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## City holding job fair Saturday

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a recruitment expo Saturday at Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center as it looks to hire part-time workers.

Positions are available in multiple programs, including aquatics, facilities, office/front counter, camps and youth programs.

Candidates ages 16 and older will have the opportunity to meet with Parks and Recreation and human resources professionals, access to computers to submit an application, and participate in interviews if time allows.

The expo is from 10 am to 4:30 pm for pre-registered applicants and 1-3:30 pm for walk-ins.

For questions or more information, call (562) 904-7223 or email [jobfair@downeyca.org](mailto:jobfair@downeyca.org).

## Nominate your Woman of the Year

**DOWNEY** – Assembly woman Blanca Pacheco is accepting nominations for her 2024 Woman of the Year.

Pacheco is hosting her second annual Woman of the Year Awards in March, celebrating women of distinction in various backgrounds, including businesswomen, artists, community organizers, teachers, medical professionals, activists, religious leaders, researchers, and more.

Nominations are open to women who live or contribute to the 64th Assembly District, which includes Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, La Habra, La Mirada, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, and unincorporated East and South Whittier.

To make a nomination, call Pacheco's district office at (562) 861-5803 or visit her district website.

## Meet the Mayor



Mayor Mario Trujillo will be at the Downey Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Feb. 8, at 12 pm to meet with the public and chat about local issues.



A street vendor walks alongside Rio Hondo Elementary School on Jan. 30. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

# LA County tentatively approves sidewalk vending ordinance

■ Proposed rules require street vendors that sell food to obtain county health permits.

By City News Service

**DOWNEY** – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Tuesday tentatively approved a pair of ordinances regulating sidewalk food vendors, including the establishment of fees that the county hopes to largely subsidize.

The ordinances will both return to the board for final approval next week.

According to Supervisor Hilda Solis' office, there are roughly 10,000 sidewalk vendors selling food in the county, most of them coming from Latino and other communities of color.

"Sidewalk vending, including food vending, represents an integral part of the cultural and civic fabric of Los Angeles County," Solis said in a statement. "This is especially true in the First District, where communities like East Los Angeles have long been a hub for food vending. For many residents, especially those from low-income or immigrant communities, food vending represents one of the few economic pathways to attain financial independence and stability."

The board approved two ordinances, the first of which outlines health permit requirements for "compact mobile food operations," which



A street vendor stands outside of Griffiths Middle School shortly after classes let out for the day on Jan. 30. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

are smaller operations run from carts or other non-motorized equipment. The ordinance, which would apply to all vendors in the county -- except those in Pasadena, Long Beach and Vernon, which all have their own health departments. The city of Long Beach last week approved its own sidewalk vending ordinance.

Under the county ordinance, obtaining a health permit would require the operator to

pay an initial fee, ranging from \$508 for a low-risk operation selling pre-packaged food to \$1,186 for higher-risk vendors who prepare and sell hot food, such as a taco stand or hot dog cart. Vendors would then have to pay ongoing annual fees ranging from \$226 to \$1,000, depending on the type of vending.

Solis said she plans to introduce a motion next week aimed at largely subsidizing

those fees for low-income vendors, who could have as much as 75% of the health-permit cost covered.

The second ordinance approved by the board sets regulations for vendors, including restrictions on where and when they can operate and requirements for distance between vendors. Vendors would also be barred from connecting to any public utilities such as water and power sources.

Under that ordinance, vendors would have to register with the county and pay a registration fee of \$604. That fee, however, would also be largely subsidized by the county Department of Economic Opportunity, which would cover the full cost of the permit in the first year, then reduce it to \$100 in subsequent years.

"We must do all we can to encourage vendors to register and enter the formal economy," Solis said in a statement. "That includes removing as many financial barriers as possible that could hinder participation. These vendors are microentrepreneurs in the truest sense, and their net revenues may be such that even a fee of a few hundred dollars represents a significant burden."

"I appreciate our Department of Economic Opportunity finding a way to waive the fees for the first year while greatly reducing them in the subsequent years. At the same time, it is critical that we also address the Department of Public Health fees."

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 63°

Saturday 61°

Sunday 60°

## ON THIS DAY

**1790:**

The first session of the Supreme Court of the United States was held, in New York City.

**1884:**

The first of 10 volumes of the Oxford English Dictionary was published in London, the final volume being published April 19, 1928.

**1901:**

Motion-picture star Clark Gable, whose enormous popularity made him the "King of Hollywood," was born in Cadiz, Ohio.

**1960:**

Protesting a segregated lunch counter at a Woolworth's in Greensboro, North Carolina, four African Americans began a sit-in; its success led to a wider sit-in movement throughout the South.

**1965:**

Peter Jennings was selected by ABC News to host its nightly news; only 26, Jennings was criticized for his inexperience.

**1982:**

"Late Night with David Letterman" debuted on NBC with Bill Murray as the first guest.

**2004:**

In what was perhaps the most controversial halftime show in Super Bowl history, pop singer Janet Jackson experienced a "wardrobe malfunction" when part of her bustier was ripped off by Justin Timberlake.

**2003:**

While returning to Earth from an orbital mission, the U.S. space shuttle Columbia broke up catastrophically at an altitude of about 40 miles over Texas, killing all seven crew members.



**2017:**

In a post on Instagram that was liked over 8 million times in 24 hours, Beyoncé revealed she was pregnant with twins.

## BIRTHDAYS

Comedian **PAULY SHORE** (56), rapper **BIG BOI** (49), reality star **LAURA CONRAD** (38), wrestler **RONDA ROUSEY** (37), pop singer **HARRY STYLES** (30) and "Ozark" star **JULIA GARNER** (30).



# Driver charged with DUI after school crash

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – A driver who crashed through a playground fence at Gallatin Elementary School was arrested on suspicion of DUI, Downey Police say.

According to DPD, officers responded to multiple reports of a traffic collision in the area of Gallatin and Manzanar Avenues at around 4:45 on Thursday, Jan. 25, where they found the driver, a 33-year-old resident of Commerce, suffering from moderate injuries. He was transported to a nearby hospital.

Two other adult pedestrians were in close proximity to the collision, however no children were injured or involved.

The incident is currently under investigation.

The crash damaged the school's kindergarten playground. Downey Unified School District also confirmed that no students (or staff) were hurt.

According to the District, the site was secured by its facilities department with temporary fencing, and they are "working quickly to repair the playground with a permanent fencing solution that will increase safety for all of our students and staff."

An alternative space will be found in the meantime for students to still be able to enjoy their recess as usual.

