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Thank you, Vin

■ Many people are mourning the death of Vin Scully, including this lifelong Dodgers fan.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – We all have a Vin Scully story.

Mine took place at an “An Evening with Vin Scully” event held in Pasadena in 2017. I had splurged on a VIP ticket, granting me the once in a lifetime chance to meet one of the few people I will audibly admit to being “one of my heroes.”

My time allotted was brief. No time for an autograph, to pour my heart out or pick his brain, I had a few seconds to hopefully sneak in a handshake, maybe a few words of gratitude, and pose for a photo.

I don't remember what I said, just that he was humble in response.

That photo is one of the few of myself I consider to be the most authentic. Nothing forced, nothing awkward. My grin, ear-to-ear. My hand tightly clasped around his, never wanting to let go. A moment of raw, unfiltered bliss frozen in time.

I can't tell you everything he said that night during his talk. I remember bits and pieces, mainly about his thoughts on the controversy surrounding the NFL at the time, and that “It's hard to win a world series” (we were still pretty fresh off of the Dodgers' loss to the Houston Astros that year).

No, what I took away most from that night was a feeling of awe and amazement. It was miraculous albeit not surprising how Vin captivated the entire audience for that hour, like a grandfather perched in his chair with hundreds of grandchildren sitting attentively at his feet.

Vin was more than just the voice of the Dodgers, of baseball.

To many fans, Vin was a friend. An icon. A legend. A gentleman. A master storyteller.

His tones were melodic to the point of whimsical. There was comfort to be found in every anecdote, statistic, and bit of humor. He held a cadence that was unmatched, unparalleled, and unable to be duplicated.

He wasn't just the voice of the Dodgers; he was their very soul.

Vin retired in 2016, and has long been removed from his namesake press box. In the time since then, Dodger fans have learned to love and appreciate new, and other Dodger broadcasters: Joe Davis and Orel Hershiser, Rick Monday and Charley Steiner, John Hartung, Jerry Hairston Jr., Ned Colletti, Alanna Rizzo, and Nomar Garciaparra (just to name a few).

Jaime Jarrin and Fernando Valenzuela are already legends in their own right.

Still, there will never be another Vin Scully.

With just over 50 games left, this season will continue on and – inevitably – it will be time for Dodger baseball once again; Dodger Stadium will just shine a little less blue for now.

Goodbye Vin. Thank you.

And a very pleasant good afternoon to you, wherever you may be.

After long wait, Downey adds name of fallen Marine to veterans memorial

■ Lance Cpl. Joshua Whittle, killed in Afghanistan in 2009, had his name added to Downey's veterans memorial this week.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Friends and family of Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua R. Whittle celebrated Tuesday morning when the fallen Marine's name was officially added to Downey's veteran's memorial outside of City Hall.

Whittle, who attended Warren High School and was a former Mr. Downey pageant contestant, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, III Marine Expeditionary Force based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

He had only been in Afghanistan three weeks when he was killed by a landmine on June 6, 2009 in the Helmand Province. He was 20.

“Every Memorial Day we honor and remember those who have died for our country. We pray and recognize all those gold star families,” said Mario Guerra, who was mayor at the time of Whittle's death. “Today we are doing exactly that, but with special purpose: to fulfill the promise our community made to Lance Cpl. Josh Whittle's mom 13 years ago; a promise that's rooted in the belief that he was and always will be one of our own, a promise to let future generations know how special those who gave their lives for us are, to make sure we never forget one of our own, and to also remind our city about a courageous young man who wanted to defend our country.”

Former mayor Dr. Roger Brossmer – who was also on the city council at the time of Whittle's death – made note of the promise that they had made to Whittle's mother, Crystal, who died last year and never saw her son's name on the memorial.

“We were very committed to be with the family and support them through that process, and while we had our banner program to represent all of our veterans, at the time we just didn't have anything significant or appropriate enough to really mark that ultimate sacrifice,” said Brossmer. “That's what really started our veteran memorial, and then our ability to really remember Josh and everything he gave and that he gave it all for us.”

“This is really just a kind of us as a city honoring that promise we



Friends and family of Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua Whittle admire his memorial at the Downey Civic Center on Tuesday. (Photos by Alex Dominguez)

made to the family.”

In attendance Tuesday was Darlene Matson, Whittle's sister.

She said Whittle's inclusion the memorial was a “beautiful and amazing thing that the city is doing.”

“It's a huge ball of emotion in a positive way,” said Matson. “Even more so, he's buried at Riverside National Cemetery; I live in Downey. I think the fact that I have something that I can go to that's local on those hard days is going to help with my emotional rollercoaster that sometimes I go through on those difficult days, in remembrance of my brother.”

“It's a rollercoaster of emotions, but ecstatic would be one of them.”

There is some belief that Whittle's name should have been added to the memorial much sooner.

“I think we're a little slow on it, to be honest with you. I think we should've done it sooner,” said Brossmer. “But as shared by some of our American Legion friends, it's never too late to do the right thing... I think we should have done it sooner; I'm glad it's getting finally done.”

Guerra added, “It's always the right time to do the right thing.”

Matson, however, told those in attendance to “not apologize.”



From left: former councilmembers Rick Rodriguez and Mario Guerra, councilman Donald LaPlante, Darlene Matson, mayor Blanca Pacheco, councilman Mario Trujillo, and former councilman Dr. Roger Brossmer. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

“Words cannot express the enthusiasm that I have, and the honor that I have to be standing before this,” said Matson. “Yeah, it's 13 years later, and I do keep mentioning everybody keeps saying ‘sorry;’ the reason I'm saying do not apologize is because I'm a firm believer that everything is meant to happen at the exact time that it happens.”

“Although his mom isn't here, and although his mom would have loved to be a part of this, something more meaningful is in her arms,

and that's my brother. So, now that I have that peace of mind knowing that they're together, I feel like this weighs so heavy on my heart in such a beautiful manner because, yeah, I know originally it was due for Crystal and to be made a promise to his mom, but that promise is not only fulfilled to his mom, but I'm also getting to stand here and be a part of this and be a part of today. I can't express the gratitude that I have.”

Roybal-Allard votes to ban assault weapons

■ Congress previously passed a 10-year ban on assault weapons in 1994.

By Eric Pierce
and Ariana Figueroa

DOWNEY – Downey Democratic Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard issued the following statement after she voted last week to pass H.R. 1808, the Assault Weapons Ban of 2022, legislation that if signed into law would make it a federal crime to import, sell, manufacture, transfer, or possess a semiautomatic assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding device.

“Twenty-eight years ago, I voted to ban assault weapons to make our communities safer. Since the

assault weapons ban expired, mass shootings have risen dramatically, and we have seen terrible acts of gun violence in America's schools, businesses, and houses of worship,” said Roybal-Allard.

“These are preventable tragedies. We can no longer continue to do nothing as our children, families, and loved ones fall victim to these horrible crimes. The Assault Weapons Ban of 2022 will save lives and keep weapons off our streets.”

The U.S. House Judiciary Committee late Wednesday passed legislation that would ban certain semi-automatic weapons, in a renewed push to ban the guns most commonly used in recent mass shootings.

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Homeless housing \$1.4M over budget

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – The cost to build transitional housing for the homeless at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center is \$1.4 million more than initially budgeted.

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors will vote Tuesday on the budget increase, which would bring the total project cost to \$4.8 million.

In 2020, supervisors voted to convert Buildings 601-602 on the county-owned hospital into interim housing for up to 80 people.

The 15,000 sq. ft. structure was converted to dormitories, with entertainment space, outdoor seating areas, and other areas

for ancillary and administrative services.

Officials with the county's Department of Public Works, however, determined that the construction cost exceeded the approved budget, blaming “unforeseen conditions and COVID-19 material/equipment price escalation.”

The “unforeseen conditions” included replacement of the entire electrical systems and HVAC ducts due to asbestos contamination and limited power availability requiring low power systems, which are more expensive.

