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Downey teen kidnapped from park found dead

■ Andrea Vazquez, 19, was abducted from Whittier's Penn Park over the weekend and later found dead, police said. A suspect is in custody.

By City News Service

WHITTIER — A 20-year-old man pleaded not guilty Wednesday to murder and other charges stemming from the kidnapping and death of a young Downey woman who was attacked at Penn Park in Whittier and whose body was found a day later in Riverside County.

Gabriel Sean Esparza of Whittier is charged with one count each of murder, kidnapping to commit another crime, kidnapping and assault with intent to commit a felony, and two counts of attempted forcible rape -- all involving Andrea Vazquez, along with an attempted murder charge involving the 19-year-old woman's boyfriend.

The murder charges include the special circumstance allegations of murder during the commission of a kidnapping and murder during the commission of an attempted rape, which could make him eligible for a potential life prison sentence without the possibility of parole.



Andrea Vazquez

All seven charges include an allegation that Esparza personally used a rifle.

"Today was the beginning of fighting for justice for Andrea Vazquez -- a beautiful 19-year-old daughter, sister, cousin, friend, girlfriend that was murdered by the person accused today in court," said Moses Castillo, a retired Los Angeles Police Department detective who is representing the woman's family.

He noted that the victim's family met with Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman before the downtown Los Angeles court appearance and were advised that the charges included attempted rape, which he said "just ripped their hearts all over again."

"I want justice for my daughter," the victim's mother, Ana, told reporters outside the courthouse. "She just started her life. I don't think it's fair that this happened..."

The woman's sister, Edlyn, said she was "here to get justice for my sister and to be a voice for her."

The family's spokesperson said there is "no connection whatsoever between the accused killer and the victims, none whatsoever."

Castillo said he wants the public to know that Vazquez's boyfriend "is a true victim" and "is not anyone who was involved with this."

"We're just thankful that we don't have two dead homicide victims. At least one is able to tell us the story as to what happened and for that we are thankful," Castillo said.

Superior Court Judge Kimberley Baker Guillemet ordered Esparza to remain jailed without bail pending his next court appearance Oct. 25, when a date is scheduled to be set for a hearing to determine if there is enough evidence for him to stand trial.

Esparza was arrested Monday afternoon at his workplace in Lakewood, the Whittier Police Department said Tuesday.

The 19-year-old woman's remains were found late Monday night in Moreno Valley.

Whittier police said they recovered a weapon believed to have been used in the crime, and Esparza's vehicle, a 2013 White Toyota Tacoma truck, was also impounded.

According to police, the shooting occurred early Sunday morning, shortly after midnight, at the parking stalls area of Penn Park at 13950 Penn St.

"An adult male witness reported that while at the park with an adult female companion, an armed suspect approached their vehicle and fired a weapon in their direction," police said in a statement.

"The male witness ran from the location and upon his return, discovered blood near his vehicle and his female companion was missing," police said.

On Monday, police sought the public's help to find Vazquez and then announced the arrest Tuesday afternoon.

"Throughout the investigation, an ongoing search for Andrea Vazquez took place in large open land areas of Moreno Valley," police said.

"At 11:50 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2023, detectives located the body of Andrea Vazquez in a vegetation field off Alessandro Boulevard and Merwin Street in Moreno Valley," police added. "At this time, it appears that Andrea Vazquez and her male companion were randomly targeted by the suspect at Penn Park."

Vazquez attended Fullerton College and was a fashion design student as well as an employee at a shopping mall in Cerritos.

The Downey Police Department assisted with the investigation, along with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and La Habra Police Department.

Anyone with information about the case was urged to call the police tipline at 562-567-9299.



Mayor Claudia M. Frometa and Downey Rose Float Association president Jeremy Clifton at a city council meeting earlier this year. (CITY OF DOWNEY PHOTO)

Downey awards \$30K annual subsidy to Rose Float Association

■ Council members voted to create a \$30,000 annual allocation in its operating budget.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY — The Downey Rose Float Association's annual \$30,000 entry fee in the Tournament of Roses Parade will now be covered by the city of Downey, council members decided Tuesday.

The Downey Rose Float is one of only six self-built floats to participate in the Rose Parade, held in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Participating in the parade costs \$30,000, not including the cost to build the float itself.

On Tuesday, the city council voted to create an annual subsidy to cover the entry fee.

The city council gave the Rose

Float \$30,000 last year. The organization also leases property at 7631 Gardendale Street from Los Angeles County and is not charged rent for use of the site.

The Rose Float raises about \$65,000 to \$100,000 annually, depending on the size and scope of the float. Their fundraisers include a 4th of July fireworks stand that brings in about \$25,000, a "Parade of Winners" raffle that generates \$10,000 to \$15,000, and the Miss Downey Pageant, which raises between \$15,000 and \$22,000.

Of the six organizations that enter self-built, non-commercial floats in the Rose Parade, Downey officials contacted four to determine if they receive city funding.

The City of La Canada Flintridge gave \$15,000 last year and South Pasadena allocated \$1,000 for the purchase of flowers. Sierra Madre gives no money to its rose float association.

Burbank receives approximately \$54,000 annually from Burbank Water and Power.

"We, as a city, take great pride in this float and we look for it every year on January 1 as it goes down Colorado Boulevard," said Mayor Claudia M. Frometa. "It is important for us to step up and support it and not just support it by word but by putting it in our budget as a line item."

"Needless to say, I'm fully supportive of this."

The final vote was 3-0 with Councilman Hector Sosa absent. The \$30,000 will be deducted from the Parks & Recreation general fund.

"I don't want this beautiful program to ever leave Downey," said Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo. "I want to cement it for eternity so my grandchildren will get to know who the Downey Rose Float Association is."

Downey installing block walls in response to neighborhood traffic complaints

■ Residents living near two popular restaurants have complained about excess traffic.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY — Downey will install block walls in two neighborhoods in an effort to mitigate traffic and parking complaints.

The first wall will be installed on Manzanar Avenue, just south of Telegraph Road. According to residents, drivers often use Manzanar to avoid the Telegraph Road and Lakewood Boulevard intersection, especially during rush hour.

"This movement not only

affects quality of life on Manzanar Avenue, it also creates a safety concern for residents, including children," Public Works Director Matthew Baumgardner wrote in a report to the city council.

The neighborhood also contends with traffic from Tacos Don Goyo, a taco restaurant on Telegraph Road.

Traffic from the restaurant "is a considerable inconvenience as customers frequently park and dine in their cars/trucks in the residential area eating, talking, and sometimes playing music until late at night," Baumgardner's report states.

"Weekends and evenings are particularly impactful, and the City has received numerous reports and has cited offenders when observed. Commercial

customers have also been cited for parking on sidewalks and blocking residential driveways..."

Similarly, residents living on the Bergman Lane cul-de-sac requested a block wall to act as a buffer between homes and businesses, particularly Tempo Cantina, whose customers often park on residential streets.

In a poll of Bergman Lane residents conducted by the city, eight residences expressed support for a block and seven supported a wall with a locking gate to provide pedestrian access to Paramount Boulevard. Nine homes did not respond to the poll.

Construction is slated to begin in November of this year. The total estimated cost is \$325,000.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 87°

Sunday 90°

ON THIS DAY

1814: During the War of 1812, British forces captured Washington, D.C., and burned various government buildings, notably the Capitol and the Executive Mansion (now known as the White House).

1821: The Treaty of Córdoba was signed, giving Mexico its independence from Spain.

1932: Aviator Amelia Earhart took off from Los Angeles, and, when she landed in Newark, New Jersey, the following day, she became the first woman to complete a solo nonstop flight across the United States.

1989: Former baseball player and manager Pete Rose was banned from the sport after an investigation determined that he had bet on games, and he thereby became ineligible for the Baseball Hall of Fame; he later admitted to gambling on baseball.

