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Alleged bank robber caught by police

DOWNEY – Downey police arrested a Long Beach man one day after he allegedly robbed a local bank.

Marcell Hendrickson 22, is suspected of robbing the One West Bank at Downey Landing at about 9:15 a.m. on April 3.

He allegedly handed a note to a bank teller demanding money. He took an undetermined amount of cash and drove away in a red vehicle, authorities said.

Detectives were able to identify the vehicle and collected forensic evidence that led them to Hendrickson.

Downey police arrested Hendrickson at about 10 a.m. the following day as he left his Long Beach home. The arrest was made without incident.

Hendrickson was booked for bank robbery and transported to Los Angeles County Jail.

Anyone with additional information on the case is asked to call the Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2308 or Detective Ethan Roberts at (562) 904-2334.



Photo by Martin Trejo

Mayor Mario Guerra released a statement this week regarding Monday's terrorist attack in Boston.

Here is the statement in its entirety:

"Our deepest sympathy goes out to the victims and families of the Boston marathon tragedy. On behalf of my fellow City Council colleagues and the entire City of Downey, I would like to express my sincere condolences, prayers and hope the Boston community can find peace and comfort during this difficult time."

"Our City flags have been lowered to half mast since Monday as a sign of solidarity with Boston and those families who are suffering."

"Our entire country comes together at these times and are united in the mourning and pain felt when these senseless attacks occur. May God bless them."

Police collecting unwanted prescriptions

DOWNEY – Residents with expired or unwanted prescription drugs can safely dispose of them at the Downey Police Department on April 27.

Police officials and volunteers will be collecting the drugs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The collection is part of an effort to rid homes of unwanted and potentially dangerous drugs, which can be abused and misused.

Over-the-counter medications can be dropped off but sharps and needles will not be accepted.

The drop-off event will be held rain or shine in the police department's west parking lot off Brookshire Avenue.

For questions, contact Jane Guzman at (562) 904-2374 or jguzman@downeyca.org.

Downey war heroes topic of meeting

DOWNEY – Veteran World War II and Korean War researcher Bill Beigel will speak about his interest in fallen Downey High School war heroes during a program this Thursday, April 25, at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and is part of the Downey Historical Society's regular meeting.

Beigel is a contracts manager at Southern California Edison and not a professional historical researcher. However, he has studied war casualties for several decades and has done research work for about 500 clients.

Among his work is an aggregation of soldiers from Downey High School who were killed, wounded or made prisoners of war during World War II and in Korea.

The meeting is free and open to the public.



Warren High team wins engineering grand prize

DOWNEY – A Warren High School engineering team came home with a grand prize – and \$10,000 – after competing in the 2013 Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge at the NASA Johnson flight Center in Houston last week.

Team M3 included students Mulan MacDougall, Matt Pacheco and Michelle Tulean. They traveled to the competition with engineering teacher Glenn Yamasaki to showcase their product known as the Sleep Halo, an adjustable headrest for airline seats.

The *Wall Street Journal* spoke highly of the product, calling it "a low tech, but highly innovative product that has the potential to revolutionize the air travel industry."

Teams from around the world participated in the competition, including teams from Shanghai and Singapore.

The Warren High team won the grand prize in the category for aerospace and aviation. It was presented by Alan Bean, an Apollo 12 astronaut and fourth man to walk on the moon.

They also won the People's Choice Award for their online product video that generated 1,638 votes.

"The competition was extremely tough and showcased many students' design talents..." Warren High principal John Harris said in a statement. "Downey Unified School District engineering students continue to prove that they can compete with anyone, anywhere, anytime and continue to do well."

Team M3 also thanked Matt Knox of StormForce Marketing, Chris Tassos of Preferred Impressions and Scott Yamasaki of Zodiac Aerospace "for their invaluable help and input during the design process of the Sleep Halo."

Rancho supporters have a ball at Amistad Gala

• World renowned hospital marks its 125th anniversary at annual gala.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos

LONG BEACH – More than 500 Rancho friends, patients, staff and community leaders gathered at the sold-out Westin Long Beach Hotel Saturday night for "Happy Birthday, Rancho!", the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation's 2013 Amistad Gala celebrating 125 years of excellence at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

The fun-filled evening began with a massive silent auction with more than 70 items. The silent auction had the highest quality of any of the 27 Amistad Galas that have been held since Betty White received the first Amistad Award nearly three decades ago.

Attendees entered the ballroom to the strains of the Beatles' "Yer Birthday" greeting the overflow crowd. The room was festooned with birthday colors such as hot pink, purple, yellow and blue with balloons to match. The walls were warmed with fuchsia uplights and bright flowers and balloons added ambience. The chairs were covered in white with sashes in colors matching the bright hues of the tablecloths.

It looked like a giant birthday cake. The largest birthday cake was on the stage, a giant wood cake that was hand-built and painted by members of the Rancho Facilities Management Department. After Amistad Gala Chair Beverly Mathis welcomed those in attendance, she introduced the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe. Don took the stage by popping out of the cake as the crowd went wild. It was a fitting entry for the man who has embodied the heart and soul of the Amistad Gala for more than two decades, the visionary leader who has been Rancho's number one supporter for all those years.

"Happy Birthday, Rancho!" the Supervisor exclaimed as he greeted the crowd and told everyone about a few of Rancho's accomplishments. "Rancho is ranked in the top ten of all hospitals by U.S. News and World Report and for the 23rd consecutive year it is California's number one rehabilitation hospital and also one of 'America's Best Hospitals.'" He also informed the audience that in addition to its world-renowned inpatient care, Rancho accomplishes more than 80,000 outpatient visits each year. "This is more than any other rehabilitation hospital in the Western United States," he said.

The Supervisor then introduced Downey Mayor Dn. Mario Guerra, who gave a poignant invocation, reminding the audience of the critical role Rancho plays in healing those with disabling illnesses and injuries.

Next up was the remarkable Katy Sullivan, a real-life example of the miracles that happen every day at Rancho. Katy was born without legs, and although she wished to run her entire life, she never was able to do so until she wrenched her back trying to run and was transferred to Rancho Los Amigos for rehabilitation. At Rancho, physical therapist Julie Kasayama volunteered six weeks of after-work sessions to help Katy learn to use special prosthetics to not only walk, but to run, walking mile after mile around the 60-acre Rancho campus and in the final two weeks, jogging at the adjacent Apollo Park in Downey.

Katy took it from there, becoming the first double above-the-knee am-

putee to compete in an international track meet. Within two years, Katy had set a new world record in her category in the 200 meters in her category. Last year, Katy made one of the great comebacks in Paralympic history, coming from more than 15 yards behind to win the 100-meter Paralympic Trials in her category and earn a berth at the Paralympics in London. Katy ran in front of more than 80,000 people in the packed Olympic Stadium, running the race of a lifetime on one of sport's largest stages, and setting a new American Record in the 100 meters in the process.

Along the way, Katy inspired thousands of local residents and touched the hearts of people across our nation with her courage and her fabulous personality. What a pleasure it was for the Amistad crowd to hear Katy sing the national anthem. As is her custom, she did it a capella. When she finished her stirring rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner, the crowd exploded in loud applause for Rancho's Paralympian.

Next up were Rancho Director of Patient and Community Services Gilbert Salinas and Rancho Los Amigos Foundation President Connie Martinez, who welcomed the audience on behalf of the hospital and foundation. Gilbert also told the audience about how the ceramic hearts at each table were lovingly hand-made by Rancho patients for the occasion.

