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Downey man charged with bilking film company

DOWNEY – A Downey man was arrested Friday by FBI and IRS agents for his role in a \$2 million kickback scheme targeting film and distribution company Lionsgate Entertainment.

Roccio James Cuccia, 31, of Downey, and Larry D. Collins, 50, of Northridge, were charged in a 14 count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Los Angeles on March 22. The indictment includes allegations of wire fraud, money laundering and tax evasion.

According to the indictment, Cuccia started working as a senior buyer at Lionsgate in January 2006 and was responsible for acquiring cardboard advertising used to display DVDs at retail stores. Cuccia allegedly used Collins as a vendor to supply the cases from 2006 through 2011.

Cuccia and Collins allegedly worked together to overbill Lionsgate. Cuccia would access Lionsgate's computer system and inflate the number of previously approved display cases ordered from Collins, according to the indictment. Collins would then allegedly generate fraudulent invoices for the inflated purchase orders.

Lionsgate sent payment for the inflated purchase orders to a third party, who would then wire a "substantial percentage" of these funds to Cuccia's bank account.

The indictment alleges that Cuccia and Collins defrauded Lionsgate of more than \$2 million.

The indictment lists 10 wire transfers totaling over \$745,000 which represents funds received by Collins as part of the scheme, a portion of which were then wired to Cuccia.

Cuccia allegedly used part of the funds to purchase a 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid and a 2006 Mercedes Benz, both of which were seized by federal agents Friday.

According to the indictment, Cuccia failed to report his portion of the fraudulently received income on his 2006 and 2007 tax returns.

Cuccia and Collins had an initial appearance before a federal magistrate in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles last Friday and were granted bond.

If convicted of all charges alleged in the indictment, Cuccia could receive 226 years in federal prison.

Carnival at Maude Price

DOWNEY – The Maude Price Elementary PTA will host an on-campus carnival this Friday, March 30, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The carnival will include games, food, drinks and more. Parents, students, school staff and residents are invited to attend.

Proceeds will go toward PTA's commitment of \$7,500 to the school for field trips.

For more information, e-mail ptaprograms@gmail.com.



Photo by Eric Pierce

City and school officials last Friday unveiled a batch of street signs scheduled to be installed throughout the city over the next few weeks. The signs were inspired by the Character Counts program that instills the "six pillars of character": responsibility, respect, caring, citizenship, trustworthiness and fairness. These are in addition to the three Character Counts signs already in place: Responsibility Row outside City Hall, Caring Way at the entrance to Kaiser Permanente and Character Counts Court outside the school district's main office.

CalMet raises fees for trash service

■ Rates go up April 1 for both residential and commercial trash pick-up services.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The City Council Tuesday approved the new rate schedule submitted by CalMet Services of Downey for solid waste collection and recycling services to the city's residential and commercial customers effective April 1.

The genesis of the rate adjustment goes back to Sept. 13, 2005 when the city and CalMet signed its 'Solid Waste Handling Services' agreement which took effect on Jan. 1, 2006. It called for a seven-year contract, set to expire on March 31, 2013.

In the meantime, on March 24, 2009, according to director of public works director John Oskoui, the City Council approved what is known as the first amendment to the agreement, which set a new procedure for future rate adjustments (the contractor may apply for a rate adjustment once a year), extended the said agreement's term to March 31, 2016, and required a one-time cost of service rate study to be performed in mid-2012. The 2013 rates were to be based on such study.

According to the provisions set forth in this first amendment, CalMet thus requested a rate increase for the period April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, as follows: for single family residential (SFR) and multi-family residential (MFR—2-4 units), an increase of 4.13 percent; for MFC (multi-family—5 units and more) and COM (business commercial) services, the increase asked for was 3.85 percent.

Calculation of the rate adjustment was the formula using a weighted factor basis as provided in the first amendment, along with the following variables: labor rates,



Bureau of Labor Statistics' Producer Price Index for fuel costs, disposal costs, and the BLS Consumer Price Index, with fuel costs contributing the most to the increase.

This has all been granted. As mentioned, just to take a particular case, MFC and COM services will increase by 3.85 percent and, for an example, the new monthly cost for a MFC, 3 cubic-yard bin, serviced once a week for trash, will increase from \$101.86 per month to \$103.36 per month, and a bin of the same size serviced once a week for COM customers, will increase from \$111.36 to \$113.01 per month.

All rates for temporary services will also increase by 3.85 percent. The new rates shall remain in effect through March 31, 2013.

The City Council has also approved the second amendment to the 2005 agreement. It deals with such changes as the city transferring the responsibility for performing the billing function in relation to SFR and MFR accounts on behalf of CalMet (the city used to charge a 'per bill' fee to CalMet for doing the service). CalMet will now assume the responsibility for such billing function and for collecting the solid waste collection and recycling

charges for these SFR and MFR accounts. Based on the stipulated requirements and guidelines outlined in the second amendment to the agreement, the contractor (CalMet) will henceforth be responsible for all fees associated with such billing.

Also, the contractor shall pay to the city each month an amount equal to the franchise fee of five (5) percent of the gross revenues, as collected by the contractor from SFR and MFR clients.

One related effect of all this change is the city will no longer receive CalMet's yearly compensation of approximately \$74,000 for providing the billing service on their behalf. But it will be compensated for by the elimination of time-consuming details (e.g., the responsibility for determining and maintaining the service recipient's name, service address, billing address, and all other pertinent customer account data, and so on).

CalMet has been performing solid waste collection and recycling services for Southern California residents and businesses for over 35 years.

Mayor focuses on budget in State of the City address

■ Roger Brossmer also calls for the return of Apollo 1 capsule to Downey.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Downey has responded to a sluggish economy and drastic cuts from both the state and federal levels by aggressively pursuing new businesses and taking a proactive approach to redevelopment, according to Mayor Roger Brossmer who delivered the remarks during the State of the City address Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Brossmer's speech was mostly upbeat and optimistic, summarizing the goals he laid out when sworn in as mayor last December, and looking forward to future projects and challenges.

The mayor has been mostly successful in carrying out his own initiatives, including: special council meetings specifically to create city-wide goals; greater recognition for local military veterans; increased communication between City Hall and residents; continuation of the emergency preparedness position; and greater efficiency between City Hall administration, which saw radical change in the last 3-4 months due to retirements.

Two of the mayor's goals are still works in progress: a streamlined process to track vacant or abandoned properties, and a branding initiative.

"What are we known for?" Brossmer asked the audience. When someone responded "Apollo," Brossmer said that was exactly the point.

"I want to be proud of something that's, say, five years old, not 50 or 60 years old," he said. "Don't get me wrong, the Apollo is great but what about moving forward? What's going to be our niche in the future?"

Brossmer admitted the branding initiative "is taking a little longer than expected."

Looking forward, Brossmer recapped the \$170 million Tierra Luna Marketplace development set to replace Downey Studios. The project calls for office and medical space, two big box stores, a hotel, gym, movie theaters and more.

The food court currently under construction at Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard is expected to open in July.

"They're not the best jobs, but jobs," Brossmer said. "And amenities and sales tax."

Redevelopment projects like these will contribute to the city's financial health going forward, the mayor said. Downey currently operates on a \$4 million deficit and the only reason city

services have not been severely impacted is due to a "rainy day fund" the city accumulated during better financial times several years ago.

"I'm glad we saved for a rainy day, but I wish it would quit raining," Brossmer said.

State and federal funding also dropped by about \$650,000 this year, resulting in 10 full-time employees losing their jobs.

Despite the difficult financial times, Brossmer said the city is still able to upgrade its infrastructure, recently completing road work on Lakewood Boulevard between 5th Street and Florence Avenue. Road work on Florence near Studebaker Road is expected to begin in April.

Construction on Firestone Boulevard is also in the pipeline but initial plans for street medians have been scrapped after objections from local businesses, Brossmer said.

The mayor also provided updates on local developments and future goals:

•Brossmer would like to relocate the Apollo 1 lunar capsule from its current isolated location in Virginia and display it at the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Apollo 1 was scheduled to be the first manned mission of the Apollo space program but ended in tragedy after a cabin fire killed the three astronauts on board.

"It was an experiment that went horribly, horribly wrong," Brossmer said. "But should we put it away like it never happened? It's something we can learn from and it would be a great jewel to add to Downey."

•"Something great" is scheduled to replace All American Home Center but city officials have no idea what it is.

"(Property owner Jerry Andrews) is the only damn one who knows," Brossmer said with a laugh.

•The former Lincoln-Mercury dealership at Lakewood Boulevard and Gallatin Road could have a new tenant soon, but Brossmer wouldn't divulge details.

"Great things are coming to the west side of Lakewood," he said.

•Beach's Market is still vacant and will likely remain that way for the foreseeable future, although plans are moving forward for a family-owned hardware store at the former Vons market on Paramount Boulevard. Meanwhile, Wal-Mart is in the midst of renovating the former Alin's Party Depot, also on Paramount Boulevard, as it prepares to open a neighborhood grocery store.

SEAACA workers join union

DOWNEY – Animal control workers with the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) voted overwhelmingly earlier this month to unionize, merging with the SEIU Local 721.

"We've taken the first steps to form a strong union, now we've got to work together to win a strong contract," said animal control officer Justin Guzman, according to a statement released by the SEIU.

SEAACA workers said they are "looking forward to bargaining a stronger contract in the coming weeks."



Kathy Rae Bach

February 22, 1950 - March 21, 2012

Kathy Rae Bach passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on March 21, 2012 at Downey Regional Medical Center in Downey. Kathy was born in Waterville, Maine to Raymond and Kathryn Marden on February 22, 1950.

Kathy graduated from Winslow High School in 1968 and then attended and graduated from Zion Bible College.

In the mid 70's Kathy moved to Downey with her two children, Tracy and Jason where she met and then married Michael Bach on March 11, 1978. Along with Mike's son Michael Bach Jr., they welcomed their fourth child Nicholas Bach. Kathy was very active within the community and always loved to volunteer her time when needed. In 2000, she moved to South Gate, but always considered Downey her home.

Kathy was currently working at Downey Regional Medical Center. She was a devoted employee for over 30 years and she loved every minute of it.

Anyone who knew Kathy would agree she had a very big heart and often would put others needs before her own. She would often spend her spare time knitting scarves for the homeless. She had a love for gardening and writing.

Kathy is survived by her daughter and son in law, Tracy and Elia Popov of Valencia; son and daughter in law, Jason and Laura Bach of Fullerton; son Nicholas Raymond Bach of Downey; and stepson, Michael Steven Bach Jr. of Moreno Valley. She has 6 loving grandchildren, Hannah and Nikol Popov of Valencia; Cooper and Skylar Bach of Fullerton; Amanda Bach of Darlington, Wisconsin; Daniel Bach of Fort Hood, Texas. Sisters Shirley McDonald of Newport, Maine and Joyce Shackley of Berlin, New Hampshire.

A Celebration of her Life will be held Saturday, April 7, 2012 at 2:00pm at the Thunderbird Villa Mobile Home Park Club House at 10001 W. Frontage Rd., South Gate, CA.

Police help nearly 50 SUV owners mark third-row seats

DOWNEY – Police officials in Downey deemed "Operation Save our Seats" – an effort to reduce the rising number of SUV third-row seat thefts – a success after nearly 50 vehicle owners signed up to have their seats etched with identification numbers.

The program was created and implemented by Detective Ethan Roberts, the department's auto theft and burglary investigator. Roberts launched the program after investigating ways to increase the chances of having their third-row seats returned should they be stolen.

As a result, 47 local residents took their SUVs to the Downey Police Department last Saturday, where police etched identifying information into the seats.

Roberts also installed seat locks in many of the vehicles and offered crime prevention tips and advice on how to lessen their chances of becoming a victim.

The services were offered to the community at no charge.

SUV third-row seats are popular with thieves for their high resale value. They can also be removed quickly, often in less than a minute.

For more information on "Operation Save our Seats," call Detective Roberts at (562) 904-2334 or the detective bureau at (562) 904-2310.