# Legislators look to strengthen retail theft penalties

■ A new state bill would make a third shoplifting offense a felony.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

**NORWALK** – State Senator Bob Archuleta, D - 30th Senate District, and Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer introduced California Senate Bill 923 to tackle the rising retail theft in the state at a press conference in Norwalk on Friday.

The bill aims to reimpose provisions of Penal Code 666.1, relating to serial theft, where a person convicted of petty theft or shoplifting after a third offense may face prison time in county jail for one to three years, depending on the severity of the crime.

Under the bill, a first and second offense are misdemeanors

and a third offense would be charged as a felony, Archuleta explained.

"SB 923 will improve California's ability to stop organized and professional groups of thieves that target California's neighborhoods," Archuleta said. "This bill will help end the current practice of repeat offenders being released without jail time."

The state experienced a 5.9% increase in property crime in 2022 compared to 2021, with an 8.7% rise since 2020, according to statistics reported by the Public Policy Institute of California. Of reported property crimes in California in 2022, 64% were larceny thefts.

Supporters, including Spitzer, argue the current law is ineffective in addressing theft-related crimes. Spitzer also addressed concerns that longer prison time would overcrowd prisons in the state.

"Repeat offenders are not accidental criminals. They know they are breaking the law by stealing, and they do it anyway because current law makes the



State Senator Bob Archuleta (left) and DA Todd Spitzer (right), introduce Senate Bill 923 during a Friday press conference in Norwalk. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

risk far less than the reward," Spitzer said. "If this bill becomes law, it will be one year in county jail for a misdemeanor. If it's charged as a felony and there's a conviction and sentencing it will be up to three years in county jail."

Karen Spilsbury, Executive Director of the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, supported the bill and

emphasized the challenges small businesses face due to frequent thefts.

"The other night, I saw a Bellflower business which has been broken into four times and he's only been open for business for three months," Spilsbury said. "When we got the word that this bill was going forward and Senator Archuleta was introducing it, our Gateway Chambers Alliance immediately took action and voted to support this bill."

SB 923 is currently in the early stages of the legislative process, but Archuleta expressed he does not anticipate opposition as he expects the bill to receive bipartisan support. He said it would take several months before the Senate could vote on the bill.



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**CDBG & HOME Community Meetings**

The City of Downey has scheduled two (2) community meetings for review of the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 federal CDBG and HOME Programs. These meetings provide information on both the CDBG & HOME programs and discuss the community's needs. The meetings also allow an opportunity for community members and service providers to offer input regarding the annual development process of the Action Plan, by commenting on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities, and proposed uses for both funding sources. In Fiscal Year 2024-25 the City anticipates receiving \$972,424 in CDBG and \$481,259 in HOME funds. You are invited to join staff at any of the scheduled community meetings below:

**Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am (In-Person)**  
Columbia Memorial Space Center, Theatre Room  
12400 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242

**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (Virtual)**  
Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 237 968 266 397 Passcode: JeotPj

Call-in Number for Virtual Meeting (Audio Only): 1 707-583-9889, 49319700#

For additional information, or to arrange special accommodations for this meeting, please contact Jessica Flores at (562) 904-7152 or via e-mail at [jflores@downeyca.org](mailto:jflores@downeyca.org)




**CDBG & HOME Community Meeting**

La Ciudad De Downey a programado dos (2) juntas comunitarias acerca de los programas creados con recursos federales llamados CDBG y HOME para el proximo año fiscal 2024-25. Estas juntas proporcionan informacion acerca de CDBG y HOME, y se dialoga sobre las necesidades en la comunidad relevante a estos programas. Durante la junta se dara una oportunidad para que miembros de la comunidad y los proveedores de servicios, den su punto de vista sobre el proceso anual del Plan de Accion asociado con estos dos programas, y sobre las necesidades comunitarias en temas de: vivienda, desarrollo de las prioridades de los programas y el uso propuesto para utilizar los fondos de estos programas. La Ciudad anticipa recibir \$972,424 en recursos CDBG y \$481,259 en recursos de HOME el año fiscal 2024-25. Está invitado a unirse al personal de la ciudad, en cualquiera de las reuniones programadas a continuación:

**Jueves, Febrero 8 a las 10 am (En Persona)**  
Columbia Memorial Space Center, Theatre Room  
12400 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242

**Martes, Febrero 13 a las 5:30 pm (Virtual)**  
Numero de ID de Reunion Microsoft Teams: 237 968 266 397 Contraseña: JeotPj

Número de Llamada para la Reunione (Solo Audio): 1 707-583-9889 ,49319700#

Para informacion adicional, o para hacer arreglos especiales para esta reunión, por favor contacte a Jessica Flores al (562) 904-7152 o por e-mail a [jflores@downeyca.org](mailto:jflores@downeyca.org)



# Beloved choir director calls it a career

■ Warren High School's Robert Petersen says this is the final year of his teaching career.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – After 19 years, longtime Warren High School Choir Director Robert Petersen is taking his final bow.

Petersen, 61, has seen his music program develop and change over the years. This year he has three choir classes, known by their ensemble names The Bear Tones, Bel Canto, and Varsity. His audition-based seasonal Holiday Singers and Warren Singers perform community-wide throughout the first and last half of the year, respectively. His three guitar classes continue to pick up steam.

He even hosts "Café Desha," a place where students can hang out and have more opportunities to perform during their lunch period.

Throughout his tenure at Warren, the choir program has garnered success, earning awards and seeing students make state honor choirs.

Still, Petersen is his own hardest critic, and he has never been quite satisfied.

"We've had a lot of success over the years, but I don't know, I've always been a little bit frustrated with what we were able to accomplish," said Petersen. "Maybe that's a good thing, that you're always just striving."

There is no doubt that Petersen's work with Warren's choir program is palpable; a beloved teacher by the hundreds of singers who entered his classroom throughout his career.

It's ironic, considering that he never thought about, nor necessarily wanted to be a teacher.

Originally pursuing a master's degree in conducting at Azusa Pacific University, he really only got his teaching credential because he decided to "up my music degree, to a music ed degree."

"Even when I got my first job, I didn't know if I wanted to do it," said Petersen. "I said I'll try this two years, see if I like it."

His first official teaching position was at a middle school in Covina, where he spent over three years teaching choir and band. While he did eventually begin to have fun in his position, he was stifled by a principal who limited what he could do with his program.

Luckily, Warren's then-band and choir director and Petersen's former Azusa Pacific roommate Guy Holliday would recruit him to Downey Unified around 1997.

"He saw what I was doing at the middle school in Covina, we were still in touch, and he found out there was an opening over at West Middle School. Mid-year I came over," said Petersen. "I wasn't happy, in my three and a half years, I wasn't real happy where I was, and I was anxious to come over here to feed his

band program."