"We salute the many individuals

and organizations that give unselfishly of themselves in support of Rancho's mission," Connie said. "We celebrate the contributions of the entire Rancho team— doctors, therapists, nurses and all the supporting staff — who have committed their lives to helping our patients with disabling illnesses and injuries build bridges to more independent lives. Tonight we honor in particular Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco as well as renowned artist, businesswoman and Rancho patient Annie Ruth. These extraordinary individuals have each made an incredible difference in the lives of our patients with their kindness, courage and leadership."

After Don introduced the VIPs in the audience, attendees enjoyed a video capturing the 125 years of Rancho history. Then it was time for the Foundation's "Fund a Miracle appeal, where guests were able to support specific Rancho activities for \$50 to \$1,000. These included sponsoring a child in the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program, funding a birthday party for a child spending their birthday in the hospital, making it possible for a patient to participate in the Performing Arts of Rancho, supporting a Rancho pediatric patient's trip to Disneyland and funding a patient to experience therapeutic horseback riding.

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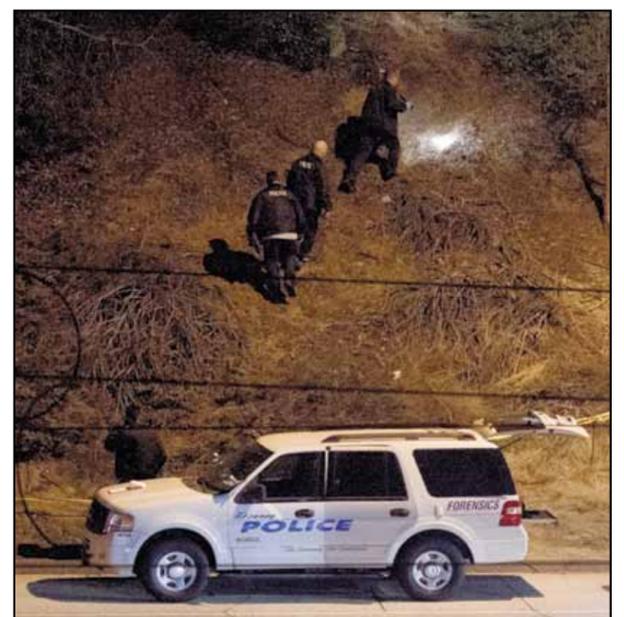


Photo by Martin Trejo

Downey police detectives investigate the body of a man discovered in a shallow grave along the 105 Freeway.

Transient arrested in connection with dead body

DOWNEY – A 22-year-old transient has been arrested in connection with the dead body discovered Sunday in a shallow grave along the 105 Freeway in Downey.

Bryan Petty was booked for homicide and is currently at L.A. County Jail.

California Highway Patrol notified Downey detectives about the body Sunday at about 4:45 p.m. The grave was on the freeway embankment west of Lakewood Boulevard.

Detectives believe the homicide occurred at the gravesite.

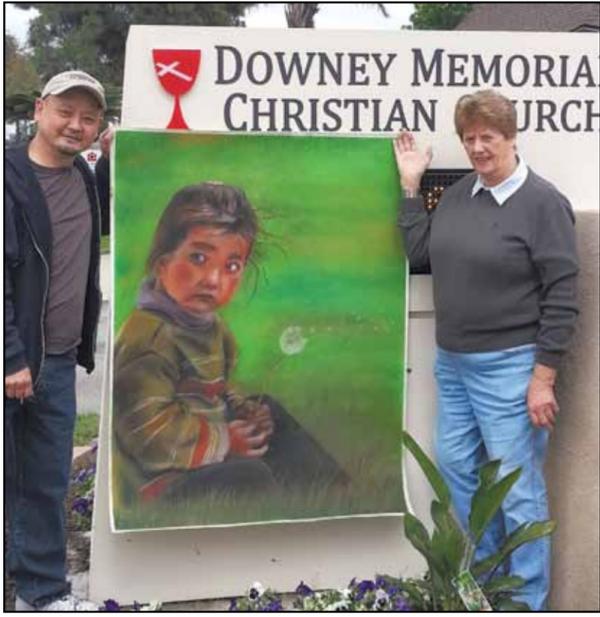
An investigation led detectives to Petty, although authorities did not offer details.

The L.A. County Coroner's office exhumed the body, which has not been officially identified. The victim is a male.

Anyone with additional information on the case is asked to call Detective Mike Galindo at (562) 904-2326 or Detective Robert Del Rio at (562) 904-2324.

Tips can be provided anonymously by calling (800) 222-TIPS or online at lacrimestoppers.org.





William Zin will be the featured artist at a chalk art festival scheduled for April 27 at Downey Memorial Christian Church. Based in Long Beach, Zin is noted for his chalk art drawings, street paintings and work in oils, acrylics and watercolor. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will also feature gourmet food trucks, book swaps and more. For more information, call Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

YMCA hosting Healthy Kids Day

DOWNEY – The Downey YMCA is celebrating Healthy Kids Day on April 27, a free community event that encourages kids in Downey to get moving and learning.

“At the Downey Family YMCA, we know parents struggle to keep their kids physically and intellectually active every day. We want to help ensure fewer kids are at risk of childhood obesity and more kids excel in school,” said Anne Ullstrom, executive director of the Downey Y. “YMCA’s Healthy Kids Day will get kids moving and learning while also helping families get a jump on creating a healthier summer, and ultimately a healthier future.”

Families are invited to the Y between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for fun, active play and educational activities, including a bike ride by the Downey Bicycle Coalition.

For more details, contact the YMCA at (562) 862-4201 or visit ymcala.org/dow.

Temple raffling Hawaiian vacation

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid will be raffling several prizes at its casino night fundraiser May 4, including a weeklong vacation.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 12.

The top prize is a weeklong stay in a furnished condo in either Princeville, Hawaii; Escondido; Palm Desert; or Williamsburg, Va.

Other prizes include an iPad and \$200 cash.

Raffle winners will be announced May 4. Winners need not be present.

In addition to the raffle, the fundraiser will include a silent auction, no host wine and beer bar, and traditional casino games such as roulette, blackjack and craps.

Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door, and include \$100 in casino chips and one prize ticket.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call the temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Concert to aid child abuse prevention

DOWNEY – The Exchange Club Family Support Center, a child abuse prevention agency, will present its “Miracles of Music & Hope” concert May 3 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center auditorium.

The song and dance show begins at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$5, children under age 5 free with paid adult admission. Tickets are available pre-sale or at the door.

Proceeds will be used for the prevention of child abuse in our community.

For tickets or questions, call the center at (562) 904-9590.

Community bike ride next week

DOWNEY – The Downey Bicycle Coalition (DBC) will host its community bike ride this month in conjunction with Downey YMCA Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 27.

Registration for the ride will begin at 9 a.m., and the ride will depart at 9:30 on a 4-mile family-friendly loop beginning and ending at the Y.

In addition, bike kitchen repair service will be provided for light repairs on bicycles. This service is being offered in anticipation of National Bike to School Day, which middle schools and high schools in the Downey Unified School District are being encouraged to celebrate on May 8.

The DBC began hosting monthly rides in January, following its creation as a regional partner of the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition this past December. Thus far the rides have been oriented towards community spirit and public awareness and have primarily begun from Apollo Park, following varying local routes of about six miles in length. More ambitious rides are planned for the future, though public support for the local rides has been strong, and participation continues to increase.

