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## Santa visits Downey Rotary

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

Seventy second graders arrived at the Rio Hondo Event Center eager to see Santa. The Rotary Club of Downey was ready to welcome them, with fried chicken and also a carved roast turkey, goody bags, and presents wrapped by the members at their meeting the previous week. The Bob Wingham Banquet Room was filled with smiling faces.

I was lucky enough to sit with the six second graders from Maude Price Elementary School, their principal Mrs. Meecher and resource teacher Mrs. Annabel Guerrero, who drove the children to the party in their cars.

There are five rooms for this grade, and the principals have selected children who might not otherwise receive much for Christmas, Mrs. Annabel told me. As a resource teacher she helps with reading and language abilities. Student-teacher ratio is 26, and Maude Price's enrollment is over 800.

"We just got approved for construction of new classrooms," Annabel said. "Thanks to the bond issue."

Rotarians wore their best Christmas sweaters, red plaid shirts or red turtleneck tees. Teachers were festive and one wore antlers. Dr. John Garcia, superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, wore a new blue plaid vest and matching jacket. Some children wore face masks.

In past years the club has tried serving a buffet of mini hamburgers, or mac and cheese plates, and these often went untouched, but this year the finger food of fried chicken and ketchup for dipping was irresistible, and heaped plates emptied fast.

"What is your favorite time at school?" I asked 7-year old Zella who sat next to me. "Math," she said.

"And what did you want to be when you grow up," I said, expecting a STEM-oriented answer. "An artist," Zella said.

One of our members had given each child at the table a dollar bill. "What will you do with that?" I asked 7-year old Alondra.

"I have a special place to keep it, and I will save it up," she said. Zella nodded the same.

Rotary President Amelia Sanchez in a splendid red silk blouse welcomed the guests, and asked the teachers and principals to stand for special applause. One of the children led the Pledge of Allegiance, and it was said at a slower pace than we were used to, each big word enunciated carefully.

Drs. Dan and Debbie Fox led the room in Christmas songs. The children knew the first lines but not all of the choruses for Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells and Feliz Navidad. Just as their well-behaved patience was at its limit, to their treble sounds of Santa Claus is Coming to Town, a right jolly old Santa appeared. He capered around the room on his way to the podium, so all the children could see and welcome him.

Most Santas "say not a word but go straight to their work," but this was a talking Santa.

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# New mayor Frometa takes oath of office



Flanked by her family, Claudia M. Frometa is installed as Downey mayor. Her term will last one year. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

## Claudia Frometa to lead Downey as mayor in 2023.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa will lead Downey as mayor for 2023.

Frometa, who was sworn in to her second term on the council on Thursday last week, was selected to lead the council on a 3-1 vote, with councilwoman Catherine Alvarez in opposition.

Councilman Mario Trujillo was selected unanimously to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

This is Frometa's second stint as mayor. She previously served in the role in 2021 in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, at her Mayoral swearing-in, Frometa took time to highlight some of the goals, initiatives, and projects that Downey can look forward to in the upcoming year.

Likely the most urgent of all will be to fill in many of the holes that have sprouted at the city's executive level over the past year.

"The first item of business for us as a council will certainly be to find a new city manager, so that we can move into the next phase of Downey, what Downey is going to look like for the next few years," said Frometa. "As a council, that is really one of our first priorities, collectively."

"We have some executive positions that we will also be focusing on. We realize the strength of a city is, of course, incumbent upon the stability of its council, but also it really relies on having a city manager that has a vision and that understands what Downey's mission is."

Frometa doubled down on her effort to push back on the rising fentanyl threat, which she first announced during her campaign.

"We are going to be deploying Narcan to our various city facilities. As a council we voted on that some weeks ago, and that is going to be moving forward," said Frometa. "We're also going to be collaborating with, as I

indicated, our school district; we understand from a school district perspective, we do have Narcan in our schools, but we need to do a more concentrated effort in terms of educating our parents and our community, overall our youth about the dangers of these pills, these pills laced with fentanyl."

The groundbreaking of the Space Shuttle Inspiration expansion of the Columbia Memorial Space Center is also scheduled to happen within the next year, along with continued progress towards the West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail Line (part of the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus) and the development of the former NASA Vultee building.

### Hector Sosa sworn in

Councilmember Hector Sosa officially took his place on the dais as the council's freshman member.

Sosa, who was also sworn in last Thursday, said it was "an honor, a blessing, and a privilege... to be serving as a councilman for the city I grew up in."

He said he "wants to do right" by constituents.

"I heard their concerns, and we're going to be working from day one," said Sosa.

Hector listed his goals as bringing stability back to city hall, tackling the homeless issue, addressing rising crime, speeding, equitable access to city fields for youth sports organizations, and collaboration with the school district.

He closed by thanking his district.

"I want to thank the District 2 residents for putting their faith in me," said Sosa. "I realize we can't possibly agree on everything, but at least we can have some dialogue, we can have a conversation."

"You'll always know where I stand...Being elected to city council is a responsibility that I take very seriously. My pledge to you is I will lead with humility, transparency, and I'm going to keep it real with you; and that I will always put the best interest of our community ahead of anything else."



New councilman Hector Sosa is pinned by his wife, Daisy. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

### Blanca Pacheco says goodbye

The installation ceremony also served as an official send off to former Mayor Blanca Pacheco, who officially resigned earlier in the week in order to be sworn into the State Assembly.

In her parting remarks, Pacheco was thankful to city staff, city council members, and to residents.

"It has been a true pleasure, a joy," said Pacheco. "Sometimes we've had difficult days, but we did it together, and that's what it's all about."

She added that "she will not be going far."

"I will still be here, you can't get rid of me," said Pacheco. "I want to represent you well. I want to do my best for our Downey at the State level, as well as those eight other cities."

"But just know, I live here



Blanca Pacheco resigned from the city council and is now in the state Assembly.

in Downey, my heart is here in Downey, my family is here in Downey, and all of you are truly like family to me. Thank you for this opportunity; thank you for everything."

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Saturday 66°

Sunday 66°

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**1791:** The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution—the Bill of Rights, which is a collection of mutually reinforcing guarantees of individual rights and limitations on federal and state governments—were adopted as a single unit.

**1890:** The Hunkpapa Lakota chief Sitting Bull was killed by Native American policemen who, with others, were attempting to arrest him near the Grand River in South Dakota.

**1939:** "Gone with the Wind" - a romantic tale of the American South during the Civil War adapted from the 1936 novel by Margaret Mitchell - premiered.

**1992:** Rapper and record producer Dr. Dre released his debut album, "The Chronic." It included appearances by rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, who used the album as a launch pad for his own solo career.

**1997:** The U.S. Department of Defense ordered that all Americans in its service (about 2.5 million people) be vaccinated against anthrax, a potential weapon of biological warfare.

**2001:** The Leaning Tower of Pisa reopened in Pisa, Italy, after more than 10 years of work to stabilize the structure.

**2011:** The Iraq War officially ended as the United States formally declared that its mission in the country was over.



### Top Movies on this Date

- 1992:** "A Few Good Men"
- 2002:** "Maid in Manhattan"
- 2012:** "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"

### Birthdays

"Miami Vice" star **Don Johnson** (73), "Squid Game" star **Lee Jung-jae** (50), "Downton Abbey" actress **Michelle Dockery** (41), and actress **Maude Apatow** (25).

# Warren High wrestling off to solid start

Peraza, Delgado, Timoteo and Huerta to lead the Bears this season.

By John M. Sherrard  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Last year was a very good year for the Warren High School boys wrestling team.

In fact, it was one of their best performances in a decade, as they won the last season of the San Gabriel Valley League with a 4-0 record and placed second in the CIF Northern Division tournament where they had five placers, three of those being finalists.

In addition, Warren advanced to the second round of the 2022 CIF-SS Division 2 Team Dual Wrestling Championships in January. The Bears opened the team duals with a narrow 36-33 first-round win over Etiwanda, but fell to eventual D2 Champ Northview, 54-24, in the second round.

The Bears, however, graduated 11 of 14 wrestlers from that team

and are currently in a rebuilding year.

“This season will be a new venture for the Bears, as they begin their journey in a new league known as the Suburban Valley Conference”, Warren boys wrestling coach Ryan Medina said.