2006: Pluto was demoted from planet to dwarf planet after the International Astronomical Union approved a reclassification of the solar system.

2010: Katy Perry released her second major studio album, "Teenage Dream," with its first five singles all topping the Hot 100, starting with "California Gurls."

2011: Amid health issues, Steve Jobs resigned as CEO of Apple, and he died less than two months later.

2021: English drummer Charlie Watts, an integral member of the iconic rock band the Rolling Stones, died at age 80.

Birthdays
WWE chairman **Vince McMahon** (78), Academy Award winning actress **Marlee Matlin** (58), basketball hall of famer **Reggie Miller** (58), retired Angels outfielder **Tim Salmon** (55), comedian **Dave Chappelle** (50), "One Tree Hill" star **Chad Michael Murray** (42), "Harry Potter" star **Rupert Grint** (35), Dodgers utility player **Kike Hernandez** (32) and model **Sofia Richie** (25).

Welcome back to school

Welcome back, Downey Unified! We are officially into our second week of the 2023-24 school year. It was a delight to see our campuses bustling once again with eager learners, dedicated educators, and the promise of a new school year filled with growth and accomplishments.

I would like to officially welcome all of our students back. Your enthusiasm and determination are the driving force behind our educational community which are here to support you. As you enter a new grade, please remember that each day holds the potential for a new adventure in learning, discovery and personal achievement.

We are fortunate to also welcome many newcomers to our Downey Unified family. You have joined a community that values your unique talents and perspectives, and we are excited to support your journey of growth and learning.

Downey Unified is committed to continue to provide a wide range of services to our students. In 2000, Downey Unified was one of the first school districts in the United States to provide a Family Resource Center, which we named TLC, that has continued to change lives to this day. In addition to our wonderful TLC Family Resource Center, I would like to take a moment to draw attention to our Wellness Centers/Spaces that are present on every single campus across our district. These spaces are not just physical places, but also symbolic of our commitment of supporting the well-being and mental health of our students.

We understand that a healthy mind is vital for a successful educational journey, and our Wellness Centers/Spaces offer a range of resources, counseling services and a safe space for students. Remember, you are never alone in your journey. Through our Wellness Centers, TLC and other mental health staff, we are here to provide the support you need.

As we embrace the new school year, I invite you to support our student athletes by attending the many various sporting events throughout the year. I encourage all students and families to review the upcoming sports schedules, not only for our high schools but also for our middle schools, as we have new facilities at all four middle school campuses. I invite everyone to come out and cheer for our teams as they compete and demonstrate the character and values of Downey Unified.

In our ever-changing digital age, communication is key. I urge all families to confirm that their contact information is up to date with both their respective schools and the district. This ensures timely updates, important announcements and any crucial information from your child's school and from our district. Open lines of communication between home and school are vital for your child's success, and we want to keep you informed every step of the way.

As we dive into this school year, let's approach it with enthusiasm, a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to supporting one another. Together, we will create an educational experience that prepares our students for the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to our Downey Unified family!

Giggy Perez-Saab
Board of Education President

New superintendent welcomed at meet and greet

■ Jonathan Vasquez recently took over as superintendent of Little Lake City School District.

SANTA FE SPRINGS — The Little Lake City School District Family Resource Center hosted a community event on Aug. 17, allowing families to meet the new superintendent, Jonathan Vasquez, and discover valuable resources.

Families in the Little Lake CSD community were greeted with free Kona Ice, setting the tone for a pleasant afternoon of socializing.

One of the event's highlights was the Resource Fair, which showcased an array of valuable services available to families in the area. Local organizations such as Think Together, Stone Soup Child Care Programs, L.A. CADA Youth and Family Services,

Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, Helpline Youth Counseling Inc, Jar Insurance, and Wesley Health Center were present, offering information and assistance to those seeking support.

The event also featured local dignitaries from Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Downey, and other community leaders who welcomed Vasquez to the Little Lake City community.

Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo attended and represented Downey.

"It's heartwarming to see families, local leaders, and community organizations come together to support our community," said Manuel Cantu, Little Lake CSD Board President.

"This event is a testament to our commitment to fostering collaboration and providing resources that empower families."

"I am grateful for the warm



Little Lake School District superintendent Jonathan Vasquez met with the public at a meet and greet last week.

welcome from the Little Lake City School District community during the Superintendent Meet and Greet," said Superintendent Vasquez.

"Your support unites us as a community. I look forward

to nurturing a supportive educational environment for our students. Thank you, and I am excited to embark on this journey together."

Student volunteers earn scholarships

DOWNEY — Seven Downey students were honored as winners of the Caring for Others scholarship awarded by Risher Mortuary and Cremation Service.

The \$500 scholarship is awarded to students who display "a servant's heart." Graduating high school seniors apply for the scholarship by writing an essay demonstrating their passion for service to others.

This year's winners include Sarah Frometa and Jordan Curiel (Downey High), Sabrina Santos and Haleigh Chacon (Warren High), Tiffany Loredo and Genesis Plata (Columbus High), and Alexandra Alva (Calvary Chapel).

"We are looking to reward \$500 students who plan to use their next level of education to 'Care for Others,'" said Barbara Risher Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary along with her husband, Greg Welch.

"They can pursue any field of study and career of their choice," said Greg Welch. "We simply want to affirm young people who will reach out to help the less fortunate."

Pictured right: Sarah Frometa hugs Barbara Risher Welch after being awarded a Caring for Others scholarship.



Downey Theatre presents:

Upcoming Events ...

August 25th- 8:30pm
Mario Aguilar: ¡Ser Loca No Es Fácil!

August 26th- 6:00pm
Mexico Lindo y Querido

August 27th- 2:00pm
Con El Alma

September 2nd- 3:00pm & 8:00pm
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September 8th- 8:00pm
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Louise Niewiarowski celebrated her 100th birthday August 16. A triennial family reunion was held in Winnipeg and the Downey area. This past week's reunion was hosted by nearby families. Louise enjoyed seeing 70 family members including her two sisters, Frances, 96 and Joan, 86. Louise was born in Poland, moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada and has been a Downey resident for 40 years. She is a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. She remains active in the Women's Guild. Louise is a prayer warrior for all who need praying for. She enjoys her glass of red wine and watching Jeanette McDonald movies. Louise has three married children, 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Happy 100th birthday, Maurene Dorris. Maurene, a Downey resident since 1952, is turning 100 this week. She will be celebrating in the family home with her four children, many of her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family members.

Maurene has had an exciting 100 years. She was active in PTA and in leading Girl Scout troops and events in Downey for many years and was an important role model to many young girls. She was able to travel to many parts of the world with her husband of 74 years. She has had an active part in the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is currently working on her autobiography, recording many of her life experiences. She enjoys visiting with family and friends.

"We have all been fortunate and blessed to have such a great mom, grandma and great grandma and are looking forward to each new day with her," her family said in an email.



Norwalk finalist for Most Business-Friendly City Award

NORWALK — Norwalk has been named a finalist for the Most Business-Friendly City Award.

Presented by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the award will be presented Nov. 8 at the Eddy Awards, which honor people, cities and organizations "that have significantly contributed to the inclusive economic development within the region."

Other finalists for the Most Business-Friendly City Award include Carson, Glendale, Long Beach and Torrance.

"The Most Business-Friendly City awards were established to acknowledge and illuminate the tireless and often unsung endeavors of city economic development staff," said Stephen Cheung, president and CEO of the LACEDC. "Their dedication helps position the Los Angeles region not only as a leader within California but also as a global economic trailblazer. Our region's 88 cities are the cornerstone of our region's future, emphasizing equity, sustainability, and resilience.

"We honor these innovative cities and their dedication to our community, and we hope their hard work will inspire other cities throughout the nation to build stronger and more resilient economies."