Helmets are required for children under 18, as required by California law. Also children under 18 must be accompanied by their parents.

In the future, regular announcements of the DBC Monthly Community Bike Ride will be included in the Patriot’s “Downey Community Calendar.”

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Spring boutique at woman's clubhouse

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey will host its spring fundraiser boutique sale on May 4, featuring jewelry, antiques, kitchen items, candles, home decor, handmade items, chocolate, handbags and accessories, and more.

The event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will also feature raffles, giveaways, prizes, food and more.

Fundraiser at City Life Deli

DOWNEY – The Downey Sister Cities Association is hosting a fundraiser at the City Life Deli in Downtown Downey this Tuesday.

Between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., the deli will donate \$1 from each lunch combo to Sister Cities in support of their efforts to send a delegation to Roscommon, Ireland next month.

Applications will also be available for residents interested in joining the organization.

Win two library luncheon tickets

DOWNEY – Entries are now being accepted for a chance to win two tickets to a library luncheon featuring three romance authors.

The luncheon, titled “An Afternoon of Romance,” will have a traditional English tea theme.

All attendees will receive a book by one of the authors.

Entry tickets are available in the Friend's Book Store located inside the Downey City Library.

Entry deadline is May 15 and the winner will be notified by May 18.

Social security rep to speak

DOWNEY – A representative from the Social Security West L.A. regional office will speak at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center this Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The program is part of the regular meeting of the National Assn. of Active and Retired Federal Employees.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

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Downey High School principal Tom Houts and assistant VP Anthony Zegarra followed through on a promise last Friday to shave their heads if students raised more than \$1,000 for fellow student Mario Galvan, who is battling lymphoma. Students sold T-shirts and beanies to reach their fundraising goal. "I'm not fighting alone, I have the support of so many friends and family," said Mario, who is expected to make a full recovery thanks to early detection.



Twenty-nine residents received hands-on fire extinguisher and first-aid training during the Downey Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training last weekend. Fire Capt. Matt Coomes coordinates the training with assistance from Downey CERT and Emergency Preparedness Committee members. The next CERT class is not scheduled until October but emergency preparedness meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at Fire Station No. 1 on Paramount Boulevard.

State of the City address Wednesday

DOWNEY - Downey mayor Mario Guerra will deliver his State of the City address at a luncheon Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

According to a press release, the mayor's presentation will provide "insightful information regarding the city's current and future development projects, city's financial standing, Healthy Downey initiative, and much more."

"There are so many exciting projects we are woking on and I am always thrilled when I get the opportunity to share new information with our community," Guerra said.

"One of my goals is to keep our residents informed and engaged in what is going on in our city."

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by calling the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

Residents who do not wish to eat are invited to attend at no cost.

5 Freeway community meeting

DOWNEY - Residents are invited to a community meeting Monday to learn information about the 5 Freeway expansion project.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Redeemer Covenant Church, 10801 Fairfield Ave.

Public works staff will present key elements of the project. Also on hand will be Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez and representatives from Caltrans and Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia.

For more details, call (562) 904-7102.

Volunteers package 50K meals for Haiti

• Kiwanis One Day event also supported school district's PTA HELPS room.

DOWNEY - Among a group of more than 500 young kids, teenagers and adults, 15-year-old Robert Elizarraras was one of the first to grab a bag and package a meal for a needy child on Saturday.

Only after he took a break was he asked by a Downey High School teacher if he understood why he was doing service that day and why he was so excited. Robert explained that his purpose and excitement came from a deep understanding of gratitude and knowing that he was packaging meals that would feed children in Haiti.

On Saturday, April 6, more than 500 volunteers of all ages met at Downey High to package more than 50,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now, an organization that provides meals for school feeding programs in third world countries.

The event was held in honor of Kiwanis One Day, an international day of service dedicated not only to bettering communities but also to providing children the meaningful learning experiences.

"I think we set the tone for our youth today," said Carol Wait, Lieutenant Governor of Division 13 for Kiwanis. "We provided the youth with an experience that helps build teamwork and instills positive values in their lives."

Volunteers were divided into groups to either package meals for Haiti, sort and box food for the Downey PTA H.E.L.P.S room, or participate in the Jog-A-Thon for children sponsored by Jacobs & Vega, PLC, with all funds raised going to Stop Hunger Now.

Kiwanis clubs in attendance included both Downey clubs, Downey,



Bellflower, Santa Fe Springs, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Bixby Knolls, and Fullerton.

Kiwanis-sponsored youth clubs in attendance included, K-Kids of Gauldin Elementary School, East and Sussman middle school Builders Clubs, Key Clubs from different high schools in the region, Downey High School KIWIN'S and several Circle K college groups, who worked side-by-side with adults on Saturday. All these groups are sponsored by local chapters of Kiwanis International.

"We make a difference every day we can, but we choose one day to really show support for our community," said Alexander Gaytan, Kiwanis One Day coordinator for the Kiwanis Club of Downey. "Our goal was to

teach young people to give back and serve their community here at home and across the globe. Modeling that for them and working with them was really a joy."

Overall, \$12,500 were donated to Stop Hunger Now, more than 50,000 meals were packaged and sent to Haiti, thousands of food items and hygiene kits were donated to the Downey PTA H.E.L.P.S room and TLC, and over \$500 was raised by children who participated in the Run to Stop Hunger Jog-A-Thon.

"I think it's really awesome that we got to show the little kids what you can do when you grow up and what a good and caring citizen should look like," said Stephanie Calzadiaz from Downey High School KIWIN'S.

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All this activity made the audience very hungry, so people were happy that dinner was then served. As dessert was served, Don led the audience in singing "Happy Birthday". Then a special raffle was conducted where lucky winner Judy Berg selected from all the live auction prizes or a \$10,000 diamond ring donated by Connie Martinez. She picked a trip to New York and a weekend at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, with airfare donated by Southwest Airlines.

The Live Auction was up next, featuring an amazing tailgate party for 125 people with the Tailgater rolling restaurant, donated by Farmer John; an Oregon Coast getaway donated by Carolee Winstein and Kip Thorne; a summer dinner party for 10 at the Assistance League's historic "Casa de Parley Johnson" in Downey donated by the Assistance League and Rio Hondo Event Center; a Long Beach

Grand Prix package including tickets and a ride in the pace car donated by the Grand Prix Association and Keesal, Young and Logan; another weekend at the Waldorf-Astoria with airfare donated by Jet Blue; and an evening for two at "Dancing for the Stars" donated by On-Camera Audiences.

Then the evening's honorees took center stage. First was Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco, introduced by Connie Martinez. "I knew Jorge would be CEO of the hospital one day," she said. "That's why I moved him up while I was CEO of Rancho." She also told the audience about some of Jorge's accomplishments in his nearly quarter-century of serving Rancho's patients.

"I am very proud to receive this award, and I do so on behalf of all the patients and staff of Rancho who make it one of the world's great rehabilitation facilities," Jorge said. He told a wonderful story about a patient in the latter stages of ALS who had three wishes, the most challenging of which

was to see snow again, and how the Rancho staff worked together to bring thousands of pounds of snow to the Rancho campus so he and his family could have one last play day.

"Rancho is well-positioned to be a world leader in rehabilitation medicine as we enter the next era of healthcare," Jorge said.