The Bears will compete in the Gateway League with the other league to be known as the Mid Cities League.

Included in that conference will be defending CIF Champion Mayfair.

“With the addition of Mayfair and the other teams coming from the Suburban league - the league that once included Downey, Paramount, Gahr, and Dominguez - will be one of the toughest conferences around to win,” Medina added. “The Bears are young, but hungry to show why they are one of the top teams around yet again.”

Hungry they are, as they recently (Saturday December 10) won the Camarillo-10 Invitational.

The Bears finished in a three-way tie with a 9-1 record but won the match on total points with 78. Placing second was Chaminade

with 75 points and in third was host Camarillo with 70.

In the invite between the three teams, Warren defeated Camarillo and lost to Chaminade, while Camarillo defeated Chaminade.

Featured starters this season will be captains Anthony Peraza, a sophomore who wrestles in the 138 lb. weight class, and junior Gael Delgado (120 Lbs.).

Two other top returners are senior standouts, Matthew Huerta at heavyweight and Brandon Timoteo at 106 lbs.

Timoteo is a returning varsity wrestler and has placed in two tournaments to date, while Delgado is a third-year varsity wrestler and is a returning CIF placer and Masters qualifier.

Peraza is a returning varsity league champion and a CIF qualifier. He is also a finalist in two tournaments this year with wins over returning CIF place winners, while Huerta is a returning CIF placer and also a finalist in two tournaments this year with wins over returning CIF placers.

In the Camarillo-10 victory for the Bears, Timoteo (106 Lbs.) led with 10 wins (4 pins, dec.), followed by Delgado, 120 Lbs. (9-



0, 3 pins, major dec.) and Huerta, 285 Lbs. (8-0, 4 pins, dec.) with undefeated records.

Also included was Peraza, 138 lbs. (8-2, 5 pins), Santos Reyes, 126 Lbs. (8-1, 3 pins), Emilio Vela, 182 Lbs. (8-2, 4 pins, M. Dec.), Jose Garcia, 113 Lbs. (8-2, 4 pins,

dec.), Miguel Romo, 195 Lbs. (6-2, 3 pins), Adrian Estrada, 220 Lbs. (5-1, 2 pins) and Diego Cajas, 152 Lbs. (6-4, 2 pins, T. Fall).

The Warren Girls Wrestling team also advanced to the CIF-SS D1 Team Duals Championships last season. They opened the

championships with a 48-24 win over Valencia of Placencia, but lost in the second round to Canyon Springs, 39-39, in a tiebreaker.

Look for a story on Warren girls wrestling in a future edition.

# Northwest Downey Little League hosting Christmas camp

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League will be holding its first ever Christmas Cares Baseball Camp this Christmas Eve.

The free camp, which will take place at Furman Park on Dec. 24, will be led by NWDLL coach and former professional baseball player Darrick Hale.

According to NWDLL President Ernesto Valle, the event is a part of his vision to have the little league impart

strong character and values into its players, in addition to being a “baseball factory.”

“It’s more than just a camp... I made a promise this spring to the community that our kids, we’re going to go back and teach these kids character traits that they’ll translate to help them become better citizens as they grow up and mature, such as hard work, integrity, loyalty.”

He added that he wants to make NWDLL “a pillar in our community.”

“How can you learn great character traits if our kids don’t

see what we can do beyond baseball, what baseball can do beyond the field,” said Valle.

The upcoming camp has been specifically emphasized for kids that haven’t had the opportunity to attend a camp due to cost or other circumstance.

“I want people to know this is Northwest Downey, this is what you’re getting when you come,” said Valle. “Not only are we competitive, on the field, not only are we bringing championships, not only are we top teams in tournament play, but we’re getting great coaches, great people

with great hearts, and we’re doing things for the community. We’re developing kids, we’re giving them the resources...What I tell the parents is we’re going to teach you lessons through baseball that will help you beyond baseball.”

Hale, who was a NWDLL alumnus before playing through college and eventually into the Cincinnati Reds’ minor league system, says it’s about development.

“For me, it’s just about creating an environment,” said Hale. “My big thing is confidence skills and sportsmanship; that’s

what I want these kids to leave with. That’s kind of my thing, my slogan, is confidence skills and sportsmanship.

“I just want them to understand that they can accomplish their dreams, as well as knowing that I was a product of Downey, not only this city, but this little league that gave me the opportunity to accomplish my dreams.”

He hopes to give students a better chance to succeed on and off the field.

“I think the game of baseball, being that it’s a game of failure, really teaches kids to understand,

‘Hey, we’re failing, but somehow we’re succeeding,’” said Hale. “I want them to apply that to life too.”

There will be three sessions: Ages 6-8, from 9 am to 10:30 am, ages 9-10 from 11 am to 12:30 pm, and ages 11-12 from 12:45pm to 2 pm. Participants are encouraged to come “ready to play.” While it is encouraged to RSVP ahead of time, Hale says he will not turn away any kids.

For more information, contact Darrick Hale at 562-644-0893 or darrickhale@icloud.com.

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Barbara Samperi, left, and Giggy Perez-Saab.

# Perez-Saab elected school board president

Giggy Perez-Saab unanimously chosen to lead Board of Education.

**DOWNEY** – Giggy Perez-Saab was elected president of the Downey Unified School District's board of education on Tuesday.

Other officers include Nancy Swenson as vice president and Linda Salomon Saldaña as clerk.

Outgoing president Barbara Samperi, a member of the school board since 1993, will continue to serve on the board as a representative of Trustee Area 7.

Tuesday's meeting also saw the installation of the school board's newest member, Tyrone Conde.

With Martha Sodetani retiring from the board, Conde was elected as a representative in Trustee Area 1 after running unopposed in the November election.

Providing the public Oath of Office was his wife, Veronica Guevara. In attendance that evening to support Conde were members from his employer, Downey Federal Credit Union, and members of his family, including his two young children.

Also sworn-in Tuesday to continue serving in their respective trustee areas was Nancy Swenson (Trustee Area 5) and Barbara Samperi (Trustee Area 7). Both were provided their sanctioned Oath of Office by Downey Unified Personnel Commissioner John Kennedy.

Perez-Saab presented outgoing president Samperi with a plaque on behalf of the Board of Education, thanking her for her leadership as president this

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past year. Congresswoman Lucile Roybal-Allard's field deputy, Christopher Perez, was also in attendance to present Samperi with a proclamation in honor of her year of service as president.

Those unable to attend yet sent a certificate that was presented on their behalf included Supervisor Janice Hahn and Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco.

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized tonight," said Samperi. "I truly appreciate the support of my Downey Unified family this past year and look forward to seeing what this next year has in store."

Attending her final meeting on the Board of Education, Sodetani will be moving onto retirement after serving 17 years on the school board. A retirement celebration was held the following evening, Dec. 14, where she was honored by past and present members of the school district, various elected officials, the Downey City Council and her family.

Also in attendance were members from the various service clubs Sodetani continues to serve on as well as many Downey community members that have been touched by Sodetani's philanthropy.

"It was such a jump for me to go from a foster parent and helping one child at a time, to being on the board and representing and helping 22,000 children," Sodetani said. "This has truly been the greatest honor in my entire life."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Downey woman with special needs goes missing

**DOWNEY** – Family and friends of a special needs woman who went missing last week are asking for help finding her, offering a \$1,000 reward for her safe return.

Regan "Reina" Koepp, 25, was discovered missing from her Brock Avenue home on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 6. Family says she was last seen at 11:30 pm the night before.

She is described as Hispanic, 5 foot tall, and around 132 pounds, and may be wearing a blue jogging suit, beanie, and / or brown hoodie, carrying a black backpack, basketball, and iPod.

She is known to frequent Furman Park.

Koepp's adopted mother, Richelle Koepp, says that her daughter is extremely vulnerable due to the number of disabilities she has, including Fetal Alcohol Disorder, PTSD, bipolar disorder, and intellectual disabilities. She adds that her daughter is 8-11 years-old mentally, and requires constant supervision.

"She is very vulnerable, she is very naive," she said. "She will go with anybody who tells her she's pretty or offers her food."

Koepp also requires medication, without which her mother says puts her at risk for self-harm and seizure.

Richelle says that she wants her daughter to know that she is not in trouble.