Officials said the \$1.4 million increase will be offset by a corresponding increase in federal coronavirus relief funds received by the county.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 88°

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THINGS TO DO



Backpack Giveaway

Saturday, 2 pm
Golden Park, Downey

Kids and their families are invited to receive a free backpack filled with school supplies, courtesy of Gangs Out of Downey and local donors.

ON THIS DAY

1790: A newly passed tariff act creates the Revenue Cutter Service (the forerunner of the United States Coast Guard).

1821: The Saturday Evening Post was published for the first time as a weekly newspaper.

1862: The U.S. government collected its first income tax.

1892: The father and stepmother of Lizzie Borden were found murdered in their Fall River, Massachusetts home. She was tried and acquitted for the crimes a year later.

1910: In a historic pitching dual, the Philadelphia A's Jack Coombs and White Sox's Ed Walsh pitched a 0-0 tie in 16 innings.

1914: The United States declared neutrality at the outbreak of World War I.

1936: American athlete Jesse Owens won his second gold medal at the Berlin Olympics, beating German athlete Luz Long in the long jump final.

1944: A tip from a Dutch informer leads the Gestapo to a sealed-off area in an Amsterdam warehouse, where they find and arrest Jewish diarist Anne Frank, her family, and four others.

1956: Elvis Presley releases “Hound Dog,” a cover of Big Mama Thornton's original.

1964: Civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found dead in Mississippi after disappearing a month earlier.

1987: The Federal Communications Commission rescinded the Fairness Doctrine which had required radio and television stations to present controversial issues “fairly.”

2007: NASA's Phoenix spacecraft was launched, reaching Mars 10 months later.

Birthdays

Actor **Billy Bob Thornton** (67), former President **Barack Obama** (61), retired pitcher **Roger Clemens** (60), actor **Daniel Dae Kim** (54), NASCAR driver **Jeff Gordon** (51), member of the British family **Meghan Markle** (41), and twin actors **Cole** and **Dylan Sproule** (30).

Judge dismisses water district's suit against its own board member

■ The Central Basin Municipal Water District had sued Leticia Vasquez over a series of videos and letters alleging contaminated water, including in Downey.

By City News Service

DOWNEY – Citing First Amendment grounds, a judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by Central Basin Municipal Water District against one of its board members who posted online videos and sent letters invoking the district's name, allegedly without the consent of its general manager or the entire board.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael L. Stern ruled



Leticia Vasquez

Thursday that despite the district's arguments to the contrary, Board Member Leticia Vasquez never "claimed or asserted that she was speaking on behalf of the district" with her postings' content.

"She did no more than appear in videos that were posted on

YouTube," Stern wrote. "Likewise, there is no evidence before the court that the defendant engaged in any type of branding. She was not using a Central Basin brand nor any other kind of brand."

The judge, who heard arguments July 21 and took the case under submission, also said there was no evidence Vasquez violated a section of the district's administrative Code with her postings.

"Nothing in this section prevents an elected director from using letterhead nor from appearing in interviews," Stern wrote. "This section does not prevent defendant from identifying herself as a duly elected member of the Central Basin board of directors."

Stern's dismissal of the district's case was "without prejudice," meaning it can be refiled under appropriate circumstances.

Vasquez, a former Lynwood mayor, previously told City News Service that the lawsuit was "an effort to chill free speech and silence me about the toxic water being sold to our community. I stand by my statements."

Vasquez's dismissal motion was brought under the state's anti-

SLAPP -- Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation -- law, which is intended to prevent people from using courts, and potential threats of a lawsuit, to intimidate those who are exercising their First Amendment rights.

Vasquez has filed a separate lawsuit against the district in which she states that as a whistleblower who publicly disclosed a "multitude of wrongdoing and corruption at Central Basin," a conspiracy exists to stop her from "publicly speaking and otherwise disclosing illegal, improper, unreasonable, immoral and unethical activities" at the district.

Vasquez's suit also is the subject of an anti-SLAPP motion, this time by the district, that is scheduled for hearing on Aug. 19 before Judge Holly Fujie.

According to the district's suit filed in April 2021, the district's administrative code prevents directors from posting videos or using its logo or stationery for business or non-district business, including any solicitation or other political activity, without approval from the general manager.

In September 2020, Vasquez posted on YouTube.com a video about water quality in Pico Rivera in which she referred to the district, identified herself as a board member and stated she wanted "to encourage both the city of Pico Rivera and the Pico Water District to consider purchasing water from the Central Basin," the suit stated.

Vasquez posted another video in March 2021, this time dealing with water quality, in which she once again referred to herself as a board member and placed the district's name into captions within

the video, the suit stated.

The video also was made in association with the Political Life group, the suit stated. The group's website stated that Vasquez appeared in the video after agreeing to an interview regarding the video's subject matter, according to the suit.

Vasquez allegedly posted a third video in association with the Political Life group regarding AB 1195, the California Safe Drinking Water Act, in which she also invoked the district's name.

The videos "give the viewer the impression that (Vasquez) is making authorized statements on behalf of (the district) or that (the district) was otherwise involved in the creation of, or associated with, the videos, particularly given (Vasquez's) direct reference to her position on (the district's) board of directors," the suit stated.

Although Vasquez and Political Life are free to express their personal views, the use of the district's name in public, political statements without the district's permission is contrary to its administrative code, the suit stated.

Vasquez also used district letterhead when writing in April 2021 to the cities of Santa Fe Springs, Lakewood, Downey and Signal Hill, the suit stated.

The district's general counsel advised Vasquez to stop her alleged unauthorized use of district materials, but the request was ignored, prompting the filing of the lawsuit, according to the district's court papers.

Free backpacks available Saturday at Golden Park

DOWNEY – Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) will be hosting its 7th Annual Backpack Giveaway this Saturday, Aug. 6, from 2–4 pm at Golden Park, located at 8840 Golden St. in Downey.

Backpacks and school supplies will be available for free (while supplies last) for elementary to high school students. A parent/guardian must be present for the student to receive a backpack.

"We are thrilled to be able to host this event for the 7th consecutive year," said GOOD President Tony Cristani. "Supporting students in our community is a priority for GOOD and this event is just one of the ways that we do it."

"We have hundreds of backpacks filled with school supplies to help kids and their families get ready for the upcoming school year and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on August 6."

Police plan DUI saturation patrols this month

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department will be out throughout the month of August looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence (DUI).

"Impaired driving is preventable," Downey Police Chief Leslie Murray said. "It's a choice. If you've been drinking or taken drugs that impair, make the right choice by finding a sober driver or alternate transportation to take you places."

Drivers caught driving impaired and charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.



The Rotary Club of Downey installed its two newest members last week: Emilio Sosa and Gil Legaspi.

Sosa is CEO of The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and Legaspi is a commercial real estate broker.

From left: Raul Lopez, Emilio Sosa, Ray Brown, Gil Legaspi and Larry Garces.

Downey Rotary meets Tuesdays at 12 pm at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

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Legislation to ban assault weapons now heads to Senate

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The party-line 25-18 vote followed recent mass shootings in which AR-15 style rifles were used — in Uvalde, Texas, where 19 children and two teachers were murdered, and Buffalo, New York, where 10 people were killed.

The chair of the committee, Jerry Nadler, said that the more than 100-page bill that would place a ban on assault weapons, H.R. 1808, is nothing new and Congress passed a 10-year ban on assault weapons in 1994.

If the ban were to be enacted into law, anyone owning the firearm banned in the bill would have their weapons grandfathered in, so they would not have to give up their firearms.

“As we have learned all too well in recent years, assault weapons — especially when combined with high-capacity magazines — are the weapon of choice for mass shootings,” Nadler said in his opening statement. “Quite simply, there is no place for them on our streets.”

The bill would ban all semi-automatic rifles that can have a detachable magazine and have a military feature such as a pistol grip, a detachable stock or grenade launcher, among other features. It also bans “all semi-automatic rifles that have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds.”

It also bans high capacity feeding devices, such as magazines, strips and drums that are capable of accepting more than 10 rounds.