Then Rancho Board Member Carmen O. Perez gave an eloquent introduction of Rancho patient, artist and businesswoman Annie Ruth, who sustained a major spinal cord injury that left her unable to move her arms or legs after a balance beam accident at age five. "Annie embodies the spirit of Rancho," Carmen said. She finished her introduction by telling the audience Annie's motto: "Inch by inch, life's a cinch."

As Annie rolled onto the stage in her power chair, the crowd rose and cheered her all the way to the microphone. In a strong voice, she thanked Rancho and many of her doctors, particularly Dr. Donna Barras, Dr. Salah Rubayi, and Dr. John Farinacci. "Dr. Barras was my first doctor at Rancho and she has been not only a great doctor but a great friend for all the years since," Annie said. "Dr. Rubayi was there to save my life when I needed a pressure ulcer surgery, but it was very hard to stay in one position without moving for 10 weeks so I could get better. He is also a great doctor and a great person."

She then explained about how, after having emergency kidney surgery at another hospital, she was sent home unable to eat, drink or speak. "So we called Rancho, and Dr. Farinacci was there to help me regain the ability to talk, eat and drink again," Annie said. "Dr. Farinacci gave me a new tracheostomy that solved the problem, and he has without a doubt the best laugh of anyone at Rancho." In Annie's case, laughter was the best medicine.



Photo by Martin Zamora

L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe with honorees Annie Ruth and Jorge Orozco

Annie also told the audience about how vital Rancho is to individuals with disabilities, and also spoke about some of her many adventures. "I've been parasailing, paragliding, white water rafting and even skydiving," she said. "I love them all and it's really fun to have adventures like these."

As Annie left the stage, the crowd erupted into a second sustained standing ovation saluting this most inspirational woman.

The evening ended on an amazing and yet funny note after, for the first time in Amistad history, the same person won two of the three raffle prizes. It was Dorothy Pemberton of Downey, a member of Soroptimist International. County CEO Bill Fujioka

pulled her ticket from thousands in the raffle bin for the \$1,500 first prize sponsored by the Optimist Club of Downey, then moments later County Director of Health Services Dr. Mitch Katz picked her ticket for the \$500 second prize. The name on the tickets was merely "Big D", which as all her friends know, is Dorothy's nickname. As one could imagine, Supervisor Knabe had fun with the situation, especially when Dorothy's fellow Soroptimists told him that Dorothy was unable to accept her awards because she was in the restroom. Actually, she was on her way home, but doubled back to the Westin in mere minutes to accept her prizes.

Then the dance floor was instantly jammed with Gala attendees who finished their Amistad evening by dancing the rest of the night away.

So Rancho's grand birthday party included a little humor, a lot of inspiration, and the opportunity to spotlight Jorge Orozco and Annie Ruth, two individuals who have made a significant difference at the world-renowned hospital over many years. But attendees didn't just have a Ball, they were also inspired by Annie Ruth and Katy Sullivan, two Rancho patients whose determination, courage and wonderful personalities made the 27th Annual Amistad Gala a truly special event.

Razorbacks sign-ups at Furman Park

DOWNEY - Downey Youth Football will hold open registration for its 2013 season this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

The league offers flag football, tackle football and cheerleading to boys and girls ages 5-14.

Registration is \$180 for tackle football, and \$120 for flag football and cheerleading. Registration includes trophy, league picture package, yearbook and game socks.

All equipment is provided on loan.

Payment plans are available but registration must be paid in full by June 1.

Practices start July 29 at Rio San Gabriel Park. First game is Sept. 7; all home games are played at Downey High School.

For more information, or if you are interested in coaching, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or go online to downeyrazorbacks.com.

911 dispatchers offer tips

DOWNEY - The Joint Powers Communications Center dispatchers celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week this week by encouraging Downey residents to be "911 ready."

JGCC dispatchers, which handles more than 24,000 medical and fire calls each year for Downey, Compton, Santa Fe Springs and Vernon, offered the following tips when calling 911:

- 1.) Know where you are
- 2.) Don't text 911
- 3.) Use a landline phone rather than a cell phone when possible
- 4.) Stay calm and be ready to listen

Church hosts parking lot sale

DOWNEY - Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting a parking lot sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Free hearing tests May 4

DOWNEY - In recognition of Better Hearing Month in May, the Downey Sertoma Club is offering free hearing screenings May 4 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

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Letters to the Editor:

End of times

Dear Editor:

I was shocked to read that Rev. Derryberry had put faith into a self-proclaimed prophet regarding the end times. ("Reverend Asks Forgiveness," Letters to the Editor, 4/11/13)

Is he not aware that his Bible says only God alone knows the day and hour? Matthew 24:36.

Frank Myers
Downey

Trash service

Dear Editor:

I agree with Mr. Lopez's comments about CalMet. ("Trash Service," Letters to the Editor, 4/11/13) I am not happy with their service.

They can't seem to sit a can down upright. They leave my cans tipped over and with the lid open. When it is raining, I really don't like that.

I would really like for the city to look for a better service.

Doris Hannon
Downey

Time to act

Dear Editor:

In the past few weeks there have been multiple shootings at two bars and restaurants in the north Downey area. The first was a murder at Gloria's Restaurant. The second was a double murder outside George's Bar on Florence Avenue.

Now I read that there was another shooting at Gloria's with someone being critically injured. ("Shooting Reported at Gloria's Restaurant," TheDowneyPatriot.com, 4/13/13)

What is the city of Downey and the Downey Police Department doing to address these continuing violent occurrences in our community? Is the police department doing extra patrols at these businesses that attract criminals? Are undercover officers being sent in to suppress vice activities?

Is the city looking at possibly revoking business licenses? Has the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control been contacted to address the abuse of alcohol at the locations? Has the city met with the owners of these businesses to address the issues? At what point does a business become to detrimental to the community that the city steps in on behalf of public safety?

To the city council and police: this is the time to act. Your community demands your actions and demands better.

Hugo Martinez
Downey

Government overspending

Dear Editor:

First, bravo to Thelma Simpson, Betty Stockton and George Hofstetter, John Masinelli and Jack Russell (Letters to the Editor, 3/28/13). People are really getting tired of the giveaways, the waste and the unnecessary spending on government at all levels.

The number of people on food stamps, receiving free cell phones, free Internet, subsidized housing, free healthcare, unemployment insurance and disability insurance recipients are way up (14 million receive it every month). Gasoline and trash fees are up and going up more, the reason being that fuel costs are up.

Downey now wants a tax on our utilities. Food prices are up -- just heard that sugar prices are getting so high some candy makers are being forced to move out of the country. \$637 billion is given in foreign aid while most of these countries hate the U.S.

Of course, President Obama doesn't want the Keystone XL pipeline, which could cause employment to go up, and the "green" people don't want it. The new "green" program will cause gas to go up approximately nine cents a gallon. Now the International Monetary Fund is asking \$1.40 a gallon to be put on our gasoline to clean the air worldwide.

But aren't you glad that we, the suckers, are so flush with money that we can pay for all this?

The city has now added three more firefighters and will hire nine more in June so as to open up Engine 61. Sound good? Our city is in debt now and had to make cutbacks. The fire department is unhappy in Downey and wants to go to the county. Can we afford more firemen? Have we had so many fires that we really need this station?

The federal government -- \$17 trillion in debt -- has given us a grant to fund this for two years. Then Downey will be on the hook to pay salaries and pensions after that, but the City Council can't turn down a grant from a debt-ridden government.

Should we all go on the federal giveaway programs, stay home and not pollute? Or should we rise up and take our country back and let those from the top down know we're not going to put up with more of this ridiculous, stupid, overspending?

