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Couples tie the knot in Norwalk

■ On Valentine's Day, 78 couples got hitched at the county offices in Norwalk.

By City News Service

NORWALK – Amorous couples looking to tie the knot on Valentine's Day were able to obtain a marriage license and get hitched all in the same location Wednesday at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office in Norwalk, and nearly 80 newlywed couples took advantage of the offer.

Same-day marriage licensing and civil wedding ceremonies were offered at the office's Norwalk headquarters at 12400 Imperial Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

According to the clerk's office, a total of 78 couples took advantage of the same-day services. Another 99 couples were married Wednesday at other clerk's offices throughout the county, for a total of 177 weddings on the day.

The county charges \$35 for a civil wedding ceremony. A marriage license costs \$91, but a confidential license costs just \$85.

On Valentine's Day last year, 140 couples took advantage of the same-day licensing and ceremonies in Norwalk -- where usually about 30 ceremonies are performed on a normal day. Another 73 couples were married on Valentine's Day 2023 at the various registrar-recorder offices across Los Angeles County.

In Orange County, the county Clerk-Recorder offered extended hours at offices in Anaheim, Laguna Hills and Santa Ana, where civil ceremonies were offered until 6 p.m. A final number of civil ceremonies performed in Orange County Wednesday was not immediately available.

The OC Clerk-Recorder's office has conducted 628 marriage ceremonies on Valentine's Day since 2019. In 2019 there were 114 ceremonies; 194 in 2020; 17 in 2021 during the pandemic; 150 in 2022; and 153 last year.

The numbers of marriage licenses issued in Orange County on Valentine's Day have been: 154 in 2019; 258 in 2020; 21 in 2021; 215 in 2022; and 188 last year. The OC record on Valentine's Day was 2014, when 310 marriage licenses were issued and 266 civil marriage ceremonies performed.

In Orange County, a public marriage license is \$61, and a confidential license is \$66. The civil ceremony costs \$28.

At meet and greet, Rios shares plan for Norwalk

■ Community members expressed their concerns and compliments toward Mayor Margarita Rios and the city council.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK – Mayor Margarita Rios met with Norwalk residents to hear their concerns and to express her priorities as mayor during her first meet-the-mayor event at the social services center Monday evening.

Rios explained to the audience of over 40 community members and city officials her top three priorities this year are health and wellness, public safety and improving city parks. Receiving funding for park renovations was one of her achievements during her first term as mayor in 2019.

"We haven't done enough for city parks, and they're long overdue for some renovations, new playgrounds and green space," Rios said. "At Norwalk Park, there are different components that need to be addressed, so I asked to break it down and tackle the pieces we can start with the playground."

The mayor expects the city council to hear a park renovation and improvement update presentation in March.

Rios said she is working with the public safety department and city manager to resolve the issue of unhoused people in the community, noting the development of the Mercy Housing Veterans Villas at San Antonio Drive.

Construction on the 60 home affordable housing development for veterans and their families is expected to finish construction later this fall.

"Other cities are not doing anything close to what we've got with Mercy Housing, where we're going to provide permanent housing for our veterans," Rios said. "They deserve the best and what we're doing at Mercy Housing, giving



Mayor Margarita Rios listens as Norwalk community members express their thoughts on developments in the city during her first meet-the-mayor event Monday.

(Photo by Vincent Medina)



A Norwalk resident shares her comments with Mayor Margarita Rios on Monday. (Photo courtesy City of Norwalk)

them permanent housing, especially those suffering from housing insecurity."

Connie Garcia runs the Joyful Little Learners daycare in Norwalk, and said she has seen the effectiveness of the Public Safety HOPE Team.

"It's good to see the city's actually taking action to clean up the streets," Garcia said. "We've noticed it's fairly clean in the neighborhood for business and also the unhoused are assisted when they are in the area."

initatives aimed at addressing the underrepresentation of diverse voices in news media.

The grant will support the journalism & media studies department's goal of preparing students for careers in journalism through internships, conference attendance, and magazine development.