The bill has a chance of passing the Democratic-controlled House, but a slim chance of success in the evenly divided Senate, where it would need to reach a 60-vote threshold. Congress passed the most comprehensive federal gun safety legislation in nearly 30 years in late June.

Preventing future mass shootings

Democrats argued the ban would help prevent future mass shootings, adding that schools, places of worship, movies and grocery stores have become dangerous places.

“We are paying for these weapons of war on our streets with the blood of our children sitting in our classrooms,” said Rep. Lucy McBath, a Georgia Democrat who lost her son Jordan to gun violence.

Rep. David Cicilline, a Rhode Island Democrat and the sponsor of the bill, played a one-minute audio clip of a student from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School mass shooting in Parkland, Florida, in 2018, calling a 911 operator. Gunshots from the AR-15 used in the shooting could be heard, as well as the screams of students.

“Dangerous military weapons that were created to fight on the battlefield and slaughter enemies do not belong in the neighborhoods and schools and movie theaters where we live,” Cicilline said.

Rep. Madeleine Dean, a Pennsylvania Democrat, slammed Republicans for refusing to address the fact that there are thousands of victims of mass shootings, and that Congress has a duty to try to prevent future mass shootings.

‘Weapons of war’

Republicans did not focus on the victims of mass shootings, but instead argued that the assault rifles that Democrats wanted to ban were not technically “weapons of war.”

Rep. Thomas Massie, a Kentucky Republican, said that Democrats were trying to ban “the most commonly sold sporting weapons.”

“Democrats know this legislation will not reduce violent crime or reduce the likelihood of mass shootings, but they are obsessed with attacking law-abiding Americans’ Second Amendment liberties,” the top Republican on the committee, Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio, said.

Jordan, along with other GOP members on the committee, argued that a ban on assault weapons would not lead to fewer mass shootings and that the previous 10-year assault ban did not decrease violence.

Research from a group of injury epidemiologists and trauma surgeons has shown that “between 2004 and 2017 — the last year of our analysis — the average number

of yearly deaths attributed to mass shootings was 25, compared with 5.3 during the 10-year tenure of the ban and 7.2 in the years leading up to the prohibition on assault weapons.”

Rep. Steve Chabot, an Ohio Republican, said that adding a ban on assault weapons was a violation of the Second Amendment.

“Semi-automatic firearms are protected by the constitution,” he said.

Border dispute amendment introduced

Republican Rep. Chip Roy of Texas introduced an amendment to the bill that would exempt those who live within 10 miles of international borders, to protect themselves because the Southern border is “wide open and dangerous.”

Reps. Matt Gaetz, a Florida Republican, and Andy Biggs, an Arizona Republican, argued that the increase of migrants at the border posed a threat to Americans.

The comments from Biggs about the border caused a member of the audience, gun safety advocate and Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting survivor David Hogg, to interrupt the hearing. He yelled at Biggs that guns used in mass shootings in Parkland, Buffalo and El Paso, Texas, did not come from Mexico and that shooters were “inspired by racist, anti-Black, anti-immigrant manifestos” that the GOP is using as talking points.

Capitol Hill security escorted Hogg out of the hearing room.

Rep. Veronica Escobar, a Texas Democrat, said the language that Gaetz and Biggs were using to describe immigrants was similar to the beliefs that drove a white supremacist to murder 23 Latinos in her district in El Paso on Aug. 3, 2019. The racist manifesto from the gunman railed against a “Hispanic invasion.”

“He confessed that he did that in order to slaughter Mexicans and

immigrants, and he used the same hateful language of the former president, and the same hateful language that my colleagues delight in using,” Escobar said.

Escobar also said she “knew that it would only be a matter of time before our Republican colleagues pivoted to the border — their mingling of xenophobia with guns was unfortunately only too predictable.”

Escobar pointed out that she is the only member of the committee who actually lives on the border and raises her children there.

“This amendment and the language that they use is an invitation to violence,” she said.

Republicans did not respond to her statements that their rhetoric could incite violence against immigrant communities.

The Department of Homeland Security in June issued a warning that “some domestic violent extremists have expressed grievances related to their perception that the U.S. government is unwilling or unable to secure the U.S.-Mexico border and have called for violence to stem the flow of undocumented migrants to the United States.”

Democrats spent most of the hearing arguing that a ban on assault weapons could have prevented mass shootings in Las Vegas in 2017, where 60 people were gunned down at a concert and another 413 shot; the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting in 2018, where 11 worshippers were murdered in an antisemitic attack; and the Aurora, Colorado, movie theater shooting that left 10 dead and another 70 injured; among others.

“For God’s sake, parents in Uvalde had to identify their children by DNA sample because bullets ripped their children apart,” Cicilline said.

So far this year, there have been 356 mass shootings in the U.S., according to the Gun Violence

Archive.

GOP amendments

Republicans submitted 11 amendments to the bill, but none passed.

The amendments that Republicans introduced touched on GOP talking points, such as an amendment from Roy to prohibit people living in cities that have decreased police budgets from owning assault rifles.

Another amendment, from Rep. Mike Johnson, a Louisiana Republican, would exempt employees of pregnancy crisis centers from the ban. The pregnancy crisis centers are not certified health clinics and are aimed at dissuading pregnant patients from seeking abortions.



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard

Repeal of Liability Shield

The committee was scheduled to mark up another gun-related bill, one that would allow civil lawsuits against gun makers, distributors, sellers, or trade associations in state or federal court, but ran out of time. The markup for that bill is not yet scheduled.

That bill, H.R. 2814, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, provides immunity in state and federal courts from civil liability for licensed manufacturers, distributors, and dealers of firearms, trade associations from

negligence and product liability actions.

House Democrats also held a Wednesday hearing with several CEOs of gun manufacturers looking at their role in gun violence.

The chair of the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform Carolyn B. Maloney of New York asked for appearances by Marty Daniel of Daniel Defense, LLC in Georgia, Mark P. Smith of Smith & Wesson Brands, Inc. in Massachusetts, and Christopher Killoy of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. in Connecticut.

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Things you didn't know about Downey: Vultee



A fleet of Vultee aircraft at Downey headquarters in 1949. (Photo courtesy Downey Historical Society)

■ Jerry Vultee reignited the aerospace industry in Downey, even if he didn't see the fruits of his labor.

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY – This story originally appeared in the *Downey Eagle* on Sept. 30, 1994.

There were smiles and handshakes and memories to share as the former employees of Vultee Aviation held a reunion and luncheon at the Los Amigos Country Club on Saturday, Sept.

24, 1994.

Jerry Vultee (as anyone at Saturday's gathering would be glad to tell you) was the man with intense black eyes and a love of airplanes who bought the old Downey airstrip and production plant founded by E.M. Smith of EMSCO in 1936 and established Vultee Aircraft Corporation.

Vultee was not to enjoy his new production facilities for long, for he died with his wife, Sylvia, in an air crash in 1938. But Vultee lived on after him. He had brought together an engineering team of geniuses. The aircraft production plant where Rockwell stands

today became a key to American production of warplanes in World War II, and the home of the "Rosie the Riveter," women who joined the war effort by working on the production lines to build fighting machines for their men who were overseas.

The Vultee plant had designed the V-1A airliner in 1933, which set a number of point-to-point speed and distance records, and became the standard plane used by American Airlines in the 1930s.

The Vultee plant assembles more than 11,000 military planes during World War II, the most famous of which was the BT-13, a low-winged trainer that was politely called the Valiant but which was also familiarly known as the "Vultee Vibrator" by its harsher critics.

During World War II, Vultee merged with Consolidated to become Consolidated Vultee, later known as Convair.

Some fine fighting machines rolled off Convair's production lines in Downey.

Following World War II, Consolidated Vultee pioneered American research in missiles, using the German V-2 as a model. It built a short-range navy missile called the Lark and in 1946 was awarded a \$1.2 million contract to study the possibility of a long range missile weapon. The project was identified as MX-774.

