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Digital billboard gets OK in Downey

DOWNEY – A 55-foot tall, LED billboard will rise high alongside the I-5 Freeway and residential neighborhoods this year after the Downey Planning Commission last Wednesday agreed a digital billboard could provide financial gain for the city with minimal impact to surrounding areas.

The proposed sign, which would sit on a nine-acre maintenance yard owned by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority at 7878 Telegraph Road, will be the first such billboard in Downey off the Santa Ana Freeway.

City officials granted applicant Allvision, LLC a conditional use permit, which approved the sign's location, and a code variance, which allows the billboard more square footage on its two displays and an extra 20 feet in height.

Commissioners also voted in favor of a development agreement with Metro, who is now expected to oversee the construction and operation of the sign, which is 475 feet away from adjacent residential homes.

While the agreement allows Metro to operate the "V"-shaped billboard without further discretionary review, the city will receive a development fee of \$80,000 every year, or 25 percent of the sign's net revenue.

The city will also be afforded the right to advertise on the billboard, which will not display ads for tobacco or other adult purposes.

If approved by the City Council, the development agreement will remain valid for 20 years, with the possibility of a one-time, 10-year extension.

However, some nearby residents are unhappy with the decision, protesting the LED billboard, which they believe may negatively impact the aesthetics of their neighborhood, potentially reducing their property values.

"I am concerned about this new sign that may be installed in my neighborhood at 7878 Telegraph Road," said Downey resident Mitch Collier. "This sign would be a major distraction to my lifestyle as well as my neighbors."

"It would be a major lowering of my enjoyment of life as well as the value of my property to have this code violation sign shining into my window 24/7 as well as when I go out to my back yard to entertain guests," he said.

City officials acknowledge that the billboard will be visible from several homes in the area, but maintain the sign will emit no noises, feature no offensive advertisements, and its lights will be lowered at night to mitigate any negative impacts on local residents.

"Staff is of the opinion that the proposed sign is a high quality design that will blend with the project site," said senior planner David Blumenthal in a staff report. "Furthermore, since the property owner will be paying an annual development fee for the sign, this approval will contribute to the fiscal balance of the city."

Once completed, digital images on the proposed billboard will pause for eight seconds before cycling to the next image, city staff said. The sign will receive maintenance two to six times a year.

—Christian Brown, staff writer

THE SOUL OF THE CITY

• Can the arts help restore Downey's identity?

By Lawrence Christon
Contributor

DOWNEY – What do you think when you think Downey?

That's a question that's been seeping into local consciousness for well over a decade, like that mysterious gaseous smell that periodically drifts over the region, drawing complaints from the population and head-scratching perplexity from officials who can't seem to track down its origin.

A couple of online Realty companies have run Yelp-like commentary from visitors who have considered renting or buying in Downey.

"A pretty nice residential community surrounded by a lot of crappy cities," wrote one.

"Nice but bland and boring," wrote another. "They should call it Debbie Downey."

Small town? Small city? Downey's civic leaders like to emphasize the idea of small because it underlines the importance of community, of people who know each other, have a few laughs together, help each other out, share experience, answer to each other if need be, which altogether gives them a sense of place in time in a livable spot on the earth.

This is a commendable notion, when you consider how our post-industrial, post-modern global village, fuelled by the ruthless engines of market forces, has seen its miracles in science and technology, health and communications, gained at the expense of those down home values. We're living in an era of increasing corporate depersonalization lived within a near-violent centrifuge of speed and change, change we can't keep up with, change that skews our values and our sense of what constitutes the good, meaningful life—even our sense of reality. Are Facebook friends true friends? Does anyone believe that reality shows are real? Is formal education a lifelong road to knowledge and wisdom, or is it a costly requirement for the job market? What has the price of a macro world exacted in moral and political corruption, individual powerlessness and mistrust? Or even just making a living?

When you look at it this way, small is good.

But as a quality of mind, small can also be stifling. Small resents change. Small is comfortable with its igno-

rance and defensive of it. Small has an exaggerated sense of self-importance. The insularity of small eventually creates a morbid condition.

A functional balance between the two worlds, home and away, has been something a lot of people in Downey, and not just its civic leaders, have been thinking about, because in the breach lies Downey's elusive, dwindling identity. On returning last week from Denver, where Downey officials successfully lobbied the National Civic League for the designation "All-American City," Councilman Alex Saab reflected, "Identity seems to be a problem with a lot of other cities too."

But it's particularly acute here. Why? Because in the absence of any natural scenic wonder, of defining rivers, streams, woodlands, mountains or grand oceanic views, Downey's claim to fame is based on a history that's been completely disrupted.

The all-American designation is fine. It's helpful. But it's based on limited criteria. Anyone today who calls Downey a great city needs to have his head examined. Just drive around and have a look at its drab, disparate commercial architecture, its weird mix of odd old buildings and indifferent sprawl, its forgotten-in-time look. Or the generic, cheap-o appearance of its newer structures. Downey was never great, like Florence is great, a city people visit from the world over for splendors that can't be experienced anywhere else. But it's been brushed with greatness.

Downey was founded in 1873, but up to the mid-twentieth century, it was essentially a rural community. Early aviation pioneers began to change that in the 1930s, but in World War II, when a relatively defenseless West Coast mobilized to fight the Japanese forces in the Pacific, military aircraft production shifted into high gear. After the war, and into the era of commercial aviation and aerospace technology, outfits like Boeing and North American Rockwell, and their sub-contractors, stayed on to design and manufacture airplanes and space technology that fed the nation, and the world's, need for commercial as well as military air transport, and spacecraft.

Lakewood was built by the blue collar workers of those companies, the carpenters, electricians, welders and parts assemblers. Downey was built by the professional class, the upper execs and managers, the lawyers, doctors, finance experts and engineers. That's why many of Downey's residential areas remain spacious, beautiful, or classic examples of mid-century ranch



style design. The lucrative industry that gave us the Apollo Space program and the Space shuttle also gave us good schools, good restaurants with silverware and linen tablecloths, and a social and cultural life. The 748 seat Downey Theater was built in 1970. The Downey Symphony was good enough to play the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. One of David Hockney's first local showings took place at the Downey Museum of Art.