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Congress members push for civil rights in immigration reform

Last week, Representatives John Lewis, Judy Chu, Joe Garcia and Lucille Roybal-Allard led 32 of their colleagues in sending a letter to the leadership of the House and Senate urging them to ensure that legislation to reform our broken immigration system includes strong civil rights and due process protections.

Specifically, the letter states that any immigration reform bill considered by Congress should require that those detained by our immigration authorities are allowed a fair hearing before a judge and access to counsel.

In addition, the letter asserts that federal immigration authorities should explicitly reject racial, religious and ethnic profiling and operate with greater transparency and accountability.

"America is a nation of laws and a nation of immigrants," said Rep. Chu (CA-27). "Our founding principles commit us to the ideal that all people -- regardless of their background -- are created equal and deserve the same protection under our laws. It is vital that any immigration reform package recognize that fact by including strong civil rights and due process protections."

"Immigration reform is one of the great civil rights causes of our time," said Rep. Roybal-Allard (CA-40). "Far too many detained immigrants, including children and the mentally disabled, continue to face the devastating prospect of deportation without the assistance of counsel."

"Moreover, according to data obtained by Syracuse University, over the past four years our immigration authorities have mistakenly issued more than 800 orders to lock up U.S. citizens, blatantly violating their constitutional rights. Now is the time for real reform that ends these abuses and finally brings our broken immigration system into line with our most basic American values."

The full letter appears below:

Dear House and Senate Leaders,

As the 113th Congress begins, the need to enact comprehensive immigration reform has never been more pressing. As part of this discussion, we believe the bill must protect the civil rights and civil liberties of all people as promised in our Constitution. America is a nation of values, founded on the idea that all people are created equal under - the law, no matter what they look like or where they came from. Our immigration laws should reflect our commitment to these American values. They should be grounded in civil and human rights and ensure due process, equal treatment, and fairness.

Current immigration enforcement practices tear families apart and hurt people who know America as their only home. More than one in every five individuals deported are parents of U.S. citizens. Thousands, including those seeking asylum, are unnecessarily detained at great expense to taxpayers even though they pose no threat to public safety. Our laws mandate detention or deportation for many people, denying them access to a hearing before a judge, in a system that does not guarantee legal counsel for those who cannot afford it. Immigration enforcement measures frequently target minority and immigrant communities through impermissible racial, religious and ethnic profiling that instills fear and distrust of law enforcement

Letters to the Editor:

Warren High engineers

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago, my high school engineering team, M3, wrote to *The Downey Patriot* asking readers to please vote for us as we entered the People's Choice portion of the Pete Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge.

This past weekend, we returned from the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas as champions.

In this competition, each team had to create a product pertinent to the fields of aerospace and aviation. Not only did my team earn a first-place medal (and \$10,000 along with it to start up our product) but we also got first place in the WORLD in the People's Choice portion of the competition.

Out of the top 20 teams, some traveling from as far as China and Singapore to participate in this competition, we became the engineers that did. We have YOU to thank for that.

Because of your votes, we were able to prove once again that this city produces top-notch students who can carry out and continue to build Downey's awesome reputation, especially in the field of aerospace. We would like to thank you all for your votes; you have helped to provide us with an experience unparalleled by any other, and for that we are grateful.

Mulan MacDougall, Matt Pacheco and Michelle Tulean
Warren High School

Carnival of Champions

Dear Editor:

I have read all the letters objecting to the changing of the name of East Middle School and agree with all of them. One point against the name change that has not been raised yet is the fact that Ms. Doty presided over the cancellation of middle school sports and the Carnival of Champions, two of the most popular and long running programs.

I spoke with Ms. Doty, and she told me that the savings from cancelling middle school sports was about \$90,000 a year. In a \$200 million budget (yes, \$200 million) she was proud that she was able to save a whole \$90,000.

And the Carnival of Champions? That was even less. I believe most, if not all, of the teachers actually donate their time.

Rewarding a person with something as important as re-naming a school after them should require a significant achievement, not just a feel good pat on the back (because we did it in the past) action from the school board.

Look at the condition of our campuses, look at the buildings, they are old and run down, the facilities are outdated, and except for the two new stadiums and high school construction (paid for with grant and bond money), what good is there to show for her tenure?

Being superintendent during tough financial times is not an achievement worth changing the name of a school. If that were the case, most every family in Downey could claim that honor. What happens when we run out of schools to name after our superintendents? What do we name next? Buildings? Parks? Shopping malls?

Who does the school board represent, the citizens and parents or the bureaucrats that are running our schools?

Robert Colenzo
Downey

and makes communities less safe. Our system is not fair. It is unnecessarily punitive.

Today, America is at a crossroads. The question we face is not only how much enforcement we need, but how we will ensure that enforcement is consistent with our nation's values. We renew our commitment to fight for principled immigration reform that does the following:

1. Provides an enforcement process that matches our values. To the greatest extent possible, we should strive for a process that includes a fair hearing before a judge, a bond hearing, federal court review, and access to counsel.
2. Provides for the humane treatment of everyone detained by immigration authorities.
3. Reduces the impact of enforcement on children and families.
4. Clarifies that immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility and that it should be administered uniformly across the country.
5. Explicitly rejects discrimination and racial, religious and ethnic profiling.
6. Ensures that all agencies charged with enforcement operate with accountability and transparency.

In this immigration reform effort, we must not lose sight of the imperative to create an immigration system that is consistent with our nation's values, including the protection of civil and human rights, and our Constitution.

Knabe releases statement on Boston attack

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe released the following statement Tuesday regarding the terror attack at the Boston Marathon:

"What happened [Monday] during the Boston Marathon was a senseless and cowardly act, aimed at shattering our feeling of security. My heart breaks for those who lost their lives yesterday, and for all those who were injured. Marathons are supposed to be events where we cheer on our family and friends as they try to accomplish something extraordinary - not places where we have to worry about the unthinkable.

"The events of yesterday are a true testament to our first responders: the men and women who run into chaos to save lives.

"Yesterday I saw endless accounts of first responders saving lives, and heroic citizens stepping in to assist those in need. Remember these stories. Remember the stories of marathon runners crossing the finish line and continuing to run to hospitals to donate blood.

"Please keep those who lost their lives and those fighting for their lives in your thoughts and prayers."

Sister cities trip

Dear Editor:

Does anyone in Downey wonder why we adopt sister cities? Mexico and now Ireland! ("Mayor Traveling to Ireland on Official Visit," 4/11/13)

What is the advantage to our city when money is so tight we're threatened with real things of importance being thrown to the wayside? Does anyone in Downey feel good about their tax money being used to send Mayor Mario Guerra to Ireland?

Raise a hand if you like him so much you want to give him \$5,000 for this purpose. Oh, I see a hand raised. Who is it? Oh, it's Mario.

He really likes this idea -- anyone else?

Loretta Scott
Downey

Dear Editor:

In response to your April 11, 2013 articles regarding the mayor's trip to Ireland and Downey's All-America City delegation headed to Denver, in my opinion, the taxpayers can't afford these types of non-essential expenditures.

Downey was facing an \$11 million budget deficit in July 2012. To save money, more than a dozen employees were laid off (including nine fire department personnel), other employees were required to take unpaid furlough days and a fire engine was taken out of service.