The company was concentrating on weight reduction (the V-2 was far too heavy) when the contract was pulled by the government in July 1946 as an economy measure. Consolidated Vultee pulled all operations back to its San Diego facilities. But the Vultee missile research was the foundation of the mighty Atlas missile that followed in the 1950's.

The plant was occupied in 1947 by North American Aviation (later to become Rockwell).

Joe McNamara

The following story appeared in the *Southeast News's centennial edition* dated Oct. 5-13, 1973.

The man who 25 years ago surveyed and recommended that his company take over the Air Force-owned industrial plant in Downey now heads that facility which for the past decade has designed and built all of this country's manned spacecraft.

He is Joseph P. McNamara, president of Rockwell International Corporation's Space Division.

A Downey resident and member of the board of directors

of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, McNamara has prime responsibility for directing Rockwell's space systems programs which include design, development, and testing of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Space Shuttle Orbiter program.

In addition, McNamara's Space Division is a principal industrial contractor for NASA's Skylab program and the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project (ASTP). McNamara was named president of the Space Division in August 1970. During his 30-year career with Rockwell, he has had top executive assignments in all of the corporation's major space, missile and rocket propulsion activities.

Prior to being named president, McNamara served three years as executive vice president of the Space Division which built the command and service modules and the second stage of the Saturn V launch vehicle for NASA's Apollo lunar landing program.

From 1960 until 1967, McNamara directed production of America's largest liquid hydrogen-fueled rocket engine at the company's Rocketdyne Division. These J-2 engines are used in both the second and third stages of the Saturn V.

McNamara, as vice president and general manager of Rocketdyne's Liquid Rocket Division, also directed production of the huge one and one-half million pounds of thrust F-1 engine used to power the Saturn V first stage booster.

In April 1973, NASA awarded McNamara the Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest honor accorded to a non-governmental employee for his direction in development and

testing of the Saturn V's F-1 and J-2 rocket engines.

As general manager, McNamara activated and headed the company's Neosho, Missouri plant from 1956 to 1960 where engines for the Thor, Atlas and Jupiter missiles were in production. The H-1 engines for Saturn 1B were also built at Neosho. Prior to that he organized and directed plant engineering activities of the company's Downey plant which was then known as Missiles and Control Operations.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in (mining) engineering from UC Berkeley in 1936.

Prior to joining the company in 1943, McNamara was employed by the Empire Star Mines and Standard Oil Company of California as a petroleum engineer in California oil fields.

McNamara is a second generation native Californian born March 19, 1911 in Bakersfield. His father, Dr. Thaddeus M. McNamara, was born in Visalia, California.

McNamara is a registered mechanical engineer in California, is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and has frequently served on specialized industrial committees of the California Manufacturers Association and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He received the outstanding Citizens Award from the community of Neosho, Missouri, for his contributions to that area.

McNamara and his wife, Elizabeth Hillman McNamara, reside in Downey.

POET'S CORNER

How to Triumph Like a Girl

I like the lady horses best,
how they make it all look easy,
like running 40 miles per hour
is as fun as taking a nap, or grass.
I like their lady horse swagger,
after winning. Ears up, girls, ears up!
But mainly, let's be honest, I like
that they're ladies. As if this big
dangerous animal is also a part of me,
that somewhere inside the delicate
skin of my body, there pumps
an 8-pound female horse heart,
giant with power, heavy with blood.
Don't you want to believe it?
Don't you want to lift my shirt and see
the huge beating genius machine
that thinks, no, it knows,
it's going to come in first.

Ada Limón, *Bright Dead Things*, Milkweed Editions, 2015

Limón has just been named our 24th Poet Laureate. She succeeds Joy Harjo, who has held the position since 2019. Born and raised in Sonoma, California, of Mexican-American descent, she now lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Limón has been called "the found candle in the soul's power outage, the last flashlight in the heart's storm." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Supervisors set ballot measure allowing sheriff removal

■ Voters will decide in November if an elected sheriff can be removed by the Board of Supervisors.

LOS ANGELES – As expected, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to place a measure on the November ballot that would give the board authority to remove a publicly elected sheriff from office for cause.

The board made the move on a 4-1 vote, with Supervisor Kathryn Barger dissenting.

If approved by voters on Nov. 8, the measure would give the board the power to remove a sheriff "for cause" on a four-fifths vote of the five-member panel.

"Cause" is defined as "a violation of any law related to the

performance of their duties as sheriff; flagrant or repeated neglect of duties; a misappropriation of public funds or property; willful falsification of a relevant official statement or document; or obstruction of any investigation into the conduct of the sheriff by the Inspector General, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission, or any government agency with jurisdiction to conduct such an investigation."

Although board members supporting the measure denied it was political in nature, the move is a clear response to repeated clashes with current Sheriff Alex Villanueva. Villanueva has accused board members of defunding his agency at the expense of public safety, and he has also rebuffed subpoenas to appear before the county's Civilian Oversight Commission.

Board Chair Holly Mitchell and Supervisor Hilda Solis introduced the motion calling for the ballot measure. Mitchell said during a July 12 meeting that the issue goes beyond Villanueva.

"The issue of sheriff accountability before us is both urgent and systemic, having impacted past generations of Angelenos, but also with important consequences for the future," Mitchell said. "Unfortunately, the county has had long and troubling history with sheriff oversight and transparency."

The motion by Mitchell and Solis referred to previous sheriffs Lee Baca, who was sentenced to federal prison on corruption charges, and Peter Pitchess, who "resisted any involvement in the first internal investigation of deputy gangs from outside the department."

Barger, the board's lone opponent of the measure, issued a statement Tuesday following the board's vote, saying, "Giving the Board of Supervisors authority to remove an elected sheriff unequivocally takes away power from the public."

"It's a move that has the potential to disenfranchise voters," she said. "It also overlooks the fact that a recall process already exists to remove elected officials who fail to perform their duties."

Villanueva has blasted the proposal as unconstitutional. He sent a letter to the board last month saying the measure "would allow corrupt board members to intimidate sheriffs from carrying out their official duties to investigate crime."

In Memory of



Helen Phyllis Burns

Helen Phyllis Burns passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at the age of 81.

Helen was born in Montebello, California in 1940 to Phillip & Leona Greathead. She was raised in South Gate and graduated from South Gate High School in 1958. She worked for Northrop/Grumman as a "Plans Girl", and in 1965, met and married her husband of 49 years, Donald Burns. They moved from Lomita to Downey in 1972, where they raised their family.

Helen's greatest passion in life was animal advocacy. She volunteered for many years at the LA County Animal Shelter where she learned to bathe and groom animals to ready them for adoption. She rescued and fostered countless dogs and had a special knack for matching the perfect pet with the perfect family. She became a Vet Tech at Hollydale Animal Hospital and would groom dogs for friends on the side. In later years, Helen would get involved with the Downey Feral Cat rescue.

Helen was also active in her children's school and extracurricular activities. She coached Don's Little League team (Mets) and Denice's Ponytail Softball team (Foxes), and would serve on both of the boards. She was part of the Warren Bears Band Booster Club, manning the Fireworks Stand, assisting during Bingo and chaperoning school trips.

Helen and Don were also very active with their classic car club and were regulars at local car shows. As a young adult, she was active in the "cruising scene", and was one of the first to frequent local Downey favorite, "Johnnie's Broiler". In later years, Helen would play an instrumental part in saving Johnnie's Broiler, as she was the one who saw the unpermitted demolition and called the police to stop it. With the support of her friends and car club pals, the "Friends of Johnnie's" were able to help raise awareness to preserve the local landmark that our city enjoys today as "Bob's Big Boy."

Helen will be remembered for her sense of humor, her passion for animals, and a deep sense of community. It was important to her to get involved, and she led by example. She was known to care for and help out her neighbors, especially those who were ill or elderly. She was the person everyone would call when they needed help with their animals. She deeply believed in mercy, and it was her goal not to let anyone suffer if she was able to help.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Burns, and her son, Damon Corey Burns. She is survived by her children, Don Burns and Denice Paxton, her 3 grandchildren, Daniel, Steven and Allyssa, and her 5 grandchildren.