Journalism students will have opportunities to participate in an eleven-week internship at LAist, a non-profit media organization and home to NPR affiliate 89.3 FM, attend the Associated Collegiate Press Spring National College Media

Conference, and gain hands-on experience producing the annual WINGS magazine.

"We're elated at the Golden Globe Foundation's continual funding as we seek to create a pipeline of multimedia reporters and content creators that will tell the stories that matter most to Southeast LA County's diverse communities," said Christian Brown, professor of journalism and department chair of journalism & media studies at Cerritos College.

"Multicultural journalism is needed now more than ever -- and our department is uniquely

deep potholes," Tan explained. "I have an old car and I cannot afford to buy a new car so I have to protect my tires and my bumpers."

Rios expressed the city is working to fill potholes and repair city infrastructure in sections. By adopting three areas in the city, public services will make street improvements to those neighborhoods and move through Norwalk.

The mayor also noted the weather plays a factor, as Southern California saw a massive amount of rain over the past weeks.

Rios expressed excitement for the upcoming projects and developments this year as the Norwalk Entertainment District - Civic Center is expected to break ground for the city hall lawn construction in late summer. Also the Heart of Norwalk Project is moving forward to develop areas of the city and include commercial and residential space.

"Those are just three of my goals to give the community an idea of what will develop this year," Rios said. "There's so much potential here in the city of Norwalk and we're doing a lot of great things."

This funding will ensure our students' voices are heard and that they are engaged in the future of the regional and global media landscape."

Cerritos College's relationship with the Golden Globes is long-standing. In 2022, the journalism & media studies department received a \$20,000 grant to advance diversity in journalism. From 2015-17, the college's culinary arts students helped prepare meals for the Golden Globe Awards dinner at the Beverly Hilton.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 69°

Saturday 66°

Sunday 66°

ON THIS DAY

1923:

The burial chamber of King Tutankhamun was unsealed by British archaeologist Howard Carter; his discovery of the tomb the previous year was one of the most-celebrated contributions to Egyptology.

1938:

Austrian Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg admitted an Austrian Nazi to his cabinet, believed to be the first step in the German overthrow of his government.

1945:

The Alaska Equal Rights Act of 1945 was signed into law; the nation's first anti-discrimination law, it criminalizes discrimination against individuals in public areas based on race.

1957:

British TV broadcasters ended a postwar policy in which there was no programming between 6:00 and 7:00 at night; known as the "toddler's truce," the break was designed to help parents put children to bed.

1959:

Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba and transformed the island country into the Western Hemisphere's first communist state.

2005:

The NHL became the first North American professional sports league to cancel an entire season; the 2004-05 season was canceled after the collective-bargaining agreement between the owners and the players' union ran out.

2006:

The last mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) was decommissioned by the United States Army.

2011:

Lady GaGa's "Born This Way" made history, becoming the Billboard Hot 100 chart's 1,000th number one.

2021:

Lauryn Hill's 1998 album "The Miseducation Of Lauryn Hill" was certified Diamond for 10 million sales in America, making her the first female hip-hop artist to earn that certification.

BIRTHDAYS

Model **JANICE DICKINSON** (69), "Reading Rainbow" host **LAVAR BURTON** (67), rapper **ICET** (66), tennis hall of famer **JOHN MCENROE** (65), football hall of famer **JEROME BETTIS** (52), rapper and singer **LUPE FIASCO** (42), actress **ELIZABETH OLSEN** (35) and R&B singer **THE WEEKND** (34).

College awarded \$20K to journalism

■ The grant comes from the Golden Globe Foundation to support diversity initiatives.

NORWALK – The Golden Globe Foundation has awarded a grant of \$20,000 to the Cerritos College Foundation.

The grant is intended to support the Cerritos College Journalism & Media Studies Department by promoting diverse voices. In particular, the funding will be used to create opportunities for current and future students to study journalism and support diversity

Man ordered to stand trial in off-duty police officer's killing

■ Carlos Delcid is accused of killing police officer Gardiel Solorio in an attempted robbery.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — A man accused of fatally shooting an off-duty Monterey Park police officer during what authorities called a botched daytime robbery attempt in a parking lot in Downey was ordered Friday to stand trial on murder and other charges.