"I'd say to her that we love her, and not to be scared that we're going to be angry; that she's not in trouble, we just want her to come home safely," said Richelle.

Those with information or who may happen to see Koepp are encouraged to call 911 or contact Downey police department at (562) 904-2363

### Shooting suspect crashes car in Downey

**DOWNEY** – Police believe a man suspected of shooting a man in Long Beach also carjacked a woman nearby and was injured Monday morning when he crashed the stolen vehicle in Downey.

The shooting occurred just after 11 p.m. Sunday in the 2000 block of Artesia Boulevard, according to Long Beach police Lt. Danielle Quinones.

A man on a bicycle approached a man on the street, shot him in the lower body and left the scene, Quinones said.

"At 11:22 p.m., officers were flagged down at the 6700 block of Paramount Boulevard by female adult victim who stated she was carjacked," the lieutenant said. "The victim further stated she was near her vehicle when she was approached by a male adult suspect who asked for a ride then produced a gun and threatened to shoot her."

The woman ran away. The man took the vehicle and he was last seen driving northbound on Paramount Boulevard, Quinones said. The woman was not hurt.

Long Beach police were contacted by their Downey counterparts at 1:22 a.m. Monday to inform them the carjacked vehicle crashed into a pole in their jurisdiction and the driver was taken to a hospital with unknown injuries, she said. A firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

"The suspect(s) in each incident share similar descriptions," Quinones said. "At this time, detectives believe the same suspect may be responsible for each incident and they are currently working to gather additional evidence and information connecting the suspect to both incidents."

### Police canine may have bitten wrong man

**DOWNEY** – A lengthy chase ended in a chaotic search for suspects at a Downey strip mall on Tuesday, but one moment is raising questions.

The chase ended near Imperial Highway and Paramount Boulevard at a liquor store.

Around that time, AIR7 HD captured a man with a baseball cap walking away from the liquor store when he was bitten by a K-9.

Witnesses, however, told ABC7 on Wednesday that man had nothing to do with the chase. They said the man's name is Angel and is a frequent customer of the liquor

store. They said he'd just stopped in to get a drink Tuesday night moments before police swarmed the area.

"My customer took the beer and the police dog bit him," said store owner Suran Jikh.

New video obtained by ABC7 shows the man handcuffed and on the ground. He's seen trying to talk to an officer at one point. The video shows him lifting his head and appears to tell officers, "It's not me. I didn't do it."

Experts said for Angel, this could mean possible legal action.

"K-9 bite is considered a high-level use of force incident, so they'll roll out a special team," said Bruce Thomas, an ABC7 law enforcement expert. "They will actually go to the hospital and try to mitigate the damages, meaning, 'We have a blank check, is this a good number for you?' and if not, then they may seek attorneys down the road and ultimately sue the county or city, depending on who owns that canine."

The man was ultimately treated for his wounds.

"They obviously will take the suspect to the hospital and get him treated, that's just part of the requirement when the use of force is conducted by an officer," said Thomas.

California Highway Patrol said officers later found the driver and said a total of three people were taken into custody. They did not issue an update on the incident involving Angel and the K-9.

The agency said they were all

inside the suspect vehicle during the chase.

The L.A. County Sheriff's Department says the driver was wanted for reckless driving, and deputies later discovered the car was linked to an armed robbery in El Monte.

### Kaiser hospital named best for maternity care

**DOWNEY** – Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a high performing "Best Hospital" in maternity care for 2022-23.

Downey Medical Center joined 10 other Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California in being listed on U.S. News' national list of Best Hospitals for Maternity Care.

To be considered for its list, U.S. News rated participating hospitals across the country in the following categories:

- Cesarean births
- Exclusive breast milk feeding
- Unexpected complications in term newborns
- Vaginal births after C-section

U.S. News evaluated 649 hospitals nationwide, including 67 medical centers in California, for its list and only U.S. hospitals that provided maternity services were considered for this study.

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# Rotary tradition continues at Christmastime

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"You children already have a present every day, do you know what that is?" Santa said, taking the microphone. "Your teachers. And do you know what wonderful present you can give your mothers? You can give it to your family and friends too. This is it: be kind to one another."

With that, Santa introduced Dr. John, who called each school by reverse alphabetical order to come up to Santa's chair. Clever Santa read their name tags and called each child by name, and then pictures were taken of each school with Santa. Rotarians gave the color-coded presents.

Boys got Monsters and Masters of the Universe action figures, or Tonka power cars, and girls got Mattell's Barbie, empowered in a career like Pediatrician Barbie (Zella got that one), or Movie Director Barbie (for Alondra). Barbie has the same long blond hair as always, but Mattell stopped giving the brush and comb set several years ago.

The children seemed as fascinated with the toys and candies they dug out of the goody bags as with the one big present. Their eyes shone, and you could see everything was important to them, and appreciated.

And then in a twinkling, the presents were gathered up, the table cloths picked clean of the mini candy canes scattered on them, the poinsettia centerpieces gratefully taken too. One by one each table was emptied as the children disappeared from the room. Away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard Santa exclaim, as they drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

## In Memory of

### Lynne Ellis

January 24, 1947 - December 5, 2022

Lynne Ellis passed away on Monday, December 5th 2022 at her Alzheimer's Memory Care facility in Whittier, CA. She loved to read, make quilts, and smoke cigarettes. She knew what she liked and enjoyed the life she chose. When not enjoying retirement reading in her apartment, she loved smoking and chatting in the parking lot with her buddies. She worked as an operator for many years at Downey Regional / PIH Heath. Lynne was survived by Joseph and her other parking lot buddies, her children Andrew and KT, and her daughter-in-law Shannon. We'll miss you momma.

## In Memory of

### Major Gary Frank Medrano Sr.

March 26, 1940 - November 28, 2022



Major Gary Frank Medrano Sr. U.S.M.C. Retired, 82, was born on March 26, 1940 in Salida, Colorado to Predy Martinez and Dan Medrano. Gary Medrano entered into eternal rest on November 28, 2022 in Downey, California.

Gary proudly served in the United States Marine Corps for 20 dedicated years and was honored with the Purple Heart as well as several other commendations for Merit and Valor. Gary was intelligent and hardworking, helping many people and making lifelong friends in his years of service.

Gary enjoyed his early morning 5:00 AM visits to the doughnut shop where he would catch up with his friends. He loved Westerns, driving around in his car listening to Julio Iglesias and reminding his family that he was in charge. He was the leader of his family up to the end of his days.

Major Medrano's Memorial Mass will take place on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 10:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey. He was interred at Riverside National Cemetery on December 12, 2022 at 11:45am with Military Honors. The Patriot Guard Riders escorted him from Risher Mortuary to the cemetery.

Gary is survived by his Wife of 58 years, Rose Medrano, Sons, Gary Medrano Jr. and John Medrano (Victoria), Daughter, Maureen Medrano-Castro (Eduardo), Grandsons, Michael Medrano and Sgt. U.S.M.C. Jonathon Medrano, Brother, Robert Medrano, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Gary was greeted at Heaven's Gate by his brothers, Richard and Adrian Medrano. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.

Condolences may be sent to the family through our website, [www.rishermortuary.com](http://www.rishermortuary.com)

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# Retired news anchor Dave Lopez speaks to library volunteers

Library volunteers gathered Sunday for their annual holiday celebration.

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

**DOWNEY** — On Sunday the volunteers Friends of the Downey City Library met for the annual Volunteer Holiday Celebration.

Librarian Claudia Dailey baked special cookies and brownies and Christmas delights, and we munched on those and sandwich wraps at festive tables spread out the open reading room, showing the versatility of the newly designed Library's multi-use space. The library is otherwise closed on Sundays.

President of Volunteers Virginia Yoshiyama was there, and Ramie, in charge of the Gently Used Book Store in the Library Lobby, and Elsa, her mother, enjoyed the spread. Sue the Treasurer of the Friends wore antlers, and another sported a black and red checked long woolen gown and matching hat. Some many faces I knew but not names. Mary Stevens, a bookstore volunteer, was there, as well as my friend of the splendid head wraps, Ethyl. Today Ethyl wore a warm red knit cap to keep warm on a blustery afternoon after a cold night of rain.

