH RAMIREZ CARSON  
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: JUNE 20, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 4, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per MARIANA RAMIREZ  
14108 LONGWORTH AVE  
NORWALK, CA, 90650  
(562) 544-4351  
Marimara0611@gmail.com

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: JUNE 22, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT APRIL 21, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per ELIZABETH RAMIREZ EVANGELISTA  
2736 ILLINOIS AVE  
SOUTH GATE, CA, 90280  
(323) 781-8862  
Elizabetch.ramirez3.er@gmail.com

The Downey Patriot 5/12/22, 5/19/22, 5/26/22, 6/2/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00176  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SEBASTIAN DOMINGO FLORES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SEBASTIAN DOMINGO FLORES to Proposed name (1) ALEPH AARON GONZALEZ  
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: JUNE 3, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 3, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SEBASTIAN DOMINGO FLORES  
6224 ORCHARD AVE APT C  
BELL, CA 90201  
LEG081600@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot 5/5/22, 5/12/22, 5/19/22, 5/26/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00177  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIANA RAMIREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) a. MARIANA RAMIREZ b. AUBREY DANIELA LOPEZ to Proposed name (1) a. MARIANA RAMIREZ THERIOT b. AUBREY DANIELA THERIOT  
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: JUNE 13, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 4, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per MARIANA RAMIREZ  
14108 LONGWORTH AVE  
NORWALK, CA, 90650  
(562) 544-4351  
Marimara0611@gmail.com

The Downey Patriot 5/12/22, 5/19/22, 5/26/22, 6/2/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00199  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIANA MENDIETA ON BEHALF OF MARIA FERNANDA GARCIA MENDIETA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MARIA FERNANDA GARCIA MENDIETA to Proposed name (1) MARIA FERNANDA MENDIETA FERNANDEZ  
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: JULY 18, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 19, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA MENDIETA ON BEHALF OF MARIA GARCIA

The Downey Patriot 5/26/22, 6/2/22, 6/9/22, 6/16/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00182  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANGELA SANTOSCOY FOUR DAMIAN A. BONILLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DAMIAN ALEXIS BONILLA to Proposed name (1) DAMIAN ALEXIS SANTOSCOY  
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Date: JUNE 20, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
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JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA MENDIETA ON BEHALF OF MARIA GARCIA  
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CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00199  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIANA MENDIETA ON BEHALF OF MARIA FERNANDA GARCIA MENDIETA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MARIA FERNANDA GARCIA MENDIETA to Proposed name (1) MARIA FERNANDA MENDIETA FERNANDEZ  
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Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA MENDIETA ON BEHALF OF MARIA GARCIA  
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 6, 2022  
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ANGEL SANTOSCOY  
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WHITTIER CA 90605  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22STCP01640  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MA. DE LOS ANGELES ROJAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MA. DE LOS ANGELES ROJAS to Proposed name (1) MARIA DE LOS ANGELES ROJAS LOPEZ  
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: JUNE 20, 2022, Time: 10:00 a.m., Department: 74, Room: 735  
The address of the court is 111 NORTH HILL STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 3, 2022  
JUDGE MICHELLE WILLIAMS COURT  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MA. DE LOS ANGELES ROJAS  
511 N. EASTMAN AVE  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90063  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00209  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AVA EVELYN DONGELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) AVA EVELYN DONGELL to Proposed name (1) AVA EVELYN MARIOLAN  
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: JULY 22, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 24, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per AVA EVELYN DONGELL  
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LAKEWOOD, CA, 90712  
(562) 279-6564  
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### PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RENE NORTON JOHNSON aka RENE NORTON JOHNSTON Case No. 22STPB04535**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RENE NORTON JOHNSON aka RENE NORTON JOHNSTON  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jennifer Johnson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITIONER REQUESTS that Jennifer Johnson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any 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 June 20, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D 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.

**Attorney for petitioner: EDWARD A TRABIN ESQ**  
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Title Order No.: 05945162 Trustee Sale No.: 85786 Loan No.: HERRERA APN: 6253-022-010 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/27/2010. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/15/2022 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 5/28/2010 as Instrument No. 20100735250 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JUAN HERRERA A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor TOMWORKS, LLC, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located

# Doty Middle School wins six track & field championships

■ The Knights won all six track and field competitions, finishing with 66 points. Tying for second were Griffiths and Sussman with 33 points each.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** - For the first time in the last three years, due to COVID-19, there was a middle school track and field championship held at Downey High School last Friday afternoon.

Doty, Griffiths, Stauffer and Sussman middle schools each fielded six teams to compete for six championships. The six teams consisted of boys' and girls' teams for each of the three grade levels offered in Downey Unified middle schools. It was an exciting event with many fans in attendance watching their sons and daughters and fellow classmates compete against their rival schools.

As the track meet concluded, Doty Middle School swept all six championships and will keep the Sports Champions trophy at Doty for another year.

The sixth-grade girl competition saw Doty finish with 66 points, Griffiths and Sussman finish in a tie with 33 points each and Stauffer finish with 19 points, respectively. Alice Perez Rios of Stauffer won the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:50.51, Angela Peralta of Griffiths won the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 19.38 and Madeline Garcia of Sussman won the 100-meter dash in a time of 14.17. Sophia Hernandez of Doty won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:09.88, Molley Rangel of Doty won the 200-meter dash in a time of 30.36, Alice Perez Rios of Stauffer won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:42.16 and Doty won the relay in a time of 58.08. Madeline Garcia of Sussman won the long jump with a jump of 3.99 meters, Angela Peralta of Griffiths won the high jump with a height of 1.27 meters and Savannah Cervantes of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 7.67 meters.