I'm pleased to know the city's finances are 10 percent better than originally projected, but don't we still have a long way to go? Only because FEMA granted Downey \$1.8 million to hire firefighters and restore the fire engine will the fire department service level be reinstated by July 2013 (one year the residents will have been without that needed protection).

The FEMA monies were a one-time windfall and additional money will be required to continue funding the fire department's restored operation levels next fiscal year. Shouldn't we be saving toward that need now?

I'm happy there are citizens interested in supporting the sister cities and there is now a sixth sister city. Nevertheless, I see that citizens group, Downey Sister Cities Association, as a special interest group and they should fund the entire Ireland trip. If they feel the mayor is needed to represent Downey in Ireland, they should cover his expenses if he can not pay his own expenses.

Additionally, recognition as an All-America City would be nice but again, I don't see how the city's budget can afford the cost of competing for the honor (\$15,000 travel expenses and \$15,000 in staff time). Even if the planned fundraising efforts are successful, they won't cover the \$15,000 in staff time.

I don't think the mayor meeting Ireland's president and an All-America City award (total expenditure by the taxpayers for the two events is estimated between \$20,000 and \$35,000) will have a substantial impact (if any) on the majority of Downey residents. Councilmen Luis Marquez and Roger Brossmer voted against both trips. I truly believe the majority of Downey voters would support their positions (we'll see at election time).

As Councilman Brossmer said, "these are tough fiscal times and this is not something I'm comfortable in supporting."

J.J. Rodriguez
Downey

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A LOVE LETTER TO DOWNEY AND THE BLASTERS

• The Blasters' performance last week was more than just a rock concert.

By Tina Vasquez
Contributor

On April 13 I was standing no more than a foot from the tiny stage at the Epic Lounge, smiling blissfully as I watched The Blasters tear through an almost two-hour set featuring some of their most beloved songs, like "American Music," "Border Radio," "Marie Marie," and my all-time favorite: "So Long Baby Goodbye." If I close my eyes, I can still feel Bill Bateman's drumming in my chest. I can still picture singer Phil Alvin's almost maniacal toothy grin and guitarist Keith Wyatt's pompadour bouncing around as he stomped around his small corner of the stage, proud as a peacock. At the heart of The Blasters' sound was John Bazz, the seemingly shy bassist with a quiet intensity.

It was a sold out show and the band delivered beyond our wildest expectations. Despite being together for well over 30 years, The Blasters played with more energy, intensity, and heart than any up and comer could hope to muster. It wasn't too long ago that a show like this, with punk legends, would have seemed out of the realm of possibility in the city of Downey. It certainly wasn't anything I could have ever imagined when I was a teenager.

Growing up as a punk kid in Downey, I felt limited. My best friend and I would wander around the railroad tracks, buy records at Downey Music Center and Middle Earth Records, catch buck fifty double features at The Avenue, and swear we were going to die of boredom because there was nothing else to do. Our city's claims to fame were an old McDonalds and The Carpenters, neither of which really resonated with us at the time. The problem, of course, was that

our sleepy suburb was so close to L.A., the stomping ground of my favorite punk band X. We believed all the good music and art and writing was just out of reach. When you're a kid, those thirteen miles to L.A. might as well be a hundred.

In my personal coming of age story, the year I turned 13 was a big year for me. I committed myself to punk rock by cutting off my waist-length hair, opting for a 'do that was no more than a few inches long. Of course I spiked my hair. Of course it gave my father a heart attack. Why wouldn't it?

In 1998 while attending what was then South Middle School, I also decided I was going to be a journalist. My biggest influence in this regard was Jim Gillespie, an English teacher who was also the yearbook instructor and the force behind our school newspaper The Pioneer Times, both of which he would name me editor of. Mr. Gillespie did what only the best teachers do: he encouraged me, supported me, and championed my writing and creativity, trusting me enough to give me the freedom to write about what I wanted and to present it however I saw fit. He even let me use the artwork from X's Wild Gift album to decorate the pages of our yearbook. (I must point out that Mr. Gillespie not only had Wild Gift on vinyl, but he kept it in our classroom closet.)

Besides guiding me into a field that would eventually become my passion in life, Mr. Gillespie will always inhabit a corner of my heart for another reason: he introduced me to The Blasters.

I can't even begin to verbalize how earth shattering it was to find out that a band like The Blasters was from Downey. They were key players in Los Angeles' early punk scene, routinely playing on the same bill as X, Los Lobos, and The Gun Club, doing shows at now iconic venues like the Starwood, Club Lingerie, and the Whiskey A Go-Go.

Before I even heard The Blasters'

distinctive roots-rock, I was obsessed in a way that only a kid desperate for ownership over something could be. I wanted this band to be from my hometown so badly and when Mr. Gillespie gave me a cassette of their self-titled album, I wanted it more than anything. I wanted to know - no, needed to know - that my quaint little city could give birth to something as riveting and influential, as talented and undeniably cool as The Blasters.

And of course it was true: The Blasters were from Downey and it could be argued their sound was heavily influenced by this Southeast L.A. enclave we call home. Downey is surrounded by mostly Black and Chicano neighborhoods and The Blasters sound like a melting pot of America's greatest music genres, combining rock 'n' roll, blues, rockabilly, punk, and R&B in a way that can only result when a bunch of guys from a small, distinctive city like Downey spend their formative years drinking, smoking, listening to records, and rambling around. Much like the "American Music" Phil Alvin sings about in the Blasters' song by the same name, the band is equal parts "sweet and lovely ... hard and mean," and that's exactly what makes them unbelievably good.

I'm 28 now and though the outsider attitude I cultivated as a kid still lingers, I've since fallen deeply and madly in love with my hometown, embracing the charming kitschiness of the world's oldest operating McDonalds and the sappy sentimentalism inherent in each Carpenters song. Clearly, Downey has its faults and shortcomings - many of which I write about often in these very pages, but it is my home and it is most definitely where my heart is.



Photo by Martin Trejo

The Blasters show at the Epic Lounge was more than just the best show I've ever been to - though it was most definitely that; it was a sign that the times they are a-changin' in this little city of ours - and it's for the better. With seemingly constant increases in student-teacher ratios and continued cuts to the arts, chances are many kids won't get their Mr. Gillespie. But in a city that is actively fighting for culture, opening galleries, starting arts organizations, staging poetry readings, and honoring hometown heroes like The Blasters, at least kids will feel less confined. At least they will have wonder-

fully unconventional, artistic avenues to explore, perhaps enabling them to come across something that will tug at their heartstrings and elicit the same sense of hometown pride I felt in the Epic Lounge, Phil Alvin waved to the crowd, saying, "See you again real soon, see you again in Downey?" We should hold him to that.

At the end of The Blasters' set at



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Downey volleyball looks to finish strong

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 7-6 and are 2-3 in league play. The Vikings traveled to cross-town rival Warren on Tuesday night and lost to the Bears.

Downey lost to Warren at Downey 3-0 on 3/21, lost to Gahr at Downey 3-0 on 3/26, defeated Paramount at Paramount 3-2 on 3/28 and defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 3-2 on 4/11.

The Vikings traveled to Gahr yesterday (score unavailable at press time) to face the Gladiators who had previously beaten them three weeks ago. If Downey wants to finish second in league play, they must beat a much improved Gahr team at Gahr.

Downey will play at Lakewood later today in a non-league competition. Downey will close out their San Gabriel Valley League schedule by hosting both Paramount next Tuesday 4/23 and Lynwood the fol-

lowing Tuesday 4/30, respectively.