In January, Norwalk celebrated the opening of its second Chick-fil-A restaurant, and in March welcomed Sprouts grocery store. Also this year, plans were announced for a Tesla dealership and service center on the former Walmart site on Imperial Highway.

This year's Eddy Awards will take place at SoFi Stadium. Spectrum News One political anchor Alex Cohen will emcee.

Eric Pierce, editor

Artist asks for sculpture to be returned



Arlene Cartozian donated "Hole in One at Rio Hondo" to the City of Downey in 2004. It will be returned after it was placed in storage.

DOWNEY — An artist is asking the City of Downey to return a donated sculpture after it was removed and stored in a public works yard. The artwork, titled "Hole in One at Rio Hondo," was donated to the City of Downey by artist Arlene Cartozian in 2004. It had been on display at the Rio Hondo Event Center until

the facility was renovated. After renovations, the sculpture was placed in the public works yard for storage. "The original artist has requested to have the art work returned," Parks and Recreation Director Jason Chacon wrote in a report to the city council. An art appraiser valued the sculpture at between \$1,500-

\$3,000, city officials said.

The city council voted 3-0 Tuesday to return the sculpture.

Eric Pierce, editor

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Downey couple narrowly misses Maui wildfires

■ Pablo and Reggie Donahue escaped Lahaina as deadly fires devastated the Hawaiian resort town.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — It was supposed to be a celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Reggie Donahue and husband Pablo arrived on the island of Maui on Aug. 4 to kick off their 8-day long festivities. Four days into their trip, on Aug. 7, they visited Lahaina.

A day later, it was on fire.

Over 115 lives were lost, thousands displaced, and as many as 1,100 remain unaccounted for after a devastating wildfire tore through the historic Hawaiian town of Lahaina.

The Donahue's were staying at the Napili Surf, around six miles north and out of harms way, although that wasn't completely clear at first.

As the tragedy unfolded, information was scarce.

"Initially we were told one power pole went down, and so on Tuesday night we lost power," said Donahue. "They said, 'Oh, it'll be fixed in the morning.'"

It wasn't until the following morning that the Donahue's knew anything "officially."

"The general manager [of the resort], his name is Tano, he got in his truck... and went the back roads [into town], and came back upset," said Donahue. "We had a generator. We had no power, so he had a generator, so we were listening to a transistor radio."

Still, the Donahue's received more details from their family back home.

"Wednesday night is when we

spoke to our kids," said Donahue. "My son said, 'Mom, the boats are gone,' and I said, 'No they're not Matt, we were just there.' 'No, the boats are gone. Everything is gone. Lahaina is gone.'"

"We knew it was bad, but we heard from our own kids from California."

In fact, what the Donahue's were receiving from their kids back home was often better information than what was available locally.

"The lack of information was really horrendous... All we kept hearing was the power was out, not that Lahaina was gone," said Donahue. "I was literally just sitting at the radio, and they were not giving any information because I think a lack of information all around."

Knowing that evacuation might be difficult and not guaranteed immediately, the Donahue's made the decision to stick things out for the remainder of their planned trip.

"We went three and a half days without power, without electricity," said Donahue. "We had peanut butter and jelly, we played 20 Questions; we were okay."

In the meantime, their resort began taking in locals who had lost their homes — and some family — in the fires.

"A lady shows up [with her 8-day-old baby], knocks on the door, and says to [Tano], 'You're related to my cousin,'" said Donahue. "[Tano says], 'Yeah, Yeah, I know. Come in.' She brings her baby and the diaper bag. Following her was her husband and two grandparents."

Another family also arrived; the son, Junior who was back from college, having had to rescue his four siblings from the fire.

"They welcomed all these people, and they also welcomed people from the Sheraton and the Marriot," said Donahue. "Then Thursday morning he called all of us to this area, and said 'If you don't have a reservation here... you need to go because I need to take care of my people.'"

Before leaving, the Donahue's tried to help where they could, helping collect food and supplies and convincing several other travelers to leave their clothes behind for those who had lost everything.

Now, they're hoping to support even more.

Donahue is encouraging others to donate to Maui's Mana, which was established by a couple who frequent Napili Surf to support the families who have been impacted. Many of those families — some upwards of 10 people — are currently living out of the small resort.

"I think my biggest takeaway: it was a minor inconvenience for me and my husband; we will always remember our anniversary," said Donahue. "It's a lifetime of pain, and loss, and heartache for these families."

"That's why I don't want it to be about me, but I want Downey to directly help these families, because this is real, this is so real."

Donahue says she "hasn't slept" since coming home and seeing the true level of destruction.

"Getting home, watching the things, made me realize, wow, I was blessed and missed all that, but did not know the destruction," said Donahue. "I was at Napili Surf, and literally we didn't do anything from the point it started."

She said that providing further help is going to be part of her recovery.

"I feel I know enough people. People have said, 'Reggie, what can I do,'" said Donahue. "... Tano and his wife, they know everybody's level of need. There might be people there who didn't lose their home, didn't lose anything and they're okay, but the bulk of these people did. So that's this."

To donate to Maui's Mana, visit <https://mauismana.com/> donate.

Downey police officer Drew Lofquist has been promoted to sergeant.

Sgt. Lofquist has been a police officer since 2010 and started his career with the Downey Police Department in 2013. He has worked as a motor officer in the traffic unit and was just promoted from his position as a K9 handler.

He has also worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, school resource officer, a member of the AB109 compliance team, a member of the crime impact team, and a member of the tactical entry team.



Kaiser hospital in Downey ranked among best in California

■ Downey Medical Center received high marks from U.S. News & World Report.

DOWNEY — Kaiser Permanente hospitals across the U.S., including Downey Medical Center locally, are among the best in the nation for delivering high-quality care based on U.S. News & World Report's 2023-2024 Best Hospitals rankings.

For the third year in a row, all of Kaiser Permanente's 39 hospitals nationwide, including 15 in Southern California, are rated as high performing (top 20% in the nation) in at least one of 36 measures in U.S. News' annual report.

Additionally, eight Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California ranked among the state's Top 50, and two — Anaheim and Irvine medical centers — ranked 44th for pulmonology and lung surgery in the nation.

State rankings

U.S. News ranked eight Kaiser Permanente medical centers in Southern California among the state's 50 best hospitals:

- Downey Medical Center (orthopedics; pulmonology and lung surgery).
- Anaheim and Irvine Medical Centers
- Los Angeles Medical Center
- Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers
- San Diego and Zion Medical Centers

Also, U.S. News rated eight Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California as "high performing" or "nationally ranked" in a specialty:

- Downey Medical Center (geriatrics, pulmonology and lung surgery; urology).
- Anaheim and Irvine Medical Centers (gastroenterology and GI surgery; geriatrics; neurology and neurosurgery; orthopedics; pulmonology and lung surgery).
- Los Angeles Medical Center (neurology and neurosurgery; pulmonology and lung surgery; urology).
- Woodland Hills Medical Center (pulmonology and lung surgery).
- San Diego and Zion Medical Centers

"Our members count on us to provide them with high-quality care and service," said Michelle Gaskill-Hames, interim president, Kaiser Permanente Southern California and Hawaii, Health Plan and Hospitals. "This accolade is a testament to our dedicated and hard-working physicians, nurses and health care workers who go above and beyond the call of duty every day."

Dr. Ramin Davidoff, executive medical director for the Southern California and Hawaii Permanente Medical Groups, attributed this prestigious accolade in part to the exceptional care and individualized attention provided by doctors at Kaiser Permanente, which serves 4.9 million members in Southern California.

"Our physicians continue to go the extra mile by providing high-quality and compassionate care, meeting the needs of our members and the public," he said. "Also, this could not be done without the exceptional teamwork between our doctors and care teams that takes place every day at all of our facilities, where everyone does their part for the benefit of our members."