Exhibit recalls Downey Children's Theatre

DOWNEY – A historical display paying tribute to the Downey Children's Theatre will be exhibited at the Downey Theatre this Saturday as part of the Downey Symphony concert.

At the core of the exhibit are classic art boards that date back to the children theater's 10th anniversary festivities in 1965, when it operated at Rio Hondo Elementary. The memorabilia has been updated with historic photos and programs that take the viewer to the opening of the Downey Civic Theatre in 1970 to the demise of the children's theater program in 1978.

Alumni who graced the stage and worked behind scenes in the late 1950s and '60s contributed essays that recall how the children's theater end came to be.

Larry Dusich, who produced, directed and choreographed several shows at the Downey Theatre, curated the exhibit.

The exhibit opens Saturday at 7 p.m. to concert ticket-holders. To arrange for a tour during weekday afternoons in April, call the box office at (562) 861-8211.

Art exhibit opens April 7

DOWNEY – Works from local artists Laura Sanchez and Isabelle Loooper will be displayed at an exhibit opening April 7 at Mari's Wine Bar. The exhibit is part of the ongoing "Art on the Vine" program sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition and runs from April 7-30.

Admission is free but guests must be at least 21 years old.

Isabel Flecha dies at age 79

DOWNEY – Isabel Flecha, a Downey resident for 20 years, died at Brookfield Healthcare Center on March 25. She was 79.

Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, she worked at McDonald Douglas Aircraft for 15 years.

She belonged to the Pacific Senior Center and ARP Senior Center, both in Huntington Park, and worshiped at St. Raymond's Catholic Church.

A viewing took place Wednesday at Miller-Mies Mortuary, and funeral services Thursday, in the Miller-Mies chapel. Father Ozy Kalathil officiated. Burial took place at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Flecha; son, John Torres; daughters, Elizabeth Texidor, Norma Rivera, Miriam Aspeitia and Nancy Konz; 14 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Alzheimer's Association.



SPRING WORSHIP GUIDE

Downey United Methodist Church

10801 S. Downey Ave, in Downey
Senior Pastor: Rev. Lui Tran

Palm Sunday April 1st - 10:30am
Maundy Thursday April 5 – Supper & Service 6:30pm
Good Friday April 6 – Meditation Noon – 3pm

Easter Sunday April 8 – Service 10:30am
(No Sunday School)
Egg hunt following Worship Service

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10:00 am Festival Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
13200 Clark/Columbia Way,
Downey
(562) 803-4459

Holy Week

April 1—Palm Sunday at 10:00 am
Procession of Palms
April 5—Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm
April 6—Good Friday at 1:00 pm
April 7—Easter Vigil at Grace Lutheran
in Bell at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of Our Lord!
April 8, 2012
10:00 Worship Service

Christ Lutheran Church
7707 Florence Ave • Downey 90240
562.927.4421

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 8

Downey Memorial Christian Church

Sunrise Service 7:00 am
Easter Service 10:00 am
Bilingual Service 12:00 noon

8441 East Florence Ave
Downey, CA
562-869-7291

Visit us at downeymemorial.org

Holy Week

Messiah Lutheran Church
10711 Paramount Boulevard • Downey • CA

Maundy Thursday - April 5, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday - April 6, 7:00 pm

9:00 a.m. - Communion Service
10:30 a.m. - Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt for children 12 & younger

For more information call
(562) 923-1215

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Corner of Downey Ave. & 7th Street
(562) 861-6752

EASTER: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Good Friday Bilingual Service: April 6, 7:30pm
Early Morning Easter Special Gathering: April 8, 6:30am
Easter Egg-stravaganza: April 8, 9am (Egg Hunt & Lite Breakfast)
Easter Sunday Worship: April 8, 10am

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Iglesia Cristiana de Downey

www.downeyfirst.org ~ www.iglesia-cristiana.org
(562) 862-2438 (562) 862-7418

EASTER EXPERIENCES

Good Friday, April 6
Artistic stories of "The Cross"
Tours begin anytime 6-7:30pm
Resurrection Sunday, April 8
English Worship - 10:00am
Spanish Worship - 12:30pm

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Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 5 7:30 p.m.
with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10 pm following in the MGH

Good Friday April 6
12 noon - 7 Last Words (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (English)
6:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (English)
7:00 p.m. - Outdoor Stations / (Spanish)
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (Spanish)

Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday, April 7 7:30 p.m.
Which starts in front of the Convent after nightfall, approximately at 7:30 p.m. with the lighting of the Paschal Fire and Candle.

Easter Sunday April 8
Mass Times: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. (English) 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) (No 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass)
On Easter Sunday, for the 11 am and the 12:30 pm masses we will have overflow seating in the hall with a video feed of the mass going on in the church.

Task force studies 20 MPH speed limit

DOWNEY – The city's Green Task Force committee held preliminary discussions Monday on the feasibility of proposing lower speed limits on residential streets to 20 miles per hour.

The task force is studying the issue at the request of resident Steve Perez, who is lobbying Downey to adopt the "20 is Plenty" program that is popular in several European territories.

Perez said lower speed limits would increase safety in residential neighborhoods.

"You're probably too young to remember this, but growing up we would play on the streets," Perez told the Patriot. "You can't do that anymore."

City officials concede the safety benefits, but warned that reducing speed limits isn't as simple as just installing new signs.

First, the city would need to conduct traffic and engineering surveys at about 300 locations throughout Downey, said deputy public works director Ed Norris. That would cost about \$40,000 and take four months.

Then the city would need four weeks – and another \$4,000 – to analyze the data.

If the surveyed streets qualify for lower speed limits and the Public Works Committee and City Council sign off on the program – a big if considering the costs involved – City Hall would still need to purchase new street signs, about 600 signs at \$150 each, or \$90,000.

Downey could also follow the lead of a few New York City suburbs, which maintained 25 MPH speed limits but launched marketing campaigns advocating that "20 is plenty" on residential streets.

The Green Task Force is expected to revisit the issue at a later date.

–Eric Pierce, city editor

3-year-old boy dies due to space heater fire

DOWNEY – A Downey family is still grieving today after a 3-year-old boy died last Wednesday morning after inhaling toxic smoke billowing from a smoldering space heater.

Around 9 a.m. paramedics responded to a call from a home on the 8500 block of Parrot Avenue after a small fire erupted from a heater releasing asphyxiating smoke into the child's bedroom.

The room did not catch on fire, according to Downey public information officer Jason Patao, but the 3-year-old boy was pronounced dead and another child, an 11-year-old girl, was transported to a local hospital where she was later released.

According to a report from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, the boy's death was ruled accidental due to inhalation of "smoke and smoldering plastics."

No smoke detector was found in the bedroom or hallway, said Patao. "Is it common for people to die without a smoke detector – absolutely," said Patao soberly. "The really young and elderly are always more vulnerable to fire fatalities, but this hasn't happened in our city in a long time...it was a tragic accident."

–Christian Brown, staff writer

Teen arrested for allegedly vandalizing police memorial

DOWNEY – Police arrested a 17-year-old Downey High School student for allegedly writing graffiti on a concrete bench that surrounds the fallen officer memorial in front of the Downey Police Department, authorities have announced.

The boy allegedly admitted to the vandalism, which he did while on a tour of the police station earlier this year.

Police officers discovered the graffiti on Feb. 2 and linked it to a local tagging crew.

Gang detectives Jason Klevos and Rolando Renteria investigated the tagging crew and identified a possible suspect, who has had "prior contact" with police.

Detectives contacted the boy at school, where he confessed, police said.

The boy, a resident of Los Angeles, was released to the custody of his parents pending a court date.

The police memorial was installed last September as a tribute to Downey police officer Wayne Presley, who was killed by a drunk driver in 1981.

Financial seminar aimed at kids

DOWNEY – Maude Price Elementary, in partnership with Downey Federal Credit Union, will host a series of financial education assemblies targeted specifically at students.

The assemblies began Tuesday and lasted from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Students are learning the basics of money management, including savings, spending and sharing, while learning "while all three aspects of money management are important on their journey to financial success."

MAYOR'S CORNER

Busy month in Downey

Dear Downey Residents:

I hope this message finds you all well. Let me first start off by highlighting some recent events that have taken place in our fine City.



Earlier this month, I had the privilege of honoring six of our local hometown heroes at our City Council meeting held on March 13.

These extraordinary individuals, who serve in our U.S. Military, have returned home safely after serving our Country overseas. Each person was presented with their own military banner and we will continue to honor our local service men and women at upcoming City Council meetings throughout the year. I am also proud to announce that a Downey Veterans Memorial is currently in the works and will be installed right outside City Hall later this year. This special memorial will serve to honor and pay tribute to all of our Veterans who have so honorably and bravely served our Country. Thank you for making us so proud.

As you may know, Downey is proud to be a Character Counts! City. For this reason, we held an unveiling event for our new Character Counts! signs to be installed throughout various locations in our City, specifically close to our local schools. My fellow Council colleagues and I, along with members of the Downey Unified School District, unveiled these wonderful signs that will serve to remind us all of the Six Pillars of Character. The new signs to be installed include: Character Counts Court, Citizenship Court, Fairness Lane, Respect Road, and Trustworthiness Trail. We currently have a Responsibility Row sign located by our City Council

parking lot and a Caring Way sign over by Kaiser Hospital.

I was humbled to have participated in the "Mayors for Meals" event on March 21. On this designated day, American Mayors across the country show their support for the Meals on Wheels program by delivering meals to local seniors. It was a very rewarding experience for me and I was glad to be a part of something that helps those less fortunate. Thank you to the Human Services Association and the Meals on Wheels Association of America for coordinating this program.

This past Monday, the Columbia Memorial Space Center was honored to host Rona Ramon, wife of Columbia astronaut Ilan Ramon, and Lani McCool, wife of Columbia astronaut William McCool. I cannot begin to tell you how touching this experience was for not only Mrs. Ramon and Mrs. McCool, but for myself and staff at the Space Center. It was an honor to be able to explain our Center's history and our tribute to the Columbia STS-107 crew. Both women left feeling a sense of extreme gratitude for what we have done here in Downey.

Once again, the Arc Walk was a huge success! Thousands gathered at Stonewood Mall last weekend to help support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our City team was there as well to support this great cause. Many thanks to those working over at Arc for putting this event together. It seems to get bigger and bigger every year!

We also had both a ribbon cutting and groundbreaking to celebrate the completion of a street improvement project and the beginning of another. The ribbon cutting was to acknowledge the completion of the Lakewood Blvd Improvement Project and the groundbreaking event was for the much needed and long

awaited Florence Avenue Truck Impacted Intersection Project (near Studebaker Rd and 605 & 5 freeways). Construction for the Florence Ave Project is scheduled to begin early next month and be completed by June 2012. We are very proud of the continuation of improving our major corridors through our City for our residents and businesses. Despite these extraordinarily tough economic times, we will continue to look at creative ways to improve our infrastructure.

Another exciting project is underway in Downey! Construction has begun for Downey Gateway, located at the corner of Firestone Blvd and Downey Ave. It will feature 13 tenant spaces, comprised of restaurant and retail uses. Starfish Sushi, Pacific Fish Grill, Round Table Pizza, and Yogurtland are some of the anticipated tenants.

We also have several other events taking place in the near future. Mark your calendars for:

- G.O.O.D. Luncheon – April 18
- Street Faire – April 28
- Kids Day – May 12
- Memorial Day Tribute – May 28
- Relay for Life – June 2
- Log-on to our City website's calendar at www.downeyca.org for more details on these great events!

I would like to take a moment to thank all of those who attended the State of the City event this past Wednesday. This event provided the opportunity for me to give an update on what is going on in our City and I appreciate all of those who took the time to come out and express their support. Special thanks to the Downey Chamber of Commerce for putting together this great event.

Sincerely,
Mayor Roger C. Brossmer

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Kiwanis Los Amigos donated \$1,000 to Gangs Out of Downey this month in support of their GOOD luncheon taking place April 18 at the Rio Hondo Event Center. GOOD president Kent Halbmaier, left, is pictured above with Kiwanians Mike Murray, Ryan Fitzl and Alex Saab.