Student volunteers from Downey High filled several tables. They walk across Brookshire to assist in the store and the work room, and "to help Claudia." That means they're busy, because Claudia wears several hats, among them her special love, the Children's Library Room. Claudia is also Adult Literacy Coordinator. Teaching adults to read is a long-term commitment.

Claudia had a holiday present for us, speaker Dave Lopez, the news and sportscaster from Channel 2, recently retired after 48 years, looking back on his lifetime

here. Dave has a history with Downey: he and his family bought a home here and Dave coached his son's football team with Downey's Gray-Y and then DJAA; his two kids loved to read in this Library. Wife Elaine Ekberg Lopez starred as an outstanding elementary teacher in the DUSD.

Sportscaster or newscaster? Dave started out with the Huntington Park Sentinel, wanting to be a sportscaster, moving up to doing stories on Bubbles the Hippo and Clarence the Lion. He noticed that the sports arena was being taken over by former greats on the field and the diamond. Then his editor in San Diego told him, "I'm going to make a newsmen out of you."

"That was a good choice," said Dave. "I learned to get it quick and be succinct. Then came cable and TV, and the transition was easy, from writing in print to telling the story live."

One of the first things you notice talking with Dave is his smooth resonant voice.

"Early on, I knew I had a command presence," said Dave. "I was never shy, and I loved to be inquisitive. And I love storytelling." All the prerequisites for the award-winning journalist that Dave became.

"Being prepared with the facts before you meet your subject, is how you meet deadlines," said Dave. "And listen to the answers to your questions."

"Speaking Spanish helped." Dave was an early bi-lingual reporter.

"I was with the same company, CBS, and channel 9, that CBS bought in the 90's, for 48 years" said Dave. "That's unheard of today. But I started in the golden age of TV, and I worked with all the greats: Jim Murray, Bill Stout and legendary Hal Fishman. George Putnam took me to lunch and said, 'Dave, there's just one little thing I want you to change, your nose.' But George, I said, 'I like my nose.'"

## POET'S CORNER

### The Christmas Letter

Wherever you are when you receive this letter I write to say we are still ourselves in the same place and hope you are the same.

The dead have died as you know and will never get better, and the children are boys and girls of their several ages and names.

So in closing I send you our love and hope to hear from you soon. There is never a time like the present. It lasts forever wherever you are. As ever I remain.

John N. Morris, Selected Poems, Washington U. in St. Louis, 2002

Norris's brutally honest poem stands in refreshing reality against the litany of impossibly perfect family members and their achievements that we sometimes receive. Note that the poem ends with a period, not a comma. A comma would change the meaning. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

"In my 48 years," said Dave, "there wasn't a story I wasn't part of. One, the O.J. Simpson story, I missed the freeway car chase because I was on jury duty and the foreman would not excuse me. But the next day I was there, in court for the entire proceedings. I used my contacts to get an exclusive interview with detective Mark Fuhrman."

"The story that made my name", said Dave, "was William Bonin the Freeway Killer. Bonin's mother lived in Downey and after the excitement died down, I went around to her house and interviewed her privately. Bonin didn't want the death penalty, and because of my kindness toward his mother, Bonin chose me to confess to, on the air. He was executed by the state anyway, convicted of 24 known deaths. He confessed to more, and that was a tragedy for all the families involved. Downeyites may remember the last victim was a teenage boy who lived in Downey all his life.

"The only story I missed was in 2013 when a brilliant rogue cop named Christopher Dorner went on a killing spree. The District Attorney, judges, they were his targets, and all of Los Angeles County was terrified where he would strike next. But my wife Elaine was dying in an ICU in Long Beach," said Dave, "and I was at her side."

Dave has written all this down in the book he has written since



retiring two decades ago, "It's a Great Life If You Don't Weaken."

"I had a collaborator," said Dave, "and we tried three different publishing houses, and they all wanted me to leave out some of the personal parts. I said no, that's what I'm trying to do, to capture what it was living here and growing up in the 50's and 60. For example, my family's South Gate 2-bedroom house cost \$7,500 in 1955.

"So we decided to self-publish. And 80% of the proceeds from the price of the book go to a foundation I have established for a scholarship in Elaine my wife's name. So far the foundation has given over \$125,000.

"It's a special kind of scholarship, for a special need." said Dave, "For a student enrolled at HTPA, Harbor Teacher Preparation Academy, in Wilmington. HTPA is a school where students can simultaneously earn a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree. HTPA's program is designed for at-risk/highly capable students, and to address the teacher shortage in the Local District 8. Each scholarship is worth \$12,000."

"It's been a wonderful way to live," said Dave. "I traveled the world, met presidents and key people. But the business has changed dramatically. You always had to show up and be there in person, but now there's Zoom, internet, long distance stuff. With COVID," said Dave, "you stand in the next room behind a door to get a story, or do it remote."

"The world is changing and the attention span now goes by so quick," said Dave. "I'm a dinosaur. I believe you should look your best, wear a suit and tie. One editor told me it was like being invited as a guest into someone's life. Dress up for it."

"I've had a great run," said Dave. "And I would not trade it. But it was time when they offered me a buyout. And now I love retirement. No schedule."

"The only thing I would change," said Dave, "would be if I could save my mother's suffering from Alzheimer's. I have experienced death with loved ones, and there is a kind of survivor's guilt. Fortunately, in my career I have gotten helpful words of wisdom. Once I interviewed a man whose family had been killed in a fiery automobile accident. I said to him, 'You are remarkably composed and able to talk to me.' And he said, 'You never put a question mark where God has put a period.'"

For Dave Lopez, retirement in Long Beach is a comma, and the next big story.

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Children and students ages 3-21: Downey Unified School District at (562) 469-6500  
Montebello Unified School District at (323) 887-7900

# Opinion

## Bad decisions from a floundering president

By Oliver North

At a time when it’s hard to imagine how things in America can get worse, it seems President Joe Biden is on a crusade to drive our nation into the abyss.

We learned Thursday Women’s National Basketball Association player Brittney Griner was released from a Russian prison after being arrested 10 months ago on drug charges. It’s become almost irrelevant the “reasons” totalitarian regimes use to lock up Americans. What is relevant here is the “negotiated exchange” resulting in her release and return.

A black, LGBTQ+ celebrity was exchanged for Russian arms dealer Viktor “The Merchant of Death” Bout. It’s interesting to note, Griner first made news by kneeling through the playing of our national anthem during WNBA games to show solidarity with Black Lives Matter — a self-professed Marxist organization. Meanwhile, Bout was in a U.S. federal prison for selling arms to groups wanting the weapons to kill Americans. Now, Griner and Bout can return, respectively, to hating America and killing Americans.

A recent Defense News article by Stephen Losey titled “Russia burning through ammunition in Ukraine at ‘extraordinary’ rate” may explain Putin’s urgency to bring Bout home.

The Griner-Bout “exchange” is akin to Biden’s disastrous decision to abandon Americans and our allies in Afghanistan in 2021. It also reminds us how, in 2014, Biden’s mentor and boss, Barack Obama, exchanged American deserter U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe

Bergdahl for five Taliban terror leaders. Four of those five are now prominent in Afghanistan’s brutal government. Their role in the deaths of 13 U.S. military personnel and 200 civilians on Aug. 29, 2021, is still unknown.

What we do know is Griner was released while other Americans, Paul Whelan and Marc Fogel among them, remain imprisoned in Russia.

In 2018, Paul Whelan, a U.S. Marine veteran of two tours of duty in Iraq, was detained in Russia on specious charges of espionage. Russia offered to trade Whelan for Bout. President Donald Trump rejected the offer to avoid allowing “The Merchant of Death” to resume his murderous pursuits.

Marc Fogel, an Anglo-American school teacher in Moscow, was arrested in August 2021 when entering Russia with 17 grams (about a half-ounce) of cannabis, prescribed in Pennsylvania for chronic pain. Fogel was sentenced to 14 years in a penal colony after conviction for “large-scale drug smuggling.”

The Griner-Fogel cases seem to be similar. Yet, Griner was released after being arrested this Feb. 17. Why?

I know well how very difficult it is to gain the release of Americans held hostage by our nation’s state and non-state adversaries. During the 1980s, that was part of my job on the National Security Council Staff. Because of President Ronald Reagan’s decisive resolve, we often prevailed. But not always. My futile efforts to save CIA officer Bill Buckley from being tortured to

death in Beirut will haunt me for the rest of my life.