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The big story behind the police raid on a small-town newspaper

By Celia Wexler

Celia Wexler is a journalist and the author of "Catholic Women Confront Their Church: Stories of Hurt and Hope."

What happened to a weekly newspaper in Marion, Kansas, on Friday can be viewed as one unpleasant incident in a small town: the police raiding a local newspaper and the home of its owners and confiscating the digital equivalent of the paper's printing presses by seizing computers, cell phones and reporting materials containing the names of confidential sources.

But the proper perspective is a much broader one. This is about a police force essentially shrugging off the law and the Constitution. It's about an intrusion into newsgathering that almost never happens because it so profoundly violates one of our deepest American values - the primacy of the public's right to know.

The event stirred journalists to their core. But it also alarmed the White House. White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told CNN that the Kansas raid raises "a lot of concerns and a lot of questions" for the Biden administration.

I'm the vice president of the Washington, DC, chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. It happens that our national board is giving up to \$20,000 to the newspaper in question, the Marion County Record, to help with its legal fees. But my views don't represent my organization. Rather, they are deeply personal. I'm writing as a citizen who became a journalist to ensure the public's access to information out of a conviction that good reporting is the best way to ensure a functioning democracy.

The news story at the center of this raid was so responsible and honest, and the reaction of local law enforcement was so over the top, it would be funny if it weren't true.

The day before the raid, Eric Meyer, co-owner and editor of the Record, wrote an article laying out the state of affairs. His paper had received a private message on Facebook from an anonymous source sharing a government record indicating that a local restaurateur had had her license suspended because of a DUI. According to Meyer's reporting, under state law, this could have jeopardized her ability to get a liquor license.

The Record checked the information on a public website and confirmed its accuracy. But Meyer said the paper declined to publish it, worried that the source may have had an agenda. Instead, the paper reported the incident to law enforcement out of fear the paper was being set up.

Then, Meyer reported, police apparently told the restaurateur about the information the newspaper had. Later, at a public meeting of the Marion city council, the restaurateur wrongly accused the paper of illegally obtaining and spreading private information about her, in the process making public by herself her DUI. The paper covered the meeting and spoke to the restaurateur following the event while refuting her accusations against it.

Does this sound like the making of a crime? Or is this anything but solid news reporting, something you'd expect from Meyer, a longtime journalist at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel who then went on to teach journalism at the University of Illinois? According to the publicly available information, there is no sign the newspaper did anything wrong.

Yet four days after the council meeting, the police raided the newspaper's offices. Marion police chief Gideon Cody reportedly pushed for the warrant for the raid in order to investigate whether the paper illegally obtained the DUI information, thus potentially committing identity theft.

Cody also had a personal connection to the Record. The paper had investigated the police chief himself over "serious" allegations of misconduct in his previous job with the Kansas City Police Department, Meyer told the Kansas City Star.

Cody retorted that the paper had never published that investigation, which proved the charges had been groundless. "I have already been vetted," he told the Star. Now the raid, according to Meyer, has given Cody access to the sources behind the story.

That raid was groundless, according to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. In a letter to Cody it wrote, "Based on public reporting, the search warrant that has been published online, and your public statements to the press, there appears to be no justification for the breadth and intrusiveness of the search."

The letter also warned that the raid "may have violated federal law strictly limiting federal, state, and local law enforcement's ability to conduct newsroom searches," which "are among the most intrusive actions law enforcement can take with respect to the free press, and the most potentially suppressive of free speech."

While the Kansas Bureau of Investigation has not closed its probe of the publication, the paper is now getting back all its seized equipment and records. Even more important, the Marion County Attorney said Wednesday the search warrant was being withdrawn, concluding that the search shouldn't have been permitted to begin with, saying it was based on "insufficient evidence" that any crime had been committed.

This plot could have the makings of a Frank Capra film - the noble newspaper editor standing up for truth and the rule of law and (hopefully) ultimately prevailing - except for its tragic, un-Capra-like elements. Joan Meyer, 98, who owned the paper with her son, had trouble eating and sleeping after her home was raided, asking, "Where are all the good people to put a stop to this?" Her anger and upset were, her son believes, a factor in her death the following day.

And contrary to Capra's formula, there hasn't been an overwhelming outpouring of public community support for the paper from churches, civic leaders, anyone. Meyer said that some people in the community were offering their support, but only privately. They tell him they're afraid, he said. What if the police go after them?

Indeed, just because this raid had received lots of publicity and even drew the attention of the White House, it doesn't mean that the Marion Record or anyone else who cares about democracy should breathe a sigh of relief.

We have seen so many laws broken and rights trampled over the last few years. Each time these boundaries are crossed, democracy is a little weaker, and people a little less empowered.

This time it was law enforcement seizing a newspaper's property. Next time, a governor may decide to arrest a blogger for saying unkind things about him. In Florida, a bill pending in the legislature would require bloggers who write about state elected officials to register with the state and file reports about how much they earn from their work or face fines.

Librarians are quitting their jobs, fearful of intimidation by the book banners. Election workers are leaving in droves because they can't stand the threats from people who believe, mistakenly, that they are rigging the vote. Teachers are growing weary of the harassment by parents who want to dictate what public schools may teach.

Marion may be a small town. But there's nothing small about what happened there. Just ask Maria Ressa, the Nobel laureate Filipino journalist who was hounded by her government for years and became a symbol of press freedom. When news of the Marion police raid began to trickle out on Friday, Ressa responded, "It's happening to you now ... death by a thousand cuts."

Climate change progress

Dear Editor:

In the midst of an awful summer, some good news on the climate.

July's record-breaking heat waves caused hundreds of fatalities in northern Mexico and the US Southwest; This August's Maui inferno was one of the worst in US history in deaths and property losses. And Hilary, the first major tropical storm to make landfall in Southern California since 1939, has caused significant property damage in our mountain and desert areas.

It's easy to get discouraged in the face of so many climate-related disasters.

Thankfully, however, and due in part to the advocacy and votes of now-retired Downey-area congress member Lucille Roybal-Allard, current Congressman Robert Garcia, and many of their colleagues, both retired and now in Congress, our nation is beginning to forcefully confront climate change.

When the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, the world's biggest climate bill, was signed into law last August, it allocated over \$370 billion towards clean-energy projects, with at least \$21.2 billion destined for California.

Given its abundant wind and solar resources, our state continues to lead the fight to reduce climate pollution. In 2021, the Golden State employed almost half a million clean-energy workers. With the passage of the IRA, this number is expected to grow. In Southern California alone, nearly 14 GW of additional clean energy is planned: the Department of Energy estimates that by 2030 our region will see at least four billion dollars invested in large-scale clean-power generation and storage.

This massive investment illustrates how California families, workers, and businesses can benefit while tackling climate change, the most pressing challenge of our time.

The Inflation Reduction Act incentivizes California residents to cut emissions while reducing household utility bills and improving air quality. Savvy consumers are already taking advantage of savings of more than \$1,000 per year by purchasing electric cars, induction stoves and cooktops, and other energy-efficient appliances.

Playing politics with this legislation or the climate issue may be tempting with an election year approaching. But any efforts to roll back or redirect this critical climate investment would be a mistake. Voters want the fight against climate change to continue and for these benefits to continue to flow to our state.

Our legislators must look beyond the next election to the future of our nation, state, and local communities. They should strengthen clean energy efforts, which will bring even more good jobs and financial benefits to the people of California.

This summer's climate disasters remind us that climate change endangers us no matter where we live, but there is hope. The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, with its investments to protect our climate, is taking big steps towards a better economic and climate future.