Councilman Luis Marquez and his wife, Alma, expanded their family last Thursday with the addition of baby girl Isabella, who was born at 2:25 p.m. and weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces. Both baby and mother are healthy, Marquez said, adding that "Diego and Maya are happy to have a baby sister."

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Discounted pet adoptions this weekend

DOWNEY – Both Downey animal shelters are participating in "Mega Match-a-thon" this weekend, a nationwide pet adoption event.

From Friday through Monday, the L.A. County animal shelter on Garfield Avenue and the SEACA shelter off Woodruff Avenue will offer discounted rates on adoption fees. All animals will be spayed or neutered, vaccinated and microchipped.

The event is sponsored by the ASPCA and its local partner, the Bark Avenue Foundation.

"With the help of the ASPCA and our 16 shelter partners, the Mega Match-a-thon will be the biggest-ever adoption event in Southern California, with more than 5,000 beautiful, deserving dogs, cats, puppies, kittens and bunnies hoping to find new homes," said Melanie Pozez, founder and executive director of the Bark Avenue Foundation.

Golf tourney to benefit child abuse center

DOWNEY – The Community Family Guidance Center, based in Cerritos, will host its 22nd annual Golf Classic on May 21 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey, with proceeds benefiting the center's child abuse services.

Children who have been abused are at higher risk of using drugs or alcohol, officials with the center said. Teen pregnancy and juvenile delinquency also negatively affect teens' relationships with friends and family, how they do in school, and how they function as adults.

For information on the golf tournament, call Marcia Salvary at (562) 924-5526 or go online to 2012cfcgolf.eventbrite.com.

Symphony concert featuring Russian flair

BY LARS CLUTTERHAM, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – This Saturday the Downey Symphony presents the final concert of its 2011-12 season, featuring three iconic artists from the pantheon of great classical composers, Dmitri Shostakovich, Franz Liszt, and Peter Tchaikovsky.

As one might guess from their surnames, two were Russian and the third, Franz Liszt, was Hungarian—hence the concert's title, "To Russia and Back." All three of these composers projected highly distinctive personalities, both in their music and in their personal lives.

Shostakovich, whose "Galop" and Symphony No. 9 occupy the entire first half of the program, was a somewhat obsessive former child prodigy – visualize a chain-smoking Harry Potter – who found his entire professional and creative life enmeshed in the Communist Revolution. Some Russian composers of the period, notably Stravinsky, simply left Russia in order to preserve their artistic freedom. Shostakovich stayed, his entire output caught between 20th-century instincts, a neo-classical bent, and the political necessity of being accessible and "democratic." Consequently he fell in and out of favor more than once during his career, not only with the Politburo and Premier Josef Stalin, but also with the Russian public.

The "Galop," which opens the concert, features the Downey Symphony's annual baton auction winner on the podium, and, as the title suggests, is a spirited up tempo romp in the deliciously folksy and Russian-friendly key of C minor.



Illustration by Gennie Prochazka

Shostakovich's ninth symphony premiered in 1945 at a particularly delicate moment in Russian history, as the USSR and its Allies, including the United States, had just won World War II. A majestic paean to the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany was anticipated, but the work turned out to be quirky and largely high-spirited, unexpected, vastly different from his earlier symphonies, and viewed by some as possibly even a satirical critique. Consequently, it was actually banned in Russia between 1948 and 1955.

The concert's second half begins with Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major. Liszt, born almost a century before Shostakovich, was widely thought to be the greatest concert pianist of his era, if not of all time, achieving rock star status through a frenetically active, though relatively brief, concert career. He sported a pageboy haircut and an onstage persona that literally made the ladies swoon—imagine a combination of Mick Jagger and (for you classical music buffs) Lang Lang.

The first concerto, like almost all of his piano music, requires all the virtuosic technique for which Liszt himself was renowned. The very first piano entrance is strikingly muscular and athletic, and sets the tone for a number of

cadenza-like solo episodes, some remarkably lyrical and some requiring dazzlingly brilliant piano skills. And even though the work is loosely structured in the fast-slow-fast tradition of the solo instrumental concerto, Liszt continually revisits and reinvents the initial melodic and harmonic material, especially in the final movement, in a decidedly UN-traditional manner.

Peter Tchaikovsky, chronologically between Liszt and Shostakovich, completes the triumvirate of eastern European composers in this performance, and the Downey Symphony closes its concert with his "Capriccio Italien."

Tchaikovsky can be rightly viewed as one of the greatest all-time composers of melody, and the Capriccio does not disappoint in this regard. In contrast to the progressive material of the Liszt concerto and Shostakovich symphony, Tchaikovsky here has created accessible folk-like melodies that transcend Italian ethnicity. In fact, one or more of these charming melodies, played in thirds by trumpets, could just as well be mariachi music.


Both the Tchaikovsky and the Liszt will be instantly recognizable to concertgoers familiar with classical music literature. Though the Shostakovich is less well known, it rounds out a fascinating musical visit "To Russia and Back."

The concert takes place this Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Downey Civic Theater.

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Closing the income inequality gap

The memes for the current economic recession have been “income inequality” and “the 99 percent versus the 1 percent” as the 106 million Americans earning \$45,000 or less each year feel the most pain from job loss, foreclosure, underwater mortgages and inflation.

Some say the solution is for the government to redistribute the wealth, perhaps by taxing the top money-makers at a higher rate. Real estate businessman Trevor Bolin, author of *Take Charge and Change Your Life Today* (www.bolininternational.com), says there’s a better way and it’s one that will make more people happier – and wealthier.

“I went from the bottom 10 percent at age 17 to the top 2 percent at 28 by making some changes in my life,” says Bolin, who owns three realty companies in British Columbia. “The system is very simple, but not all of the steps are easy. It requires self-discipline and changing bad habits, but it’s all possible if you follow the steps. And I promise, following through on just one will dramatically affect your life.”

Some of Bolin’s strategies:

- **Commit.** Vow right now that you will follow through 100 percent on every step you take toward changing your life, whether it’s making more money, losing weight or becoming a better parent. Commit to succeeding, not just surviving. Know that luck has nothing to do with it – it’s hard work, attitude and giving back. Committing 100 percent means that, if you decide to read a book on investing, you won’t quit after three chapters. If your goal is to drop 20 pounds, don’t stop after 10.

- **Change your attitude.** Just as negative thoughts have the power to negatively affect outcomes, so do positive thoughts. Start each day with positive thoughts, and change negative thoughts to positive ones throughout the day. This may be hard at first, but the more you work at it, the easier it gets. Rather than wake up cursing the rainy day, be grateful for it. Water is one of our most valuable natural resources, and rain is cleansing. Remind yourself each morning of all the good things in your life – your health, your home, your spouse. Tell yourself that your meeting today is

going to be engaging and productive, or your job interview is going to go well.

- **Figure out your “Y.”** Your Y is your reason for everything. It’s shaped by the past, formatted for the present and goal-formatted for the future. It’s reflected in every decision you make. If you don’t know your Y, your decisions will be made on the basis of habit, what you learned growing up, and what your immediate needs are. But if you’ve decided your Y is that you want the peace and security of financial success, you’ll be guided by that every time you make a choice.

- **Set goals.** On a piece of paper write down all of your goals, short-term and long-term. Next, number them 1, 3, 5, 10 or 20 based on how many years it should take to achieve them. Losing 20 pounds? That might be a 1. Buying a new car? That could be a 3. Now, take your top five 1 goals and write down why you want them and how you plan to achieve them. Do the same thing for each set of goals. Having goals is vital and keeping them in front of you will help keep you on track toward achieving them.

Most important – be sure to cross each one off as you achieve it. Take it from me, there’s no better feeling.

Paying yourself first – saving a portion of every check – and giving back to society, whether through service or philanthropy, are also key to Bolin’s roadmap for changing your life.

“It’s all about having a plan,” he says. “You can create success as long as you’re putting a plan into motion.”

Trevor Bolin owns three realty companies in British Columbia, including one in his hometown of Fort St. John, which was named the No. 1 Re/Max small-density office in the world. He’s also chairman of Bolin & Co. International Training, which offers coaching and seminars for business people. He has served three terms on the Fort St. John City Council.

America’s hangup with nudity

As recently as January, the U.S. Supreme Court was debating whether TV networks should be fined for showing a bare body part – in this case, a woman’s butt — on an episode of ABC’s “NYPD Blue.”

A lawyer arguing for the networks noted enforcement could lead to complaints about the Summer Olympics in Beijing: During the opening ceremonies a statue of a bare-breasted, bare-bottomed woman was plainly visible.

A decision isn’t expected until June, but no matter the result, the very fact this is a matter before the highest court in the land troubles historian Mike Foster.

America remains surprisingly prudish, or at least hypocritical, about nudity, says Foster, co-author with his wife, Barbara, of the biography, *A Dangerous Woman: The Life, Loves, and Scandals of Adah Isaccs Menken* (TheGreatBare.com).

“Officially, we’re uptight about nudity,” he says, “but happy to watch it in the media. Advertisers use nudity to make a buck, publishers to sell product, and protesters take it off to make a point.

“Lindsay Lohan’s nude spread for *Playboy* earned her a million dollars and was pirated on the Internet. Helen Mirren, at 64, posed topless for a puff promoting ‘Love Ranch.’ PETA women, who strip in public for attention to animal rights — ‘go naked instead of wearing fur’ — have been joined by their men.

The “ultimate fantasy commercial” for this year’s Super Bowl featured

a beautiful Colombian model looking stark naked. It was done with paint and 100 million viewers feasted their eyes on a nude illusion.

Foster says our nude hypocrisy stems from the Victorian era, when actress Adah Menken was dubbed “The Great Bare” by writer/admirer Mark Twain. The Civil War-era bombshell singer and actress became famous as *The Naked Lady* for her starring role in “Mazeppa,” a drama in which she rode a stallion up a four-story stage mountain, apparently in the buff. She actually wore a flesh-colored body stocking, but the audience gasped — yet another nude illusion.

It’s mystifying that in Western Europe, the birthplace of many American traditions and values, billboards, TV shows and commercials featuring nudity are commonplace. Nude sunbathers enjoy their nations’ beaches — and don’t go home with awkward tan lines.

One hopeful sign that America’s easing up: At actress Betty White’s televised 90th birthday tribute, Tina Fey claimed the older actress told her: “Never let anyone tell you that you are not good enough to pose nude.”

Yes, our favorite “Golden Girl” did it, decades ago. Yet another “dangerous woman” ahead of her time?

Michael Foster is a historian, novelist and biographer, acclaimed by the New York Times. He earned his Master of Fine Arts from the Iowa Writers’ Workshop. “A Dangerous Woman” is his fifth book. Barbara Foster is an associate professor of women’s studies at City University of New York.

Letters to the Editor:

U.S.-Mexico ties

Dear Editor:

Kudos to *The Downey Patriot* for featuring the 2-part series by Tina Vasquez about the major issue of U.S. immigration policy, and providing a forum for discussion. Ms. Vasquez wrote in detail about her personal experiences in visiting Alabama, and how the immigration issue is being played out there with the state bill HB 56. She offered readers much to think about.

I would like to add one observation in response to her ending question, “What would you do for your children if your country of origin provided little in the way of economic stability?”

U.S. policies and practices have been a major factor in the economic destabilization of Mexico. One of the most egregious examples is right here in our own backyard – the amount of Colorado River water that has been diverted for U.S. agriculture and cities (including golf courses).

Since we started building dams and diverting water on the U.S. side of the border, almost nothing is left for the 2-million-acre delta in Mexico that is on the Sea of Cortez. This used to be a rich area of marshland with wild game and huge fisheries. As the water disappeared, many small communities disappeared; people could no longer provide for their families. Can we blame them if they came to the United States?

Our hoarding of Colorado River water is only one example of the U.S. impact on the economic situation in Mexico. A more obvious factor, of course, is this country’s heavy drug use.