By 1999, shifting congressional priorities and changing economics led to the collapse and withdrawal of not just our greatest taxpayer, but our source of pride and our sense of who we are. Downey has never recovered. A brief flirtation with Tesla Motors, which restored our flickering hopes, ended in heartbreak. A changing demographic and an aging, diminishing Anglo population—along with the sense of history and continuity elders bestow on the young—have left us in a state of flux. The art museum is closed, the Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theater is finished, and the symphony is struggling to survive.

Is there anything that can turn it around? In the next few installments, we'll look at some of the developments that are brewing, particularly in a younger, energized arts community, because if there's anything that art is about, it's possibility.

I leave you with this image: A few years ago, at a city redevelopment meeting, the mean age of whose membership was in the 60s, two shy, nervous teen girls stood in the back of the room. They were reluctant to speak. Someone called them out.

"We just came to say," said the bolder one, "that we love Downey. We grew up here. But it's so boring. There's nothing to do. Please give us art. Give us entertainment. Please give us something to keep us here."

MAYOR'S CORNER

Downey celebrates All America City award

• City of Downey recognized for being a unique, prosperous community.

By Mario Guerra
Mayor of Downey



Dear Downey Family and Friends,

Hope this message finds you well, in good health and good spirit. I am excited to share some of the many great things that have happened in the last few weeks.

Our great City, along with nine other communities across the nation, won the 2013 All America City award! Known as the "Nobel Prize" for civic engagement, the All America City award recognizes top cities across the country who turn challenges into opportunities and work hard to improve and better the quality of life for their residents.

There were only 20 finalists in the entire country and we were the only city from California selected. I am proud to represent a city like Downey, a city that is committed to its residents and that is made up of a unique group of individuals who work to make Downey such a great place to live.

My sincere appreciation goes out to the staff and volunteers who participated in making this happen. We were recognized because we all work hard in making Downey the special place we call home. And now the rest of the country will know it too. This is great in many ways, from economic development, national branding and civic pride.

Our All America City delegation, known as "Team Downey," did an amazing job in making sure the City of Downey was noticed. This award demonstrates how Downey is a city with character, where Character Counts and where great things happen.

We were recognized for our veteran programs, the revitalization of Downtown Downey and our Columbia Memorial Space Center. Let's continue to celebrate this amazing recognition and let others know that Downey is and will continue to be a special place. We mentioned our low crime, low unemployment, Healthy Downey initiative, our fine DUSD, our great police and fire departments and our service groups. What a great city we have.

Last month, I had the honor and privilege of signing a Sister City agreement with Taughmaconnell, Roscommon, Ireland, the birthplace of our city's founding father, Governor John Gately Downey. It was such an amazing experience to represent the City of Downey and meet such an extraordinary group of people. From Mayor of Roscommon, Mr. Tom Crosby, along with other Roscommon officials, to Senator Terry Leyden who serves in Parliament representing Roscommon, they all were excited about our mutual history. It is a historic event for our city in many ways. Downey has a rich history of Sister Cities.

In 1957 when President Eisenhower declared that our country

should reach out to others from an economic, cultural and mutual exchange of ideas, it was historic. In 1960 when Downey and the City of Guadalajara became the first Sister Cities in the history of the United States, it was historic. When Governor John Gately Downey left Ireland at age 14 and became the first foreign born Governor of California at age 32, it was historic.

We continue to be a leader in so many ways. And I am so proud of our history, and making new history for many generations. Progress occurs when we come together for a common good and seize the opportunity to change things for the better. We need to continue, just like our forefathers, just like Governor Downey, to have the vision and conviction to dream and inspire, and the energy and passion to make things happen.

We are proud to have Roscommon as our newest Sister City and look forward to maintaining a long lasting relationship. We are already seeing unexpected early dividends from our newest Sister City. In the last week, we have been working hard with our local art gallery, Stay Gallery Downey, for a delegation of Roscommon artists to display their artwork in Downey next year. The arrangements are not final yet, but hopefully they will arrive next June or July. They will of course be staying in local hotels, eating at local restaurants, spending their money in Downey and providing a great cultural exchange that we were hoping for.

Two weeks ago, we approved yet another balanced city budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 totaling just over \$140 million. The budget included the hiring of police officers to make up for attrition, nine additional new fire personnel, new Public Safety equipment, \$35 million in Capital Improvements (\$20.5 million for street improvements), and various improvements to city parks, library and the theatre.

Our financial indicators are all good and we expect our future to continue to be bright. Our unemployment numbers are 7.4 %, which is the lowest among the 26 Gateway Cities with a working population of over 50,000. It is lower than the U.S., state and county. Sales taxes are up 11%, which means people are shopping in our city and property taxes are up 7%, which means that our homes continue to add value to our community. Crime statistics are down 5% again YTD. We thank our fine police department for all they do.

I attended and spoke to our nine new firemen at their badge pinning last week. I was able to let them know how proud our city is of the fine job

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK



Classic rock band The Answer will open Downey's summer concert series when they perform Wednesday, July 3, at Furman Park. The Answer will perform classic hits such as "Boot, Scootin' Boogie," "Wooly Bully" and "Brick House," just to name a few. Concerts begin at 7 p.m.

MAYOR: Walking Wednesdays at Furman

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done by our Downey Fire Department under the leadership of Chief Lonnie Croom. I was able to let them know that they were joining one of the best and elite fire departments in the State. Thank you Downey Fire Department for taking care of our city. We are very blessed and proud to have our own Downey Fire Department.