Some of what I did in those days was certainly controversial. Yet, starting with liberating U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James Dozier from Red Brigade terrorists, we succeeded in reuniting numerous American citizens with their loved ones. We developed in our armed forces and intelligence services the means of bringing to justice perpetrators of horrific acts against our countrymen — some of which are still in use today as evidenced by last Sunday’s action in Syria against ISIS.

Unfortunately, “Bad Decisions” are Biden’s strong suit. His open-border policy has enabled millions to invade our nation across our southern frontier. God only knows how many now here intend to do us harm.

Revelations about Biden’s “Bad Decisions” persist. Elon Musk’s Twitter “document dumps” show collusion among government officials, the Biden campaign and “tech sector” officials to suppress conservatives’ free speech.

The most immediate mission for the 118th Congress must be legislative action to protect our homeland and countrymen from adversaries, “foreign and domestic.”

*Oliver North is a retired U.S. Marines lieutenant colonel. His latest book, “The Giant Awakes,” is available at book retailers.*

## Arizona’s immigration publicity stunt

By Raul A. Reyes

With his term almost over, outgoing Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey is leaving a monument, of sorts, behind. Ducey’s administration has been placing enormous empty shipping containers along an eastern stretch of the Grand Canyon State’s border with Mexico. Topped with razor wire, this makeshift barrier is supposed to help stop illegal immigration.

“Arizona is going to do the job that Joe Biden refuses to do — secure the border in any way we can,” Ducey said in October. “We’re not backing down.”

Ducey began erecting his border wall in the summer, near Yuma, in the southwest corner of Arizona. Another section is now going up in Cochise County.

But not only is Ducey’s project likely illegal, it is also expensive, ineffective and dangerous. Instead of cooperating with the federal government or Arizona’s Gov.-elect Katie Hobbs, Ducey is staging a massive border stunt which will not address any of our immigration issues.

Legally, Ducey’s “wall” is problematic. The Supreme Court has been clear, most recently in 2012 with Arizona v. US, that immigration policy is the jurisdiction of the federal government. In other words, states and governors cannot take such matters into their own hands, no matter how frustrated they may be with federal immigration policy. Some of the borderlands where Ducey has placed empty containers actually belong to the federal government and native American tribes.

Ducey brushes aside these facts in a lawsuit that he filed against the government. He feels that his actions are justified because of what he terms an “unprecedented crisis” at the border with “floods

of illegal border crossings.” Nice try.

Just because the governor asserts his right to build a border wall does not mean he has legal authority to do so. Plus, Ducey will only be in office until January 5, and Hobbs hasn’t decided how she will get rid of the multi-ton containers. So he’s saddling her with the task of cleaning up his mess.

The Associated Press estimates that Ducey’s current efforts will cost about \$95 million. That’s a lot of money to spend on a structure that is really no barrier to potential border-crossers. Photos of protesters atop the wall show that it is easily scaled, and there are gaps between the containers in multiple places.

Ducey’s wall is also potentially dangerous. In August, Univision reported on two of the containers near Yuma tipping over, probably from strong winds. This represents a danger to migrants, border patrol agents and firefighters in the area. Would Ducey take responsibility if another container tipped and injured or killed someone?

Then there is the environmental impact of Ducey’s wall. Conservation groups say that it imperils wildlife, endangered species and public lands. As a co-founder of the Center for Biological Diversity pointed out in a statement, “There are 3,700 [border] agents covering the Tucson Sector alone, not to mention helicopters, drones and hundreds of cameras. We’re in an extinction crisis, and it’s reckless to sacrifice a critical wildlife corridor and harm endangered animals so Ducey can score political points.”

There is no question that the southern border has lately seen record numbers of unauthorized border crossers. Border agents encountered more than 2 million migrants during fiscal year 2022, up from 1.7 million in 2021, according to US Customs and Border

Protection statistics. These numbers are likely to rise in December, once the Biden administration lifts Title 42, a Trump-era policy that expelled migrants on public health grounds.

Still, Ducey does not have the right to commandeer border policy, let alone interfere with migrants’ lawful right to claim asylum. In fact, the Biden administration has its own plans to close some of the gaps along the border near Yuma, and Ducey’s structures there are in the way.

The only person to benefit from Ducey’s wall is the governor himself. It has thrust him into the national spotlight, and perhaps given him more name recognition with conservative voters. Sadly, that’s what his version of a border wall is all about: himself.

This is reminiscent of the actions taken by Republican governors this summer who transported migrants from red states to blue states. We are looking at political theater, not legitimate immigration proposals.

Our country’s dysfunctional immigration system is sorely in need of an overhaul, and possible solutions exist. Consider the bipartisan proposal from Democrat-turned-independent Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Republican Sen. Thom Tillis of North Carolina. It would offer a pathway to citizenship for undocumented people brought to the US as children, while extending Title 42 and increasing border security. Though it may be imperfect, it is a serious proposal and worthy of consideration.

In contrast, Ducey’s wall amounts to a large-scale publicity stunt. It causes problems, instead of solving them — and represents a monument to misguided thinking.

*Raul A. Reyes is an attorney and a member of the USA Today board of contributors.*

## Brick-and-mortar is still the future of retail

By Brian W. Nagel

With the holiday shopping season now upon us, it’s once again evident that no broader shift within the consumer landscape has been more significant than the transition in spending to online.

Indeed, one of the most salient components of the overall e-commerce discussion has been the future of retail stores, with many arguing that online commerce will ultimately render physical retail locations largely obsolete. Some even refer to such a dynamic as a retail apocalypse.

I disagree.

For the past couple of decades, I’ve worked on Wall Street as a stock analyst covering consumer and retail, and an expansive collection of the most recognized and powerful companies within the sectors. I have long believed that calls for the demise of retail stores are very premature, if not misplaced, and have argued that online commerce should ultimately serve to enhance legacy, consumer business models — retailers that use or are based on brick-and-mortar stores.

To be clear, online-only commerce models do and will continue to exist. But, increasingly, such enterprises are likely to remain relatively rare and/or narrow in scope, focusing on specific products and smaller, more dispersed bases of target consumers. They will effectively fill voids left under-addressed by larger, physical stores hampered by needs for expansive, repetitive stocks of inventory.

In my view, the omni-channel retail business model — where a business uses both brick-and-mortar stores and e-commerce to sell merchandise — is proving most capable of serving larger consumer audiences and achieving significant operational and financial scale over time.

Across the consumer landscape, successful omni-channel models are taking shape differently.

In many cases, over the past several years, legacy retailers and brands — like Home Depot and Nike — have enhanced physical infrastructures with the addition of online sales capabilities. Other generally newer operators — like Wayfair and Amazon — started their operations online and subsequently opened retail stores — typically to continue to drive sales.

No matter the starting point, some of the most consumer friendly and powerful retail and consumer business models offer core consumers the flexibility of shopping both online and in-store.

For consumers, there are a number of benefits to omni-channel retail: the opportunity to shop both online and in stores; the ease in returning merchandise given the ability to do so in the store; and wider product selections, as retailers and brands broaden their merchandise offerings online. Consumers will likely continue to embrace optimal shopping experiences, which is what the omni-channel model brings.

The proliferation and success of buy online, pick up in store (BOPUS) serves as a key testament of consumers’ desire to continue to shop in stores, even while also embracing online commerce.

Just look at home improvement stores. At leading chains like Home Depot and Lowe’s, BOPUS accounts for about half and more than half, respectively, of online sales. Consumer shopping patterns suggest that an increasing number of shoppers embrace the benefits of researching products and home-related project knowhow online, but often still prefer the convenience and timeliness of retrieving items from stores.

Home Depot and Lowe’s, among others, facilitate outsized growth of BOPUS-related sales with well-designed, content-heavy websites and in-store capabilities, such as product lockers, which make it easier for consumers to pick their items up in the store.

What’s more, physical retail stores serve as well-located billboards for retailers, helping to bolster awareness among shoppers and mitigate marketing expenses. And in many cases, retail stores have — or are in the process of — morphing into showrooms, designed more to display products and offer potential consumers physical touch points than to actually sell items outright.