Because our country has contributed significantly to Mexico’s economic problems, we have a moral obligation to try and resolve the problems in a humane way.

I cannot comment on Alabama life and politics, but I can speak about the southwest – so many of our cities and streets have Spanish names because this area used to be part of Mexico. Mexico is part of our heritage.

Thank you, Ms. Vasquez, for your thoughtful observations and reflections, and thank you, *Downey Patriot* for giving your readers the opportunity to comment.

On a personal note – it is a privilege to live amid the international diversity of a state like California. My life is richer for it.

--Carol Kearns,
Downey

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Letters to the Editor:

Time to pull out

Dear Editor:

As many have heard on the news, Staff Sgt. Robert Bales shot and killed 16 Afghan civilians for unknown reasons. His actions is a tragic and horrific event. It will be interesting if the general public is ever told the specific details about the cause for the shooting if it is ever learned. The fact that he did it is not in question. What is in question is the “why”.

I can’t help to wonder why the same cry of outrage isn’t being screamed for the six military personnel that were killed by Afghan citizens because someone inadvertently burned copies of a book (the Koran). I understand the importance of the Koran to those that believe in it but because it was accidentally burned this cannot justify the taking of six American soldiers’ lives. It seems that this incident was shoved under the table.

President Hamid Karzai says he wants the U.S. and its allies restricted to bases and entirely out of his country next year, not by 2014. Currently the United States is giving Afghanistan billions of taxpayer dollars every year. The war there is costing additional billions and my question is why?

The majority of those countries have been fighting one another since before the birth of Christ. Who in the world could possibly think the United States is going to change all of that now. Do those countries need a democratic society? I have no idea. That is a decision the people that reside there did to make. Didn’t those that came before us in this country have to fight and die to gain independence from England?

This country shut down NASA due to the lack of funds but we don’t hesitate to give billions of taxpayer dollars to other countries. When did we as a nation become the world police? And where is China with the big bucks stand in all of this? And Russia? Oh yeah. They are the counties that always vote against the US and its allies in matters brought before the useless UN such as in Syria.

Stop giving away our taxpayer dollars to others, bring our troops home and put the troops to work guarding our borders and assisting the Border Patrol. Use some of the money saved to get serious about alternative power sources and relieve the American public of their dependence on all foreign oil. Also, the savings could be used to put Americans back to work on our infrastructure, solar power on the rooftops of the majority of homes and bringing jobs back to America.

I recently visited the mobile Viet Nam Memorial Wall that was setup in the city of Brea (Tri City Parks). It is very sad! Over 55 troops were killed, thousands wounded physically and/or mentally and I have no idea how many billions of dollars were spent. And for what?

The American government is doing the same thing in Iraq and Afghanistan. Do the people of these countries need assistance? I don’t know but just as it was up the people in South Viet Nam to defend themselves, it is up to the people that reside in all countries to seek the type of government they want.

Eventually we will leave these countries and at some point in time some memorial will be constructed in their honor. I will still be asking the same question then as I do for those that lost their lives in Viet Nam soldiers. For what?

And yes, I am a Viet Nam veteran or as I was called as I walked through the terminal at San Francisco International Airport in full uniform, a baby killer and war monger.

I do support our troops 100 percent. They are only doing as they are ordered.

-- David Abney,
Downey

State rights

Dear Editor:

I am writing to say how much I enjoy Elsa Van Leuven’s letters to the editor.

In answer to her question, “Whatever happened to states’ rights?”, I would reply that for most of us United States citizens, states’ rights lost a lot of their credibility in the 1960s when they were used as the main argument for racial segregation and the resultant violence.

-- John Fitzgerald,
Downey

Steak and pie

Dear Editor:

With all the vacant buildings, the city fathers should concentrate on attracting entrepreneurs with ideas to breathe life back into Downey; if not, our many empty buildings will result in Downey eventually going the way of once very popular Huntington Park, and property values will suffer.

Imagine the revenue our city would create if we could bring the very popular Polly’s restaurant, and a major family steakhouse, to Downey.

As it is, the sparsely located Polly’s restaurants are 10 miles away in Cerritos, and Whittier, and the last major steakhouse, Charley Brown, was in Long Beach.

-- James Hawkins,
Downey

Injured bird

Dear Editor:

When my pet bird flew out of his cage and broke his leg, I was extremely worried because I knew how serious his injury was.

I immediately began calling different animal hospitals throughout the area, and after speaking to over 30 of them, I started to panic. All of the prices were so high that I wondered how I would be able to afford the care needed for my bird.

Just when I began to lose hope, I came across a clinic called “Above and Beyond Pet Care” in Downey. I spoke with a kind young man named Travis, who was very friendly and sympathetic of my situation, and agreed to see my bird even though it was after hours. When I reached the clinic, the entire staff was waiting for my arrival.

I was not only impressed by how clean and welcoming the place was, but I was also so grateful for the kindness and professionalism shown to me by everyone working there. Not only did my bird receive the care he needed, but it was also provided at a very reasonable price.

The staff truly went “above and beyond” to help me out in this difficult situation, and I recommend anyone, whose pet may be in need to care, to come visit this place.

--Heena Raheem,
La Palma

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

- Fri. March 30: **Carnival**, Maude Price Elementary, 3:30 p.m.
- Sat. March 31: **Rummage sale**, Woman's Club of Downey, 8 a.m.
- Sat. March 31: **Author Elaine A. Piha**, Downey City Library, 1 p.m.
- Sat. March 31: **Downey Symphony concert**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
- 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

On This Day...

- March 29, 1882:** The Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.
- 1962:** Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the final time.
- 1971:** A jury in Los Angeles recommended the death penalty for Charles Manson and three female followers for the 1969 Tate-La Bianca murders.
- 1992:** Democratic presidential front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged experimenting with marijuana "a time or two" while attending Oxford University, adding, "I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again."
- Birthdays:** Author Judith Guest (76), basketball hall of famer Walt Frazier (67), football hall of famer Earl Campbell (57), model Elle Macpherson (49), actress Lucy Lawless (44) and tennis pro Jennifer Capriati (36).

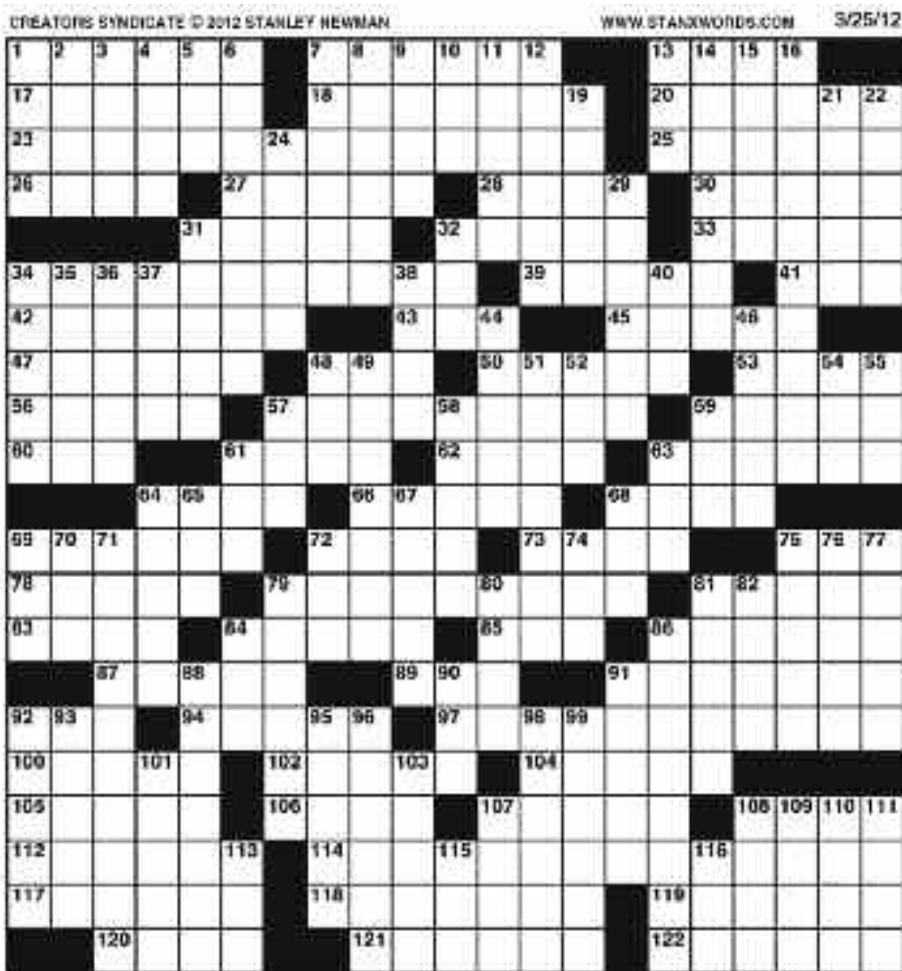
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ABWA marks 47 years

DOWNEY – The Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will celebrate its 47th anniversary with a dinner event April 18 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The event will also serve to honor the chapter's Woman of the Year and Business Associates.

Tickets are \$25 and RSVPs are due by April 13 by contacting Ilda Vaja at (562) 865-2011 or vajafamily@verizon.net.

Deaf educator is commencement speaker

NORWALK – Dr. Roz Rosen, director of the National Center of Deafness at Cal State Northridge, has been named keynote speaker at Cerritos College's commencement ceremony May 12.

Graduation ceremonies start at 5 p.m. in Falcon Stadium.

The National Center of Deafness provides support services to post-secondary students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Rosen supervises the center and is responsible for strategic planning, budget issues, restructuring and program enhancements.

A frequent presenter, her presentations and publications have included, "Harnessing the Future: Getting Our Act Together," which was the keynote address at the Conference of the American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association, and "Human Rights for All: The World Federation of the Deaf."

Rosen has held additional positions of national prominence, including president of the National Association of the Deaf, and she was a member of the Clinton Transition Ad Hoc Task Force on Persons with Disabilities.

No tickets are required for the ceremony. The entrance gates are located on both the northeast and northwest sides of Falcon Stadium and will open at 3:30 p.m. No strollers are permitted inside the stadium.

Kotze-Ramos brings grit into crowded Assembly race

■ The lone Republican is neck and neck with Luis Marquez in recent poll.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Patricia Kotze-Ramos doesn't sound like your typical politician – and that just might be the way she wants it.

"Anyone who knows me personally and professionally knows that I don't just say things, I do them," said Kotze-Ramos with a grin. "I don't need to do this, but I want to do this. I wouldn't make the promise if I wasn't going to keep it."

Co-founder and president of Diversified Risk Management, Inc., Kotze-Ramos has worked in the internal investigation industry for nearly 30 years managing thousands of workplace probes into crimes against both large and small companies alike.

From security consulting and fraud investigations to background screenings and covert surveillance, Kotze-Ramos' Downey-based firm has mastered private investigations, but will now take on a new, uncharted role: campaign headquarters.

Hoping voters in the 58th Assembly District will embrace her platform, Kotze-Ramos, the lone Republican vying for the newly-created seat, is ramping up her efforts to raise money and garner support as a new poll indicates she's running a tight race with frontrunner Downey Councilman Luis Marquez.

"It's a big decision. I had to give it a lot of thought," said Kotze-Ramos who was recruited to run for the office when no other Republicans stepped up. "But again, I'm not going to do something unless I give it 100 percent."

Despite the fact the 58th Assembly District is heavily Democratic, Kotze-Ramos, a resident of Downey, believes voters will ultimately look beyond party affiliation and choose someone that will listen and act in the people's best interests.

"We need to focus on things I

feel we haven't been – jobs, education, and safety," said Kotze-Ramos who criticized those she deems as career politicians. "A lot of politicians, career politicians, have never had a job. They actually haven't worked in a career. I know some of them pretty well. They've gone to Sacramento and haven't kept their promises."

In addition to job growth, Kotze-Ramos is advocating assistance for small businesses through tax reforms, the elimination of wasteful government spending and nutrition programs for kids aimed at targeting childhood obesity.