Summer is officially here and with that comes a variety of fun city activities. The Twilight Summer Concert series kicks-off next Wednesday, July 3rd at Furman Park. Don't miss out on a great musical line-up this season. I will be there every Wednesday beginning at 6 pm for my "Walking Wednesdays" which will take place there at Furman, instead of Downey High. Get there early and walk with me as we continue our path to a Healthy Downey. Thanks to our Healthy Downey partners for all you are doing in changing our community on a path to healthier and better living.

Speaking of Furman Park, help our city win a \$100,000 Coca-Cola grant by voting Furman America's favorite park! The contest ends July 15th and there are several ways to



Photo courtesy Mario Guerra

make your vote count. Visit www.coke.com/parks to cast your vote online, check-in at www.foursquare.com or get 10 votes per day by logging 20 minutes of activity with Map My Fitness. Help us win big this summer!

Finally, I wanted to let you know that progress continues in many ways in Downey. This past Tuesday, our Council, working together with our fine staff, passed an aggressive and progressive Economic Development Ordinance that will help us attract and retain new businesses, that will

continue to provide more jobs. We passed a Master Parks Plan that sets us on a course to improve and update our parks and a Civic Center Master Plan that sets us on a course to utilizing all our resources in making our Downtown Civic Center a gathering and effective place for our residents. And stay tuned, our Master Bike Plan is in the works...Future Unlimited, you bet. We are and should be very proud of our special community.

Thank you all for being my neighbors. Feel free to call me anytime on my cell at (562) 706-4114 or email me at CityHall@Mguerra@DowneyCa.org. All my best, God bless.

Dn. Mario A. Guerra
Mayor

Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile

Residents urged to avoid mosquito bites after West Nile virus found in Downey.

DOWNEY – A mosquito sample collected in Downey has tested positive for West Nile virus, prompting warnings to residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites.

Officials with the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District didn't say where the mosquito was collected, only that it came from the 90241 zip code.

Mosquitoes from Pico Rivera, Norwalk, South Gate and Montebello also tested positive for the virus.

"The widespread increase in West Nile virus activity this week is a reminder that the summer mosquito

breeding season is here and residents need to take measures to protect against mosquito bites and disease transmission," said Truc Dever, director of community affairs for the vector control district.

Vector authorities recommended following the "Three D's":

Dump/Drain: Eliminate or report standing water on your property because that's where mosquitoes breed.

Dusk/Dawn: Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active.

Defend: If you are outdoors when mosquitoes are biting, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 and oil of lemon eucalyptus.

West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure.

One in five persons infected with West Nile virus will exhibit symptoms, which can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea or a skin rash. Symptoms can last for several weeks and months.

One in 150 infected people will require hospitalization. In extreme cases, West Nile virus can result in coma, paralysis and even death.

The public is encouraged to report dead birds to help with West Nile virus surveillance and control efforts. Dead birds can be reported by calling (877) WNV-BIRD or online at westnile.ca.gov.

Gas Co. offers discount programs

Low-income residents may qualify for discounts on gas service and energy efficient appliances.

DOWNEY – More low-income Southern California Gas Co. customers are eligible to save 20 percent on their monthly natural gas bill and receive no-cost energy efficient home improvements as a result of updated income guidelines for state-sponsored assistance programs. The CARE program (California

Alternate Rates for Energy) provides a 20 percent rate discount on the monthly natural gas bill for eligible households.

Those who qualify and are approved within 90 days of starting new gas service will also receive a \$15 discount on the service establishment charge.

The Energy Savings Assistance Program provides no-cost energy efficient home improvements to income-qualified renters and homeowners.

Services include door weather stripping and caulking to keep unwanted drafts out of the home; attic insulation to help the home stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter; low-flow showerheads that can save energy used to heat water; furnace replacement (owner occupied only); high-efficiency clothes washers; and other minor home repairs.



"So Cal Gas is committed to enrolling as many eligible customers as possible into our assistance programs," said Rodger Schwecke, vice president of customer solutions for the Gas Co. "Together with our community partners, we engage in continuous outreach to help ensure our customers know about the many assistance programs available to help them in difficult economic times."

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Downey adopts economic incentive plan

• City creates program to entice new businesses to Downey; shelve proposed increase to utility users tax.

DOWNEY – In an effort to attract new jobs to Downey, the City Council this week gave top city staff the authority to entice developers with a variety of economic incentives, including selling public property at below market value.

City officials can also waive fees, issue grants and loans, and use city crews to demolish vacant buildings for private developments.

According to the ordinance, the incentives are meant to create jobs by adding retail, restaurants and entertainment options in Downey, “improving the city’s tax base thereby furthering the city’s ability to enhance and provide municipal services to its residents.”

The ordinance was approved 4-0 Tuesday.

“In this post redevelopment era, cities throughout California are faced with new challenges to retain and attract new businesses. The city of Downey is no different,” community development director Brian Saeki wrote in a report to council members.

The three-page ordinance specifically allows city manager Gilbert Livas to “dispose of real and personal property for fair market value, or for less than fair market value of the property so long as the disposition is found to aid in the purposes of this Chapter.”

The ordinance also grants Livas authority to “undertake vigorous efforts to retain and attract businesses to the city, which may include but is

not limited to assistance in the form of grants, loans, fee abatements, payments of insurance premiums, tax rebates for the purpose of attracting and retaining qualifying commercial, mixed-use, industrial or other suitable activity in the city.”

Apart from the ordinance, council members also signed off on an “economic development strategy.” One component is the creation of a taskforce comprised of Saeki, Downey’s mayor (currently Mario Guerra), a city business advocate and a member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce to regularly meet with Downey’s largest employers and revenue-generating businesses.

City officials are also putting the finishing touches on a spreadsheet that will list all available commercial and industrial properties in Downey, a go-to document for prospective businesses.

There are also plans to create a new economic development website and print a brochure to highlight development opportunities in Downey.

By the end of this year, the city also expects to create additional zoning for much-needed medical space.

Meanwhile, the city council this week also killed a proposal to ask voters to increase Downey’s utility users tax.