Petersen spent several years at West (now Mary R. Stauffer). Finding the administrative support that he previously lacked, Petersen said he "went crazy."

"I just started doing camps, doing everything, and the band was really successful here, really good," said Petersen.

In 2003, Holliday would move on from Warren, and Warren's band and choir director positions were split up.

While he says he wasn't immediately ready to take over when Holliday left, Petersen would make the jump up to Warren two years later in 2005.

"When Holliday first left, I wasn't ready to come over," said Petersen. "Eventually, I was like, I was ready to move to the high school. I wasn't unhappy at West, I was just ready for a change I guess, and wanted to come over here and try what I had grown up with, with singing."

"I grew up in choir, I didn't grow up in band, but I had a lot of success in the middle school band, and I loved it, but I wanted to try choir."

Petersen's background in choir stems primarily in church and school choirs. He also plays guitar.

"I remember in junior high, somehow I got involved in choir in junior high for the first time; it was my first experience," said Petersen. "So, when I first moved to a high school, different area, I was playing guitar and singing in church choirs and had a little bit of experience at school choir, and then I just got into the high school choir."

"There, I had a really good choir director, and it just became home. My high school experience was all choir. I loved it, I lived it. Just like these kids that come in here, it's their family away from home; I just had a great experience, and it really impacted me."

While directing a choir program naturally comes with challenges, the pandemic and the resulting aftermath proved especially tough on Petersen. He admits that the pandemic was the start of his decision to retire.

"Covid really was a turning point too; I never even thought about retiring until Covid, and

then when we came back from Covid, we were wearing masks, it was a pain in the butt," said Petersen. "I hated teaching. I hated teaching during Covid, and I hated teaching after Covid, until I was able to grow the program back up."

"That is when I started thinking, 'Hey, how close am I?' And when I found how close I was, I couldn't stop thinking about it. And then when I made the decision, there was no turning back."

Petersen says "It's just right."

"I'm just tired. I'm tired of doing this same old thing," said Petersen. "It's a grind to get up and just keep doing it, so it's just time to turn it over to somebody younger."

In retirement, Petersen plans to move back to his home state of Kentucky with his wife to be closer to his mom and sisters. He is also expecting his first grandchild in July.

Other than that, his schedule is pretty open ended and could include everything from woodworking, to fishing, to joining a rock band, to traveling. While his students have expressed bittersweet

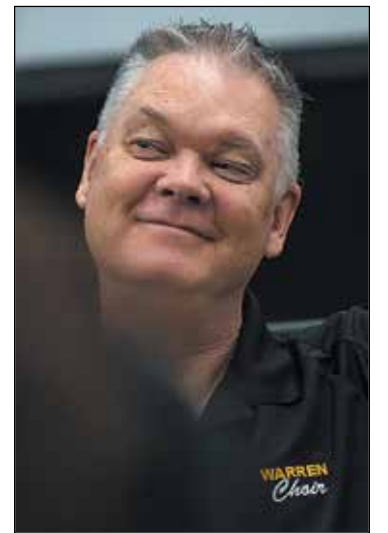


Photo by Alex Dominguez

sentiment to his departure, he remains excited to take his next step.

He says Warren has been "a really good place for me."

"I've learned along with the kids; learned about life, I've learned about a lot of things," said Petersen. "DUSD has been a good place for me, a good home," said Petersen. "I've discovered over the years that I'm a builder, and I like to build things... I've been here 19 years in this room, and everything you see has my hand on it, and I'm super proud of that. But I'm excited to move on and leave it to somebody else."

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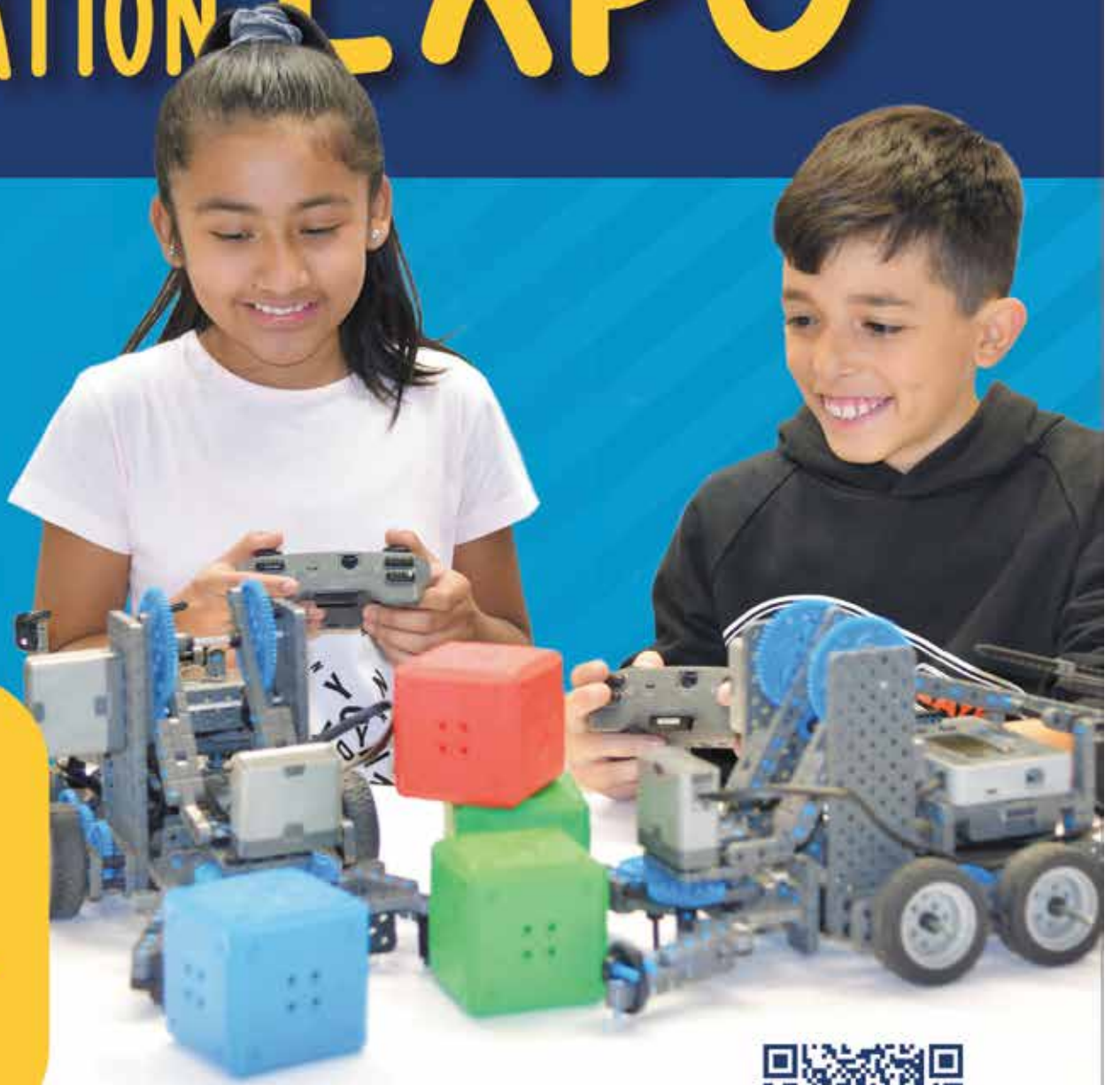
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# Hundreds arrested in undercover sex stings