In Memory of



Jerome (Jerry) A. Wetzstein

June 8th, 1942 - July 13, 2022

Jerome (Jerry) A. Wetzstein, 80, died Wednesday, July 13, 2022 in his home with family following a struggle with cancer. His memorial service will be at 11:00, August 6, at Rose Hills Memorial Park, the Sky Rose Chapel in Whittier. A reception/celebration of life will follow at Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey 1 to 4 pm. Arrangements are with Miller Mies Funeral Home in Downey CA.

Jerry was born on June 8th, 1942 to Adam and Lorraine Wetzstein in North Dakota. He became a Future Farmer of America when his family moved to MN. His goals were center around raising his prize pig, basketball, and his Harley motorcycle in High School.

He left farm life to become a Marine and served between 1961-1965. Being a soldier also included acquiring electrical skills and joining a scuba diving unit in Japan.

After the service, he attended and graduated with a BA from Mankato State College MN. Jerry met Connie at college and married in September of 1968. He continued his education getting his Masters in International Business from Arizona State. Learning to speak Japanese, helped him to get a job with Mitsui company as international commodities broker in Los Angeles. He later became a restaurant owner of two H Salt Chip restaurants and the Brooklyn Deli in San Pedro. In 1983, he decided to be a Health and Life Insurance agent and broker. Helping people to get medical services has been his passion for 39 years. He moved to Downey in 1983 with his wife and two boys, Daniel and Jeffrey. The last career change gave him time to be with his children and attend their sports and school events. He nurtured and guided his family.

Jerry has been an active member of the Kiwanis Club in South Gate and then in Downey since 1985. He has been the president of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation for the last 10 years. Jerry has always been a kind and compassionate person. He would frequently say, "Put yourself in their shoes."

His grandchildren, Natalie and Daniel, have been his pride and joy. Playing toy cars with Daniel or doing a word search puzzle with Natalie, are precious memories.

Jerry loved his family, his community and his country.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Connie; son: Jeffrey (Rebecca); grandchildren: Natalie and Daniel. He is also survived by his siblings: Ellen (LeRoy) Bergman and Arnold Wetzstein.

Monkeypox is about to become the next public health failure

By Dr. Scott Gottlieb

When about 100 cases of monkeypox had been confirmed or suspected in Europe in May, it was clear the virus was spreading outside the areas where it was previously seen. Some on social media suggested it might already be spreading rapidly in communities in Europe and the United States. These reports should have been a code red for federal infectious disease response.

But it wasn't until late June that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expanded testing for monkeypox to large commercial labs like Quest Diagnostics and Labcorp for more capacity and access. The C.D.C. had gone through its standard playbook, ticking through its protracted checklist.

Compared with the agency's botched rollout of a test for the coronavirus, the monkeypox test came at warp speed. But the virus spread even faster. If American leaders wanted to quash the outbreak, the United States should have been testing all people who presented with what was presumed to be atypical cases of diseases like genital herpes and zoster infection; both can cause rashes that sometimes resemble monkeypox. That might have required 15,000 tests a week, by my rough estimate. From mid-May to the end of June, the United States tested only about 2,000 samples.

Our country's response to monkeypox has been plagued by the same shortcomings we had with Covid-19. Now if monkeypox gains a permanent foothold in the United States and becomes an endemic virus that joins our circulating repertoire of pathogens, it will be one of the worst public health failures in modern times not only because of the pain and peril of the disease but also because it was so avoidable. Our lapses extend beyond political decision making to the agencies tasked with protecting us from these threats. We don't have a federal infrastructure capable of dealing with these emergencies.

The failures that got us here fit a now familiar pattern.

Early on, similar to the early days of Covid, testing access for monkeypox was limited, despite ample evidence that monkeypox was spreading in the United States. The Strategic National Stockpile was meant as a hedge against viral contingencies, but when the coronavirus struck, it lacked adequate supplies of testing equipment, ventilators and masks. With monkeypox, the government hadn't stockpiled enough of the only vaccine, Jynneos, that was indicated for prevention of the disease and considered safe for use. The United States had on hand fewer than 2,400 doses in mid-May, mostly as a

hedge against the risk of smallpox, which was the vaccine's other indication.

There are more parallels between our failings to combat Covid and monkeypox. Each time, the reflex has been to blame political leadership for poor planning, lack of urgency and clumsy execution. It's true that both responses have been plagued by an absence of coordination among federal agencies like the Food and Drug Administration, which I led under the first two years of the Trump administration; the C.D.C.; and the components of the Health and Human Services Department that are responsible for different aspects of response. But systemic failings also rest with the bureaucracy charged with countering these threats.

The C.D.C. should lead America's response to viral exigencies. But the agency isn't a crisis organization. It lacks the infrastructure to mobilize a rapid response and is too hidebound and process driven to move quickly. Its cultural instinct is to take a deliberative approach, debating each decision. With Covid, the virus gained ground quickly. With monkeypox, which spreads more slowly, typically through very close contact, the shortcomings of C.D.C.'s cultural approach haven't been as acute yet. But the shortfalls are the same.

Take the scant information available about the domestic outbreak and how it has spread. The C.D.C. has publicly complained that it can't compel sufficient reporting from states and that it lacks insight into the scope and nature of reported monkeypox cases. That's true. But the C.D.C. still possesses information from states that do share case reports, which the agency could have used to provide a better clinical mosaic on how the virus was spreading and presenting to physicians.

It's very hard for the agency to self-organize around a new mission in the setting of a crisis or lead an internal effort to reform longstanding processes. But it has proved equally hard for Congress to take meaningful action to reorganize the agency to make it more robust and quicker to respond. Proper reform would require empowering public health agencies with new tools, funding and authority, but from my conversations with congressional members and their staffs, I believe there's scant appetite for such a move not just on the political right but on the left as well. After Covid, there's a view among some that public health agencies used flawed analysis and miscalculated their advice. Securing a political consensus that the C.D.C. needs to be further empowered to complete its mission — for example, invested with the authority to compel reporting from states — is politically

unobtainable.

That leaves it up to the Biden administration. But its late stab at reform also falls short. It has effectively created an agency out of an office inside the Department of Health and Human Services that is charged with coordinating the federal response to bioterrorism, among other things. The reordering puts the new Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response on equal footing with the C.D.C. It's a classic Washington response to a problem: create an agency around it. The move will only add to the muddle.

The pandemic mission must remain with the C.D.C., which has the requisite tools and expertise to respond to these crises. I know from my time at the F.D.A. that it's the agencies that have the operational know-how and capabilities. The C.D.C. has the boots on the ground that provide the frontline needs for attacking these kinds of outbreaks, with its sophisticated tools for detection and surveillance. What it lacks is the authority and a national security mind-set.

The Biden administration needs to get the C.D.C. back to its disease control roots, by transferring some of its disease prevention work to other agencies. The F.D.A. can handle smoking cessation, leveraging its regulatory toolbox. The National Institutes of Health can tackle cancer and heart disease. Focus the C.D.C. more on its core mission of outbreak response. And imbue the agency with the national security mind-set that it had at its origins. If the C.D.C.'s mission were more tightly focused on the elements required for handling contagion, Congress might be more willing to invest it with the robust authority to do that targeted mission well. Congress would need to reprogram budget lines to get it done, but someone needs to start that conversation.

Time is running out. Diseases like Zika, Covid and monkeypox are a dire warning that dangerous pathogens are on the march. The next one could be worse — a deadly strain of flu or something more sinister like Marburg virus. We've now had ample notice that the nation continues to be unprepared and that our vulnerabilities are enormous.

Dr. Scott Gottlieb was a commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration from May 2017 to April 2019. He is a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and serves on the board of Pfizer and Illumina. He's also the author of "Uncontrolled Spread: Why Covid-19 Crushed Us and How We Can Defeat the Next Pandemic."