City attorney Yvette Abich Garcia said Downey is in a better financial situation than six months ago.

“As a result, the placement of a (utility users tax) or other revenue measure before the voters is not an immediate issue,” she said.

The city paid a consultant \$44,000 as it considered placing the tax increase on November’s ballot.

PEOPLE PROFILE

Don Cuevas sees the value in community service

• President of Downey Kiwanis Club finds his niche helping kids and those less fortunate.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Don Cuevas, who with older brother Leo in 2008 formed their own real estate company, We Find Realty, is very familiar with the North Hollywood area, where their office is located and which he and his family have called home for many years.

That is, until Don moved to Downey four years ago for a very personal reason.

The move to Downey is paying off.

A 2000 graduate of sociology from Cal State Northridge, Don first worked for the city of Burbank for five years in the Parks and Recreation Department before joining the treatment center for boys and girls in Pasadena called Five Acres.

Then, prior to entering the field of real estate entrepreneurship, he spent some years with the Lanterman Regional Center in Los Angeles, a state facility helping people with disabilities.

He says social work is not incompatible with real estate. One is about helping people with problems, the other is about helping people find houses.

He admits, though, that the going was tough when he first ventured out to land that first real estate sale. The “hot prospect” was, you may have

guessed, a family friend.

“In making your presentation,” Don says, “you don’t want to commit a mistake. You want to make a good impression, especially with a friend of the family.”

The sales process since that first trial by fire has become smoother and smoother, he says, although you still have to sweat it, especially the constant prospecting (via e-mails, flyers, etc.), and tailoring your message to the needs of the prospective client.

Leo the brother is no slouch, either. He is a UCLA graduate with an economics major. (A second sibling, older sister Sandy, teaches at Burbank Elementary School).

Don succeeded Jason Cierpiszewski as Kiwanis (afternoon club) president last October, and he says his previous interactions with boys and girls and people with disabilities dovetail with what Kiwanis primarily is trying to accomplish, providing graduating students, for example with scholarships, doing food bank projects, etc., as well as refurbishing Whaley Middle School in Compton.

Another major service thrust, he says, is helping people with disabilities.

In addition, Kiwanis helps out the YMCA in a variety of ways. For example, Kiwanis donated some \$125,000 for its third floor pool renovation. Another notable project was its shipment in April of 55,000 meals to Haiti. Kiwanis does other projects in collaboration with other clubs, such as church groups, he says.

Don tells of his growing up in Houston, Tex., and attending preschool that was sponsored by the Ju-

nior Forum Women’s Club and run

by civic-minded women who gave back to the community. He remembers the nice teachers who told stories and spoke of plays, the hot meals that were served for breakfast and lunch, their playground that was well supplied with tricycles and wagons, a sandbox with tunnels, and a jungle gym to play in. He says his grandmother who picked him up from school “would always tell me about these nice people.”

“What I remember most about that time, however,” Don says, “was the fact that I was being given a chance to grow in a safe educational environment. This is why I volunteer my time. I want to provide those very same things, in a way, to my community.”

Then, speaking like a true Kiwanian, Don said: “That is why I chose to belong to this club. Kiwanis is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.”

Don’s parents, who reside in Burbank, originally came from Monterey, Mexico. His dad is a retired warehouse manager, while his mom still enjoys working for an escrow company in Woodland Hills.

He says graduating from college was “something my parents always dreamt of for me and my siblings.”

Now their son is using that vivid childhood experience as well as his college achievement to good advantage.



Fireworks options in and around Downey

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is not hosting a fireworks show this year but there are still places to celebrate Independence Day next week.

Closest to home, Calvary Chapel is hosting “Freedom Fest,” a free festival at Downey High.

The event is from 5-9 p.m. and promises lots of food, games, face painting, Christian bands and inflatable jumpers for kids.

The musical guest lineup includes Brenden McPeck & The Soul Reformation, Guitierrez Brothers, and NKJV Blues Band.

It all culminates with a 15-minute fireworks show at 9 p.m.

Residents should bring their own chairs and blankets.

Just down the road, Cerritos will celebrate Independence Day from 4-9 p.m. with food, game booths and a bell-ringing ceremony in its civic center. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.

The city of Whittier is skipping fireworks but will host a flag-raising ceremony at Palm Park beginning at 8 a.m. That will be followed by a community procession down the Greenway Trail at 9.

Independence Day is an all-day celebration in Santa Fe Springs, which is hosting a party at Los Nietos Park starting at 11 a.m. The Chico Band will perform from 6:30-8:30 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9.

El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera is hosting a fireworks show. Motown band Soulicous will perform starting at 7 p.m. and fireworks begin at 9.

Norwalk is celebrating Independence Day a day early – July 3 – with food, music and an Independence Day Pageant from 6-9 p.m. Fireworks begin at 9.

–Eric Pierce, editor

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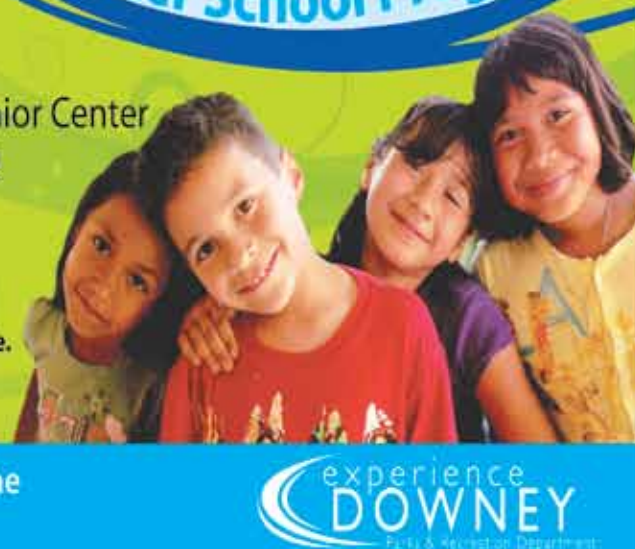
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DUSD's \$177M budget includes teacher raises

• Certificated and management staff will see their salaries increase 3.25 percent.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – At long last, after enduring five years of frozen salaries, slashed programs of various kinds, and reduced expectations due to the financial crisis and severe state budget cuts, the whole DUSD community today has something to really cheer about.