■ A crackdown on sex buyers and traffickers netted 539 arrests across the region.

By City News Service

More than 500 arrests were made in a week-long, statewide anti-human trafficking operation that included personnel from the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, authorities said Tuesday.

The 10th annual Operation Reclaim and Rebuild, which was conducted from Jan. 21-27, involved more than 95 federal, state and local agencies, including personnel from the Los Angeles Regional Human

Trafficking Task Force.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna announced the results of the operation at a Tuesday morning news conference at the Hall of Justice in downtown Los Angeles.

Luna said authorities made 539 arrests during the operation, including 40 suspected "sexual traffickers or exploiters" and 271 suspected "sex buyers." Also, 54 adults and 11 juveniles were rescued, including a 14-year-old girl, Luna said. It was unclear how many arrests were made in Los Angeles County.

"Human trafficking and child exploitation are devastating crimes that prey on some of the most vulnerable members of our community,"

Luna said.

"This week-long operation demonstrates that if you engage in human trafficking activities, harm our children, and destroy lives, there will be absolute consequences; and there is no refuge for predators in the state of California," Luna said.

In one Los Angeles County operation, task force personnel conducted an undercover "sex buyer" operation on a stretch of Holt Avenue in Pomona, Luna said. Twelve males, two of whom are registered sex offenders, were arrested on suspicion of solicitation of prostitution, Luna said.

In San Diego County, a 17-year-old girl was at the Parkway Plaza Mall in El Cajon

when she was approached by a man who told her "she should be a model" and gave her a business card that had a phone number on it, Luna said.

The girl called the number, and she was told that she would be "doing date sex with guys at hotels." The girl told her mother, who contacted authorities, and the suspect was arrested on suspicion of human trafficking of a minor and other offenses, Luna said.

Luna was joined at the news conference by Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón, and representatives from the LAPD, the federal Department of Homeland Security and other agencies.



Police arrested 539 people in a regional crackdown on human trafficking.

Luna noted that although enforcement personnel work the annual statewide operation year-round to target human traffickers, which is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, law

# Garcia sponsors bill to fund foster youth

■ A bill by Rep. Robert Garcia would provide a guaranteed income to kids aging out of foster care.

Rep. Robert Garcia introduced a bill to provide universal basic income for foster youth aging out of the foster care system.

The bill, co-authored by

Rep. Ilhan Omar (MN), would create a new federal program to provide \$1,000 a month to young adults exiting foster care for five years.

The City of Long Beach introduced a universal basic income pilot when Garcia was mayor.

"As Mayor of Long Beach, we built and launched a

transformational Guaranteed Income program that is now directly helping hundreds of low income families," said Congressman Garcia. "That's why I am so proud to introduce the Guaranteed Income for Foster Youth Act, because there are major gaps in the federal foster system, and we need to be building on the lessons of pilot programs like those in my home state of California.

More than one-fifth of foster care youth experience homelessness for at least one day within a year of emancipation.

The Guaranteed Income for Foster Youth Act would specifically authorize States to provide \$1,000 per month to all foster youth, including youth with disabilities, who were in foster care after 14 years of age, who exited foster care after 16 years of age, and who have not yet turned 27 years of age.

Furthermore, all eligible youth who have turned 18 years of age will be automatically enrolled. All participating youth will receive \$1,000 per month in cash benefits totaling no more than \$12,000 during

any 12 consecutive months. Additionally, all youth will be able to participate in voluntary financial literacy education.

"Aging out of foster care can be an incredibly difficult and vulnerable time for youth. Without a stable support system, far too many find themselves unprepared to transition successfully into adulthood. Guaranteed basic income for emancipated foster youth recognizes this challenge and provides a critical lifeline when they need it most. By giving these young people an economic foundation, we set them on the path towards self-sufficiency. We're sending a



Rep. Robert Garcia

message that we believe in their potential," said Congresswoman Omar.

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## The gig economy is exploiting more workers

Businesses are increasingly misclassifying their employees as independent contractors.

By Terri Gerstein

Terri Gerstein is the director of the N.Y.U. Wagner Labor Initiative at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

What comes to mind when you think of a mom-and-pop small business: A hardware store? A diner? A family-run clothing store or small-scale supermarket?

Here's one that's probably never crossed your mind: a dishwashing business. By that, I mean a business of a single person — unincorporated, no business address or capital behind him, just one guy — working as a dishwasher for a restaurant, using the restaurant's machinery to wash the restaurant's dishes on the restaurant's premises.

Two explosive enforcement actions disclosed by the City and County of Denver this month expose the lengths to which some corporations will go in trying to exploit the "gig" business model. At issue is whether dishwashers and others like them, placed in their jobs by online temporary staffing agencies, are employees of the agencies or independent contractors running their own businesses.

To Denver Labor, the city's labor enforcement office, they are employees under law. The office recently issued citations to two businesses, Instawork and Gigpro, seeking over \$1 million in restitution and fines.

These two staffing companies place workers in a range of hospitality positions, including as servers, bartenders, line and prep cooks and, yes, dishwashers. The citations assert that the companies misclassified the workers as independent contractors and in doing so, violated the city's minimum wage ordinance and state law on paid sick leave.

Colorado's labor law defines an employee as any person who performs labor or services for the benefit of an employer. Factors that go into making that determination include the degree of control an employer exercises over the person and the degree to which the person's work is the primary work of the employer. By contrast, an independent contractor is considered someone who works primarily free of control and direction and is "customarily engaged" in an independent trade or business related to the service performed.