The married mother of two daughters, Kotze-Ramos has long been an active community leader and volunteer serving as a regional director for Soroptimist International, chair of the Downey Public Works Committee, board member of the Californian's Dedicated to Education Foundation, and president-elect of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to announcing her candidacy in 58th Assembly District, Kotze-Ramos was thought to be a serious contender for the Downey City Council this year, but she now says the timing just didn't work in her favor.

"I live in District 3, but Roger [Brossmer] is planning to run again, which pushes my time limit," she said. "The other option is District 5, Luis Marquez, but the fifth is probably going to have some players and I wouldn't want to challenge them. I love the city, but it doesn't seem like my time here."

Kotze-Ramos is nonetheless hopeful that she'll be able to still represent the community at the state level.



Several influential civic and political leaders have endorsed Kotze-Ramos including Reps. Ed Royce of Fullerton and Howard "Buck" McKeon of Santa Clarita, Downey Councilman Mario Guerra, Cerritos College Board President Bob Arthur, former Cerritos Councilwoman Grace Hu, former Bellflower Unified School Board Member Rick Roysse, Whittier Planning Commissioner Harry Stone, and Jan Scott, president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

On March 7, Probolsky Research conducted a telephone survey of more than 300 likely June primary voters in the 58th Assembly District. According to the polling if

the election were held this month, Luis Marquez captures a majority (19.4%) of voters followed closely by Kotze-Ramos with 17.2% of the vote and former assemblyman Tom Calderon of Montebello who garners 13.3%.

"Given her name I.D., those are really good results," said Matt Kauble, campaign manager for Kotze-Ramos' campaign.

In any case, Kotze-Ramos hopes to rally support and encourage local residents to participate in her campaign.

"We want to let everyone know and get more people to vote," she said.

Regarding fundraising, the Kotze-Ramos campaign acknowl-

edged that they started late and have not raised much, but Kauble maintained they will seek support from local and regional donors including family, friends and business owners.

Kotze-Ramos is confident the campaign will be competitive during June's primary and remains hopeful that local residents will back her platform.

"I will keep my promises within the best of my ability. We can't do it all, but the right person can make a difference," she said. "I will be someone people see in their district. I want to listen to what the people have to say."

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Cerritos College to enshrine former students

■ Induction ceremony scheduled for April 12; seven inductees to be enshrined.

NORWALK – Cerritos College this week announced its inaugural Hall of Fame inductees, who will be enshrined April 12 during ceremonies at the Sheraton Hotel in Cerritos.

Inductees include:
Barbara Reinalda - **Distinguished Female Athlete:** Barbara Reinalda put the Cerritos College softball team on the map. As a member of the first two Falcon teams in school history, Reinalda was voted the conference's Most Valuable Player both seasons, went undefeated in her career as a pitcher and batted over .500 over the course of both seasons.

After completing her collegiate career at Cal Poly Pomona, she spent 19 years as a pitcher for the renowned Raybestos Brakettes of the Stratford, CT and posted a career record of 441-31 with 19 perfect games.

Reinalda was a member of Team USA during both the World Championships and Pan American Games and was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame in 1999.

She is also a member of the International Softball Federation Hall of Fame and has spent the last 11 years as head coach at Yale University.

Ron Yar - Distinguished Male Athlete: Although he only played one season at Cerritos College (1964), Ron Yar went to have a Hall of Fame career as an offensive lineman with the Minnesota Vikings in the NFL. In his one season with the Falcons, Yar was a two-way all-conference selection before playing three years at USC, where he won the Outland Trophy as the nation's best offensive lineman and the Knute Rockne Award his senior year.

He helped the Trojans win the national championship before becoming the first offensive lineman ever to be drafted No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft. An eight-time Pro Bowl selection, Yar appeared in three Super Bowls with the Vikings and was named the NFC Offensive Lineman of the Year three times. In 2001, he was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Wally Kincaid - **Distinguished Coach:** As the first head baseball coach in Cerritos College history, Wally Kincaid spent 22 years at the helm and won six state championships while posting a career record of 678-163 (.806 winning percentage). Kincaid also led his teams to 15 conference championships, 51 tournament championships and a 60-game winning streak that spanned over three seasons.

He was named the National Community College Coach of the Century by Baseball America magazine and was inducted into the Community College Coaches Hall

of Fame and National College Baseball Hall of Fame.

After his tenure at Cerritos College, Kincaid, who had more than 100 of his players move on to become coaches at various levels, served as an assistant coach during three College World Series appearances for Cal State Long Beach. The Cerritos College baseball field was named in his honor.

Dr. Gerald P. Roodzant - **Distinguished Alumnus:** Dr. Gerald P. Roodzant has been practicing dentistry in the Whittier, La Mirada area since 1979. Prior to graduating from UCLA Dental School in 1979, he attended UCLA and Cerritos College. He continues to further his education to keep pace with the latest dental advances.

Roodzant is dedicated in maintaining a reputation of excellence in dental care. Outside of this office he participates in public lectures with local citizen groups and volunteers with UCLA Board of Counselors, UCLA Apollonians, Cerritos College Foundation Board of Directors, La Mirada Kiwanis and Los Angeles CADA.

He lives in Fullerton with his wife, Janice, and enjoys golfing in his spare time.

John Gallant - **Distinguished Classified/Confidential:** John Gallant worked for Cerritos College for over 35 years until his retirement in June 2011, of which from 1983 to 2003 he taught court reporting and typing classes.

Gallant served as the adminis-

trative assistant and mentor to 16 different vice presidents of academic affairs. He has been the college historian and "keeper of knowledge" for many of the offices on campus. He was voted Classified Employee of the Month twice and Employee of the Year in 1989.

He is also remembered for emceeding the Outstanding Classified Awards for 11 years -- the committee even brought him back after his retirement. Each year he took the extra time to meet each nominee and made humorous presentations at the event.

Dr. Edward Bloomfield - **Distinguished Faculty:** During his 35 years of teaching philosophy at Cerritos College, Dr. Edward Bloomfield guided and nurtured the intellectual life of thousands of students, and his love for teaching philosophy continues to benefit students today.

Upon his retirement in May 2003, Bloomfield established the Edward H. Bloomfield Philosophy Scholarship. He also bequeathed his philosophy library to the students studying philosophy at Cerritos College. The books are housed in the office of the Philosophy Department and are available to students enrolled in philosophy classes.

Bloomfield inspired many students and made a significant difference in the life of each student that crossed paths with him, officials said. He continues to research, teach, counsel and enlighten those

around him.

Golden Star Technology, Inc. - Distinguished Corporate Partner: J.P. Wang truly believes in giving back to the community. Born in Taiwan, he grew up in a small family farm as the oldest of five. As his family struggled to make ends meet, he was able to receive top education due to generous scholarships from sponsors.

After working for tech giants such as Sanyo and Ericsson, he founded an IT solutions provider - Golden Star Technology - in 1984.

He never forgets the importance of education and the generosity he received as a child. He and his family have vowed to provide similar help to deserving, underprivileged children. In 2005, with his wife Alice, he founded the International Buddhist Education Foundation through which he has raised more than \$5 million in scholarship funds.

In 2007, Wang joined the Cerritos College Foundation Board of Directors, and in 2008, the Wangs established the Alice Wang Scholarships for single parents majoring in child development at Cerritos College.

Wang's strong commitment to making education accessible to all is truly inspiring, college officials said.

Tickets to the Hall of Fame banquet are \$45 per person, or \$400 for a table of 10. Reserve your tickets online at cerritos.edu.



Resident earns Eagle Scout award

DOWNEY – Downey resident Mark Montero received the Eagle Scout award, the Boy Scouts' highest accolade, at a ceremony last Saturday at Downey United Methodist Church.

Mayor Roger Brossmer presented Montero with a city proclamation; Harold Tskelnis presented him a certificate of commendation on behalf of Downey Rotary Club; and former mayor Meredith Perkins, who as mayor inducted Montero into the Kids Hall of Fame, spoke about how he influenced Montero to go for the Eagle Scout.

Montero also received commendation certificates from Pope Benedict XVI, President Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and others.

A reception was hosted by Montero's parents in the church's Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

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Undefeated Warren starts league meets

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' track team currently has an undefeated 3-0 overall record and were set to begin league meets Thursday, March 29, against Lynwood and Dominguez at Justice Stadium.

The Bears finished last season with a 6-3 overall record and 3-2 record in league. The two league losses were to crosstown rival Downey and eventual league champion Paramount.

Warren has had a busy preseason schedule in preparation for league competition. The Bears competed at Mira Costa on March 1, traveled to Marina High School to compete on March 8 and followed that up with a road trip to Clovis East on March 10.

The Bears also competed at the California Relays held at Cerritos College last Saturday and will compete at the Arcadia Invitational April 6-7.

The Bears have many standout athletes returning this year. Cesar Ochoa is running the 100 and 200 meters in 11.35 and 22.8 respectively. Former East Knight John Ohakamu is jumping 23' feet plus in the long jump and former West Spartan Hakeem Fairweather is jumping 23'6 in the same event and is clearing well over 6'0 in the high jump. Fairweather's jump at 23'6 is the state leading mark at this time.

Senior Saul Leon is clearing 13'9 in the pole vault. The distance medley relay (1200, 400, 800 and 1600) is being run by Jonathan Rodriguez (3:13), Hakim Fairweather (48.6), Michael Guzman (2:00) and Omar Torres and has set the school record in this event. This overall time also represents the fourth fastest time in California this year and the fifth fastest time in the nation.

Assistant coach Glenn Gonzalez said that "it will be very close this year between Paramount, Downey and Warren and the winner will win by a single digit number."

In high school track Gonzalez continued, "the first team to 66 points, wins. It will probably come down to the 4 X 400 relay (the last event)."

Head Coach Miranda is excited about this year's team and believes his athletes will compete hard and do very well. Coach Miranda also mentioned that the Track and Field Classic against Downey will be held April 5 at Warren. The field events will start at 5 p.m. and the running events will start at 5:30.

Downey residents should check this event out. It is like the Carnival of Champions for big kids from yesterday.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Downey track off to perfect start in league

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' track team currently holds an overall record of 4-1 with the lone loss coming to Trabuco Hills in a nail biter, 68-64, on March 1. The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 6-1.

Downey is currently 1-0 in league with a 104-31 defeat of Gahr on March 22. Downey finished last season with a 4-1 league record, the lone loss coming to eventual league champion Paramount. Downey took first place at the Downey Relays on March 3, where the Vikings defeated Arroyo, Bell Gardens and Downey Calvary Chapel by healthy margins.

Downey returns several key performers from last year. Dakari Archer is back doing the high jump, Jaime Vega (triple jump), Moises Martinez and Enrique Munoz (distance runners), Andrew Gonzalez (pole vault) and Fabian Mendoza (400 meters) all return as well. The Vikings also bring back Ismael Guerrero and former East Knight standouts Lenin Dolmos and Min Lee in the relays.

Coach Gleason is very pleased with newcomer Joseph Carter who placed first in the high jump at the Irvine Invitational.

The Vikings have lost former Griffiths Indian standout Isaac Dan (discus now at Cal-Berkeley), Stephen Bovey (hurdles) and Clarence Wallace (jumps and sprints). Coach Gleason sees Warren and Paramount as Downey's toughest league competition.

Downey competed against Paramount on Thursday (scores unavailable at press time). League foe Warren is scheduled for next Thursday, April 5, at Warren in "The Classic" and will travel to and compete in Arcadia next weekend. Downey will run against Lynwood and Dominguez on Tuesday April 24.

Downey boys' track will certainly be busy in the weeks to come. Coach Gleason and his staff are certainly poised and looking forward to making a run at a league championship.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Warren golf streaks to 10-1 record

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' golf team currently has a 10-1 overall record and are a perfect 2-0 in league play. The Bears' lone loss this season came in their first match and was by one stroke.

The Bears finished last season with a 14-4 overall record and a league record of 7-1. The Bears were co-champions with crosstown rival Downey.