Tuesday the board passed a \$177,703,023 million budget, which represents not only a confident \$3.7 million increase over the fiscal year just ended but, more important, includes sufficient funds to afford a negotiated 3.25 percent across-the-board salary increase to certificated and management staff, even as it next addresses negotiations with its classified personnel.

This happy turn of events is attributed to, among other recent positive developments, the passage of Proposition 30, which increased both income taxes on high earners (those earning more than \$250,000) and sales taxes (an additional 25 cents through 2016). This has allowed the state to take in more revenue than it originally budgeted, to the tune of an estimated \$4.5 billion.

Applying a formula imbedded in a handful of applicable propositions, the governor's office anticipates the bulk of this money to go

to public schools and community colleges.

The centerpiece of the governor's budget, according to Dr. Nancy Nien, the newly-installed assistant superintendent for business services, is the so-called Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), crafted by legislative Democrats and Gov. Brown's braintrust. Basically, LCFF will shift money to districts with high numbers of disadvantaged (e.g., low-income, etc.) students and doing away with several categorical funds and lumping them together into a "single per-pupil grant," freeing local educators to decide by themselves on how to maximize the money they get from the state as well as the appropriate programs they deem will serve their communities best.

In a significant way, this is what educators have long sought: more local control over education. Its proponents hope it sows greater autonomy in other areas.

At this point, it's too early to talk about restoration of dropped programs, said both board chairman Don LaPlante and Nien. They both await the possible last-minute changes Gov. Brown may want to make when he signs the final budget version this Sunday.

"We can be sure of one thing: we'll start looking at what programs we can bring back," said Nien.

Added LaPlante: "We're happy that the state is finally going to give us money instead of taking it away."

Joseph Anthony Farruggia dies peacefully

DOWNEY – Funeral services will be held Tuesday for Joseph Anthony Farruggia, who passed away peacefully Sunday at his Downey home surrounded by family.

He was born March 30, 1941 to Joseph and Anna Farruggia in Akron, Ohio.

He married his high school sweetheart, Barbara, in 1962. Together they had two children, Michael and Diana. They later were blessed with two grandchildren, Ryan and Sophia.

Joseph was a typesetter by trade for more than 40 years. Following his father's lead, he was involved in the technical work and management of Vogue, Duraset and M&W Typography.

He restored his 1929 Model A Ford and went on family road trips in his spare time.

A memorial service will be held at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary this Tuesday, July 2, at 10 a.m. Inurnment will follow at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

In lieu of flowers, the family recommended donations to the American Cancer Society.



Bicycle ride Saturday

DOWNEY – A community bicycle ride gets underway Saturday at Furman Park starting at 8:30 a.m., with the group heading to recently renovated Treasure Island Park.

Registration and waivers are required. They will be available at Furman Park starting at 8 a.m.

The bike ride is sponsored by the Downey Bicycle Coalition. For more details, contact Roger Pardo at downeybike@gmail.com.

Presale carnival tickets on sale

BELFLOWER – Five local Kiwanis service clubs (including both Downey chapters) are teaming up to host a carnival Aug. 2-4 at Thompson Park in Belflower.

In addition to carnival rides, there will be games, food, live entertainment and a beer garden.

The carnival will be open that Saturday from 5-11 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1-11 p.m.

Presale discount tickets are available by calling (562) 754-0972 or (562) 866-0834.

Bus trip to Harrah's Casino

DOWNEY – The OLPH Women's Guild is taking a trip to Harrah's Rincon Casino near Oceanside on July 16.

Cost is \$10. Guests must have a valid California ID.

To reserve a seat, call Anna at (562) 923-2988 or Paula at (562) 923-3518.

In Memory of Verna Marie Hinsberger

January 25, 1931 to June 24, 2013



Verna Marie Hinsberger, age 82, of Dana Point, California, passed June 24th, 2013 in Mission Viejo, California from Leukemia.

Verna was born January 25th, 1931 in Los Angeles, California, the last of five children born to Slovakian immigrants Andrew S. Oswald and Veronica T. Oberle.

She married Donald William Hinsberger on the 23rd of April 1955 in Los Angeles.

She graduated Fremont High School in Los Angeles, class of 1949.

After High School Verna went to work for Occidental Life Insurance in Los Angeles and worked there until she began her family. Many years later she rejoined the work force, working with children as a teacher's aide in special education.

Verna had many artistic talents and her hobbies in that area included painting, photography and stained glass work. She loved flowers and was an avid gardener.

An athletic fan and participant she was a champion bowler, and played softball in her youth for the Occidental company team. She loved both snow and water skiing. She was a fan of the Lakers, the Dodgers, and all sports USC.

She attended mass regularly, and devoted herself to her family. She was known for her kindness and selflessness, as well as her sharp wit and love of puns.

She is survived by her husband Donald William Hinsberger, son Donald Alan Hinsberger, husband of Cynthia Guthrie, son James Andrew Hinsberger, daughter Linda Marie, wife of Paul Brindley, daughter Laura Ann, wife of David McWater, two grand children, Stephanie Lynn Garrido (Hinsberger), wife of Anthony Garrido and Melanie Marie O'Leary (Hinsberger), wife of Kevin O'Leary, and her brother William Oswald.

Verna was predeceased by her daughters Diane Eileen Hinsberger and Mary Lisa Hinsberger, sisters Marie Veronica Frezell and Catherine M. "Katie" Kelly, and brother Andrew Oswald.