Coach Rand and his team are looking forward to finishing strong in S.G.V.L. play and earning a spot in the C.I.F. Division III playoff bracket. As it stands right now, Warren (5-0) will be the league's number one entry, Gahr (4-1) will get the second entry and Downey (2-3) will get the third entry.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Lady Vikings struggle in Bay League

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' lacrosse team currently has an overall record of 1-6-1 and a league record of 0-3.

The Lady Vikings lost to Palos Verdes Peninsula at Downey 11-1 on 3/22 and lost to Redondo Union at Redondo Union 14-0 on 3/27.

The Lady Vikings lost a tough game at Beverly Hills 9-8 on 4/8 after defeating the Lady Normans at Downey 7-6 on 3/18. The Lady Vikings traveled to Palos Verdes Peninsula on Wednesday (score un-

available at press time) and will host current Bay League leader Redondo Union (5-1) later today.

As the Bay League stands right now, Redondo Union is in first place, Mira Costa is in second place, Palos Verdes is in third place, Palos Verdes Peninsula is in fourth place, Beverly Hills is in fifth place and Culver City and Downey continue to play hard and round out the rest of the Bay League standings.

The Lady Vikings have improved throughout the season and their ef-

fort has been consistent. Downey will play a non-league game against Rosary of Fullerton on 4/23, a team the Vikings lost to 4-1 on 3/2.

The Lady Vikings will finish up Bay League competition by hosting Beverly Hills on 4/24 and will then travel to Culver City to play the Lady Centaurs in the league finale on 4/26.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Warren boys basketball wins league title

DOWNEY – The Warren High School basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 22-6 and a league record of 8-2.

The Bears were the 2013 San Gabriel Valley League champions and were seeded 16th, out of 32 teams, in the C.I.F. Division 1-AA playoffs. The Bears advanced to the second round of the C.I.F. playoffs by defeating Trabuco Hills 51-48 in their first round game at home on Feb. 15 before falling to Mater Dei 74-47 in the second round on Feb. 19.

Warren finished seventh in the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* final area top ten poll.

The *Press-Telegram* recently announced their annual boys' basketball "Dream Team" and two Bears received recognition. Stand-out senior point guard Joseph Campos was selected to the second team and senior guard Michael Onyebalu was given honorable mention. Campos has been a three-time All-S.G.V.L. selection and was voted co-M.V.P. along with Downey's Dakari Archer, for his efforts this past season. Michael Onyebalu was a reliable scoring option for the Bears and provided solid defensive play as well.

Downey also had two players receiving special recognition. Downey's Dakari Archer was selected to the first team and was voted co-M.V.P. alongside Warren's Joseph Campos. Viking senior forward Aaron Wallace was given honorable mention.

Archer was injured early in the season and the Vikings felt his loss. Once healthy however, Archer led the Vikings to a 7-3 second place finish in the San Gabriel Valley League. Dakari Archer averaged just under

22 points and 4 assists per game. Wallace provided valuable scoring and played solid defense as well.

Other San Gabriel Valley League players receiving special recognition were second team selections senior guard E.J. Johnson of Dominguez, junior guard Malachi Hoosein of Gahr and honorable mention senior guard Ryan Hart of Gahr.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Warren volleyball perfect in league

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 11-4 and are undefeated at 5-0 in league play. The Bears defeated cross-town rival Downey at Warren on Tuesday evening and are ranked number four in the latest C.I.F. Division III poll.

The Bears are currently in first place in the S.G.V.L. standings followed by Gahr in second place, Downey in third place, Paramount in fourth place and Lynwood in fifth place. As the Bears finish league play, they will await the C.I.F. Division III playoff bracket. As things stand now, the Bears will win the league title and be the top entry from the San Gabriel Valley League. The Bears must, however, defeat second place Gahr in their league finale on 4/30 to keep that top spot.

Senior libero Brian Oh, Chris Buzzo and Gary Trejo continue to play well for the Bears. Last year, the Bears made it to the C.I.F. Division III title game but lost to South Torrance in four sets at Cypress College.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

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

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council on May 28, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to approving the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2013 - 2014. The Action Plan is an implementation plan, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which describes projects and activities the City of Downey will fund under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) programs. The proposed Action Plan includes a recommended distribution of the federal funds, the required application for the HUD grants, and a discussion of actions the City will undertake during the program year regarding homelessness and anti-poverty initiatives.

During the next program year, the City of Downey is expected to receive \$1,386,780 in new entitlement grants under the federal CDBG and HOME programs. The combined total of new federal Grants, estimated program income and the balance from prior year line of credit will be distributed (proposed) on the activities listed below.

Table with 3 columns: ESTIMATED FUNDS IN, CDBG PROGRAM, HOME PROGRAM. Rows include New Federal Grants, New Program Income, Prior Year Line of Credit, and TOTAL.

Table with 2 columns: PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS in 2011-2012, Amount. Rows include Housing Improvement Program, Code Enforcement Program, Payment on HUD Loan, Community/Senior Center, Public Services Grants, Affordable Housing development, General Planning and Administration.

At this time and place, all persons interested may be present to give testimony on the proposed Action Plan for program year 2013-2014. A draft copy of the above referenced plan will be available for reviewing on Monday, April 22, 2013, during normal business hours at the following locations: the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., the Housing Division office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue and at www.downeyca.org. Persons interested in obtaining a copy or for further information, please call Edward Velasco, Housing Manager, at (562) 904-7152. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2013.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations, please contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7161 or the California Relay Service. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to arrange reasonable accessibility accommodations.

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC Downey City Clerk

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENT PLN-13-00065

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 1st day of MAY, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

PLN-13-00065 (SPECIAL EVENT) - A request by the Downey High School Baseball Booster to conduct a three day carnival on May 10, 11, and 12, 2013, which includes carnival rides, carnival music, game booths, and food sales, on the parking lot of Downey High School.

At that time and place all persons interested in these matters may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed cases. The Staff Reports, which provide a detailed description and analysis of these projects, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Planning Division, Downey, California, Telephone # 562-904-7154.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guideline, Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations of Land).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

DATE OF HEARING: Date: 5/8/13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 312. The address of the court is 6333 FLORA AVE APT B, BELL 90201. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, April 16, 2013.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney

Manuel Casillas

NOTICES SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

DATE OF HEARING: Date: 5/8/13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 312. The address of the court is 6333 FLORA AVE APT B, BELL 90201. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, March 11, 2013.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney

Manuel Casillas

6333 FLORA AVE. APT B BELL, CA 90201 (323) 572-0185

The Downey Patriot 3/28/13, 4/4/13, 4/11/13, 4/18/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: 6-12-13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 312. The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, April 16, 2013.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney June Hamilton Candelario 17107 Roseton Avenue Artesia, California 90701-2643 (562) 923-3959

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13, 4/25/13, 5/2/13, 5/9/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK COURTHOUSE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

DATE OF HEARING: Date: 5-22-13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 312. The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, March 25, 2013.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney Elizabeth Cristina Flores In Pro Per 9713 Imperial Hwy., #204 Downey, CA 90242 (562) 441-3102

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13, 4/11/13, 4/18/13, 4/25/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

DATE OF HEARING: Date: 5-29-13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 302. The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, March 26, 2013.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney Jeanette Dolores In Pro Per 10403 Lesterford Ave. Downey, CA 90241

The Downey Patriot 3/28/13, 4/4/13, 4/11/13, 4/18/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