Superior Court Judge Joseph R. Porras rejected the defense's motion to dismiss the case against Carlos Delcid, who is accused of gunning down off-duty Officer Gardiel Solorio, 26, on Aug. 8, 2022.

Delcid, now 21, is charged

with one count each of murder, shooting at an occupied motor vehicle and possession of a firearm by a felon involving the shooting, along with one count of second-degree robbery involving an April 2022 robbery in Long Beach.

The murder charge against Delcid includes the special-circumstance allegation of murder during the commission of a robbery.

Downey police Detective Ron Gee testified that surveillance video showed one person in a gray hooded sweatshirt, dark jeans and a full black ski mask getting out of a black Honda Accord, with the sound of five gunshots subsequently being heard.

The Honda was

subsequently stopped that night by Long Beach police, and Delcid and a teenager who was the driver were taken into custody, according to the detective.

Delcid was wearing dark jeans and a white tank top at the time, and a gray hooded sweatshirt and a full black face mask were later discovered inside the vehicle, Gee testified.

Co-defendant Gerardo Magallanes, now 19, was arrested three days later, according to the detective.

Magallanes was ordered to stand trial last year on one count each of murder, shooting at an occupied vehicle and unlawful firearm activity. He is awaiting trial.

A juvenile who was 17 at the time and was allegedly driving the getaway car is undergoing proceedings in a juvenile court.

During a subsequent jailhouse operation, Magallanes told undercover operatives that he was in the vehicle with Delcid and the teenager and that they were going to try to "come up on" -- or rob -- someone, the detective testified.

Magallanes said during the undercover operation that he heard five "pops" after seeing Delcid -- whom he identified by the moniker "Reckless" --

getting out of the car and going to the Dodge Charger, with Delcid subsequently getting back in the getaway vehicle.

During a separate jailhouse operation, Delcid discussed a shooting and said he wore a face mask, referring to it as a full face mask, according to the detective.

Long Beach police Detective Jacqueline Parkhill testified that the victim of an April 26, 2022, robbery of a man in Long Beach told police that he had been robbed of his "chain" by a man who ripped it off his neck, demanded his wallet and fired a shot toward the ground in his direction when the victim balked at his demand.

The detective said she believed that man was 75% confident that a photo depicting Delcid was his assailant, but said that man also indicated that there was a chance that it could have been another person shown to him in the collection of photos.

That charge was added to the case just before the hearing began.

At an August 2022 news conference announcing the charges, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón said Solorio was in his vehicle in the parking lot of an LA Fitness gym in the 12700 block of Lakewood Boulevard,

near the Glenn Anderson (105) Freeway, when a suspect -- later identified as Delcid -- allegedly got out of a car nearby and approached Solorio "with a gun drawn in what appeared to be an attempted robbery."

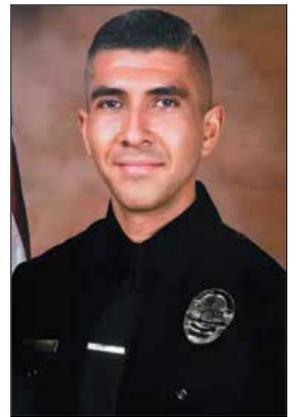
"Officer Solorio attempted to flee by backing up his vehicle when the suspect fired multiple times," Gascón said. "The (suspect) then returned back to the vehicle, where a juvenile was behind the wheel and they fled the scene."

Solorio -- a rookie just weeks out of the academy -- was found unresponsive in his car by authorities, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Then-Monterey Park Police Department Chief Kelly Gordon called his killing "a senseless act of violence."

Gordon said at a news conference that Solorio, who grew up in Bell Gardens and graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a degree in criminal justice, joined the department as a recruit in January, and had just graduated from the sheriff's training academy on July 22 before beginning his field training July 25.