The Bears return several key golfers from last year's squad. Senior and captain Kittichai Damabhorn, junior Lucas Castro and junior Terasak Damabhorn are all back with more skill and another year of experience under their belts.

Warren has participated in one tournament thus far. The Bears competed at the Glendora Invitational earlier this season but did not perform very well due to the difficulty of the course.

The Bears are looking forward, however, to the Herald Invitational at the Candlewood Country Club and the Knabe Cup at the Lakewood Country Club. In this event, four golfers from each school will compete over eighteen holes.

Coach Schmid is very pleased with the continued improvement of Lucas Castro and Cody Trepte. The emergence of senior newcomer Ricky Bravo has also been a pleasant surprise. Coach Schmid is also pleased with the emergence of freshmen Matt Perez and Rafael Russo.

Coach Schmid maintains that Downey will provide excellent competition and believes Gahr will have a solid squad as well. Along with Downey and Gahr, Schurr and Montebello round out the rest of the San Gabriel Valley League. Coach Schmid is excited about this season and is looking forward to another run at a league championship.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Downey tennis in rebuilding mode

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' tennis team started the pre-season with a perfect 3-0 non-league record and currently have a 3-4 overall record. The Vikings have lost their first four league matches and are 0-4 in league play.

According to Coach Park, the Vikings are "experiencing a learning and rebuilding year as seven of nine players from last year are gone – the most ever." Coach Park also stated that several players are not playing due to injuries, family issues as well as grades.

Coach Park maintains that last year's squad was heavy with seniors and the Vikings are experiencing a youthful reloading year. Coach Park has two returners playing at a high level. Former East Knights Jimmy Ziegenbein and Kevin Sattakun provide a nice one two punch for the Vikings and represent the core of this year's team.

The Vikings have not competed in any tournaments thus far but will participate in a league tournament the first week in May. This tournament will last for three days and all players in league compete to finish in the top two. The top two singles and top two doubles teams will then move on to the C.I.F. league competition.

Coach Park has seen great improvement in this young squad and fully expects them to get even better as the year presses on. Coach Park said that this group of players have "a huge desire to get better." Coach Park further maintains that "they all love tennis and you cannot teach that kind of heart." Coach Park concluded by saying, "I like the make-up of the kids we have coming back next year and we should make big strides."

—Mark Fetter, contributor



Downey speed skater ranked 5th in the nation

DOWNEY – Sixteen-year-old speed skater Stacy Caprilli is ranked fifth in the nation after competing in the USA National Age-Class Speedskating Championships held in Green Bay, Wis., from March 16-18.

Caprilli, a Downey resident and sophomore at Downey High School, earned her fifth place title by skating to a silver medal in the 500 meter event.

She placed fourth in the 1,500 meters and sixth in the 27-lap, 3,000 meter distance.

Caprilli's other event of the meet – the 1,000 meters – ended in disappointment after a fall.

Caprilli is the 2012 California state champion in the Junior Women's Division (ages 15-16).

Short track speed skating, which most people associate with decorated U.S. Olympian Apolo Ohno, is raced "pack-style" with three to five other competitors at a time on 16-inch razor sharp blades.

Caprilli competes in several local competitions during the September to April season, and trains year-round at DeMorra Speedskating in Lakewood with renowned coach Wilma Boomstra. Boomstra is responsible for training current Olympic, World Cup and Junior World Cup team members J.R. Celski, Sarah Chen, Kyle Uehara, Jacqueline Chen and Kendal Pumphrey, among others.

Caprilli's goal is to improve her skating and earn a spot on the U.S. national team.

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Murder mystery play on Queen Mary

LONG BEACH – After a five-year hiatus, interactive mystery theater is coming back to the Queen Mary.

"A Murder on the Queen Mary" opens this Saturday and continues through June.

The mystery begins when guests are informed the Queen Mary is haunted by Julie Rose, a famous local singer who was murdered in her dressing room 70 years ago. Her killer was never apprehended and her ghost still roams around the ship to this day.

In an attempt to rid the Queen Mary of her presence, the case has been reopened and it's up to the audience to help solve the case.

Guests will travel throughout the ship in search of long lost clues to help solve the murder. The play was written by Long Beach resi-

dent and Cal State Long Beach theater alumnus Baron Mosely.

"Every time I think I'm done producing these murder mystery shows, I somehow get pulled back into it," said Mosely. "It all started back in college when we did a mystery party for one of my theater classes. It was one of the most fun times I had during college. That was over 20 years ago. The rest is history."

When not busy crime-solving, guests can enjoy a three-course dinner, access to a full bar and a rare view of Long Beach from the Queen Mary.

Tickets are \$49 for the show only, and \$99 for the show and dinner from one of the three restaurants on board. For tickets and reservations, go to i-adventuresinc.com.

J. Arthur Morris gets the chance of a lifetime

■ Morris is expected to lead the symphony after winning a baton auction last year.

BY JOYCE SHERWIN,
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – Mr. J. Arthur Morris is so firmly woven into the texture of Downey, it seems the city would not be recognizable without his notable contributions.

His parents' family owned the Downey Hospital, eventually donating it to the city as a community hospital. Art was administrator and still serves on its Board of Directors.

He brought up his own family in Downey. He is a longtime member of Downey's Rotary Club and Historical Society, and of our Symphonic Society.

And it was as a director of Downey Savings and Loan that Art secured its financial sponsorship for a program still vital to the music education of all of Downey's school children.

In support of the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools outreach, Downey Savings underwrote the costs of the annual third-grade concerts in the Downey Theatre, where kids experienced the thrill of a beautiful auditorium and a huge stage filled with real people who played a concert especially for them. Most of the students heard for the first time



Beethoven and Tchaikovsky and the incredible sounds created by musicians in an orchestra.

Somewhere in his involvement with the Downey Symphony, attending our concerts year after year, Mr. J. Arthur Morris was bitten by a bug, big time. Call it The Conducting Bug. For many years he had watched successful bidders in the annual Baton Auction lead the entire orchestra, in front of the entire audience, and obviously it

was a blast for everyone. He wanted to do that too.

Well, his chance came at last. In 2011 his was the winning bid in the Baton Auction, so you will see him tomorrow evening, a delighted man 93 years young, opening the entire show, having a blast. An no one in that theater will be of prouder stature or higher heart than Art Morris.

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Court upholds ban on plastic bags

SACRAMENTO – A California superior court upheld Los Angeles County's ban on plastic grocery bags last week, potentially clearing the way for other municipalities to enact similar prohibitions.

Under the measure passed in 2010, plastic carryout bags are no longer available in supermarkets, large retail pharmacies, liquor stores and food marts in unincorporated county areas, which encompasses 1 million residents.

Shoppers can purchase paper bags at checkout for 10 cents each. Hilex Poly, a large plastic bag manufacturer based in South Carolina, challenged the measure, claiming the 10-cent charge constituted an illegal tax measure. Citing Prop. 26, Hilex Poly argued that the ordinance was unconstitutional because it turned retail stores into de facto tax collectors for the county.

But in a decision issued Friday, Judge James Chalfant rejected that claim, thereby validating the ordinance, which served as a model for many municipalities in the nation working to curb the environmental waste created by single-use bags.

The court ruled that the levy on paper bags is not a tax because retailers keep all of the money collected. Retailers use the money to offset the costs of supplying paper bags to customers and to provide "consumer education materials."

Since the measure took effect in July, retailers have seen a 94 percent reduction in the distribution of single-use bags in unincorporated areas, according to preliminary analysis by the county's Department of Public Works.

Environmental group Heal the Bay has led a legislative fight to enact plastic bag bans throughout L.A. County and at the state level as part of its efforts to tackle plastic pollution in California seas and neighborhoods.

"(Friday's) ruling sends a strong message to plastic polluters that last-ditch legal attempts to thwart environmental progress won't work," said Kirsten James, Heal the Bay's director of water quality. "The plastics industry knows the writing is on the wall."

Heal the Bay said the court ruling will provide "breathing room" for the dozens of cities statewide considering similar ordinances. In the next few weeks, the city of Los Angeles is expected to consider a bag ban, which may include provisions similar to the county's ordinance.

"An appeal is expected, but this is a great first test case for Prop. 26," said Jennie Romer, a lawyer and founder of plasticbaglaws.org. "It's encouraging for California cities moving forward with second generation plastic bag ordinances."

Heal the Bay is sponsoring statewide legislation with Assemblymember Julia Brownley that would ban plastic bags throughout California. The measure is expected to be considered by the state legislature this summer.

DOWNEY GREEN

Water conservation wrap-up

■ Summarizing the main points of water conservation series, with help from the city.

BY LARS CLUTTERHAM, CONTRIBUTOR

We've been discussing water conservation in this space for the past three months, and this week's column simply summarizes the main points of the series, underscoring guidelines provided by the City of Downey in a brochure made available to residents and businesses last summer in the wake of the city's first water rate increase in 16 years.

In addition to the list below, you can also find very useful information on the City's website. Access downeyca.org, and search under "water conservation."

Outdoor Water Use

A. Sweep, don't water, the driveway, the sidewalk, or the patio

B. Landscape Irrigation

1. Reduce sprinkler schedule to two times per week, as little as 6 or 7 minutes per cycle

2. Use sprinklers only early in the morning (Winds pick up in the afternoon)

3. Check and fix overspray

4. Replace broken sprinkler heads

5. Use mulch

C. Check and fix water leaks, both indoors and out; check for outdoor leaks at the meter, and check for indoor leaks with food coloring



Illustration by Gennie Prochazka

Indoor Water Use

A. Showers

1. Reduce shower length

2. Use low-flow showerheads

3. Capture the cold water before the shower water warms up, and use it for watering plants

B. Toilets and Faucets

1. Transition to high-efficiency toilets (HETs), now phasing into law at 1.28 gallons-per-flush

2. Put a plastic bottle filled with water or pebbles (or a brick in a plastic bag) into the toilet to reduce water flow

3. Seek funding assistance from local water agencies in order to purchase HETs

4. Turn off the water while brushing teeth or shaving

5. Transition to high-efficiency faucets

C. Dishwashers and clothes washers

1. Do not full dishwasher and washing machine loads

2. Use the dishwasher instead of washing by hand

3. Transition to high-efficiency dishwashers and washing machines

D. Reduce the amount of contaminants you wash down the drain (such as the chemicals in anti-bacterial soaps) by choosing more environmentally friendly products

E. Scrape food rather than rinsing

Other tips:

Set HVAC systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills to save water.

Transition to drought-tolerant and California-native landscaping

Park program for kids during spring break

DOWNEY – The city of Downey's Parks and Recreation Department is offering a spring break program for kids April 9-13.

The program, titled "Spring Break Fun at the Parks - Spring Spectacular," is free for kids ages 6-12.

Children will enjoy daily outdoor activities, including arts and crafts, and lunch with the leader (bring your own lunch).

The program runs from 12-5 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks, and from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Brookshire Park.

Registration is required and can be completed on-site Monday at noon.

For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

Modern take on Romeo & Juliet

NORWALK – Cerritos College's theatre department will present a modern take on the classic tale of star-crossed lovers -- Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet -- opening April 27 in the campus's Burnight Center Theatre.

Directed by John Zamora, the production has been adapted in a modern setting, pitting surfers against gang members, in the streets and beaches of Los Angeles. The play will be presented six times from April 27 to May 6.

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The legal terminology for these protective proceedings varies state by state. In some states, the term "guardianship" is used for all protective proceedings, whether they are conducted for a minor or adult. In other states, the term "guardianship" is used to describe a proceeding giving authority over an individual's financial affairs, and "conservatorship" is used to describe a proceeding giving authority over an individual's personal affairs. In California, the term used is simply conservatorship.

In a conservatorship of the person, a court-appointed person of trust, the conservator, manages the personal care of a person who cannot properly provide for his or her personal needs, like their physical health, medical care, food, clothing, or shelter. The conservator decides where the conservatee lives and may be required to decide whether the conservatee should live at home or in an institution. The conservator must make sure that the place selected is the "least restrictive" appropriate alternative that is available and necessary to meet the individual's needs.