Anita Rivero Downey

The difference between Megyn Kelly and USWNT

Dear Editor:

Nicole Hemmer could have gone further in her comments and simply said that no one on the U.S. national women's soccer team cares what Megyn Kelly thinks or what any of the right-wing faction says. ("Megyn Kelly misses with USWNT criticisms," 8/17/23)

The members of the team know they have to improve and the team knows it has to bring in more talent - be it coaches or players. Megyn Kelly's comment ("I'm thrilled they lost") says more about her than it says about them.

Down the road we will see the USWNT improve and become a lot more competitive against other women's teams that have also improved over the past few years. The problem for Megyn Kelly is that she is now and will forever be what she is. No improvement in the future for her.

Muriel Schuerman Downey

Don't like Pride? Don't go

Dear Editor:

It's unfortunate to come across so many negative comments on The Downey Patriot's Facebook post about the Pride Festival.

Those individuals should reflect on their public comments. Instead of spreading misconceptions, consider engaging with LGBTQ+ community members to understand their experiences and challenges. Rather than assuming, take the opportunity to learn and appreciate their perspective. Remember, attending the Pride Festival is a choice. If you disagree, you can simply avoid the event and focus on places where you feel more comfortable.

A fundamental principle to remember is the Golden Rule: treat others as you wish to be treated. Upholding this principle can contribute to a better society for the future.

Gideon Valdez Downey

Political signage

Dear Editor:

You know political season is kicking into high gear when obnoxious candidate signs and banners start popping up all over town.

I have two requests of our political candidates:

One, respect our community and don't hang banners that are excessively large and obnoxious;

Two, don't place signs on abandoned properties, in center medians, or public right of ways.

Also, pick up your signs at the conclusion of the election.

Mary Pickhart Downey

The Downey Patriot STAFF

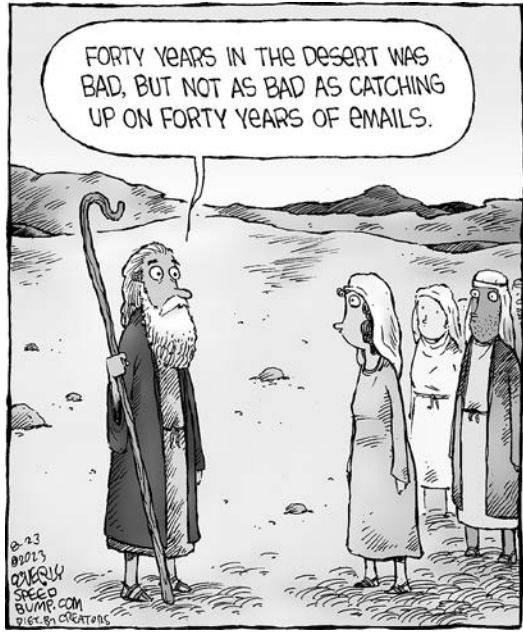
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 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cites of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

SATURDAYS

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

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- Owner's Manual:** Be sure to keep in the glove compartment or other easily accessible location in your vehicle.
- Jumper Cables:** Keep a pair for yourself or to help others.
- Driver's License:** Remember to keep it in your wallet.
- Emergency funds:** Cash and a credit card or two are handy to hide away in a safe place.
- Registration and Inspections:** Make sure both are up to date and keep proof if stickers are not already attached to the windshield or license plate.
- Emergency Necessities:** In case of emergencies, pack jumper cables, flashlight, road flare, multi-tool with window breaker and seat belt cutter, first aid kit and a survival blanket.
- Proof of Insurance:** Always have proof of your insurance printed out and stored in your vehicle or wallet.
- Blanket or Towel:** Keep a towel or blanket to kneel or sit on to avoid contact with hot pavement.
- Water:** Always have extra bottles of water so you can stay hydrated during delays or breakdowns.
- Sunscreen:** Have sunscreen with high SPF levels to protect yourself from harmful sun rays.
- Sunglasses:** Keep a pair of sunglasses available to reduce glare and improve visibility while driving or waiting outside.
- Umbrella:** Have an umbrella with you to provide shade or in case of a rainstorm
- Sunshade:** Use a reflective sunshade in your windshield to keep your vehicle cooler while parked.
- Cooling towels:** Cooling towels are designed to stay cool when wet and can provide relief from the heat when traveling during high temperatures.
- Hat:** Have a wide-brimmed hat to shield you from the sun and keep you cool.
- Snacks:** Pack non-perishable snacks like granola bars or nuts in case of unexpected delays.
- Shoes:** Keep an extra pair of comfortable shoes in the trunk or cargo space.
- Smart Phone:** Maintain ready access to call roadside assistance such as AAA, dealer roadside service, family members and friends.
- Portable Chargers:** Always have spare portable chargers or battery packs to keep your Smart Phone, tablet or laptop.
- Rain gear:** Plan ahead with proper weather gear, including raincoats and

- ponchos for storms.
- Cold-weather gear:** Pack blankets, hand warmers, and extra layers for cold nights.
 - Travel Plan:** When traveling long distances or even a short distance, print out your departure and arrival times and destinations to keep with you. Be sure to advise friends and family about where you are going and when you expect to arrive. Be sure to call or text upon arrival.
 - Safety Reflectors:** Reflective vests, triangles and vehicle magnets help with the visibility of a person or vehicle.
 - Emergency Contact Information:** Print out phone numbers for your emergency contacts to keep in your vehicle or wallet. Be sure to also store emergency numbers in your Smart Phone.
 - Gasoline Can:** Keep an empty, lightweight gas can with a spout in the event you run out of gas and need to walk to a fueling station.
 - Ratchet Straps:** These are helpful in the event towing is needed.
 - Personal Care and Personal Hygiene Items:** Keep spare contact lenses and solution, spare eyeglasses, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, and other "care and comfort" necessities in the vehicle console or a small travel bag.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Check your vehicle's tire pressure, fluid levels, and oil levels before driving.
- Be sure the tank is fueled if you have a gasoline powered engine.
- Be sure your battery is charged if you are driving an electric vehicle.
- Be sure to stay up to date with tire rotations and brake inspections.
- Check that your headlights, taillights, brake lights, and turn signals all work correctly. Share your travel details with family members and friends and contact them when you have arrived at your destination safely.
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Book explores SoCal's spookiest locations

■ “The Ghostly Tales of Southern California” takes readers to nine potentially haunted locales.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

A new book is inviting kids to explore the spooky world of some of Southern California's most haunted locations.

“The Ghostly Tales of Southern California” is a part of the Spooky America series, a

collection of books adapted from the Haunted America series.

This particular installation covers nine places of interest, including ghost towns, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, the Camarillo State Hospital, and even Universal Studios and Disneyland.

The book is meant to appeal to a broad, younger “middle-grade” audience. Author Dan Alleva “leaves it up to the reader” to decide whether or not ghosts are real.

“It’s a hope that these kids are getting a real laugh out of some of

these stories, and start to become interested in different places in their country,” said Alleva. “It’s almost like an inspiration to travel as much as it is an opportunity to read something really cool.”

“Ghostly Tales of Southern California” does deal with some source material that might be considered scary, dark, and dreary.

However, Alleva says it’s written in a way that is not so much a watering down than a repurposing.

“One of the things that is absolutely integral before anything when writing these books is that you should never as a writer sort of pander or play down to the reader, or expect that they don’t know as much as you. No audience is that more true than with children; they’ll know when you’re trying to pull one on them,” said Alleva.

“Within these adaptations, it’s not so much the supernatural that has sort of be repurposed; the actual supernatural events themselves are very multigenerational in terms of how these stories are told. A lot of them are rich nuggets from our American folklore.”

He likens Ghostly Tales to the popular Goosebumps series.

“It is incredibly cool and rich in detail, but doesn’t read down. It really kind of lifts the reader up,” said Alleva.