"Although his time with (the department) was very short, we all knew from the moment we met him that he had the heart of service and was going to be a great officer,"



Gardiel Solorio, an off-duty Monterey Park police officer, was killed in an attempted robbery outside an LA Fitness gym in Downey in 2022.

she said then.

"And I could tell that from the moment he walked in and did our first introductions in my office. The family and department are grieving right now, and this is an especially difficult tragedy. It's a senseless act of violence. He was only 26 years old. I don't know about all of you, but I have children that age. So to me, this is particularly difficult."

Delcid's arrest led to criticism by opponents of Gascón who contend that his policies allowed the defendant to avoid extended jail time earlier that year.

Critics said Delcid should have still been behind bars in connection with a criminal case filed in February 2022, in which he was charged with burglary, domestic violence, assault, false imprisonment and witness intimidation.

According to court records, Delcid pleaded no contest to the burglary and domestic violence counts and was sentenced in March 2022 to four years probation and 180 days in jail. Jail records indicate he was released from custody the next day, with credit for time already served.

Critics said Delcid may not have gotten such a lenient sentence and might still have been behind bars if Gascón had allowed prosecutors to file a sentencing enhancement for the use of a knife in the case.

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How to fix the housing crisis

Aggressive action is necessary to make homeownership an option for more Americans.

By Jim Parrott and Mark Zandi

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The nation's economy is doing remarkably well. Inflation is coming down, unemployment remains low and growth is robust. One glaring exception, however, is housing.

According to the National Association of Realtors, it is more difficult for first-time buyers to purchase a home than at any time in two generations, short-circuiting the path to homeownership for millions, bogging down the housing market and hampering the nation's economic growth.

While the ditch that we find ourselves in is deep, Congress could get us out by improving the economics of building entry-level housing and putting more aspiring homeowners in a position to take advantage of it.

When the pandemic hit, the median price for a starter home was about \$234,000. Today, one would have to pay nearly \$350,000 for roughly the same house, coming up with at least \$11,000 more for a down payment and about \$1,000 more a month in mortgage payments. And that's if they can find a house to buy. There are fewer houses on the market than at any time on record.

As with other strains in the market today, one can place some of the blame on the rise in interest rates. Not only has that made mortgages much more expensive, it's exacerbated the long-standing shortage in housing supply, particularly at the lower-priced part of the market.

The economics for building entry-level homes were already challenging in a low-rate environment, but with construction financing now in the high single digits, they have become all but impossible for many builders. And those expanding families finally ready to trade up from their entry-level home, freeing up a spot for another family to buy their first home? They're waiting, reluctant to trade in their 3.5% mortgage for a 7% mortgage. The market machinery that cranks out housing supply at the bottom of the market has effectively ground to a halt.

Frustration is running high. Housing is the hardest-to-handle expense for many of those in their prime home-buying years, with fewer viewing it as a good time to buy a home than at any time on record.

Many view the purchase of a first home in charged terms, as an anchor in a good community, a vehicle to build wealth and often a rite of passage into the middle class. Finding it drifting out of reach often taps deeper feelings of economic insecurity and frustration.

Conditions will improve when rates begin to come down, lowering the cost of a mortgage and freeing up inventory as those anxious to find more suitable housing finally put theirs on the market. But falling rates will not solve the underlying structural problems that caused the housing shortfall in the first place. Once rates normalize, housing affordability will simply return to where we were prior to the pandemic, going from dismal to just bad.

Unless, of course, lawmakers do something about it.

Despite the years of inaction, it's not that complicated. The math for building housing at the bottom of the market simply isn't profitable, and it still won't pencil out once rates normalize. We need to change the math.

The most straightforward way to do this would be by providing tax relief for builders who build homes sold to first-time homebuyers at or below the area's median home price.

Congress can do this by reducing the federal income taxes that builders pay on these sales, or by expanding the scope of the popular Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, the longstanding and remarkably effective program that provides tax credits for builders who build affordable rental housing.

We estimate that using either to eliminate the tax impact for these sales could lead to more than 1 million new entry-level homes in the US over the next decade and a meaningful softening of home prices at the bottom of the market.