If the incapacitated person plans ahead and signs durable powers of attorney for finances and health care, that person won't need a conservator because the person named in those documents can take charge. However, if no planning has been done—which is, unfortunately, a common situation—then family members must ask a court to appoint a conservator or guardian.

Most conservatorships start in a similar fashion. A concerned person notices that a friend, family member, or neighbor appears to be having trouble properly providing for personal needs, managing financial resources, or resisting fraud or undue influence. The concerned person contacts an attorney or social services for assistance.

A relative, friend or public official petitions the court for the appointment of a conservator of an individual. The petition must contain facts establishing why the individual cannot manage his financial affairs and/or make decisions concerning his personal care.

Once a petition is filed with the court, a court investigator is appointed to interview the proposed conservatee. The investigator reports back to the court with an opinion on whether or not the appointment of a conservator is justified.

Anyone—including the proposed conservatee, family members, and friends—may object to the conservatorship in general, or to the specific choice of conservator. Someone who wants to block a conservatorship must file papers with the court, inform all interested parties (the proposed conservatee, family members, and possibly close friends), and attend a legal hearing.

When someone begins a conservatorship proceeding, a judge must hear evidence on the person's mental capacity. If the judge concludes that a conservator is necessary, then he or she will appoint one -- frequently a spouse or an adult child.

It's rare, but sometimes several family members or friends may vie for the job. If that happens, the judge adheres to preferences established by state law. Most states give preference to the conservatee's spouse, registered domestic partner, adult children, adult siblings, or other blood relatives. But a judge who thinks someone else is best for the job may choose to select that person instead.

Without strong evidence of what the conservatee would have wanted, it is unlikely that a nonrelative would be appointed conservator if a relative is available to serve. Because of this, conservatorship proceedings may cause great heartache if an estranged relative is chosen as conservator over the conservatee's partner or close friend. If no one suitable is available to serve as conservator, the judge may appoint a public or other professional conservator.

A conservatorship is a legal concept, but it can also arouse profound emotional and personal issues for the conservator, the conservatee, and other family members. If you feel that a family member will be objecting to the conservatorship, it is strongly suggested that you consult an attorney experienced in handling conservatorship proceedings before commencing them.

The purpose of this column is to provide general information on the law, which is subject to change. It is not legal advice. Consult a lawyer if you have a specific legal problem.



Mother, daughter injured in house fire

DOWNEY – A Downey family narrowly avoided tragedy after a fire consumed their home on the 9100 block of Priscilla Avenue late Sunday afternoon.

The unidentified resident told investigators she laid down to take a nap with her daughter and awoke to find her bed on fire, said Jason Patao, public information officer with the Downey Fire Department.

The woman grabbed her daughter and ran out of the house. The fire tore through the house moments later, Patao said.

Firefighters suspect a space heater placed too close to combustible materials ignited the blaze. No working smoke detectors were in the home.

The woman and her daughter were hospitalized with smoke and burn injuries.

City partners with UCLA for paramedic training

DOWNEY – The city of Downey agreed to enter into an affiliation deal with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA on Tuesday, agreeing to send its future paramedics to the university's Center for Prehospital Care for training.

The center has already been providing advanced education for Downey Fire Department paramedics and emergency medical technicians for the past 18 months but under the affiliation agreement UCLA will begin training students striving to become paramedics in Downey.

The deal also allows the fire department to "sponsor" its volunteers into UCLA's Paramedic Education Program at a discounted price to the student. Sponsorship only secures admission to the program and all fees are incurred by the person being sponsored, fire chief Lonnie Croom wrote in a staff report.

UCLA offered the affiliation agreement at no cost.



Boy Scouts of America Troop 2 in Downey conducted the Eagle Court of Honor for David Collier, Abram Estafanous and Joshua Kim last Saturday at the Downey United Methodist Church. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award a scout can attain and only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts reach the status of Eagle. For their individual Eagle projects, each of the honorees planned, organized, led and managed beautification projects within Downey.

Kindergarten sign-ups begin

DOWNEY – Several local elementary schools have begun to accept kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year.

Alameda, Gauldin and Imperial elementary schools are accepting on-site enrollment, while Unsworth will take registration starting Wednesday.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before Nov. 1, 2012. The school district offers a transitional kindergarten program for children who reach age 5 between Nov. 2 and Dec. 2, 2012.

Parents must show proof of a physical examination completed after March 1, 2012. The Report of Health Examination for School Entry form should be taken to a private doctor, pediatrician of medical clinic to be completed.

Parents must also bring their child's immunization record and proof of age (such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate or other legal document).

For specific information on registration times and immunization requirements, call (562) 469-6500 and ask for your local school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, call (562) 469-6553.

Rapper releases latest record

NORWALK – Norwalk-based rapper Terence Millet has released his latest LP, "The Terence Millet LP," which is available for free download online.

Millet was born in Compton in 1992 and has been writing music since age 12. His shyness as a kick held him back a little, he admits, but Millet finally began recording as a freshman in high school, recording a short EP.

Millet, 20, currently lives in Norwalk and is working to grow his fan base and extend his reach. His influences include Eminem, Kanye West and The Game.

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St. Raymond decathlon team earns medals

DOWNEY – St. Raymond Catholic School's academic decathlon team picked up several awards at the L.A. Archdiocese 22nd Annual Academic Jr. High Decathlon held March 10 at the L.A. Sports Arena.

The decathlon is the largest junior high-level academic competition in Southern California with more than 100 participating schools. A crowd of nearly 5,000 people watched the competition.

Robert Nevarez earned sixth place in science, Andreina Hampton sixth in religion, Viviana Gonzalez ninth in English, Alexis Ruiz seventh in literature and Raymond Rojo ninth in current events.

St. Raymond placed ninth in the Super Quiz, improving on last year's 10th place finish.

The St. Raymond team included Robert Nevarez (captain), Viviana Gonzalez (co-captain), Andreina Hampton, Alexis Ruiz, Jessica Vasquez, Julian Reoyo, Gus Valle, Emmett Janczak, Raymond and Erica Martinez, along with alternates Ryan Navarette and Maggie Landeros.

Mrs. Reynolds was the team's coach.



St. Raymond Catholic School participated in an academic decathlon earlier this month and won several medals.

Cerritos College settles lawsuit for \$55,000

College officials say fighting lawsuit would have been more expensive.

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Board of Trustees announced last week that it has settled a lawsuit filed under the California Voting Rights Act challenging the at-large electoral system previously used to elect the college's board of trustees, and seeking payment of attorneys' fees.

The college board had already announced plans to change its electoral system voluntarily before the lawsuit was filed, so the only issue at the time of settlement was whether the plaintiffs were entitled to payment of their attorneys' fees.

The college settled the lawsuit for \$55,000 rather than engage in potentially prolonged and costly litigation, college officials said in a statement. Plaintiffs' attorneys had been seeking \$140,000.

"While the Board believes that

Plaintiffs are not entitled to any fees and costs at all, the cost of fighting a fee motion would likely have exceeded the \$55,000 that the College agreed to pay," Cerritos College said in its statement.

The plaintiffs included Carmen Avalos, of South Gate, a former college trustee who left after one term to run a failed primary election bid for state Assembly and then lost her attempt at re-election; Tom Chavez, of Norwalk, a retired college classified employee, who also lost election bids in 2007 and 2009; and Leonard Zuniga, of Downey.

The three plaintiffs claimed in its lawsuit that Cerritos College operated an unfair at-large electoral system. The college agreed to change to a "by-trustee area system" under which candidates must live in the trustee area they seek to represent, and only the voters in each trustee area will elect that area's representative.

The board adopted the final

trustee area boundaries last December and the new electoral system will be used for the first time during November 2012 elections.

"This legal action was totally unnecessary," said superintendent Dr. Linda Lacy.

Bob Arthur, president of the board of trustees, agreed.

"The Board had received the Plaintiffs' demand and was moving with appropriate diligence in considering and acting upon it," Arthur said in a statement. "The College believes that Plaintiffs' decision to file suit when they did was driven entirely by the desire to get attorneys' fees. While the College believes Plaintiffs were not entitled to fees and costs under such circumstances, at a time when we need every dollar we have to support educational programs at the college, the Board decided it was cheaper to settle than to fight the claim for fees in court."

Police worker gets prison time

COVINA – A former civilian employee of the Covina Police Department who pleaded guilty in December to stealing more than \$300,000 in city funds was sentenced Wednesday to state prison, the district attorney's office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Edward Miller of the Public Integrity Division said Louise Vance-Wasilchin, 58, was sentenced to a state prison term of two years, eight months.

West Covina Superior Court Commissioner Harold Mulville

ordered Vance-Wasilchin to pay \$309,000 to the City of Covina. The Covina Police Department seized \$5,000 which was in turn forfeited to the city.

Vance-Wasilchin of Upland pleaded guilty to one count each of misappropriation of public monies and secreting of a public record on Dec. 23, 2011.

The defendant, a former police records supervisor with the Covina Police Department, stole city funds from January 2008 through May 2011 that came from parking meters, parking fines and impound

fees. Covina police launched an investigation after allegedly noticing a bag full of quarters in her car while investigating an accident in April.

She also allegedly hid a police report on a hit-and-run and driving under the influence case involving her son-in-law. Authorities said an investigation revealed that the report was never delivered to be filed in court.

There was no evidence that her son-in-law was aware of her actions, according to authorities.

Crime Report

Thursday, March 22

At 4:30 p.m., police detained two male teenagers who admitted to tagging the walls near Home Depot. Officers arrested both subjects for graffiti vandalism.

Friday, March 23

At about 8:30 p.m., officers received a report of an intoxicated patron who had just driven away from a local fast food restaurant. An officer quickly arrived and spotted the vehicle driving in a reckless manner. The driver failed to yield and continued driving until he eventually parked in the City library lot. The driver exited his vehicle and became uncooperative with the officer. The suspect was subdued and arrested for drunk driving and driving with a revoked license.

Wednesday, March 28

At 6:20 p.m., officers were called to the area of Bellflower and Steve Horn Way regarding an individual who had been walking home when he was confronted by three individuals who claimed to be from a gang. A fight ensued and during the altercation the victim sustained six non-life threatening wounds. He was transported to a local hospital for medical attention. Gang Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Homeless man charged in fatal shooting

WHITTIER – Detectives with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's station in Norwalk arrested a 19-year-old homeless man Monday on suspicion of fatally shooting a teenager in unincorporated Whittier earlier in the day.

Michael Soto, 17, was shot and killed on the 9100 block of Painter Avenue on Monday morning. Witnesses said Soto was beaten with a baseball bat before he was shot in the head.

Sheriff's K-9 handlers and deputies tracked the suspect, Eudiel Lopez, to the 9000 block of Painter Avenue, where he was arrested.

Detectives recovered a handgun they believed to be the murder weapon, but ballistics testing is still pending.

The shooting appears to be gang-related, authorities said.

Lopez is homeless but is said to have ties to the Whittier area.

Muslim scholar to speak at forum

NORWALK – Dr. John Haas, history professor at Cerritos College and founder of the Global Consortium, will host a global dialogue on politics with guest professor Tariq Ramadan on April 17 starting at 2 p.m.

This event will be broadcast live online at 3cm mediasolutions.org.

Ramadan is Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies at the Oxford University (Oriental Institute, St Antony's College) and also teaches at the Oxford Faculty of Theology. He is Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, (Qatar), Senior Research Fellow at Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan) and Director of the Research Centre of Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE) (Doha, Qatar).

Through his writings and lectures Tariq has contributed to the debate on the issues of Muslims in the West and Islamic revival in the Muslim world. He is active at academic and grassroots levels lecturing extensively throughout the world on theology, ethics, social justice, ecology and interfaith as well intercultural dialogue.