The Denver cases may at first glance seem like small potatoes. But they are actually a very big deal. The cases demonstrate the spread of the exploitative gig business model far beyond Uber drivers and DoorDash food deliverers, to encompass a growing number of jobs that have long been performed by employees with legal protections. And the cases illustrate the urgent need for government intervention to safeguard core workplace rights.

Because workplace laws protect employees and not independent contractors, gig companies like Uber and Lyft save a bucket of money on both wages and taxes by avoiding the obligations that every other employer must



follow: wage-related laws as well as unemployment, Social Security and Medicare taxes. As a result, gig workers can find themselves paid sub-minimum wages, for example, or left without workers' compensation when injured or killed on the job. Another consequence is that law-abiding employers face unfair competition with businesses that don't follow the rules, and critical safety-net programs like unemployment insurance lose badly needed funds.

The Denver cases make it clear that the gig business model isn't just about drivers and food delivery workers anymore. Instawork, for example, also places warehouse, housekeeping, janitorial and retail workers, and Gigpro places workers at hotels. San Francisco's city attorney, David Chiu, sued Qwick, a hospitality staffing company, last year, succinctly summing up the gig business model: "Qwick is inequality disguised as innovation, a staffing company with an app that is in flagrant violation of labor and employment laws."

With rare exceptions, businesses that use similar independent contractor models in other sectors, like health care and education, generally have not yet faced government scrutiny. If corporations can avoid workplace laws just by hiring workers via an app and giving them a modicum of scheduling flexibility, workers are in big trouble.

Denver Labor's citations lay out in detail the extensive control that Instawork and Gigpro exerted over their workers. At Instawork, for example, workers (in company lingo, "professionals") can't use their cellphones while on the job, their performance is continuously monitored, and they must have their location tracking services activated. As the citations note, there are also public health implications, when "workers who prepare and serve food and beverages" in "close-quarters interactions" are denied paid sick leave.

The Biden administration's Labor Department earlier this month issued a robust federal rule, effective in March, that is likely to make it harder for employers to treat workers as independent contractors rather than employees. It's already been challenged in court by a group of freelance writers and editors.

Given the Supreme Court's hostility to worker rights and government regulation, state and local governments must play a leading role in protecting workers. Some, like Denver Labor, have already stepped up to the task. The attorneys general for Minnesota and the District of Columbia sued the gig delivery company Shipt in 2022, and New York City and Seattle recently enacted minimum wages for certain gig workers.

But the spread of the exploitative model laid bare by Denver Labor shows the need for far more action.

New laws preventing abuses by tightening the definition of "independent contractor" would help. But legislation alone isn't the answer; enforcement is also essential. Even under current law in many states, workers engaged by these online platforms — restaurant dishwashers, prep cooks, hospital nurses and janitors — would already be considered employees entitled to the protection of workplace laws.

American businesses large and small have managed to operate and flourish while paying minimum wage and overtime, providing a safe workplace, buying workers' compensation insurance, and paying unemployment insurance and other payroll taxes. They've made a choice not to engage in the fiction that their employees are running small businesses. Allowing the gig model to expand and fester would be a choice as well — a choice with terrible outcomes for workers.

## Newsroom layoffs are dangerous

Traditional media's struggles to raise revenue comes at the worst possible time.

By David Zurawik

David Zurawik is a professor of practice in media studies at Goucher College.

The drumbeat of layoffs, buyouts and downsizing in newsrooms has been all too steady and strong for the last two decades. But it seems to have grown louder and faster in recent days with news of layoffs at Business Insider, the Los Angeles Times, TIME Magazine and elsewhere.

Having lived through too many layoffs at the beleaguered Baltimore Sun during my 32 years there, I know about the

personal cost to good journalists of the bloody process some HR professionals euphemistically call "right sizing."

But there's also a larger societal cost that comes with shrinking newsrooms at this moment in an election year when political disinformation is clearly on the rise. A democracy cannot function without accurate, vetted, factual information that citizens can trust in making decisions like who to vote for, one of the most important civic decisions in a democracy. But we are drowning in a sea of disinformation, and there are fewer and fewer lifeguards to rescue us.

The relationship came into sharp focus for me earlier this week with the news that New Hampshire residents received a robocall using what sounded like President Joe Biden's voice, urging them not to vote in the primary.

Major news organizations like CNN reported that artificial intelligence (AI) likely generated the fake voice, and almost everyone in mainstream media saw it as only the tip of the iceberg with amped-up disinformation headed our way as the battle for the White House becomes fully engaged.

Tim Franklin, senior associate dean and director of the Local News Initiative at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, said in an email to me that this rising tide of technology-generated disinformation in society and declining number of journalists in newsrooms is a "perfect storm."

"Last year was a brutal year for job losses in the news industry, totaling about 2,700. That was the highest level since the first year of the pandemic. The job cuts at the L.A. Times and elsewhere in recent weeks are an ominous sign that trend is continuing, if not accelerating," he told me in an email exchange. "And this is happening in an election year when people need more reliable news and information to make informed decisions. That means the economic travails of local news are colliding with the societal need for accurate and trusted news and information in an election year. It's a perfect storm."

Politicians have also noted the danger of the new tech-driven disinformation in this election year. Several senators recently introduced a bipartisan bill aimed at prohibiting deceptive AI-generated audio, images or video in political ads. But good luck getting Congress to pass anything these days.

Congress itself is, of course, a crucial environment where we need more journalists, not fewer, attuned to these issues — especially when you consider that some conservative

members, notably Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), are targeting academic researchers who try to chart the ways in which disinformation is created and disseminated. The lawmakers allege anti-conservative bias and label their efforts as censorship.

On Monday, 10 members of the California congressional delegation wrote to Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, the billionaire owner of the Los Angeles Times, expressing their concerns about the effects layoffs would have on "on all Angelenos, the availability of essential news and the strength of our democracy at large."

According to a Los Angeles Times report, Soon-Shiong responded in part to the lawmakers by pointing to legislation in Australia and Canada that forces tech giants like Google and Facebook to pay newspapers when they use their content. He questioned the politicians on their willingness to do that here.

The deleterious effects of layoffs like the one at the Times go beyond the sheer reduction of numbers, as stark as those figures are. Several members of senior management are now gone, and with them the months of planning that go into covering an election like the one we are now in. And that's just the leadership part of it. There's also the reduced number of reporters and editors still employed in covering the election, and the morale issues they face in the wake of what took place to many of their colleagues. Soon-Shiong said the cuts were painful but necessary, as the paper loses tens of millions of dollars each year.

Shrinking newsrooms are part of a larger abrogation by media owners of the civic responsibility that was once a given in owning a journalistic platform. It goes hand in hand with companies such as Alden Global Capital ending the tradition of newspaper editorial pages endorsing candidates, while Gannett has urged its editors to cut back on editorials.