Lawmakers should complement this support to increase the supply of housing with targeted help for those looking to buy their first home. The most effective way to do this would be to allow renters to set up a tax-free savings account to save for a down payment, much like those set up for college savings under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code.

To increase the impact, policymakers should match deposits made by those who would be first-generation homeowners, who are less likely to have family wealth to help them clear this often insurmountable hurdle to

homeownership. If participant deposits were capped at \$20,000 and the match at \$10,000, eligible first-time homebuyers would be in position to make a down payment of nearly 10% for the median-priced starter home.

Taken together, these moves would trigger a dramatic increase in the supply and affordability of entry-level homes and put millions of families into position to take advantage of it.

This would be an aggressive effort, costing as much as roughly \$90 billion over the next decade, according to our budget analysis, depending on how aggressive Congress wants to be. To cover part of the cost, Congress should consider a tax on institutional investors that own more than 100 single-family rental properties, dampening their economics for buying up much-needed entry-level housing.

But the depth of the ditch we find ourselves in requires an aggressive push.

The US has done this before. The last time we faced such a daunting environment for homeownership was in the wake of World War II when tight lending and limited housing supply left more than half of the nation out of homeownership.

The nation responded by building highways and infrastructure that unleashed a boom in home construction, and providing government-backed, low down payment lending that allowed millions of families to take advantage of the surge in inventory.

In the two decades after World War II, the country saw an unprecedented surge in homeownership to nearly two-thirds of households, just under where it stands today.

Despite the political dysfunction in Congress, there is some cause for optimism. A bipartisan package to expand affordable rental housing has gained momentum in Congress, offering hope that we might finally begin to address a similar shortfall there. And the case for addressing the shortfall in homes aspiring homeowners can afford to buy is just as strong.

The economic and political cost of allowing the first rung of homeownership to continue its drift beyond the reach of millions of frustrated families will only increase the longer it goes on.

The issue is as important as any economic issue we face and deserves to rise to the top of Congress' agenda, particularly when only those at the top of its agenda have a chance of passage.

Worried about President Biden

The President's shaky memory raises questions about his ability to lead.

By Peter Bergen

Peter Bergen is CNN's national security analyst, a vice president at New America, a professor of practice at Arizona State University and the host of the Audible podcast "In the Room."

Special counsel Robert Hur's report on President Joe Biden keeping classified documents at his home from the time he was vice president in the Obama administration is notable for the details of that case but also for the devastating portrait it paints of an out-to-lunch president.

A quick tour of the report, released Thursday, highlights: "Mr. Biden's memory was significantly limited, both ... in 2017, and in his interview with our office in 2023." The report, which recommended that the president not be charged, portrays Biden as someone who comes across as a "well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory."

When he talked to officials in the special counsel's office, Biden could not remember the years when he was vice president, nor did he remember, "even within several years" when his son Beau died. The latter is fairly astonishing given how close Biden was to his son and what a wrenching pain Beau's death in 2015 at the age of 46 was for the Biden family.

White House officials and Biden's personal attorney Bob Bauer said the report made inappropriate and incorrect statements about the president's memory, noting the

interview with prosecutors took place in the immediate aftermath of the October 7 attack on Israel and suggesting Biden's attention was elsewhere. "The report uses highly prejudicial language to describe a commonplace occurrence among witnesses: a lack of recall of years-old events," Bauer said in a follow-up statement to Hur.

In a press conference Thursday evening, the president slammed the special counsel for putting in the report that he did not remember the year of Beau's death and that his "memory was significantly limited." A seething Biden told reporters "I don't need anyone. I don't need anyone to remind me when he passed away."

Yet the special counsel's report hardly stands alone. Consider that during Thursday's press conference, President Biden, right after defending his memory, mistakenly referred to Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi as the president of Mexico. And this week, speaking at a campaign event, the president confused French presidents François Mitterrand, who died in 1996, and Emmanuel Macron, the French president today.

On Wednesday, talking at another campaign event, Biden mixed up the German chancellor Helmut Kohl, who died in 2017, with Angela Merkel, who is still with us.