His books include "The Arab Awakening: Islam and the New Middle East," "The Quest for Meaning, Developing a Philosophy of Pluralism, What I Believe" and "Radical Reform, Islamic Ethics and Liberation."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012028154
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PURE CELLULAR #3, 810 N HACIENDA BLVD, LA PUENTE, CA 91774, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN M HUEZO JR, 2620 SARANDI GRANADE DR, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/JUAN M HUEZO JR, OWNER, JUAN M HUEZO JR
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 17, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012020555
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRINCESS FLOWERS GIFTS, 7844 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUCIA JIMENEZ, 7844 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
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S/LUCIA JIMENEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 6, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012033018
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOWNEY LEGAL DOCUMENTS SERVICES, 8130 2ND STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDITH AGUIRRE, 12913 SANDY LN, DOWNEY, CA 90242
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/EDITH GUIRRE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 28, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012026364
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VOTER GUIDE

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SEEDBORG CAMPAIGNS, INC, 6285 E. SPRING ST. STE 202, LONG BEACH, CA 90808, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/19/09
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S/HERRY SEEDBORG, PRESIDENT, SEEDBORG CAMPAIGNS, INC
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012045401
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GENESIS IT CONNECT, 6418 MILNA AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN MIGUEL CALDERON, 6418, MILNA AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90909
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/JUAN MIGUEL CALDERON, CEO
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 19, 2012
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 3/8/12, 4/5/12, 4/12/12, 4/19/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012046724
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) V.R.&R. CONSTRUCTION, 9371 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROMAN VAZQUEZ, 9371 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ROMAN VAZQUEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 20, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012036669
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BARKS BUBBLES & BOWS, 11941 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JACKLEEN CHARITAN, 8553 6TH ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241 (2) SCOT T CHARITAN, 8553 6TH ST DOWNEY, CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/JACKLEEN CHARITAN, OWNER OPERATOR
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 5, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012037142
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MACS TESTING CENTER 2012, 4200 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR NAJERA, 10472 FAYWOOD STREET, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/HECTOR NAJERA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 6, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012032316
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JOY WALKER ASSOCIATES, 2231 SAINT LOUIS AVENUE UNIT 202B, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHERYL JOY, 2231 SAINT LOUISE AVE, UNIT 202B, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755 (2) BRENDA R. WALKER, 2231 SAINT LOUISE AVE., UNIT 202B, SIGNAL HILL, CA 90755
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
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S/CHERYL JOY, GENERAL PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 27, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012036004
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EBH PROPERTIES, 8130 2ND STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 330762214
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) B T BISHOP & ASSOC. INC., 180 N RIVERVIEW DRIVE SUITE 130, ANAHEIM, CA 92808
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/05/2012
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/BISHOP, TOD BISHOP, OWNER, B T BISHOP & ASSOC. INC
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 9, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012035340
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KOLA ENTERPRISES, 12258 YEARLING PLACE, CERRITOS, CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS MENDOZA, 12258 YEARLING PLACE, CERRITOS, CA 90703
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/LUIS MENDOZA
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 2, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012051443
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 1ST SOURCE HEALTHY & SAFETY TRAINING SERVICES, 13101 SPRINGFORD DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CA 90091

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PEDRO ESPARZA, 13101 SPRINGFORD DR, LA MIRADA, CA 90638
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/PEDRO ESPARZA
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 27, 2012
 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.

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 3/29/12, 4/5/12, 4/12/12, 4/19/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012028675
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLEAR COMMERCIAL SERVICES, 11601 FIRESTONE BLVD #205, NORWALK, CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSHUA OLVERA, 11601 FIRESTONE BLVD #205, NORWALK, CA 90650
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
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S/JOSHUA OLVERA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 21, 2012
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012036004
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EBH PROPERTIES, 8130 2ND STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 330762214
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) B T BISHOP & ASSOC. INC., 180 N RIVERVIEW DRIVE SUITE 130, ANAHEIM, CA 92808
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/05/2012
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S/BISHOP, TOD BISHOP, OWNER, B T BISHOP & ASSOC. INC
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GOVERNMENT

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CASH CONTRACT NO. 682B
COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER
FENCE PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 1:00 AM on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Cash Contract No. 682B Columbia Memorial Space Center Fence Project**. A non-mandatory pre-bid job walk is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 9:00 AM at the site, located at 12400 Columbia Way, Downey CA. The work to be performed under this Contract will consist of the engineering, fabrication and installation of a Cable Rail Fence and Gates and Chain Link Fence and Gates, at the site. The work to be undertaken shall include: engineering, fabrication and installation of Cable Rail Fence and Gates and Chain Link Fence. This project includes the removal, demolition and restoration of concrete pavement, landscaping, irrigation system, and all appurtenant work hereto necessary to complete the contemplated scope of work, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled as Cash Contract No. 682B.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$25.00 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 On-Track Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CASH CONTRACT NO. 682B. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, bidder's bond, or a cash deposit, payable to the City of Downey in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid as a guarantee that the bidder, should he be successful, will, within ten (10) days after the contract has been mailed or delivered to him or his authorized agent, execute the contract and furnish the necessary bonds. Should a bidder's bond be submitted with any proposal or bid, the bid bond form provided by the City shall be used, and use of substitute forms may disqualify the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit Corporate surety bonds with the Contract. A bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished, guaranteeing the faithful performance of said Contract, and a bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished for the protection of all laborers and materialmen. The local prevailing wages, as determined by the State of California, Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.3 are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey. The Contractor for this work shall not pay less than the prevailing wage determinations by the State of California.

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 B, "General Building Contractor"** or **State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-13, "Fencing Contractor"**.

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, Los Angeles County Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program 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 to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award, if made, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder. **QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION, AT (662) 623-3468.** NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
 Adria Jimenez, City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
 3/22/12, 3/29/12

CITY OF DOWNEY ORDINANCE ADOPTED

On March 27, 2012, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 12-1301:

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LEGAL NOTICES CONT.
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California, Date of Sale: 4/25/2012 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA

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in the city of Pomona, County of Los Angeles, MTC FINANCIAL INC. dba TRUSTEE CORPS, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 22, 2008 as Instrument No. 20080700884 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by ARMANDO ARMENDAREZ, AND LYDIA ARMENDAREZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB as Lender and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for Lender, its successors and/or assigns, will increase this figure prior to sale.

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Christian meeting April 11

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will host a buffet luncheon April 11 at Los Amigos Country Club.

Guest speaker is Bonnie Smith, whose topic is "Why the Past is Not the Future."

The lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$14 and reservations are requested by calling Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Miss Cerritos crowned

CERRITOS – Elaine Ramos, a Cal State Fullerton graduate, was crowned Miss Cerritos for 2012 during a ceremony March 13 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Ramos will attend the Southern California College of Optometry in the fall to pursue a career in optometry.

Brittany Forsythe claimed the title of Miss Cerritos Princess. She is currently a student at Cerritos College and plans to obtain her AA degree in Business before transferring to a university to double major in Business and Speech Communications.

The Miss Cerritos Contest is not a pageant, organizers said, but a "professional opportunity for young women."

Contestants were judged on their poise, attitude, social skills and professionalism during individual interviews, and on speeches and general communication skills during the contest itself.

Ramos and Forsythe will represent the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce at community events throughout the year.

Carpenter Center releases season schedule

LONG BEACH – The Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach has announced its 2012-13 season featuring four subscription series and more – including inspiring and celebrated performers in music, comedy, dance and more.

The season opens with performing artists Holly Hughes and Tim Miller on Sept. 27, and Karen Finley and John Fleck on Sept. 28.

Known as the "NEA Four," the two evenings will feature performances with spirited humor and uninhibited insight into the human condition as each artist shares their latest work, including a world premiere from Finley.

The performances are the centerpiece of The B-Word Project—Banned, Blacklisted and Boycotted: Censorship and the Response to It—at Cal State Long Beach, an 18-month campus-wide initiative which runs through December 2012. The project consists of performances and other activities to stimulate wide-ranging discussions that examine what happens when a voice—whether in artistic endeavors, journalism, scientific research or other areas—is stifled through governmental, commercial, or social restraints.

The popular Wit and Wisdom Series delivers comical insights and wildly witty observations about the human condition beginning with An Evening with Lily Tomlin on Sept. 29.

Next in the series, charismatic creator and host of the award-winning public radio program This American Life, Ira Glass makes an appearance at Carpenter Center with Reinventing Radio (Feb. 9). Lastly, The Improvised Shakespeare Company brings spontaneous comedy and skits

inspired by the language and themes of William Shakespeare on March 9.

Over the past few seasons, Carpenter Center has become a leading presenter of dance in Southern California, offering a range of established companies, emerging choreographers, and sought after international performers.

The highly acclaimed Aspen Santa Fe Ballet kicks off the Dance Series on Oct. 13 with an evening that will include the West Coast premiere of Over Glow—a dramatic piece by Finnish choreographer Jorma Elo, where he contrasts contemporary movement with music from Mendelssohn and Beethoven.

The series also includes the Orange County company, Backhausdance. Named "one of seven emerging dance companies to watch" in North America by New York's Joyce Theatre, Backhausdance brings artistic repertory of powerful, athletic dances and emotionally charged dramatic pieces that reveal whimsical, humorous glimpses of the human experience.

The series finishes with a bang of energy and passion as the Cuban contemporary dance company Ballet Revolución—in its first U.S. tour—fuses ballet and contemporary dance with the music of modern hip-hop performed live by an all-star Cuban band.

This season's Sunday Afternoon Concert Series opens

with a hilarious tribute to legendary comedian Groucho Marx by actor Frank Ferrante—hailed as "the greatest living interpreter" of Groucho by The New York Times—in An Afternoon with Groucho.

The series continues Nov. 25 with New Directions Veterans Choir comprised of formerly homeless U.S. Military veterans who sing renditions of doo-wop, traditional gospel and pop music. Next, Susan Werner returns to the Carpenter Center stage with her own innovative and bold contemporary folk songs.

Lastly, on May 19, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra 'swings' into Carpenter Center as the big band continues the Dorsey legacy under the leadership of Terry Myers.

The Cabaret Series, now in its 14th season, offers patrons an intimate experience as the four-event series transforms the Carpenter Center stage into Club Cabaret, with table seating that is less than 40 feet from the artists. Patrons may arrive early to enjoy dinner or drinks before the performance.

The series begins on Oct. 3 with Dala, two darlings of the Canadian music scene who blend their voices to create lush harmonies inspired by Joni Mitchell, Neil Young and Bob Dylan.

The Pieter Meijers Quartet delivers humor, lyrical artistry and technical brilliance of jazz—joined by singer Brady McKay – Dec. 12-13. Acclaimed singer Kurt Elling,

hailed by The New York Times as "the standout male jazz vocalist of our time," will make his Carpenter Center debut Feb. 6-7.

The series culminates with a rousing concert of Louisiana-style blues with Pokey LaFarge and the South City Three, named "best discovery" by Spin at the 2010 Newport Folk Music Festival, May 8-9.

Carpenter Center presents an eclectic and entertaining mix of performances that are not part of a subscription series. First is the return of Circus Zoppé for seven performances Sept. 23-28, as the colorful circus tent goes up at the majestic Queen Mary in Downtown Long Beach. Legendary folk singer and Grammy Award winner Judy Collins mixes seasonal favorites with her greatest hits in the Judy Collins Holiday Concert on Dec. 22.

At the heels of the presidential inauguration, Capitol Steps returns after three sold out appearances to recap a frenzied political year on Jan. 12. The Carpenter Center then launches into a trio of spectacular events: the explosive energy and sounds of Drumline Live (Jan. 26); an up-close experience with amaz-

ingly life-like prehistoric creatures at the Dinosaur Petting Zoo (Jan. 27); and the return of the Pink Floyd LaserSpectacular featuring cutting edge laser technology choreographed to the music of one of the greatest bands of all time (March 15).

For St. Patrick's, the Makem & Spain Brothers—the three sons of Irish music icon Tommy Makem and brothers Liam and Mickey Spain—perform an evening of rollicking traditional Irish music.

Finally, on March 23 the internationally renowned Kronos Quartet performs Sun Ring—a piece originally commissioned by NASA with intergalactic sounds and a multi-media display.

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