Tech billionaires now control much of our media, and many of them are geared toward profit, not public service. Serving democracy does not seem to be a top priority — no matter how threatened democracy might be.

The moment we are in is a perfect storm, all right. And it's headed for an already battered democracy that is facing challenges on multiple fronts, ranging from a candidate who continues to sow distrust in the democratic process itself by calling the 2020 election a fraud, to an electorate as polarized and angry as any since the Civil War.

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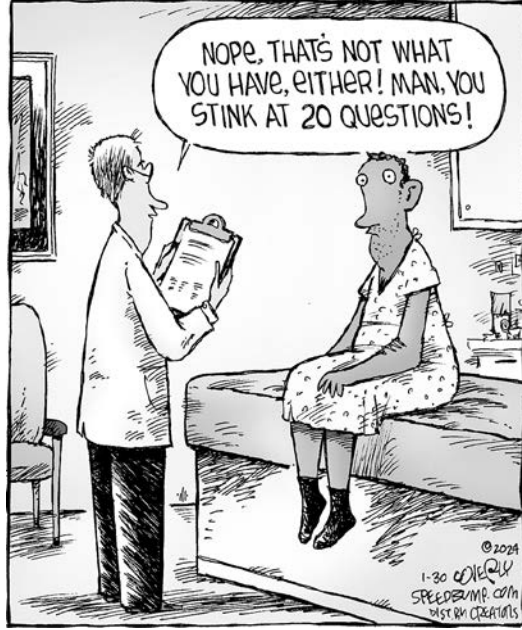
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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 9 am: Quilters Group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
- 3rd Wed.,: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- 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.
- 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.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
- 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.

#### SATURDAYS

- 9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 9-11 am: Free pancake breakfast, at Trinity Baptist Church in Downey, 8219 Florence Ave.

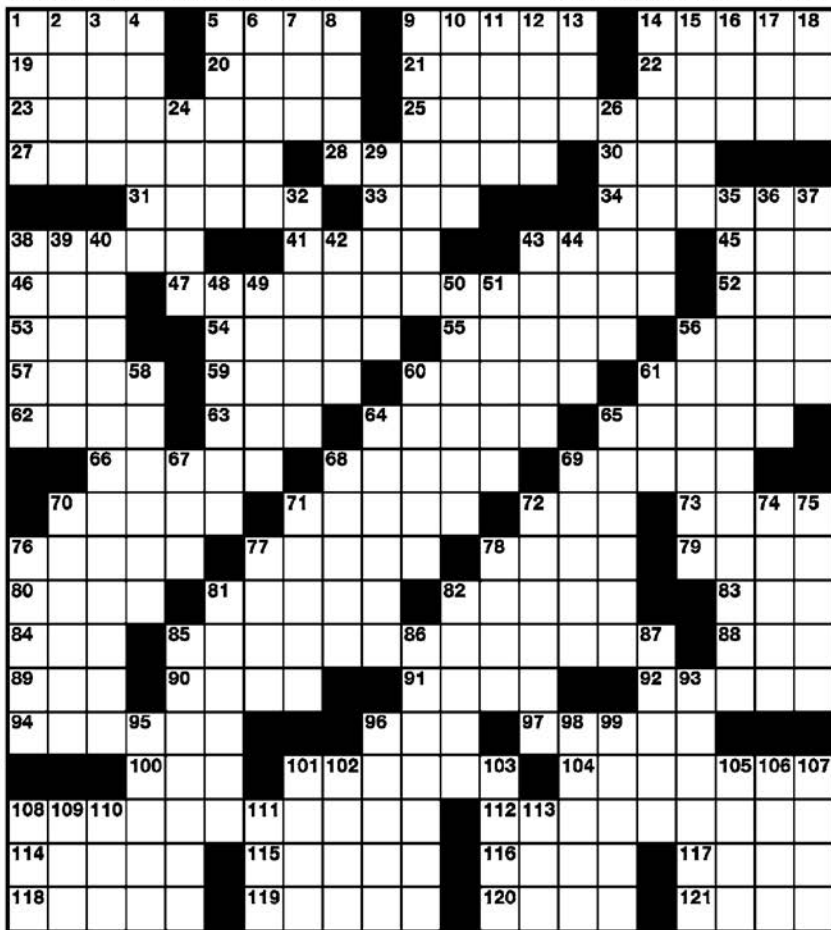
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## Ashanti, Ginuwine bring R&B to Cerritos

■ The duo top a packed spring calendar at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

**CERRITOS** – Grammy Award-winning singer Ashanti is performing at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, March 8, where she will be joined by special guest Ginuwine.

Ashanti burst onto the music scene with her 2002 self-titled debut album, which earned her a Grammy for Best Contemporary R&B album. Her hit song “Foolish” scored the top spot on six Billboard charts simultaneously.

Her follow-up release, “Chapter II,” debuted in the No. 1 spot and spawned two Top 10 singles.

Ashanti was also nominated for an MTV movie award and a NAACP Image Award for her role in the acclaimed drama “Coach Carter.”

Ginuwine made waves on the R&B scene with his debut album “Ginuwine...the Bachelor,” showcasing the single “Pony.”

The dancer-actor followed up with the album “100% Ginuwine,” which went platinum and the 2000 Soul Train Award for Best R&B/Soul Album.

Ginuwine also scored a hit with “Differences,” which appeared on his third studio album, “The Life.”

Tickets to see Ashanti and Ginuwine start at \$59 and can be ordered online at [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com).



R&B singer Ashanti will be joined by Ginuwine at the Cerritos Center on March 8.

► Malevo, the all-male troupe that found immense popularity after appearing on Season 11 of “America’s Got Talent,” will perform at the Cerritos Center on Feb. 25.

Malevo specializes in Malambo, a traditional Argentine folk dance, merging it with urban percussion and other dance styles.

The group has performed across the globe, including in Las Vegas, New York, Dubai, Paris, Qatar, Canada, London and Moscow.

Tickets to see Malevo start at \$38.

► Retro bands A Flock of Seagulls and Men Without Hats

will take the Cerritos stage on Friday, Feb. 23.

Stemming from the synth-heavy and stylish new Romantic movement, A Flock of Seagulls pumped up on the dance-pop genre with the hit single “I Ran (So Far Away).” They benefited from heavy play on MTV and became known for their outrageous costumes and waterfall-like hairdos.

Billboard magazine called their self-titled debut album “a pioneering mixture of angular guitar riffs, skewed melodies and vibrant synths; it’s a bona fide classic.”