At a White House media event on Tuesday, Biden struggled to remember the name of the terrorist group Hamas and had to be prompted with the right word by a staffer.

None of this will be news to Fox News viewers who are treated to a steady diet of the president's gaffes, memory losses and unsteady walks from place to place. And it certainly helps explain why nearly half of Democratic voters are seriously concerned about Biden's age, according to a CNN poll released last week.

Americans have had presidents in the past who have had memory problems. Towards the end of President Ronald Reagan's second term, he was forgetful, and in 1994, years after he left office, he disclosed that he had Alzheimer's.

After World War I, President Woodrow Wilson was incapacitated by a stroke, which his wife kept secret while she effectively ran the White House, but that was before TV, intrusive media and nuclear weapons.

So, do Biden's memory lapses raise questions about whether he should have his finger on the nuclear trigger? I have no idea, since it is hard to determine his medical condition based on what we are seeing on TV and reading about his memory lapses in the special counsel's report, but it certainly seems worrisome.

And yet, for the many Republicans, Democrats and independents who think Biden is a doddering old man, think back to the last State of the Union when Biden did a skillful end run around some of the more conservative Republicans attending by getting them to publicly assent not to make cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

On March 5 comes Super Tuesday, with 15 states voting for their delegates to the Republican Convention. If Trump sweeps the table on Super Tuesday, all eyes will be on Biden's State of the Union two days later on March 7.

If Biden's performance is as shaky as it was when he talked to the special counsel, his assertion that he is the right guy to defeat Trump will likely be greeted with considerable skepticism. But if he pulls off another State of the Union as good as his last one, Biden is back in the fight.

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Murder charges expected against two men in killing spree

■ Two men were arrested in connection with four shooting deaths that started Sunday night and extended into Monday morning.

By City News Service

BELL – Criminal charges were expected to be filed Thursday against two men accused in a shooting spree that left four people dead, including a teenage boy, in southeastern Los Angeles County.

Sheriff's officials said they believe the shootings, which occurred over a roughly four-hour period within just a few miles of each other on Sunday night and Monday morning, were simply random acts of violence.

"It appears this was a random murder spree, however, homicide investigators have not ruled anything out," Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Capt. Andrew Meyer told reporters during an afternoon news conference Tuesday.

The suspects -- 42-year-old Gary Garcia and 20-year-old Timberland Wayne McKneely -- were both arrested on

suspicion of murder, attempted murder, and conspiracy to commit murder, according to the sheriff's department.

District Attorney George Gascón is expected to announce charges against the pair at an 11 a.m. news conference Thursday.

According to jail records, Garcia was being held in lieu of \$8 million bail, while McKneely was being held on \$2 million bail.

According to the sheriff's department, the first shooting occurred around 11:30 p.m. Sunday in the 6000 block of Bear Avenue in Bell. That shooting killed 24-year-old Kevin Parada.

Shortly after midnight Monday morning, another fatal shooting occurred in the 1500 block of East Florence Avenue in the nearby unincorporated Florence-Firestone area. That victim, described only as a Hispanic man, was not immediately identified.

A short time later, two boys -- both Hispanic -- were shot in the 5000 block of Live Oak Street near Ellen Ochoa Learning Center in Cudahy. One of them, 14-year-old Javier Pedraza Jr. of Cudahy, was pronounced dead at the scene. The second boy was taken to a hospital in what was described as stable condition.

The fourth shooting occurred about 2:40 a.m. in the 6300 block of Santa Fe Avenue in Huntington Park, near Gage Avenue, officials said. That man, also Hispanic, was not immediately identified, but Huntington Park Police Department Chief Cosme Lozano said he was known to be a local homeless man who

was "simply walking down the street."

According to Meyer, sheriff's homicide investigators responded to all four shooting scenes, and surveillance video quickly determined that a Honda Pilot SUV was at each location around the time of the attacks.

Sheriff's officials circulated a law enforcement bulletin, and on Monday afternoon, the vehicle was spotted and stopped by San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies, and one suspect -- believed to be Garcia -- was arrested and booked on suspicion of murder, Meyer said.