“Ghostly Tales of Southern California” is available at all major retailers, and your local book stores.

Police academy director lauded for anti-hate work

■ Walter Allen III has worked to combat prejudice and discrimination over his 47 years in law enforcement.

WHITTIER — Rio Hondo College Police Academy Director Walter Allen III has worked to combat prejudice and stamp out pro-hate tactics during his more than four decades in law enforcement, an effort that has earned him the Huff Strategies – ACT Against Hate Alliance (AAHA) – inaugural Leadership Award.

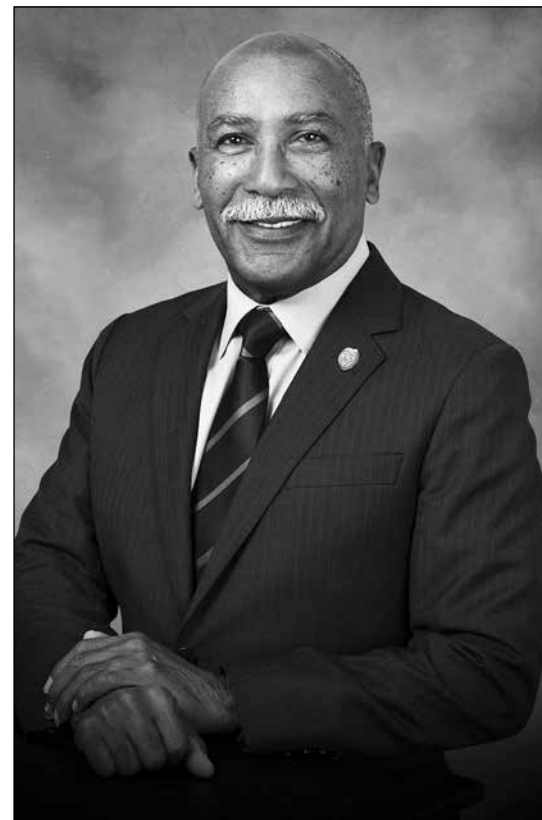
The first-ever Huff Strategies-AAHA Leadership Award was presented to Allen and eight others during an Aug. 17 ceremony in Rowland Heights. Allen has fought against implicit bias throughout his personal life and storied career in law enforcement, which includes his tenure at the Rio Hondo College Police Academy and across California’s criminal justice and correctional systems.

The AAHA has engaged in statewide collaboration to make identifying solutions against hate crimes in California an immediate priority since it was established by former California State Senator Bob Huff and Mei Mei Ho Huff in August 2022. Allen has shared his expertise as a speaker at AAHA’s monthly media events, which focus on solutions to stop the rise in hate crimes.

“Walter has articulated a vision for selecting, training and retaining police officers that helps ensure they will be effective advocates for the communities they serve,” Bob Huff said. “He has made a difference in law enforcement programs in California and has identified education as one of the most important factors in stopping the rise in hate crime.”

Allen has also served as a state-wide leader in law enforcement, with more than 46 years of experience in the field. He is the former California Youth Authority director and chief of the State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Law Enforcement Office of Correctional Safety. He has participated on the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and served as deputy commissioner for the Board of Parole Hearings.

Allen has spent the last 10 years as the Rio Hondo College Police Academy Director, and was a graduate of the Academy’s Class No. 36 in 1976. The Academy follows a teaching philosophy



Walter Allen III is the recipient of the ACT Against Hate Alliance’s Leadership Award.

known as Principled Policing, which addresses cultural diversity, prejudice, discrimination, hate crimes, investigative profiling vs. racial profiling, as well as the tenets of procedural justice.

“It has been a privilege to serve as Rio Hondo’s Police Academy director,” Allen said. “As I continue serving in this role, we will continue utilizing cutting-edge cultural diversity and procedural justice training to ensure that we are producing the guardians of society, who will be our champions of fairness, transparency and impartiality.”

In addition to his law enforcement background, Allen is currently fulfilling a fifth term on the Covina City Council, including his fifth stint as mayor of the City of Covina.

He has also sat on numerous boards and currently holds positions on the Ettie Lee Youth and Family Services board and the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee.

LEGALS

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 69068-TK

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: SUNNY RIVER YK LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 13218 ROSECRANS AVE., NORWALK, CA 90050
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 13218 ROSECRANS AVE., NORWALK, CA 90050
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: HYONTAE LEE, 13218 ROSECRANS AVE., NORWALK, CA 90050
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE of that certain business located at: 13218 ROSECRANS AVE., NORWALK, CA 90050
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) said location is: TSUNAMI EXPRESS CAR WASH
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 3440 WILSHIRE BLVD, #600, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. 69068-TK, Escrow Officer: TRACY KO
(8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above
(9) The last day for filing claims is: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
Dated: AUGUST 15, 2023
TRANSFEREES: HYONTAE LEE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023167015

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BACK ALLEY MINIBIKES, 1327 E 48TH PL, LOS ANGELES CA 90011, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, 1327 E 48TH PL, LOS ANGELES CA 90011
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: 06/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ, OWNER, FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 2, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the

residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
The Downey Patriot
8/10/23, 8/17/23, 8/24/23, 8/31/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023162119

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SPDESIGN, 1406 E 53RD STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WINN TRUONG, 1406 E 53RD STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/WINN TRUONG, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 21, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/7/23, 9/14/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023170674

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) R&R PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL LLC, 1729 HUNGERFORD ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) R&R PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL LLC, 1729 HUNGERFORD ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805
State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/R&R PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL LLC, PRESIDENT, ROBERT ARZATE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 7, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision

(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
8/10/23, 8/17/23, 8/24/23, 8/31/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023162531

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JUAREZ PRO PAINT L.A., 6544 1/2 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA CA 90022, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAVIER RAUL JUAREZ VILLANUEVA, 6544 1/2 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA CA 90022
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/JAVIER RAUL JUAREZ VILLANUEVA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 26, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
The Downey Patriot
8/3/23, 8/10/23, 8/17/23, 8/24/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023178939

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GUANAVERA, 9200 VALLEY VIEW ST, CYPRESS CA 90630, COUNTY OF ORANGE COUNTY, 2320 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VICTOR TAFOLLA, 2320 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter

pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/VICTOR TAFOLLA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 16, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
The Downey Patriot
8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/7/23, 9/14/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023177372

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STEEN & COMPANY INC, 10323 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8112 FLORENCE AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAYLORS STEEN & COMPANY PC, 8112 FLORENCE AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/SAYLORS STEEN & COMPANY PC, PRESIDENT, BRIAN SAYLORS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 15, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
8/17/23, 8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/7/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023164970

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DICKSON'S VENDING MACHINES, 9200 SOMERSET BLVD APT 28, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHARLES D. DICKSON, 9200 SOMERSET BLVD APT 28, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/CHARLES D. DICKSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 31, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
8/3/23, 8/10/23, 8/17/23, 8/24/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023180944

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NANN REAL ESTATE, 11942 ADEENMOOR AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELINE DEO, 11942 ADEENMOOR AVE, 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/ANGELINE DEO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 18, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/7/23, 9/14/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023181763

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INOA SOLUTIONS, 11700 TELECHROM AVE,

WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDINSON SANGUINO ASCANIO, 11700 TELECHROM AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2023
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/EDINSON SANGUINO ASCANIO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 21, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
8/24/23, 8/31/23, 9/7/23, 9/14/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2023169050

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SANCHEZ DRYWALL, 9520 MAYNE ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JORGE SANCHEZ RODRIGUEZ, 9520 MAYNE ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/JORGE SANCHEZ RODRIGUEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 3, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-23-00089

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 6th day of September, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A Conditional Use Permit (PLN-23-00089) to allow the operation of valet services to accompany an existing full service restaurant, *Diosa*, located at 8432 Firestone Blvd. A total of 43 valet parking spaces are proposed out of a total 170 parking stalls in the commercial center.