Brittney Griner's detention should prompt fixes to U.S. drug laws

By Marc M. Howard

Russia's detention of WNBA star Brittney Griner over alleged possession of hashish oil has strained U.S. diplomatic ties with Moscow and intensified international condemnation of Russia's authoritarian regime. Griner testified this week that when she was arrested in Moscow on Feb. 17, her rights were not read to her, as is required under Russian law. "I had no intention to break the law," said Griner, who was detained after customs officials reportedly found two cannabis vape cartridges in her baggage.

Whatever the outcome of U.S. efforts to secure Griner's release, it's clear that Griner, who says she was prescribed cannabis oil by a doctor, has not received due process. While rightly condemning Griner's detention, many have cited Russia's "draconian" drug laws and its imprisonment of "more people per capita for drug crimes compared with the rest of Europe." Rep. Colin Allred (D-Tex.), for instance, has said the Russian criminal system "is very different than ours and is very opaque."

But Americans should hardly throw stones. Griner's ordeal gives reason to scrutinize the U.S. legal system's treatment of drug offenses — and the tens of thousands of people languishing in American prisons for such crimes.

Despite \$182 billion in annual taxpayer funding for mass incarceration, the criminal legal system in this country falls far short of our nation's ideals. The U.S. system is plagued by over-prosecution, excessive sentencing, brutal prison conditions, lack of rehabilitation opportunities and limited reentry prospects.

Consider recreational marijuana, which has been legalized in 19 states and decriminalized in 18 others. It remains illegal in Allred's Texas as well as under federal law, including in transportation between states. Hashish, the substance at issue in Griner's detention, comes from the cannabis plant, as does marijuana, but is significantly more potent. Hashish-related offenses have often been punished more severely by U.S. courts. And even in states where marijuana has been decriminalized, the changes sometimes do not extend to cannabis concentrates.

Critically, the legalization wave has not benefited people who were convicted under previous laws that criminalized marijuana. Unlike most other countries, including Russia, the United States does not allow changes in laws to benefit people who were previously punished under the old laws. A 2020 ACLU report found that marijuana arrests account for more drug arrests in the United States than any other drug class; in 2018, the last year for which the report analyzed data, law enforcement made nearly 700,000



marijuana arrests, more than for all violent crimes combined as reported by the FBI. According to 2020 data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, nearly a quarter-million Americans are behind bars for drugs: Some 171,300 people are incarcerated in state prisons for drug-related offenses (14 percent of the total number of state prisoners) and 67,438 in federal prisons (46.7 percent of all those in federal prisons).

Russian prosecutors argue that the 0.702 grams of cannabis reportedly found in the vape cartridges in Griner's baggage constitutes a "significant" amount and have charged her with "large scale transportation of drugs," which can carry a prison sentence of up to 10 years. However outrageous the charges sound — to any reasonable mind, the quantity was quite small, and Griner testified on Wednesday that she needed the oil to help with pain and inflammation of injuries sustained over her career — it's worth noting that U.S. prosecutions can be similarly harsh. The distinction between "using" and "dealing" usually depends on arbitrary weight thresholds that are selectively applied by prosecutors, leading many Americans to receive shockingly long sentences. Some 46,700 people in state incarceration were convicted of possession. But that is only part of the story, as some of the others incarcerated were in possession of drugs but found their charges elevated to "trafficking and dealing" because of the amount of marijuana present.

U.S. incarceration rates for drug offenses have long exceeded those of other Western democracies. In 2000, 70 percent of drug possession and 74 percent of drug-dealing convictions in the United States resulted in

incarceration, compared with just 8 percent and 21 percent in Germany that year.

Many concerned about Griner's ordeal worry about prison conditions in Russia. Here, too, our country has little to gloat about: Numerous reports have found U.S. prisons to be overcrowded and understaffed, with the incarcerated exposed to violence, malnutrition, and other environmental and health issues.

While many seize on Griner's incarceration to criticize Russia's harsh drug laws, U.S. practices should not be ignored. Congress and state legislatures could take a major step forward by making drug legalization laws retroactive, such that they would allow for the early release of the tens of thousands of Americans who remain locked up for behavior that most states — and most Americans — no longer consider to be criminal.

President Biden and all 50 state governors should also take immediate action on the countless clemency petitions awaiting review from people who deserve to be free as much as Griner does. Given her history of social activism and support for criminal legal reform, surely Griner herself would agree.

Marc M. Howard is a professor of government and law at Georgetown University, where he directs the Prisons and Justice Initiative. He is the author of "Unusually Cruel: Prisons, Punishment, and the Real American Exceptionalism."

Roundabout

Dear Editor:

About the roundabout scheduled for the intersection of Rives Avenue and Quill Drive.

Presumptively, there would seem to be the need for some physical structure in the center of the intersection for people to drive around. However, this is sure to be made more complicated by the presence of a sewer manhole cover in the middle of the intersection. It would seem extremely expensive to dig up and move the sewer line.

Another easy option for the city, if they wanted to save a ton of money, would be to simply remove the manhole cover, and have drivers drive around a hole in the street. Of course, this might entail considerable risk, because if a driver didn't see the hole, and one of their wheels fell into it, they could very easily break an axle or hit their head on the car's dashboard as the car came to an abrupt halt.

One solution to this problem would be to have Downey Public Works paint a series of iridescent chartreuse concentric rings around the hole to make sure that motorists could see it.

Hey, do Downey citizens have brilliant ideas or what?

**Jack Russell
Downey**

Healthcare minimum wage an insult to educators

Dear Editor:

The text of Downey City Ordinance No. 22-1485 defines maintenance workers, janitors, housekeeping, groundskeepers, guards, food service, and laundry workers as "Healthcare Workers" and mandates a new minimum wage of \$25 per hour. Or, about \$52,000 gross income per year.

This happens to be the average income of an elementary school teacher. Someone that attained a four year degree and a teaching credential.

With this new minimum wage ordinance, Downey is valuing housekeepers, groundskeeper, etc. as much as the teachers educating our children. This is just a slap in the face to those teachers and they deserve a pay increase after this ordinance.

Everyone deserves to earn a living wage but we have to value high skilled professions accordingly and educating our children is definitely a high skilled profession.

**Ezequiel Buenrostro
Downey**

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

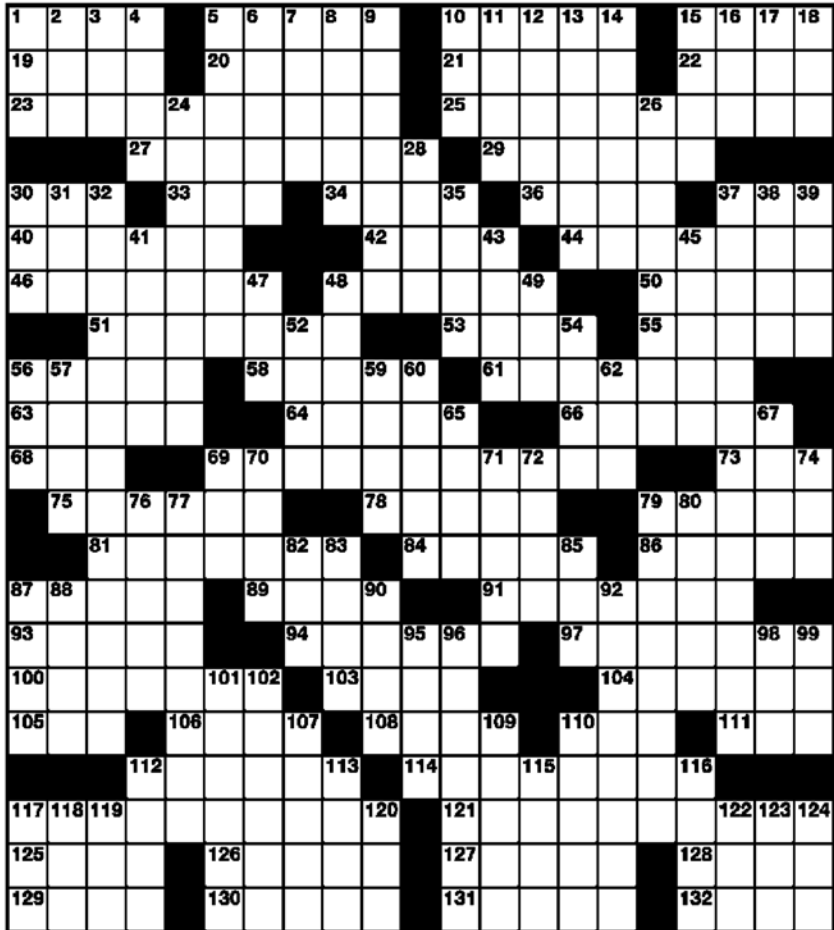
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Survey: Voters may support another Downey Unified bond measure

■ The school board is undecided about asking voters to approve a new bond this November.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A recent survey shows that a Downey Unified bond measure potentially headed for this year's ballot "has a path

forward" to success, though it will require significant effort from the school district to earn its approval.