DATE OF HEARING: Date: 5-29-13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 302. The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, March 26, 2013.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney Jeanette Dolores In Pro Per 10403 Lesterford Ave. Downey, CA 90241

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13, 4/25/13, 5/2/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T/S No. 12-0078964 Doc ID #0002170313692005N Title Order No. 12-0138056 Investor/Insurer No. 204628372 APN No. 8018-008-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/16/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MARTIN GALVEZ SINGH and recorded on 04/16/2010 and recorded 4/27/2010, as Instrument No. 20100564238, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 05/21/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11819 GARD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$39,122.96. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid balance with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0078964, information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION. COM, LLC 2 ONE MAUCHLY IRVINE, CA 92618-800-280-2832 www.auction.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 04/18/2013 10:30:27Z 4/4, 4/11, 04/18/2013

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory of the decedent's real and personal assets of the decedent or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for petitioner: LISA MACCARLEY ESQ SBN 164458

LAW OFFICE OF LISA MACCARLEY 3436 N VERDUGO RD STE 100 GLENDALE CA 91208

CN883986 The Downey Patriot 4/11/13, 4/18/13, 4/25/13

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 452719CA Loan No. 3014015857 Title Order No. 910605 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/27/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05-21-2013 at 9:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 07-09-2007, Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ARSTELLA BRANTLEY AND CARNELL BRANTLEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustee WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for one half of the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. Official Description: LOT 97 OF TRACT NO. 16785, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 432, PAGE(S) 23 AND 24 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$727,466.01 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 90241 APN Number: 8019-030-014. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property described above is being sold in compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure or to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by personal delivery; or by electronic mail; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 04-16-2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee BRENDA BATTEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, California Real Estate Association, 2000 California Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94101 800-892-8902 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0106848, information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION. COM, LLC 2 ONE MAUCHLY IRVINE, CA 92618-800-280-2832 www.auction.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 04/18/2013 04/25/2013, 05/02/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T/S No. 11-0106848 Doc ID #001289604692005N Title Order No. 11-0086797 Investor/Insurer No. 128960469 APN No. 6359-012-016 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/30/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MARTIN GALVEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 06/30/2006 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, will sell on 05/21/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9751 WILL BURKE AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$612,812.59. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid balance with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0132502, information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION. COM, LLC 2 ONE MAUCHLY IRVINE, CA 92618-800-280-2832 www.auction.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 04/18/2013 04/25/2013, 05/02/2013

The Downey Patriot 4/18/13, 4/25/13, 5/2/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T/S No. 12-0078964 Doc ID #0002170313692005N Title Order No. 12-0138056 Investor/Insurer No. 204628372 APN No. 8018-008-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/16/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T/S No. 12-0078964 Doc ID #0002170313692005N Title Order No. 12-0138056 Investor/Insurer No. 204628372 APN No. 8018-008-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/16/2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MARTIN GALVEZ SINGH and recorded on 04/16/2010 and recorded 4/27/2010, as Instrument No. 20100564238, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 05/21/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11819 GARD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$39,122.96. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid balance with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You are encouraged to investigate the

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C21 office tops in the world

PICO RIVERA – Century 21 All Stars of Pico Rivera has been named the No. 1 Century 21 office in the world for 2012, the company has announced.

"Being recognized as the most productive real estate office worldwide is an absolute dream come true that has taken 28 years to accomplish," said Joe Villaescusa, president and CEO of Century 21 All Stars. "I want to thank our management team, support staff and our senior manager, Richard Estrada, along with our entire sales force for their tenacity, belief in themselves and allowing me the privilege to help them accomplish this extraordinary milestone that each of us will remember for the rest of our lives."

"We aren't just about selling homes," Villaescusa added. "Providing the highest quality service and specializing in dedicated commitment to the Southern California communities we serve is paramount to our elite office, agents and staff. We have helped to build a home with Habitat for Humanity for a



deserving family, annually sponsored California Highway Patrol's Toys for Tots, contributed to the financial needs of underprivileged school children and their families, sponsored local law enforcement fundraisers and educational causes, and have been awarded numerous civic and community commendation. We have worked hand-in-hand with local governmental agencies and communities to improve the standard of living and know that we

have helped provide the 'American Dream' to families and to those we serve."

Founded in 1985 with a single agent, Century 21 All Stars has grown to now include more than 250 sales professionals. Its headquarters are on Telegraph Road in Pico Rivera.

Being named the top Century 21 franchise in the world "is, indeed, a crowning achievement," Villaescusa said.

The Downey Association of Realtors awarded three graduating students each with a \$1,000 scholarship to help with their future education.

Pictured above, from left: DAOR president Michael Berdelis, Downey High counselor Pamela Morse, Warren High scholarship recipient Odisea Macias, Warren High vice principal Allan Tyner, Downey High scholarship recipient Marilyn Ramirez, DUSD superintendent Dr. John Garcia and DAOR scholarship chairperson Maria Cibrian.

Not pictured is Warren High scholarship recipient Omar Arce Felix.



Griffiths Middle School students traveled to Boston and New York over spring break and took this photo at Ground Zero. Pictured above, from left: Christopher Mojica, Clarissa Hernandez, Jessica Manteca, Valerie Aguilar, Rebekah Ludman, Megan Henry, Allie Beltran, Jessica Egizii and Mrs. Knibb.



St. Matthias High School recently held a dedication ceremony for its newly renovated library and research laboratory, dedicated to St. Thomas Aquinas. A gift from the John H. and Cynthia Lee Smet Foundation, it is designed to "accurately prepare students for the rigor of college-level research and writing" and comes equipped with state-of-the-art Mac computers and EBSCOhost research software. St. Matthias is an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school in Downey. Beginning in the fall of 2013, the school will shift to a co-ed environment accepting both male and female students for the first time in more than 15 years. The school will re-open in August under the name St. Piux X-St. Matthias Academy.

Mystery authors at library

DOWNNEY – Two mystery authors will be at the Downey City Library this Saturday to discuss and sign copies of their books.

Shaun Morey will discuss and sign copies of "Wahoo Rhapsody" about a ramshackle fishing charter off Cabos San Lucas.

Morey is also the author of the non-fiction "Incredible Fishing Stories" and "Kid's Incredible Fishing Stories."

Tyler Dilts will discuss his mystery novels "The Pain Scale" and "A King of Infinite Space." Dilts' novels feature a Long Beach homicide detective.

The free event begins at 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

Theatre meeting Wednesday

DOWNNEY – A City Council sub-committee will meet Wednesday at 3 p.m. inside the library to discuss the Downey Theatre's usage for non-profit organizations.

The meeting is open to the public and there will be time for residents to comment.

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This Is The One!
Standard sale. This beautiful home is move in ready and is in a great neighborhood and location. Easy freeway access, close to shopping and parks. The property features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and is price to sell at \$379,000.

Downey Home With 4 Car Garage!
Fantastic opportunity! This spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms home is very well maintained. It features a fireplace in the living room, large laundry area behind kitchen, lots of cabinet space and a nice dining area off of the living room.

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Price Reduction!!
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Priced at: \$474,900

BACK ON MARKET

This One Won't Last!
3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom home with new paint and carpet, large yard and a 2 car detached garage.
Priced at: \$325,000

PENDING!

Northwest Downey Home
3 bedrooms, 2 bath pool home with large living room, family room & master bedroom, newer roof, copper plumbing, alarm system, and newer sliding door leading to backyard.
Priced at: \$419,950

PENDING!

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