For instance, home furnishing brand and retailer Lovesac operates a chain of showrooms and kiosks located throughout the US. The showrooms carry virtually no “take with” product, and sales that occur within the locations are transacted via e-commerce, just as they would be if a consumer is purchasing a product online at home. They serve as a way to help showcase the company’s seating options, with the goal to generate more profitable sales online.

Lululemon is expanding the reach of its product offering, in the US and in markets across the globe, by strategically opening new company-operated stores that can leverage e-commerce infrastructure. The company’s stores and online capabilities work in concert to showcase and sell an expanding product offering. This strategy contrasts with more established brands (like Nike, for instance) that have to dismantle wholesale partnerships in order to focus more on e-commerce.

Five Below operates stores merchandised to serve primarily kids and teens and the adults who purchase products for them. Amid an ongoing e-commerce revolution across retail, Five Below continues to represent one of the most store-focused models I know, capitalizing well upon a shift in the balance of power between landlords and retailers and now finding better rent deals and overall more advantageous locations.

Online-only home furnishings retailer Wayfair continues

to invest aggressively to develop a proprietary distribution infrastructure, intending to solve overall logistics and delivery challenges, but is also experimenting with company-operated showrooms and strategic partnership with existing physical retailers.

Even Amazon, which largely introduced the world to the power of e-commerce and continues to expand and define itself as a significant disruptive force, has augmented its still primarily online model to include retail stores. It added physical locations through its acquisition of Whole Foods, of course, but is also opening new locations from scratch.

To be clear, stores are shuttering, particularly as a larger portion of overall retail sales shift online. Adobe reported that, on Black Friday this year, online sales rose year-on-year 2.3% to \$9.12 billion, achieving a new record for the day. Per data compiled by the United States Census Bureau and reported monthly, online sales now account for about 18% of overall retail spending in the US, up from just 10% 10 years ago.

But I believe that accelerating store closures is a healthy rationalization, making way for stores that are better operators, and in no way suggestive of looming, total demise of physical retail. Physical stores have and will continue to play an integral role in driving near and longer-term growth in retail spending, including online.

Interestingly, following a spike in online shopping early in the pandemic, e-commerce sales growth has normalized, and is now tracking largely consistent with pre-pandemic levels, suggesting that as stores re-opened, consumers again embraced physical shopping.

So, if you are one of the many millions of consumers who still enjoys shopping in retail stores, even during the holidays, worry not, as physical stores are very unlikely to go away, and could even get a lot better.

*Brian W. Nagel is managing director and senior analyst at Oppenheimer, covering the consumer growth and e-commerce sectors.*

## Impeachable offense

Dear Editor:

President Biden now has the women, black and gay communities by his side after trading a petty criminal for “The Merchant of Death” Viktor Bout.

While politically a good move for the President, history will not condone his immoral action which will eventually result in death for many Americans.

We expect all visitors to act within the law of our country. Brittney Griner broke the law in another country and deserved to be punished. If she had been a visitor to the US and broke the law, she would also have been punished. There is no excuse for her unlawful behavior.

There is no excuse either for President Biden’s actions which were contrary to the best interests and security of the country and for that he should be impeached.

**Jorge Montero Downey**

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Family Paint Day: Aurora Lights,** 11 am. Get the family together for the holidays to paint the aurora lights in this guided workshop with our live art instructor, Samantha Meza! Includes paint materials and light snacks & refreshments. Choose your own ticket price (discounted ticket options available). Learn more & buy tickets: staygallery.org/paintday

**Meet & Greet,** 11 am. Meet Phil LaMarr and Billy West, voice actors on "Futureama." Autographs also available. Tickets can be purchased via OG Collectibles social media. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

**Navidad Mestiza,** 6 pm. Danza Artes de México presents: Navidad Mestiza 2022 "La Pastorela." Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

**Tejeores Del Fuego Nuevo,** 12-6 pm. Shop from a vibrant selection of native art, textiles, jewelry and gifts by local and international artisans. Plus art, drinks, music and a card-making workshop. Free admission.

**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.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

**Ribbon Cutting,** 11 am. Join the Downey Chamber of Commerce in welcoming new restaurant World Famous Grill, 7934 Florence Ave.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Christmas Cares Baseball Camp,** 9 am. The first annual Christmas Cares Baseball Camp is presented by former professional baseball player Darrick Hale and Northwest Downey Little League. There are three sessions: ages 6-8 from 9-10:30 am, ages 9-10 from 11 am to 12:30 pm and ages 11-12 from 12:45-2 pm. Register by contacting Darrick Hale at (562) 644-0893 or darrickhale@icloud.com. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

**Ladies Night with Taylor Dayne & Sheena Easton,** 8 pm. Taylor Dayne is an American pop icon with a career spanning three decades. Sheena Easton was the first, and still the only, artist to have top five records on five major Billboard charts. Her recording career has included Gold and Platinum albums in the United States, Europe and Asia. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up,** 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Meet at Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

**Downey Symphony Concert,** 8 pm. Titled "With a Song in My Heart," the concert features Concerto in G major "alla rustica" for strings, RV 151 by Vivaldi; "Irish Tune from County Derry" and "Molly on the Shore" by Grainger; Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op. 48 by Tchaikovsky; and a clarinet solo by Kelli O'Connor. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

**Astronaut Commemoration,** 10 am to 5 pm. Join the Columbia Memorial Space Center as it remembers the astronauts of the final Columbia Shuttle, Challenger and Apollo 1 missions. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Coffee with the Superintendent,** 6 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation with Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Stauffer Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Mariachi Rock Revolution,** 8 pm. Mariachi Rock Revolution is a metal-fueled, Mariachi-infused spectacle of sight and sound paying homage to the tradition of Mariachi through an unprecedented fusion with modern rock and electronica. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Father-Con,** 9 am to 3:30 pm. Speakers, workshops, more than 40 resource organizations, and a keynote address by Fr. Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries. The Heart of the Father Award will be presented by Nolveris Frometa. \$20 admission includes lunch. Register at fathercon.org. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up,** 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Meet at Firestone Complete Auto Care at Stonewood Center

**Recruitment Expo,** 10 am. Looking for a year-round job? Visit the City of Downey's Recruitment Expo to learn about job opportunities. 10 am to 4:30 pm for pre-registered participants, 1-3:30 pm for walk-ins. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**TLC 5K,** 7 am. The TLC 5K run/walk returns with proceeds benefiting the TLC Family Resource Center. For details, email tlc@dusd.net or call (562) 904-3577. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up,** 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup.

Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at OnStage Dance Center, 11711 Woodruff Ave.

**Downey Street Faire,** 10 am to 4 pm. Come shop, eat and enjoy with us. Located on Brookshire from Firestone to 5th Street. Presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and The Downey Patriot. Email events@thedowneypatriot.com to be a vendor or sponsor.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**Brunch with the Bunny,** 9:30 am to 1 pm. Save the date: Brunch with the Bunny returns to Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4

**Coffee with the Superintendent,** 6 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation with Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Price Elementary, 9525 Tweedy Lane

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8

**Downey Symphony Concert,** 8 pm. Titled "¡Danzón!", the concert features Ritual Fire Dance from El Amor Brujo by De Falla; Marichitlán by Juan Pablo Contreras; Danzón No.2 by Arturo Marquez; "Fanfare for Earth" (world premiere) by Giovanni Santos; Capriccio espagnol, Op. 34 by Rimsky-Korsakov; and a solo by baritone Anthony Moreno. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15

**Free Shredding,** 8-11 am. Bring your sensitive documents for free, on-site paper shredding. Limit 3 banker boxes per resident (no bags). City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

**Downey Coordinating Council Awards Banquet.** Downey service clubs and non-profits recognize their volunteers of the year. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up,** 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Meet at Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up,** 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Meet at Lakewood Park & Ride, 9004 Lakewood Blvd.

The Rodriguez family enjoyed the Downey Patriot while traveling in Cabo San Lucas recently. While on the cruise, they ran into Downey school board member Linda Saldana and her husband. From left: Refugio Saldana, Linda Saldana, Lupe Rodriguez and Rick Rodriguez.



The DUSD Board of Education has approved the renaming of the theater at Doty Middle School in honor of Sarah Jamison, a longtime teacher who died in 2019.

Jamison taught fourth grade at Williams and Old River before transferring to Doty with a specialty in reading. Her passion for education, music, theater, the environment, and Dodgers baseball were known to many. She was loyal to her family, friends, colleagues, and students.