The seventh-grade girl competition saw Doty finish with 69 points, Stauffer finish with 44 points, Griffiths finish with 22 points and Sussman finish with 15 points, respectively. Alondra Ramirez Torres of Doty won the 1600-meter run in a time of 6:17.89, Halley Salazar of Stauffer won the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 19.17 and Fayth Randolph of Griffiths won the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.97. Madeline Vaca of Doty won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:07.97, Fayth Randolph of Griffiths won the 200-meter dash in a time of 28.50, Samantha Rosas of Doty won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:49.38 and Stauffer won the relay in a time of 58.42. Hayden Hinchman of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 4.14 meters, Emma Aviles won the high jump with a height of 1.32 meters and Kaylee Rodriguez of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 8.13 meters.

The eighth-grade girl competition saw Doty finish with 77 points, Stauffer finish with 34 points, Sussman finish with 31 points and Griffiths finish with 12 points, respectively. Emma Escobedo of Doty won the 1600-meter run in a time of 6:28.30, Aniyah Anthony of Sussman won the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 18.63 and Aniyah Anthony of Sussman won the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.44. Samantha Perez Rios of Stauffer won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:06.61, Yonni Davis of Doty won the 200-meter dash in a time of 28.65, April Pugh of Doty won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:55.02 and Doty won the relay in a time of 55.21. Chloe Cotton of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 3.82 meters, Aniyah Anthony of Sussman won the high jump with a height of 1.32 meters and Ashley Aguilar of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 9.04 meters.

The sixth-grade boy competition saw Doty finish with 90 points, Stauffer finish with 27 points, Sussman finish with 24 points and Griffiths finish with 12 points, respectively. Matthew Davalos of Doty won the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:35.31, Maxi Acosta of Doty won the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 19.09 and Justin Rubio of Doty won the 100-meter dash in a time of 14.02. Maxi Acosta of Doty won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:07.14, Justin Rubio of Doty won the 200-meter dash in a time of 28.78, Matthew Davalos of Doty won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:45.38 and Doty won the relay in a time of 54.94. Taylor Jones of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 4.11 meters, Maxi Acosta of Doty won the high jump with a height of 1.47 meters and Justin Rubio of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 9.55 meters.

The seventh-grade boy competition saw Doty finish with 69.5 points, Griffiths finish with 46 points, Stauffer finish with 27.5 points and Sussman finish with



11 points, respectively. Joaquin Sandoval of Stauffer won the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:15.76, Logi Holder of Griffiths won the 110-hurdles in a time of 18.33 and Jaydon Wilkes of Griffiths won the 100-meter dash in a time of 12.89. Caleb Gonzalez of Doty won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:02.41, Jayden Osorio of Doty won the 200-meter dash in a time of 26.62, Daniel Carlos of Stauffer won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:30.09 and Griffiths won the relay in a time of 50.72. Logi Holder of Griffiths won the long jump with a jump of 4.70 meters, Logi Holder of Griffiths also won the high jump with a height of 1.57 meters and Rocco Cooper of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 10.59 meters.

The eighth-grade boy competition saw Doty finish with 63 points, Griffiths finish with 43 points, Sussman finish with 28 points and Stauffer finish with 20 points, respectively. Devin Madero of Doty won the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:48.45, Matthew Ruiz of Doty won the 110 hurdles in a time of 12.78. Jacob Sandoval of Doty won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:00.51, Apolo Ascinte of Doty won the 200-meter dash in a time of 25.78, Adrian Guerrero of Stauffer won the 800-meter run

in a time of 2:25.93 and Doty won the relay in a time of 50.57. Preston Isaac of Griffiths won the long jump with a jump of 5.03 meters, Chris Garcia of Sussman won the high jump with a height of 1.57 meters and Logan Maravilla of Griffiths won the shot put with a throw of 12.14 meters.

This year started with volleyball, then went to baseball/softball, then to basketball and finally to track and field. Absent from this year's competition were football and soccer. Next year's rotation will feature a return to all sports. This year featured a total of

20 championships up for grabs with Doty claiming 13.5, Griffiths and Sussman claiming three each and Stauffer claiming .5.

Doty claimed championships in sixth grade boys' and girls' volleyball, a co-championship in seventh grade girls' volleyball and a co-championship in eighth grade girls' volleyball. Doty won a championship in girls' softball and championships in sixth grade boys' and girls' basketball, seventh grade girls' basketball and a co-championship in boys' seventh grade basketball. Doty also swept all six championships in boys' and

girls' track and field for a total of 13.5.

Griffiths won city championships in seventh grade boys' volleyball, a co-championship in eighth grade girls' volleyball, a championship in baseball and a co-championship in seventh grade boys' basketball for a total of three. Sussman won a city championship in eighth grade boys' volleyball, eighth grade boys' basketball and eighth grade girls' basketball for a total of three. Stauffer's co-championship came in seventh grade girls' volleyball.



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2 bathrooms  
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