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

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

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

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

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTION AMENDING SECTION 3199.6 OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PERMITTED PARKING DISTRICTS

ORDINANCE NO. 23-1508, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY AMENDING SECTION 3199.6 WITHIN PART 12, CHAPTER 1 OF ARTICLE III OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PERMITTED PARKING DISTRICTS

Notice is hereby given that on September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at a regularly scheduled meeting to be held at Downey City Hall (11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California), the City Council of the City of Downey will consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 23-1508 to amend Section 3199.6 of the Downey Municipal Code.

The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

The proposed Ordinance would create a pilot program to allow the expansion of existing preferential parking districts to include single family residential properties located on contiguous streets experiencing overflow on-street parking from other nearby uses and not located within preferential parking districts subject to the adoption of a resolution by the City Council.

Note: The above is simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, or on the City's website at www.downeyca.org.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 24-04 MANZANAR AVENUE AND BERGMAN LANE STREET IMPROVEMENTS (Manzanar Avenue south of Telegraph Road and Bergman Lane east of Orizaba Avenue)

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 Thursday, September 14, 2023, which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Project No.

24-04 – Manzanar Avenue and Bergman Lane Street Improvements (Manzanar Avenue south of Telegraph Road and Bergman Lane east of Orizaba Avenue).

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of street improvements on Manzanar Avenue south of Telegraph Road and on Bergman Lane east of Orizaba Avenue in the City of Downey. This project includes removal of existing asphalt pavement, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, fences, and landscaping; construction of new block walls, concrete curbs and gutters, sidewalks and slabs, parkway drains, guard rails and signage, adjustment utility manhole and valve box covers to grade, and installation of pavement markings and signage; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 24-04.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California, where they may be examined, and copies obtained at a cost of \$35.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and 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 Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 24-04. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified cashier's check or a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and 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 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.

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 rates 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 at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, 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 A, "General Engineering 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.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his 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 Signature Page. 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 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:
Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer

E-Mail: dgutier@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00323
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GIANNA KAUR JACKSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) GIANNA KAUR JACKSON TO Proposed name (1) GIANNA KAUR BACHRA

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: OCTOBER 16, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, 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 AUGUST 22, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner RUPINDER KAUR BACHRA ON BEHALF OF GIANNA KAUR JACKSON
17045 PASSAGE AVENUE APT 23
BELLFLOWER CA 90706
(909) 952-0326
rupybachra@gmail.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00294
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RICARDO JAVIER RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) RICARDO JAVIER RODRIGUEZ TO Proposed name (1) RICARDO JAVIER GARCIA
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: OCTOBER 6, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK CA, 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, The Downey Patriot JULY 31, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner RICARDO JAVIER RODRIGUEZ
6510 HANNON ST
BELL GARDENS, CA 90201
(562) 502-0748
RRICH.GAR@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00207
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RUDY MORALES ON BEHALF OF KAILA ANNIE MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) KAILA ANNIE MARTINEZ TO Proposed name (1) RUBY OLIVE MORALES

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: OCTOBER 6, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, The Downey Patriot JULY 28, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

RUDY MORALES ON BEHALF OF KAILA ANNIE MARTINEZ
12040 PATTON RD
DOWNEY CA 90241
(562) 413-3691

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00317
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JESSICA DIANNE HALL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JESSICA DIANNE HALL TO Proposed name (1) JESSICA DIANNE CANARY

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: OCTOBER 13, 2023, Time: 9:30 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 AUGUST 17, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JESSICA DIANNE HALL
16711 CIVIC CENTER DR. #7
BELLFLOWER CA 90706
(424) 903-6295
Jessica.canary67@gmail.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LINDA KAY SCHULZ aka LINDA K. SCHULZ
Case No. 23STPB08876
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LINDA KAY SCHULZ aka LINDA K. SCHULZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Harold Wayne Westgate in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Harold Wayne Westgate be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

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 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:
RANDY D. GRUEN ESQ
SB# 105729
THE WERNER LAW FIRM
27433 TOURNEY RD
STE 200
SANTA CLARITA CA 91355
CN999236 SCHULZ Aug 17, 24, 31 2023

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LEON THOMASIAN

Case No. 23STPB08222
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LEON THOMASIAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: LOUISE THOMASIAN JOHNSON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LOUISE THOMASIAN JOHNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

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:
LOUISE THOMASIAN JOHNSON
6662 PARK AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92845
(714) 853-8468
Rvrweezie1@verizon.net

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000009756313 Title Order No.: 230098522 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/13/2006 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/22/2006 as Instrument No. 20062596833 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: JUVENTINO MORENO AND LORENA MORENO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 09/13/2023 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7452 MULLER ST., DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6249-013-008 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Mario Aguilar, 8 pm. With over 1 billion views on YouTube, comedian Mario Aguilar is an internet sensation. And now he's bring his show to the Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Downey Pride Festival, 3-10 pm. An all-ages, family-friendly festival with two stages of entertainment, petting zoo, face painting, shopping, photo booth, beer garden, and more. Downtown Downey

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Con El Ama, 2 pm. Esencia Flamenco's annual summer concert featuring over 50 dancers accompanied by live music. Don't miss this special event. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

10-20 Club Bowling Tournament, 6-9 pm. An '80s-themed bowling tournament with funds benefiting the non-profit 10-20 Club. Presented by the Rotary Club of Downey. \$60 entry fee. Del Rio Lanes, 7502 Florence Ave.

Downey Film Society Mixer, 6-7:30 pm. Join the Downey Film Society for this free event. Learn about the new group and plans for this year's Glennfest Film Festival. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Childhood Behaviors Class, 12:30-2 pm. Learn the possible causes of childhood behavior disorders, tips for parents, and available treatments and resources. The class is led by United Mental Health Promoters. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Depeche Mode Experience, 8 pm. Depeche Mode tribute band Strangelove delivers a career spanning, pitch perfect "best of" concert that touches on Depeche Mode's 40-year career. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

International Food & Music Festival, 4-10 pm. Craft beer & wine garden, face painting, henna artists, live music on two stages, and food from local restaurants and popular food trucks. Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th streets

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, 10 am. Join the City of Downey as it honors those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Linocut Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of linocut art at this free workshop meant for beginners. Learn about the different methods, tools and techniques. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Senior Follies, 11 am and 2 pm. Watch as Downey's most talented senior citizens put on an entertaining show. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Oktoberfest, 3-9 pm. Celebrate Oktoberfest in Downtown Downey at this outdoor, family-friendly festival featuring music, shopping, a beer garden, and more.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "Device Free Weekend" by Sean Doolittle. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Excursion to see Les Miserables, 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. Take an excursion to see "Les Miserables" at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts. Cost is \$65 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

Masquerade Garden Party, 3:30-6:30 pm. A live singing performance of Phantom of the Opera music with piano. Plus appetizers, 3-course dinner, champagne, wine, raffle, and live and silent auctions. Guests are encouraged to come dressed in masquerade attire. \$85 with proceeds benefiting the Downey Symphony. Contact Pat Gil for tickets at (562) 879-3029 or patgil1031@gmail.com. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Havana Nights, 6-9:30 pm. Downey's premiere Cuban celebration returns to Downtown Downey with live music, food vendors, shopping, family activities, and more. Located on Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th streets

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Beyond the Book Festival, time tba. A celebration of all things you're able to do at the library outside of books. The all-ages event will showcase art, music, and feature panel discussions, food vendors, artist and maker workshops, live music, and more. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Hello Gorgeous! A Live Tribute to Barbra Streisand, 3 pm. Actress and singer Rebecca Clark becomes Barbra Streisand in this live one-woman musical delivering the greatest hits of this legendary singer. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Ricky Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament, 11 am. Presented by Gangs Out of Downey, the Ricky Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament raises money to fund college scholarships for Downey students. Sign up online at downeygood.org. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