The Downey Unified Board of Education is currently deciding whether to ask voters to approve a \$504 million bond measure this year or punt it to November 2024 when conditions may stack up more in its favor.

There is some concern that looming economic storm clouds and talk of recession might dissuade voters from taking on more taxes at this time. If approved, the bond would cost average homeowners around \$194 annually.

At their meeting last Thursday, the Board received an update on its most recent

bond tracking survey, which was conducted from July 6 through 15 by True North Research, Inc. and consisted of a random sample of 512 District voters likely to participate in November's election.

When posed with an initial ballot question, poll results indicated that around 53% of participants would "definitely"

or "probably" support the bond, short of the 55% the bond would need for the bond to pass. Around 36% responded in the negative, and just over 9% said that they were not sure.

Support received a slight boost (58%) when participants were given a list of the bond's benefits, which include several fixes, upgrades, and modernizations to classrooms and school facilities, safety and security improvements, technology upgrades, and construction of permanent buildings to replace costly portable classrooms.

However, those numbers dwindled when survey takers were given arguments against the bond, simulating an opposition campaign.

In its final ballot question, only 49% of those polled expressed support for the measure, while 40% responded negatively.

Still, several board members – particularly D. Mark Morris – expressed that the time may be now to move forward with the bond, especially with regards to rising construction costs.

"If we go forward now, hopefully it passes because construction costs are only going to go exponentially higher the longer we move this out," said Morris. "What we could

do with \$200 million would be significantly less than if we had \$200 million now."

After the meeting, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia expressed optimism for the measure, though said that "there are never any guarantees."

"What we do know is that we have an incredibly supportive community," said Garcia. "Our community outreach efforts have yielded results, but what we need is a strong bond campaign, really making sure to get the messaging out as they did in 2014, and then let the voters decide at that time."

"What I do know is that we have pervasive needs within the district. We've done a lot of work within the last 20 years or so, but even in 2014 we identified \$450 million worth of work at that time, and we passed a bond for \$250 million, so there was no way we were going to cover all of our needs, and our schools continue to age. So, we feel we have a strong case for the community to consider this, and we're hopeful that they would be supportive."

The Board has until Aug. 12 to make their final decision. It is anticipated that they will vote on how to proceed at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 9.

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Backpack Giveaway, 2 pm. Students and their families are invited to receive a free backpack and school supplies, courtesy of Gangs Out of Downey, Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

"The Magic of Folklore," 4 pm. Dances of Peru presents "The Magic of Folklore" (A Journey Through Peru and its Folklore).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

Summertime Mixer, 5-7:30 pm. Bring your business cards for a networking mixer organized by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. The Olive Restobar, 8830 Apollo Way

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.

Downey Pride Sunset Festival, 5-10 pm. Celebrate Pride in Downey with live entertainment, beer garden, DJ, dancing, vendors, food, and more. Downtown Downey

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

Downey Pride Family Picnic, 12-6 pm. Free tacos, live performances, dance tent, petting zoo, games, free photo booth, art, raffles, resource booths, and more. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Workshop: Fraud, Forgery & Internet Scams, 9 am. Join the Downey Police Department and Downey Chamber of Commerce for this free workshop on fraud, forgery and internet scams. Open to members of the Downey business community.

City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Book signing with Lizette Lopez, 1:30 pm. Lizette Lopez will read and sign copies of her book, "Santiago's Daughter." The book chronicles the life of Santiago Lopez Arellano Jr., who lived with undiagnosed bipolar disorder for many years until he became another slain victim of COVID-19. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Quartermania Fundraiser, 1 pm. A recognition luncheon for cancer survivors, followed by a quartermania fundraiser. Lunch is free for survivors, and \$10 for quartermania. For non-survivors, fee is \$20 for lunch and quartermania. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life. For details, email alysharrodriiguez@gmail.com or nancy.gutzmer@cancer.org. Legacy Church of Downey, 8333 2nd St.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

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.

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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Tea with the Queens, 11 am. Calling all past and current Miss Downey Royalty! The Downey Rose Float Association is hosting a RoyalTea to honor past and current royalty. Tickets are \$45 until 9/1/22. RSVP by calling (562) 822-7678. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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. 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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Ricky Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament, 12 pm. A golf tournament fundraiser hosted by Gangs Out of Downey. More details to follow. Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

USD State of the Schools. Save the date. After a two-year hiatus, Downey Unified School District plans to host its State of the Schools breakfast. More details to follow.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Rancho Golf Classic, 10 am. The 32nd annual Rancho Golf Classic with proceeds benefiting the programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey. Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey Dia de los Muertos Festival, 11 am to 8 pm. Save the date! Downey's annual Dia de los Muertos Festival returns to the Downey Civic Theatre. Stay tuned for details.

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

An Irish Christmas, 2:30 pm. Experience the joy of An Irish Christmas as seen on PBS! Enjoy all the holiday carols you know and love plus a spectacular high-energy display of Irish dancing at its very best. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: RENE INIGUEZ, 14559 TELEGRAPH RD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638-1054

Doing business as: LA GLORIA BAR (TYPE-ON-SALE BEER)
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and business address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: EL CENTENARIO SPORTS BAR INC, 4138 GIRL AVE., CHINO HILLS, CA 91709
The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL and is/are located at: 14559 TELEGRAPH RD., LA MIRADA, CA 90638-1054

By type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: ON-SALE BEER, License No. 40 569122

And are 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: GOLD POINT ESCROW, INC, 1901 E. LAMBERT RD, SUITE 203-T, LA HABRA, CA 90631 and the anticipated sale date is SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$170,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$500.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION/AMOUNT CASH \$5,000.00; DEMAND NOTE \$165,000.00; ALLOCATION-SUB TOTAL \$170,000.00; ALLOCATION TOTAL \$170,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/Applicant(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: RENE INIGUEZ, Seller(s)/Licensee(s) EL CENTENARIO SPORTS BAR INC, 1089914-PP DOWNEY PATRIOT 8/4/22

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: BARISAL INC., 16407 HARVEST AVE. NORWALK, CA 90650

Doing Business as: SIN LIMITE WIRELESS / SIN LIMITE WIRELESS 2
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are:

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: INVICTUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, 825 COLLEGE BLVD. STE 102-184 OCEANSIDE, CA 92057

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, SUPPLIES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS and are located at: SIN LIMITE WIRELESS, 15724 PIONEER BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650-8533; SIN LIMITE WIRELESS 2, 8210 COMMONWEALTH AVE, BUENA PARK, CA 90621-2524; SIN LIMITE WIRELESS 2, 13920 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, LA MIRADA, CA 90638-1725
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 22, 2022

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be given is: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 500 S. KRAEMER BLVD STE 275, BREA CA 92821 and the last day for filing claims shall be AUGUST 19, 2022, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
Dated: 7/27/2022
B U Y E R S : INVICTUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY 1090682-LA-PP DOWNEY PATRIOT 8/4/22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022147420

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLUE CHIP TACO, 13132 BLODGETT AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOCAL FOODS LLC, 13132 BLODGETT AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2022

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/ SOCAL FOODS LLC, CEO, NEIL BEDOLLA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022144777