Rosary services will be held at Miller-Mies Mortuary at 7pm on Friday 6/28 and the funeral mass will be held at St. Raymond's church at 10am on Saturday 6/29.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a Cystic Fibrosis Memorial Fund in Verna's name found at <http://www.cff.org/Tribute/vhinsberger>.

Podiatrist Dr. William Wong passes away

DOWNEY – Dr. William "Bill" Wong, a longtime Downey resident and philanthropist who became a podiatrist after emigrating to the U.S. as a child, has died.

Funeral services are scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary. Interment is Saturday at Forest Lawn in Glendale, starting at 11:15 a.m.

Wong was born April 12, 1930 in Canton, China. His baby sister died as an infant, leaving him an only child.

At the turn of the twentieth century, Wong's father, Chang Hsueh Huey, came to the United States to work on the railroads in hopes for a better life. During this time, Chang became a U.S. citizen, paving the way for his son to migrate to America.

In 1952, at the age of 22, speaking very little English, Wong came to the U.S. Over the course of eight years he learned English and completed his undergraduate education.

He began medical school at the California College of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco in 1960. He graduated in 1964, becoming board certified both in podiatric medicine

and podiatric surgery.

Four years later, Wong met his future wife, Doreen Lee. They were married March 9, 1969 and settled in Downey.

Wong's life changed in 1970 when he was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease. Despite the illness, Wong and his CPA wife became medical practice owners, property investors and formed a company with their close friends called Abacus Leasing Company.

In 1972, the couple's first child, Donald, was born. Robert was born five years later.

Wong retired in 1988 after 23 years of practicing medicine.

In 2005, he and his wife created the William and Doreen Wong Foundation, establishing an endowment for a scholarship at the California College of Podiatric Medicine. The couple has also donated to USC's Parkinson's Disease Research Center, National Parkinson Foundation, the American Parkinson Disease Association and the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation.

Wong is survived by his wife, Doreen; sons, Donald (Cristina) and Robert (Amy); and grandchildren Kai, Leilani, Kekoa and Belinda.



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Appreciation for Arc

By Eric Pierce

On Tuesday night, publisher Jennifer DeKay and I were honored to accept on behalf of *The Downey Patriot* the Media Award from The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties. It is the third time the Patriot has won the Media Award in recognition of our coverage and support of the Arc and its work for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are truly humbled.

Several years ago someone asked me, "Aren't you eventually going to run out of things to write about the Arc?" The answer is no.

The Arc is blessed with a motivated leadership team, from chief executive officer Kevin MacDonald down to its board of directors, but what truly makes the Arc special is its clientele; people with developmental disabilities -- perhaps they have Down syndrome or are autistic -- who have an appreciation for life that is unmatched.

Besides children, clients of the Arc are society's most vulnerable citizens. They are often bullied, berated, scammed, abused in all manners and discriminated against. Yet they are often the first to extend their hand for a handshake or open their arms for an embrace.

I find it ironic that people with such love and acceptance are labeled "developmentally disabled." If anyone is handicapped it's the rest of us, blinded by our pursuit of material things to appreciate the precious gift of life in its purest of forms.

We will never run out of things to write about the Arc because we are not writing about the Arc to begin with. Our stories are about people, hope and perseverance.

These are stories that never get old. We just thank the Arc for inviting us into their world.

Letters to the Editor:

Fireworks safety

Dear Editor:

As we approach the Independence Day holiday, we naturally think of family fun at picnics, barbecues and fireworks displays. All too often the excitement of the day makes us forget some of the fireworks safety rules, especially the ones dealing with dry weather conditions.

Safety has always been a hallmark of the way Phantom Fireworks conducts its business, operates its retail consumer fireworks sales facilities, and advises its customers and friends on how to use the products. Phantom Fireworks wants our friends in California to be particularly mindful of some special dry-weather consumer fireworks safety rules that should be followed during periods of extremely dry weather when the fire danger is high.

Fireworks enthusiasts must acknowledge the possibility that use of fireworks in dry weather conditions could spark an inadvertent fire. A little extra caution during these particularly dry periods can prevent a disastrous holiday fire.

Phantom Fireworks has some common sense safety tips for you to consider if your holiday plans include using consumer fireworks in dry periods. If you pay attention to the conditions and follow the dry weather safety tips, you can surely have a wonderful family fireworks display that is safe and entertaining.

Fireworks should be handled and fired only by sober adults. Fireworks require a designated shooter just like automobiles require a designated driver.

The shooting site area should ideally be concrete, asphalt or dirt -- a surface that will not burn.

The fireworks should be kept away from wooded, brush-filled or grassy areas that would be susceptible to fire.

You must make sure that all combustible grass, dry leaves and brush are cleared away from the launch area, any areas along the flight trajectory and in the fallout zone of your fireworks.

You should completely wet down the launch area before you ignite any fireworks to ensure that inadvertent sparks in the immediate launch area do not catch anything in the immediate and surrounding area on fire.

An adult should be identified as the fireman, whose job is to have a ready source of water available (a connected hose is best) and to watch the fireworks to make sure they come down cold and do not ignite any grass or brush fires.

Fireworks can provide hours of wonderful, wholesome family entertainment, but only if used properly and according to good, common sense protocol.

Please enjoy the coming Independence Day holiday with your family, and use all appropriate safety precautions when using consumer fireworks.

William Weimer
Vice President, Phantom Fireworks

Safe place for fireworks

Dear Editor:

I've basically lived in Downey all my life but wanted to ask the question: is there an empty city lot where families can go and set off their safe and sane fireworks in order to be safe from traffic or from angry neighbors that get irritated from the Picaloo Petes?

Kenneth Castillo
Downey

Letter from Downey Police

Dear Downey Residents:

As of late, many of our members have been frequently asked by concerned Downey residents if we are in favor of the proposed charter amendment initiated by the Downey Firemen's Association.