After a courageous battle with aggressive brain cancer, Jamison passed away on July 10, 2019. A dedication ceremony took place last week.



## Downey Police visit with disability advocacy group

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Members of the SCRS-IL's employment services program got the opportunity on Wednesday to sit down with and meet a few Downey Police Department officers.

The event served as an opportunity for participants to familiarize themselves with members of law enforcement.

"The goal was really exposing our consumers to law enforcement in general," said Crystal Garibay, program manager for SCRS-IL's employment services department. "I think it's important for our individuals to get exposed to community living as much as possible, and part of that involves interacting with law enforcement at one point or another."

SCRS's employment service program is made up of young individuals with developmental disabilities who are trained and prepared to enter into the workforce.

Garibay added that she wants

members – especially those who may not have much experience venturing out into the community independently – to "feel confident in approaching a police officer."

"I think having this experience, you know, if they had any negative perceptions, can kind of like [change them]," said Garibay. "Oh wait, maybe what I've heard is not entirely correct, so if I'm out there, if I'm lost, if I see a police officer, I know I can approach them and they're going to help me."

The group discussed a range of different topics, including how to give good information to officers when in need, officer de-escalation tactics, and how officers may approach individuals with special needs.

"[It's important] to get to know them, to get to know the members of our community," said Cpl. Blanca Reyes. "And to educate. To educate and provide resources and assistance, and to answer questions."



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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/NEXY SABRINA MONGE MARTINEZ, GENERAL PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/1/22, 12/8/22, 12/15/22, 12/22/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022253324  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOUGLAS AUTOMOTIVE PARTS LLC, 117 CERRITOS AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOUGLAS AUTOMOTIVE PARTS LLC, 14117 CERRITOS AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2022  
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/DOUGLAS AUTOMOTIVE PARTS LLC, PRESIDENT DOUGLAS R. ROSALES  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 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 residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
11/24/22, 12/1/22, 12/8/22, 12/15/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022265429  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NUCLI GROUP (2) NUCLI TAX PREPARATION & NOTARY (3) NUCLI REAL ESTATE & HOME LOANS (4) NUCLI CAPITAL (5) THE ENTREPRENEUR EXPERIMENT (6) NUCLI INVESTMENT SERVICES, 8138 2ND STREET SUITE 204, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA 90241  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NUCLEUS ENDEAVORS LLC, 7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/NUCLEUS ENDEAVORS LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, MARK E GARZA  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 8, 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 Downey Patriot**  
12/8/22, 12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022255036  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRIVERS ED UNIVERSITY, 13444 GUNDERSON AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BUILDING ASSETS LLC, 13444 GUNDERSON 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: 11/2022  
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/BUILDING ASSETS LLC, MANAGER, BELEN BOBADILLA  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 23, 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 Downey Patriot**  
12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 1/5/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022268973  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BANDITO OFFROAD ADVENTURES (2) BANDITO OFFROAD (3) BANDITO ADVENTURES, 16229 LANDMARK DR., WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VIRGINIA L MORALES, 16229 LANDMARK DR., WHITTIER CA 90604 (2) RICK MORALES, 16229 LANDMARK DR., WHITTIER CA 90604  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2022  
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/RICK MORALES, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 13, 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**  
12/8/22, 12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022234698  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEE HAULING 4 LESS, 10628 SPRY ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALAN DAVID SARABIA, 5623 VIA AMPO ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90022 (2) JOSE EDUARDO MACHUCA, 10628 SPRY ST., NORWALK CA 90650  
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: 10/2022  
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/JOSE EDUARDO MACHUCA, GENERAL PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 26, 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**  
12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 1/5/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022255517  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALERI, 11990 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD APT 101, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GUILLERMO CASILLAS, 11990 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD APT 101, DOWNEY CA 90242  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/GUILLERMO CASILLAS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 23, 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**  
11/24/22, 12/1/22, 12/8/22, 12/15/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022253828  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRUTEFORCE SOLUTIONS, 13523 CLARK AVENUE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706-2230, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROGER ADRIAN MAGANA, 13523 CLARK AVENUE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706-2230  
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: 05/2013  
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/ROGER ADRIAN MAGANA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 23, 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**  
12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22, 1/5/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022254664  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PS INSTALLATIONS, 15306 PLACID DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FELIPE SAENZ, 15306 PLACID DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638  
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/FELIPE SAENZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 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**  
12/8/22, 12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022252518  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALLIANCE TUB FINISHING, 10929 FIRESTONE BLVD, #229, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADILENE PINEDA, 10929 FIRESTONE BLVD. #229, NORWALK CA 90650  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2022  
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/ADILENE PINEDA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 18, 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**  
11/24/22, 12/1/22, 12/8/22, 12/15/22

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
File Number 2022250853  
FILE NO: 2019077713 DATE FILED: MARCH 27, 2019  
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): TRU-IMAGE EVENT SERVICES  
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 12067 RIVES AV., DOWNEY, CA, 90242  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE LUIS ARIAS, 7863 COLE ST., DOWNEY CA 90242  
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/JOSE LUIS ARIAS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 17, 2022

**The Downey Patriot**  
11/24/22, 12/1/22, 12/8/22, 12/15/22

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2022262379  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COOKIE ME UP, 9029 BIRCHLEAF AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARICELA LUNA CASTRILLO, 9029 BIRCHLEAF AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240  
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: 04/2012  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/MARICELA LUNA CASTRILLO, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 5, 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).

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/8/22, 12/15/22, 12/22/22, 12/29/22

**GOVERNMENT PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE INVITING INTERESTED CONTRACTORS FOR THE 2023 CALIFORNIA UNIFORM PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST ACCOUNTING (CUPCCA) PROGRAM**

**INFORMAL BID LIST FOR DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

In accordance with the State of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission (CUPCCA), the District is inviting all interested licensed contractors to submit their company information for inclusion on the District's Pre-Qualified Bidding Contractors List for construction projects under \$60,000 (Field Contract) and up to \$200,000 (Informal Bid) during the 2023 calendar year. Per California Informal Bidding Contractors List, any Public Works Project that is estimated to be below the current threshold limits of \$200,000 is subject to the Field Contract or Informal Bidding Procedures set forth by the State of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission. All trade categories are subject to Informal Bidding Procedures. **Contractors that are interested in being on the 2023 Informal Bidding Contractors List are required to have a current license subject to verification through the Contractors State License Board, and be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations as per SB 854.**

**LETTER OF INTEREST FROM LICENSED CONTRACTOR**

Licensed contractors interested in being placed on the District's 2023 CUPCCAA Informal Bidding Contractors List must complete the District's registration form, available online, by going to <https://downeyunifiedcupccaa.dusd.net/>.

Contractors can print and fill out an application to be reviewed by the District for placement on the CUPCCAA vendor list.

Please submit it to Downey Unified School District, Attn: Darren Purselglove, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, or by e-mail to [DPurselglove@dusd.net](mailto:DPurselglove@dusd.net).

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**CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

**ON DECEMBER 13, 2022 THE DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-1502, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY AMENDING AND RESTATING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2105 OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE**

AYES: Council Members: Sosa, Trujillo, Mayor Frometa  
NOES: Council Member: None  
ABSENT: Council Member: Alvarez  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:

The Ordinance adds a subsection to Section 2105 to provide that oral communications near the beginning of the City Council Closed Session Agenda shall be limited to three (3) minutes, adds that no trash may be brought into the Council Chambers or other meeting place if doing so would disrupt, disturb or impede the orderly course of the meeting, amends the time limit for oral communication near the beginning of the City Council agenda regarding agenda, non-agenda and consent calendar items be limited to three (3) minutes rather than four (4) minutes, and adds that procedures for placing matters on a future agenda may be set by Resolution of the City Council.

Note: A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's Office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, or on the City's website at: <http://downeyca.org>.

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**CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

**ON DECEMBER 13, 2022 THE DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:**

**ORDINANCE 22-1503, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY AMENDING AND RESTATING ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 2106 OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE**

AYES: Council Members: Sosa, Trujillo, Mayor Frometa  
NOES: Council Member: None  
ABSENT: Council Member: Alvarez  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:

The Ordinance makes a certain amendment to the Downey Municipal Code related to removal of a disruptive member of the public from a meeting of the City Council. The adopted Ordinance changes the text of Section 2106 to provide that an individual removed for violating specified provisions of Section 2106 may be expelled from the City Council meeting upon a first offense rather than first removing the individual from the item or matter pending before the City Council at the time of removal and then removing that individual from the entire meeting upon a second offense, in order to align with recently adopted Senate Bill 1100.