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 24 SOLUTIONS LLC, 6033 TEMPLETON STREET, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) 24 SOLUTIONS LLC, 6033 TEMPLETON STREET, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
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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/ 24 SOLUTIONS LLC, PRESIDENT, JESUS ALBERTO CAMPOS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 29, 2022
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022170646

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELLEZA DIVINA, 17428 KESWICK AVE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91325, COUNTY OF LOS ANELES, 17428 KESWICK AVE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91325

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JACQUELINE RAMIREZ, 17428 KESWICK AVE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91325
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2022

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S/ JACQUELINE RAMIREZ, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022144009

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LASHES BY ROSY, 9047 FLORENCE AVE SUITE F, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 5706 LINDEN AVE APT A, LONG BEACH CA 90805

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSARIO OCAMPO, 5706 LINDEN AVE APT A, LONG BEACH CA 90805
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2020

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S/ ROSARIO OCAMPO, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022149845

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOUR FAVORITE SHOP, 10853 LITTLE LAKE RD., DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LESLIE MARIE AMEZQUITA, 10853 LITTLE LAKE RD., 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: 07/2022

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 MARIE AMEZQUITA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 6, 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
7/14/22, 7/21/22, 7/28/22, 8/4/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022131174

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RAMIREZ TIRE SERVICE, 16127 LAKEWOOD BLVD.,

BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA LUISA RAMIREZ, 5521 FERTILE STREET, LYNWOOD CA 90262
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/ MARIA LUISA RAMIREZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 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
7/14/22, 7/21/22, 7/28/22, 8/4/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022163268

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SYSTECHS (2) ON CORE PRO., 11839 SMITH AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 249 W BAYWOOD AVE SUITE B, ORANGE CA 92665

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THE PACCIFIC LABOR GROUP, INC., 11839 SMITH AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
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: 07/2022

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/ JUAN LABRADOR GROUP, INC., PRESIDENT, MICHAEL CIABATTONI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 21, 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
7/28/22, 8/4/22, 8/11/22, 8/18/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022152880

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE BLUESTEM (2) TORRANCE TRAVELODGE (3) BLUESTEM HOTEL (4) THE BLUESTEM HOTEL (5) THE BLUESTEM SOUTH BAY HOTEL (6) THE BLUESTEM TORRANCE, 2448 SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE CA 90501, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NARS INC., 2448 SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE CA 90501
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: 01/2019

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/ NARS INC., PRESIDENT, MADHU CHANANI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 11, 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).

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8/4/22, 8/11/22, 8/18/22, 8/25/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022139854

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LAKEWOOD TOWNHOMES, 11712 216TH STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90715, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 2ND STREET SUITE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TUYET LLC, 8111 FIRESTONE BLVD., UNIT 486, DOWEY CA 90241
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: 02/2022

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/ TUYET LLC, MANAGER, LOY PHAM

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 24, 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).

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).

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7/21/22, 7/28/22, 8/4/22, 8/11/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022171679

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEW LIVE ELECTRIC, 10207 HOPELAND AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD MICHAEL ALATORRE, 10207 HOPELAND AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 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
8/4/22, 8/11/22, 8/18/22, 8/25/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022150063

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JS AUTO SALES, 1051 N CITRUS AVE STE E, COVINA CA 90722, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JS AUTO SALES LLC, 1051 N CITRUS AVE STE E, COVINA CA 91722
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

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

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 6, 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).

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7/21/22, 7/28/22, 8/4/22, 8/11/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022160839

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEWCARGODS, COM, 8909 BLUFORD AVE, WHITTIER CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 2226 S. BUDLONG AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90007

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS E. MORALES MARTINEZ, 8909 BLUFORD AVE., WHITTIER CA 90602
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: 07/2022

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 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

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is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **SEPTEMBER 26, 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, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** JULY 28, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
SHARLENE MARIE BEVERLEY
12501 PARAMOUNT BLVD #202
DOWNEY, CA 90242
(562) 335-5092
Sharlene123@aol.com

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

CASE NUMBER: **22NWCP00286**
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **ARACELY ROMERO CORONADO** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) **ARACELY ROMERO CORONADO** to Proposed name (1) **AIDA ARACELY CORONADO**
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: **SEPTEMBER 19, 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, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** JULY 19, 2022
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ARACELY ROMERO CORONADO
9309 PARROT AVE
DOWNEY, CA 90240
562-335-2495
AAC3975@GMAIL.COM

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000009369992 Title Order No.: 210885955 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 197-3561782-952/255 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/04/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP**, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 02/16/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0358327 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: **ERCILLA DEL ROSARIO, A WIDOW, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT** or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/02/2022 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7664 PURITAN STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6245-028-013 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed

or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$375,137.13. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 833-561-0243 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site **WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM** for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000009369992. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 833-561-0243, or visit this internet website **WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM** using the file number assigned to this case 00000009369992 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. **BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP** IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP** as Trustee 3990 E. Concourse Street, Suite 350 Ontario, CA 91764 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 07/29/2022 A-4755394 08/04/2022, 08/11/2022, 08/18/2022

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T.S. No. 100681-CA APN: 6364-019-008
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/24/2004, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED

AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 8/22/2022 at 11:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/5/2004 as Instrument No. 04 0802797 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California executed by: **MARLA C. BURTON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON 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; BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **9102 MEL DAR AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$166,794.31 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. 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Orchestra closes out Downey's summer concert series



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■ Kids help conduct the Downey Symphony in free performance at Furman Park.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY – It was a lovely Southern California evening, clear skies, light breeze, and the lushly orchestrated movie music of John Williams.

We celebrated his 90th birthday by listening to such pieces as The Imperial March from “Star Wars” and Hedwig’s plaintive theme from the first Harry Potter movie.

Downey Symphonic Society President Anthony Crespo welcomed the large crowd to the concert, and thanked DSS board member Joanne Gronley for helping to make it possible. Anthony reminded everyone that the Downey Symphonic Orchestra’s first performance in the Downey Theatre will be on Saturday, Oct. 15. Folks, if you enjoyed tonight, you ain’t seen nothing yet.

Volunteers from the Downey Rose Float Association were serving steamed hot dogs with all the fixings, and delicious slices of pie. Lucky me, I got a piece of the pecan pie. On New Year’s Day 2023, I’ll know my pennies helped buy a rose or two on Downey’s signature float.

Pops-goers included Martha Soretani picnicking with Gordon and Skylar, and Cindy, a friend of Gordon’s from Colombia. Martha is retiring from the school board after 17 sterling years of service.

“I just felt it was time,” she said.

Cheryl and Bob Belcher were a twosome as they sat together and listened. Dan Hurlock, Downey’s fire chief, said he tries not to miss any of the summer series, ably put on by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Bernice Mancebo

Stumps told us she had celebrated her own birthday earlier this month.

“On the day the Declaration of Independence was really signed,” she said. “July 2nd. Not the 4th.”

The light from the setting sun touched the leaves on the trees and lit the long hair of the young girls. Against a sunset that ranged from gold to orange to pink, and then purple and gray, Music Director Sharon Lavery conducted the orchestra in a rendition of “America the Beautiful,” and then swung into Morton Gould’s setting of “When Johnny Comes Marching Home,” a Civil War song that tells musically of the soldiers’ longing for the end of the war.

The medley of American military service anthems always draws applause as members of the audience who have served, or who have family members who have served, stand when their music is

played. Folks sang and clapped for the Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, and the Navy.

The finale is always the family part of the show, when Conductor Sharon announced she’s too tired to close the evening, and needs some help. Swarms of children run to line up for the stairs leading up to the stage. A mother led her two children by the hands, and a father carried a toddler in his arms and helped her conduct a rousing Souza march.

The orchestra plays on as long as there is a child waiting, from the piccolo to the cymbal player, the trumpets and trombone to the French horn. The double bass player twirled his fiddle and the violins played mightily. They love this as much as we do.

“Thank you for coming,” said Sharon. “This is your Downey Symphony Orchestra.”



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