To set the record straight, we strongly believe in the right of Downey residents to have the final vote in either retaining or contracting out their public safety services; therefore, we vehemently oppose this charter amendment. It is our opinion that this decision rest solely with voters and not rest with a simple majority vote of Downey City Council. Both the Downey Police and Fire Departments belong to the residents of Downey, and not to any one work group or association.

Many of us at the Downey Police Department were born, raised, attended local schools, and have raised families in this community. This community is our home and we value the relationships and trust we have built over the years. We have always experienced a tremendous amount of support from the residents of Downey, and in return, we will continue to give our all each and everyday to the community we proudly serve.

Best Regards,
Downey Police Officer's Association
Downey Police Management Association

Union's selfish desires

Dear Editor:

Downey is my home (since 1959) and I have raised my children here. I have also been very active in civic affairs. In addition to this I have a lot of property in Downey. Therefore I have a very strong commitment to the best interests of the city. I literally love Downey.

The excellent Downey Police and Fire Departments are a very strong asset to the community. It is extremely disappointing to see a firemen's union pushing to get the city to give the fire department to Los Angeles County. Obviously they are doing this because the County pays higher wages. Also, none of the firemen live in Downey.

Therefore if Downey was to go to County, they may be able to switch to stations that are closer to their homes. Their interests are selfish and not for the good of the community. I was informed that the firemen's union is spending over \$100,000 to accomplish their goal of turning our Downey Fire Department over to Los Angeles County.

Again, Los Angeles County pays higher salaries to its firemen. Therefore the only way Los Angeles County can reduce Downey's costs is to reduce service to Downey. Our very good fire chief, Lonnie Croom, honestly pointed this out to our Downey City Council. Therefore the firemen's union got their membership to give Chief Croom a vote of no confidence.

The current ploy of the firemen's union is to have the Downey citizens vote away their right to vote on keeping the fire department. The union wants the City Council to have the right to turn over the fire department to Los Angeles County. They probably figure that at some time the firemen's union can get three council members to vote to turn over our fine fire department and equipment to the county. Once this is done, we will never get our fire department back. We would have to pay tens of millions to buy back the equipment we gave away.

I pray everyone will see through the firemen's union's selfish desire, even though they claim they want this for the best interests of Downey.

Ronald Kolar
Downey

Climate change myth

Dear Editor:

We had heard and read about Al Gore's global warming (even got the Pulitzer people to award him a prize); now they are calling it "climate change," a vague and ambiguous term that could apply to anything.

The major theme: our energy consumption is the contributing factor. Really? New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg and New York governor Andrew Cuomo obviously subscribe to this concept.

Bloomberg said: "Hurricane Sandy is the reason I endorse President Barack Obama over former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney." And he urged all elected leaders to "take immediate action" to reduce the threat of climate change.

His buddy, Cuomo, remarked in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, "Anyone who says there is not a change in weather patterns is denying reality." Really?

In case you are unaware, Roy Spencer, NASA senior climatologist, can tell you, "the ultimate purpose of weather is to move heat from where there is more to where there is less. Every wind gust, every cloud, every rain drop, all happen as part of the processes which continuously move excessive heat from either the surface to higher in the atmosphere or from low latitudes (tropical regions) to high latitudes (polar regions)."

Dr. Myron Ebell, director of energy and global warming policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, warned those trying to exploit disaster to promote their own political agenda are actually hurting themselves. He said, "I view them pretty much the same way I look at ambulance chasers, people who are trying to take advantage of the suffering of others to promote their own interest. I don't have much respect for these people. If they had facts on their side, I would be sympathetic. This connection between global warming and severe storms is essentially a figment of their imaginations."

In case you are unaware, back in June 1974, the *New York Times* and *Newsweek* had blamed floods, droughts, crop failures and storms on approaching ice age but then switched to Al Gore's global warming, and when that prediction was losing ground, switched to the ambiguous climate change.

Are we that stupid to be so manipulated?

Gerald de Carvalho
Downey

Gateway to fast food

Dear Editor:

Am I the only one disgusted at the fact our "Downey Gateway" consists of a group of less-than-fantastic fast food restaurants?

Wow, we can now proclaim that we are identified by the "Taco Tuesday" banner waving proudly off the building on Downey Avenue, our Main Street.

Whatever happened to an actual sit-down dinner house? Remember when we had Sam's, Raffles, the Silver Saddle? Why can't we as a community support a family eating establishment? Will our children ever learn to expect cloth napkins or a tablecloth as part of a meal when dining out?

Apparently not in Downey, where if it doesn't come in a paper bag or served on a tray with plastic forks, it couldn't possibly be dinner.

Elaine Burgess
Downey

Reaction to Prop 8 ruling

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard: "Marriage is a human right, and today we took big steps toward equality for all.

Following today's Prop 8 ruling, we will soon see marriage equality in the state of California.

"DOMA was struck down today because of Edie Windsor's courage and tenacity. After more than 50 years of partnership with Thea Spyer, marriage equality became law in New York State, and Edie and Thea decided to make their long union legal. Upon Thea's death, Edie was responsible for over \$300,000 in taxes due to the fact that the Federal government did not recognize their marriage.

Edie fought for her rights, and as a result, today millions of gay couples have won theirs."

Rep. Linda Sanchez: "Today's ruling is a victory for civil rights. The Court brought our nation one step closer to equality for all Americans. DOMA and Proposition 8 did nothing but disparage the dignity of gay and lesbian couples.

"I am proud that all couples in California have the right to declare their love by legally entering into marriage and having that commitment recognized throughout our nation."

Gov. Jerry Brown: "After years of struggle, the U.S. Supreme Court today has made same-sex marriage a reality in California. In light of the decision, I have directed the California Department of Public Health to advise the state's counties that they must begin issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in California as soon as the Ninth Circuit confirms the stay is lifted."

Pacific Justice Institute: "The decision by the United States Supreme Court not to rule in favor of proposition 8 is a slap in the face to the entire democratic process by which the will and voice of the people are respected by our courts. This is a terrible setback for not just the proper definition of marriage, but even more importantly to have the voice of the voters of California respected by their courts."