The group made headlines in 2013 after their tour van was

stolen in Bellflower.

More than three decades ago, Men Without Hats had a smash single with “The Safety Dance” from their debut album “Rhythm of Youth.” The song’s groove and anti-establishment bent packed dancefloors and even decades later has maintained its status as a cult hit.

In 2020, the song was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, along with Men With Hats’ most successful single, 1987’s “Pop

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Goes the World.”

Men Without Hats’ song catalogue has been featured in “The Simpsons,” “Family Guy” and “Glee.”

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► The late Whitney Houston’s musical legacy is brought back to life in the critically acclaimed “The Greatest Love of All Starring Belinda Davids: A Tribute to Whitney Houston” on Sunday, Feb. 18.

The show is not associated with the estate of Whitney Houston.

In this tribute, Belinda Davids, a South African songstress, is accompanied by a live band and backup vocalists as she delivers the hits that have captivated scores of fans worldwide.

The Indiana Herald called the show – which features state of the art sound, lighting, vision, snazzy costume changes and theatrical effects – “beautifully crafted.”

Davids, who has performed with R&B greats Keri Hilson and Keyshia Cole, was also featured on Fox TV’s “Showtime at the Apollo” and BBC1 TV’s “Even Better Than the Real Thing.”

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(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)  
Escrow No. 001466-SK

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

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: KOSO PROPERTIES LLC, 14606 CARMENITA RD., NORWALK, CA 90650

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: SAME

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: POUNG GIL JEON, 14606 CARMENITA RD., NORWALK, CA 90650

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASEHOLD INTEREST & IMPROVEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 14606 CARMENITA RD., NORWALK, CA 90650

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: DBA THE BURGERSTOP

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(UCC Sec. 6105)  
Escrow No. 240291-JS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: STARCORP, INC., 12200 CIVIC CENTER DR #G, NORWALK, CA 90650

Doing Business as: TALIZA COFFEE AND BRUNCH

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: YOGOGO, LLC, 12200 CIVIC CENTER DR #G, NORWALK, CA 90650

The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANTS TO COMPETE and are located at: 12200 CIVIC CENTER DR #G, NORWALK, CA 90650

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW BP, INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is FEBRUARY 20, 2024

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided:] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: TEAM ESCROW BP, INC, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last date for filing claims shall be FEBRUARY 16, 2024, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

BUYER: YOGOGO, LLC  
ORD-2103399 DOWNEY PATRIOT 2/1/24

### FCS ORD-2103399 The Downey Patriot 2/1/24

## FICT. BUS NAME

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023278149

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ACETECH DIGITAL, 1923 BLOUM AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRANDOWNIT L.L.C., 19233 BOUMA, CERRITOS CA 90703

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: 12/2023

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/BRANDOWNIT L.L.C., PRESIDENT, BRANDON BOWELL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 29, 2023

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

### The Downey Patriot 1/11/24, 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024096999

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MYTH MODE PRODUCTIONS (2) MIKE DIVIDER, 5050 TUJUNGA AVE APT 18, NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91601, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL JAMES DIBDEN, 5050 TUJUNGA AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91601

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/MICHAEL JAMES DIBDEN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/11/24, 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024019999

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MYTH MODE PRODUCTIONS (2) MIKE DIVIDER, 5050 TUJUNGA AVE APT 18, NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91601, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL JAMES DIBDEN, 5050 TUJUNGA AVE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD CA 91601

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/MICHAEL JAMES DIBDEN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023269523

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 1101 MEDIA, 4312 RANDOLPH ST, BELL CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) UBALDO ALEJANDRO LIRA, 10919 NEWWILLE 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/UBALDO ALEJANDRO LIRA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 18, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot 1/11/24, 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023262038

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE HUDSON GROUP, 2612 ARTHUR STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90065, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YOLY YANETH YOUNAN, 9146 SOMERSET BLVD APT, 40 BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2004

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/YOLY YANETH YOUNAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/11/24, 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024009530

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEW GENERATION SOLUTIONS, 9146 SOMERSET BLVD APT, 40 BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YOLY YANETH YOUNAN, 9146 SOMERSET BLVD APT, 40 BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2004

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/YOLY YANETH YOUNAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023268276

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SC PRECISION, 10928 VULCAN ST, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1070 BROOKDALE AVE, LA HABRA CA 90631

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CORNELIU SUCIU, 1070 BROOKDALE AVE, LA HABRA CA 90631

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/CORNELIU SUCIU, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023277092

FILE NO: 2022023460 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): (1) EMBRACING YOUR DIFFERENCES

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 6836 SAN MATEO ST, PARAMOUNT, CA, 90723

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EMBRACING YOUR DIFFERENCES, 6836 SAN MATEO ST, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Business was conducted by: a Corporation

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

S/RIGOBERTO SOSA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JANUARY 17, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024010509

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELJCJEWELERS, 6921 PURDY AVE APT B, BELL GARDENS CA, 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ESTEVAN LOPEZ RUIZ, 6921 PURDY AVE APT B, BELL GARDENS CA 90201

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2024

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

S/ESTEVAN LOPEZ RUIZ, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 28, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024020587

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ED'S WELDING AND MFG, 3448 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90023, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL E. WELLS, 3448 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90023

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023277252

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELIZABETH ST APT 7, CUDAHY CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FERNANDO CAMPANA CORRALES, 4413 1/2 ELIZABETH ST APT 7, LOS ANGELES CA 90201

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2023

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/FERNANDO CAMPANA CORRALES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024015778

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GENERATIONS WOODWORKING INC, 10520 SHELLYFIELD RD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GENERATIONS WOODWORKING, INC., 0520 SHELLYFIELD RD, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2009

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/GENERATIONS WOODWORKING, INC., PRESIDENT, ROGER CARBAJAL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 23, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/11/24, 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023262038

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE HUDSON GROUP, 2612 ARTHUR STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90065, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARK WILLIAM L SUAREZ, 2612 ARTHUR STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90065

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/MARK WILLIAM L SUAREZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 6, 2023

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

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024006949

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROYALKINGS CABINetry, 5104 JARDINE ST, COMMERCE CA 90040, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN REYES MORAN, 5104 JARDINE ST, COMMERCE CA 90040

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/JUAN REYES MORAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 11, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/11/24, 1/18/24, 1/25/24, 2/1/24

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2024010889

FILE NO: 20220191770 DATE FILED: JANUARY 27, 2022

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): (1) EL BUEN GUSTO

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 10820 BEVERLY BLVD, WHITTIER, CA, 90606

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RIGOBERTO SOSA, 11631 NAN ST, WHITTIER, CA 90606

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A

Business was conducted by: an Individual

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

S/RIGOBERTO SOSA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JANUARY 17, 2024

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2023277092

FILE NO: 2022023460 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): (1) EMBRACING YOUR DIFFERENCES

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 6836 SAN MATEO ST, PARAMOUNT, CA, 90723

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EMBRACING YOUR DIFFERENCES, 6836 SAN MATEO ST, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Business was conducted by: a Corporation

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

S/EMBRACING YOUR DIFFERENCES, PRESIDENT, YENY AGUILAR

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 28, 2023

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024020587

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL E. WELLS, 3448 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90023

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

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

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### The Downey Patriot 1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24, 2/15/24

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2024015778

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GENERATIONS WOODWORKING INC, 10520 SHELLYFIELD RD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GENERATIONS WOODWORKING, INC., 0520 SHELLYFIELD RD, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2009

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).