State of the Schools, 7 am. Enjoy breakfast while listening to keynote speakers share the Downey Unified School District's achievements and strategic direction. Last day to RSVP is Sept. 29. L.A. County Office of Education West Conference Center, 12830 Columbia Way

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Excursion to Apples & Art Orchards, 7:30 am to 5 pm. Take an excursion to the Apples & Art Orchards in Julian, where you will learn about apples as you pick your own 5 lb. bag. You'll also have the opportunity to make your own cider. Cost is \$16 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

Embroidery Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of embroidery in this free workshop. The class is intended for beginners with no previous experience. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Crosstown Kickoff Festival, 3-9 pm. A family-friendly festival with laser tag, corn maze, pedal car racing, shopping, athletic competitions, and more. Brookshire Avenue between Firestone and 5th Street

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rancho Golf Classic, 9 am. Now in its 33rd year, the Rancho Golf Classic raises funds for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Sign up online at RanchoFoundation.org. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Managing Your Medication Class, 11 am to 12 pm. Learn the importance of sticking to your medication regimen and get tips on what to ask your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new prescription. Led by the LA County Department of Mental Health. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Claudia M. Frometa will deliver Downey's State of the City address at this public event sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "When In Rome" by Liam Callanan. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Job Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Bring your resume and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews with employers in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality, aerospace, trade and logistics, business and professional services, and more. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Fright Carnival, 5-9 pm. Celebrate Halloween early at Fright Carnival in Downtown Downey, with games, music, vendors, and more

Spooky Science Night, 5-9 pm. Science themed activities, a costume parade, and other family fun. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

Miss Downey Pageant, 6 pm. Young ladies will compete for the title of Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey, Junior Miss Downey and Little Miss Downey. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Excursion to Dia de los Muertos, 10 am to 6 pm. Take an excursion to the Museum of Latin America Art's Dia de los Muertos Festival, featuring live performances and activities to enjoy. Cost is \$15 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

Downey Dia de los Muertos, 11 am to 8 pm. Now in its 10th year, Downey Dia de los Muertos features live music, ballet folklorico, Aztec dancers, car altar displays, papel picado, calaveras, face painting, food trucks, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch, 5-8:30 pm. Family-friendly games, activities, costume contests, candy, and more. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Crochet Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of crochet in this free workshop. The class is intended for beginners with no previous experience. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Sugar Skull, time tba. Sugar Skull is a touring bilingual, bicultural musical. Using traditional regional music and dance from Mexico, it tells the story of 12-year-old Vita Flores, who things her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. But when a spirited candy skeleton springs to life, Vita finds herself on a musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Dia de los Muertos. This musical is intended for young audiences

and families. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Downey Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas parade returns with floats, marching bands, classic cars and, of course, Santa Claus.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6-8:30 pm. This free event features entertainment from local schools, a snow play area, arts & crafts, photos with Santa Claus, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Posadas, 5-9 pm. Celebrate Las Posadas at this free, outdoor festival in Downtown Downey, featuring shopping, food trucks, family activities, and more

Apollo Lighting, 6-8 pm. The Downey space center's annual Christmas tradition returns with the lighting of its Apollo capsule. Plus an appearance by TubeChristmas. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Excursion to LA Zoo Lights, 4-9 pm. LA Zoo Lights brings you a winter wonderland, featuring seasonal magic, wildlife-inspired displays, fantastic photo ops, immersive interactive experiences, and dynamic projections and lights. Cost is \$40 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 am. Join the City of Downey in honoring our nation's military veterans. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5K for a 5 King, 7 am. A 5K run/walk organized by the Friends of the Downey Police K9 Foundation. Sign up at downeypoa.org

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "Our Missing Hearts" by Celese Ng. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Small Business Saturday, 3-9 pm. Join Downtown Downey in celebrating and supporting small businesses and all they do for their communities.

Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait, 8 pm. Direct from Las Vegas, "Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait," starring Sally Olson as Karen Carpenter and Ned Mills as Richard Carpenter, takes the audience back in time to an old fashioned Christmas. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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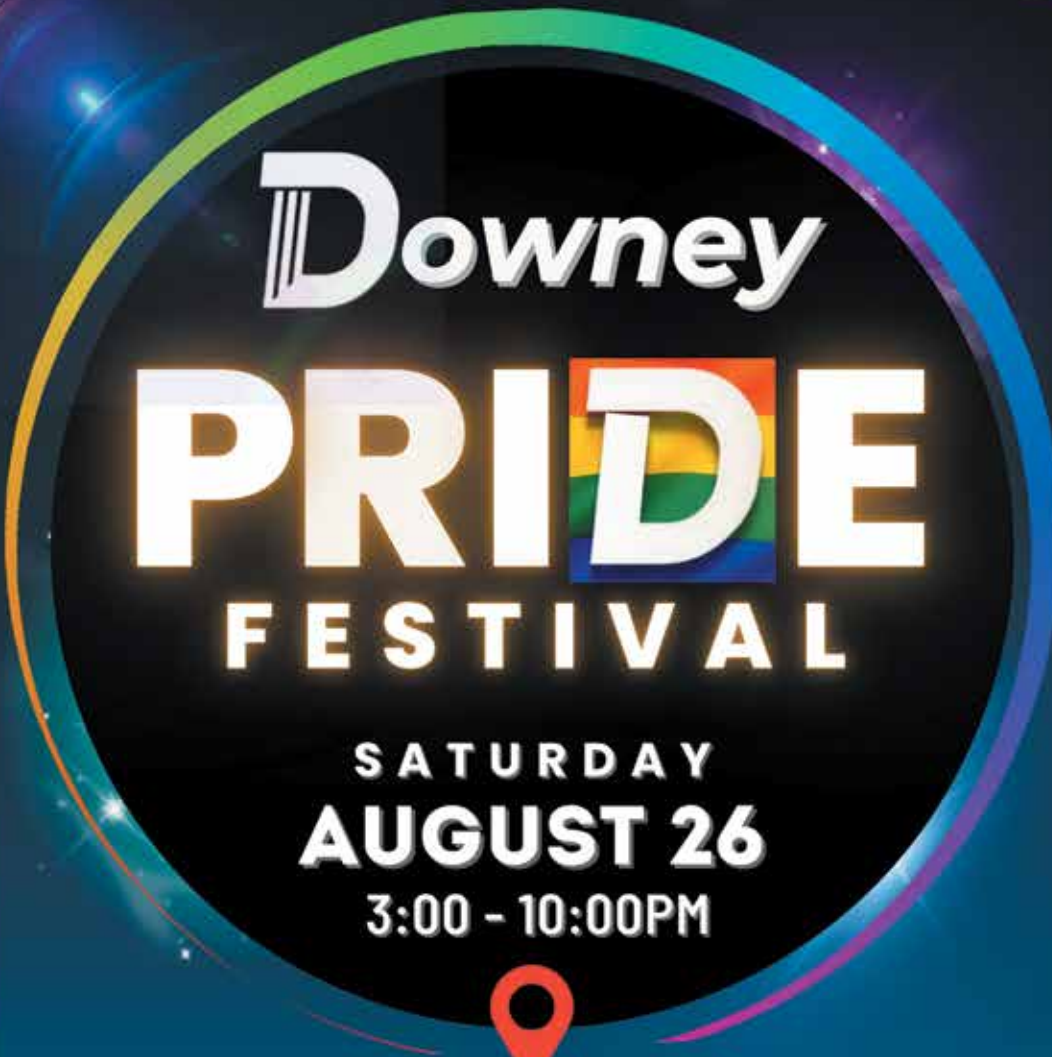
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