Note: A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's Office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, or on the City's website at: <http://downeyca.org>.

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**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-27 WELL NO. 24 REHABILITATION**

The Project consists of:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 3, 2023** which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 23-27 Well No. 24 Rehabilitation**.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be scheduled on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., at the well site. Please contact Janet Ortega at [jortega@downeyca.org](mailto:jortega@downeyca.org) for the site address.

The work to be performed generally consists of sediment removal, video survey, mechanical cleaning with nylon brush, initial redevelopment by pumping and surging, post-rehabilitation well testing, oil/sediment removal, well disinfection, and sampling, new motor, new bow assembly, new sections of column pipe, and refurbished discharge head and packing box, traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance these Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 23-27.

Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$35.00 per set**. The cost of said Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-27.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the bids furnished by the City, guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid: promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers for the work ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C57, "Well Drilling Contractor."

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ms. Janet Ortega,**  
Assistant Civil Engineer II - Utilities  
E-Mail: [jortega@downeyca.org](mailto:jortega@downeyca.org)  
Tel: (562) 904-7110  
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract.

Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids

received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

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

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

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

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### NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00467

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SANDRA JIAHUI CHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) SANDRA JIAHUI CHEN to Proposed name (1) JIAHUI YIN THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **JANUARY 25, 2023, 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** DECEMBER 1, 2022  
Margaret M. Bernal, Judge  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **SANDRA JIAHUI CHEN**  
**16055 CHELLA DR**  
**HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745**  
**626-378-0080**  
**XANDRA.VIN@GMAIL.COM**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22PSCP00574

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI to Proposed name (1) RYAN KENNETH ARGUINZONI KUKLINSKI 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: **FEBRUARY 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: N/A**  
The address of the court is **400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91760**

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** NOVEMBER 29, 2022  
Peter A. Hernandez, Judge  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **RYAN KUKLINSKI**  
**3051 JOY ST**  
**WEST COVINA, CA 91773**  
**626-634-8734**  
**THEKUKLINSKI@GMAIL.COM**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00468

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ISRAEL RUIZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ISRAEL RUIZ to Proposed name (1) ISRAEL RAMIREZ THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **JANUARY 27, 2023, 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** DECEMBER 1, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **ISRAEL RUIZ**  
**11434 MAZA ST**  
**NORWALK, CA 90650**  
**(424) 393-8959**  
**Ruiz.izzy@gmail.com**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00472

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI to Proposed name (1) SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **JANUARY 23, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**  
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 1, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **Sarah Kristine Chicarelli**  
**8711 Boyne St**  
**Downey, CA 90242**  
**(562) 755-1487**  
**Skc31@ca.rr.com**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22GDPC00191

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner FRANCISCA ALATASI URIMA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) FRANCISCA ALATASI URIMA to Proposed name (1) FRANCESCA ALATASI STEFFANY THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **JANUARY 18, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: D, Room: N/A**  
The address of the court is **Glendale Superior Court North Central District, 600 East Broadway Glendale, California 91206**

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**

NOVEMBER 30, 2022  
Robin Miller Sloan, Judge  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **FRANCISCA ALATASI URIMA**  
**1253 LERMONT RD**  
**SOUTH EL MONTE, CA 91733**  
**(702) 816-0244**  
**Cis\_kah@yahoo.com**

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### PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERTO HERNANDEZ**  
Case No. 21STPB01162

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **ROBERTO HERNANDEZ** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Henry Aguilu Sr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Henry Thee Aguilu be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 4, 2023 at 9:30AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
**JARED A BARRY, ESQ**  
**SBN 221988**

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOE GOMEZ BASURTO**  
Case No. 22STPB11594

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **JOE GOMEZ BASURTO** A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: **STEPHANIE BASURTO** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **STEPHANIE BASURTO** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **JANUARY 13, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M.** in Dept. 4 Room N/A located at **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90012**

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

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
**Stephanie Basurto**  
7838 Lyndora Street Downey, Los Angeles County, California, United States, 90242  
**(562) 413-9672**  
**Bgstephanie03@gmail.com**

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# Senate passes legislation to ban TikTok from U.S. government devices

U.S. officials fear that data shared on TikTok could be accessed by the Chinese government.

The Senate passed legislation Wednesday evening to ban TikTok from US government devices, in a move designed to limit perceived information-security risks stemming from the social media app.

The vote by unanimous consent approved the No TikTok on Government Devices Act, a bill authored by Missouri Republican Sen. Josh Hawley.

The move marks lawmakers' latest step against the short-form video app that has become popular with over a billion users worldwide. US officials fear that TikTok's user data could end up in the hands of the Chinese government due to that country's influence over TikTok's parent, ByteDance.

A companion bill was introduced in the House last year by Colorado Republican Rep. Ken Buck. It has yet to be approved by members of the House Oversight Committee.

"Once again, Sen. Hawley has moved forward with legislation to ban TikTok on government devices, a proposal which does nothing to advance U.S. national security interests," a spokesperson for TikTok said in a statement. "We hope that rather than continuing down that road, he will urge the Administration to move forward on an agreement that would actually address his concerns."

The latest legislative action comes as TikTok and the US government have been negotiating a deal that may allow the app to keep

serving US users. There have been years of closed-door talks between TikTok and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, as well as recent reports of delays in the negotiations.

On Tuesday, US lawmakers led by Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio introduced a bill to ban TikTok in the United States more generally, along with other apps based in, or under the "substantial influence" of, countries that are considered foreign adversaries, including China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba and Venezuela.

In the past two weeks, at least seven states have said they will bar public employees from using the app on government devices, including Alabama, Maryland, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah and Texas. (Another state, Nebraska, banned TikTok from state devices in 2020.)

Some US government agencies have independently taken steps to limit TikTok usage among their employees.

Already, the US military, the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security have restricted the app from government-owned devices. But Wednesday's bill would apply to the entire federal workforce.

# Uber launches self-driving cars in Las Vegas



Waymo.

The ridehailing company suffered another blow to its self-driving program a month later when one of its test vehicles in Tempe, Arizona, struck and killed a pedestrian.

An Uber test driver behind the wheel, who was supposed to monitor the vehicle and intervene if needed, was watching a television show on her phone.

Through its partnership with Motional, Uber is attempting to

shift its business model away from being solely reliant on its vast fleet of independently contracted drivers, a business model that has posed legal issues for the company in recent years.

The Biden administration is currently proposing a new labor rule that could classify millions of these gig workers as employees — a move that would challenge the low-cost labor models behind Silicon Valley heavyweights like Uber.

Ridehailing giant Uber is now offering Las Vegas riders the option on its app to hail a self-driving taxi developed by another company, according to a press release Wednesday.

While the autonomous vehicles are currently only available for ride hailing in Las Vegas, there are plans to expand to Los Angeles "at a later date," according to the release.

The robocars, made by driverless technology company Motional, are sent with two "vehicle operators" behind the wheel to monitor the technology and provide added support to riders. Uber said it plans on launching a fully driverless service with Motional in 2023.

Users requesting a ride will be offered an autonomous vehicle if one is available before the trip is confirmed. If a customer opts in, a self-driving Hyundai Ioniq 5 mid-sized hatchback, modified by Motional, will be sent to pick them up.

Motional has been offering robotaxi services in Las Vegas since 2018 through Uber rival Lyft, though rides before 2020 were offered under parent-company Aptiv.

Uber and Motional first announced their non-exclusive 10-

year agreement in October, two years after the ride-hailing company sold off its own self-driving unit, Advanced Technologies Group, to San Francisco-based startup Aurora.

The sale came after a five-year run of developing self-driving vehicles that was marred by litigation and a fatal crash.

Waymo, Google's self-driving company, sued Uber in February 2017 alleging trade secret and intellectual property theft, with Waymo eventually receiving about \$245 million in Uber stock as part of settlement and Uber agreeing not to use proprietary information from

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