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000009880766 Title Order No.: 230392172 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 197-8971441-703 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/10/2020, 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 03/17/2020 as Instrument No. 20200310833 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: RAUL CRUZ, A SINGLE MAN, 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 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 03/01/2024 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: 10431 LESTERFORD AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6287-004-007 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 \$495,855.89. 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 00000009880766. 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 00000009880766 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 833-561-0243 WWW.SALES.BDFGROUP.COM 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: 01/22/2024 A-4807549 01/25/2024, 02/01/2024, 02/08/2024  
**ASAP 4807549**  
**The Downey Patriot**

1/25/24, 2/1/24, 2/8/24  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 169534 Title No. DEF-584445 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/05/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/22/2024 at 10:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/12/2007, as Instrument No. 20070878322, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Malou R Braganza, A Single Woman, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), 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: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 6365-009-003 EXHIBIT A THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 75, OF TRACT NO. 17169, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 399 PAGE 12 TO 17 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7621 Allengrove St, 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 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, if any, 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: \$415,228.38 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 written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated:01/22/2024 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 27368 Via Industria, Suite 201 Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 758-8052 The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. 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

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## Arc Walk sign-ups begin

**DOWNEY** – The Arc Walk for Independence returns for its 28th year Saturday, March 23, at Stonewood Center in Downey.

Early bird registration is \$35 for adults and \$10 for kids ages 11-17. Prices increase to \$45 and \$20 after March 8. Kids ages 10 and younger walk free.

Registration includes an Arc Walk t-shirt, event button and breakfast burrito. Participants have their choice of a 1 or 3 mile route that goes around Stonewood Center.

Opening ceremonies begin at 8 am and the walk starts at 8:30.

To register, or for more details, visit [thearcwalk.org](http://thearcwalk.org).

Proceeds benefit The Arc, which provides programs and services to people with intellectual disabilities.

## AARP offers free tax help

**DOWNEY** – The AARP Foundation is offering free tax return preparation services to eligible Downey residents.

The foundation will assist residents at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 6.

Appointments are recommended as walk-in slots are limited. To make an appointment, call the senior center at (562) 904-7223.

## Curriculum open for review

**DOWNEY** – Downey Unified School District invites the public to examine the curriculum being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in the Ethnic Studies course at the high school level.

The materials utilized are in alignment with State Standards as required by California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 5, Section 953(a).

In accordance with Administrative Regulation (AR) 3134.2, the curriculum will be displayed at the Downey Unified district office in the Instructional Services Department of the Gallegos Administration Center from Feb. 12 until March 11.

Appointments will be made for any person wishing to view the curriculum. Please contact the office of Secondary Education at (562) 469-6781 to make an appointment.

The policy of the Board of Education provides that anyone wishing to offer suggestions or criticism about the curriculum proposed for adoption must submit comments in writing to the Superintendent prior to the Board meeting at which the curriculum will be adopted.

Adoption will be recommended at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for March 12.



## Troop Visits Manzanar

During Boy Scout Troop 441's recent camping trip to the Alabama Hills, located in Inyo County, northwest of Lone Pine, Calif., they visited the Manzanar National Historic Site.

The Scouts learned many facts about the lives and treatment of the Japanese, both citizens and non citizens, that were interned in the camp during World War II. There are many exhibits depicting the life of people in the camp and what they endured, but also the community they created during their time there.

"This visit really showed us the resilience of people being able to make a community and create beautiful things in the midst of a horrible situation."

Troop 441 enjoys monthly camping trips to different places through out Southern California. They meet Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Activity Room at Apollo Park. The Scouts have a strong tie to Downey, participating in flag salutes and ceremonies at City Council meetings, Concerts in the Park and Veterans Day, as well as cooking breakfast for the Brunch with the Bunny event at Golden Park just to name a few.

Pictured from left: Nick G, Cruz P, Zack S, Ben R, and Gabriel P. Second row: Caleb V.

## Embassy Suites hosting wedding, quince expo

**DOWNEY** – The Embassy Suites in Downey is hosting its first wedding and quincenera expo next month, with tastings, interactive stations, photo booths, guided tours, and more.

The expo is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17, from 12-4 pm. There is no cost to attend.

Guests can tour the hotel's over 6,000 sq. ft. of meeting space and two-room suites, and meet with local vendors.

Free tickets are available on Eventbrite.

## Downey Space Center's February calendar

**DOWNEY** – The Columbia Memorial Space Center is hosting several events and programs in the month of February.

On Friday, Feb. 9, the space center will host its first Astronomy Night. A guest speaker will discuss recent stargazing events and happenings. Telescope viewings will be available (weather permitting). Help will also be available for anyone not sure how to set up and use their telescope.

This free event is from 6:30-8:30 pm.

The space center's Early Childhood program is back in session on Tuesday, Feb. 13. Sessions are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning and afternoon hours.

Classes are open for children ages 2-5; caregiver participation is required.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, the space center will host Parents Night Out. Planning something special for Valentine's Day but need someone to take care of the kids? Leave them at the space center. The program runs from 5-8 pm with food, hands-on activities, and more. Enrollment is required.

The space center will host its newest speaker series, "Friday Night Flights!," on Friday, Feb. 16. Although geared towards an adult audience, all are welcome to enjoy a casual conversation about the exciting events in aerospace. This free event runs 7-9 pm.

This year marks the return of the space center's Early Childhood Professional Development sessions. The session scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17, will review how to bring technology to both the home and Pre-K environments in ways that encourage critical thinking. The courses are designed for parents, caregivers and teachers of little learners.

These sessions are sponsored by Edison International. Enrollment is required. This specific session will be held at the Downey City Library.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way. For more details, call (562) 231-1200.

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