Investigators were then able to identify the second suspect, who was arrested by a sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau team early Tuesday morning in Compton, according to Meyer.

Meyer said no weapon has been recovered. He said investigators believe the suspects are gang members, but there was no immediate word on a motive for the killings. He said the attacks just appeared to target "random people."

Knott's Berry Farm hiring for 2,000 positions

BUENA PARK – Knott's Berry Farm is hiring 2,000 seasonal employees across a variety of departments, including ride operations, park services, lifeguards and aquatics, and Knott's Hotel.

Hourly pay ranges from \$16-\$19 per hour based on experience, prior service and position.

Knott's is hosting a weeklong hiring event, Feb. 17-24, to fill its positions. To apply, visit jobs.cedarfair.com/knotts-berry-farm

Candidates can also visit Knott's in-person for same-day interviews.

Meyer said a third suspect may have also been involved in the attacks, but there was no immediate information available on that person's description.

County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who represents the area, said the shootings "really put everybody on edge," noting that two of them occurred near schools. The first shooting in Bell occurred in the vicinity of Martha Escutia Primary Center, an elementary school.

She hailed sheriff's department and police investigators for their "round-the-clock" effort to solve the killings, and the collaboration that occurred between agencies.

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Alberto Carvalho responded to the shootings Monday on social media, writing: "Overnight murderous gun violence victimizes the youth of our community. As we learn more about the shootings that claimed the life of one teenager and injured another, we stand ready to support the impacted school communities."

Downey delays decision on garage mural

■ The city council opts for better designs as it considers adding a mural to the downtown parking structure.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – As the city council mulled over four paint designs for Downtown Downey's parking structure, the general consensus was readily apparent: "We can do better."

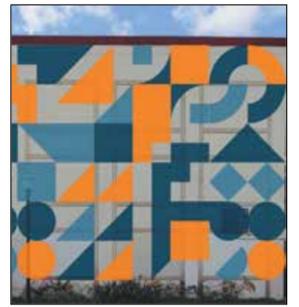
The City of Downey continues to try and update the downtown parking lot in an attempt to make it safer and more appealing to park at. Part of those efforts include interior and exterior painting, regular washing, and updated security cameras.

On Tuesday, city staff presented four potential options for a simple geometric mural to be painted on one of the external walls of the structure.

However, none of the city council seemed overly impressed, expressing desires for a design more telling and representative of Downey as a whole.

Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa said that the design should come from a local company or artist, that "speaks to the beauty and the history of this city."

"[The four options presented] were colorful and have that avant-garde design, but certainly I really believe Downey can do better in design. We're going to live with that mural for many years, and



being the first it's got to be, it's really got to be on point."

Mayor Pro Tem Hector Sosa agreed with Frometa, suggesting that the city reach out to those within the downtown area.

"I would like to get some input from some of the local businesses in the downtown district," said Sosa. "Going back to our current Spend Local Campaign, I would like to open this up -- and we can keep these aside -- open it up to some of the local artists, see if they can come up with a design that encompasses Downey and its history, and give someone an opportunity to come up with a design for that."

Ultimately, it was decided that the issue of the design would come back to the council at a later date. Meanwhile, the general painting of the structure is expected to begin this month and be completed by the end of March. MEAR Construction was awarded the contract for the painting, at a total cost of \$62,500 to the city.

Work on the camera upgrades are also reported as "near completion," awaiting delivery of the cameras for installation.

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DEBORAH PEREZ, on behalf of Minor Child, RYLIE PEREZ; and ROSIE HARTZ on behalf of Minor Child, ABIGAIL HARTZ; Plaintiffs, vs. ROMEO RUIZ PEREZ, an Individual; DOES 1 through 25, Inclusive; ROE CORPORATIONS 1 through 25, Inclusive., Defendants. ROMEO RUIZ PEREZ, Cross-Claimant, vs. ALBERT JOSE CABERA, and ROES 1-25, Inclusive, Cross-Defendants.

CASE NO.: A-23-869917-C

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