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia: "The Court gave us another milestone today -- it restored the freedom to marry in California.

"This week has been such an opportunity to talk about the history of this nation, how so many of our communities have been disenfranchised, and how people continue to rise up time and time again.

"We have an opportunity to be more explicit about what our communities need and to politicize folks through the process."

Rep. Grace Napolitano: "Today's Supreme Court decisions on DOMA and Prop. 8 are a big step toward marriage equality. I will continue to fight for justice and equal rights for Californians and all Americans."

Assemblyman Ian Calderon: "DOMA and Prop. 8 are overturned! Let's celebrate this historic decision! #loveislove #equalityforall"

Assembly Speaker John A. Perez: "This is a tremendous victory, not just for the LGBT community, and not just for the large and growing majority of Americans who have embraced us, but a victory for justice itself.

"With the Court's action, Judge Vaughn Walker's decision is the law of the land in California, and that means that, for the first time in five years, LGBT Californians can walk the streets of California knowing that we are fully equal citizens in every respect."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein: "As author of the bill to repeal the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act, I am thrilled by today's Supreme Court decision. Because of inequities in the administration of more than 1,100 federal laws affected by DOMA, it is still necessary to introduce legislation to strike this law once and for all. I will introduce that legislation today with 39 cosponsors in the Senate.

"As a Californian, I am also thrilled by the Supreme Court's decision on Proposition 8. Marriage equality will finally be restored in California."

End of DCLO

Dear Editor:

My wife, Zelde, and I were at the Downey Civic Light Opera for Sunday's (June 16) matinee performance of "Paint Your Wagon." Much to our chagrin, we learned that Sunday's performance was the last and that the Downey Civic Light Opera was closing forever after decades of putting on terrific shows due to a disagreement with the City Council on an outside company to handle ticket sales.

I'm not a politician, just a retired citizen and lover of theater who has attended Downey Civic Light Opera under its director, Marsha Moode, for years and years. What I know about Marsha Moode is that she is dedicated and has put on the best musicals we've ever seen.

I don't know exactly all the details about the feud, but perhaps the city council could reconsider or compromise on this issue. Thousands of people come to see the run of the play, and before or after the performance eat at Downey restaurants, shop at Downey stores and bring additional revenue to the city.

I know that the City Council and Marsha aren't enemies, they're just having a disagreement. Who is going to suffer? The thousands of people, many of whom are senior citizens, who come to the Downey Theatre to enjoy musicals are going to suffer. Downey is going to suffer because one of your major cultural institutions is going to close due to a folly. My wife and I live in Los Angeles and if the Downey Civic Light Opera closes, we will no longer have any reason to come to Downey.

Again, the City Council and Marsha Moode are good people who have different outlooks but the truth is that Marsha has been in show business and producing plays for decades and decades, and probably knows better how to run a musical theater than does the City Council, no disrespect intended.

Bury the hatchet, give Marsha a call and give her the green light to continue in her amazing work producing musicals.

Paul Malevitz
Los Angeles

A cue from La Habra

Dear Editor:

If Lars Clutterham had ever ridden through La Habra, he would have seen an alternate way for bicyclists to trigger signals: they have a pushbutton on a pole mounted right at the curb for the use of riders. ("Bicyclists: Always the Underdogs," 6/20/13)

Also, there's always the use of a motorcycle, which does allow efficient mobility.

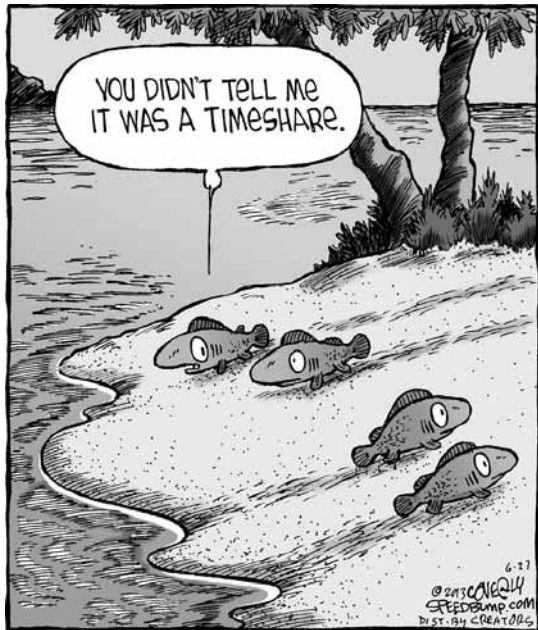
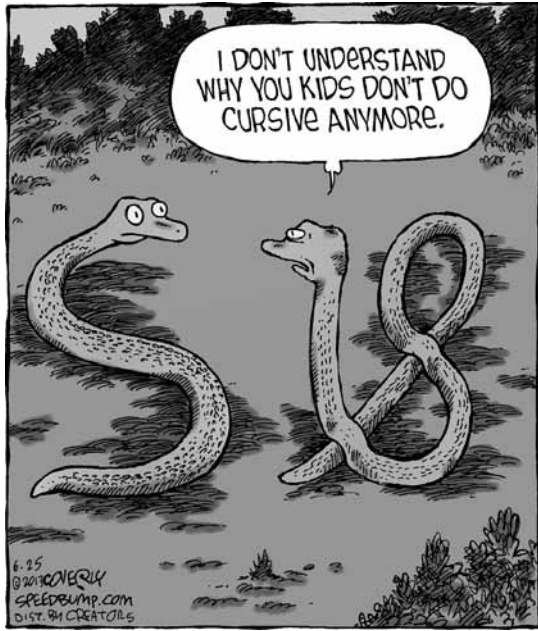
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Wed. July 3: **Concerts in the Park**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.
Thurs. July 4: **Fireworks festival**, Downey High School, 5 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call 806-2100.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
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2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call (310) 322-2342.
3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10**, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
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7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
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4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
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7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
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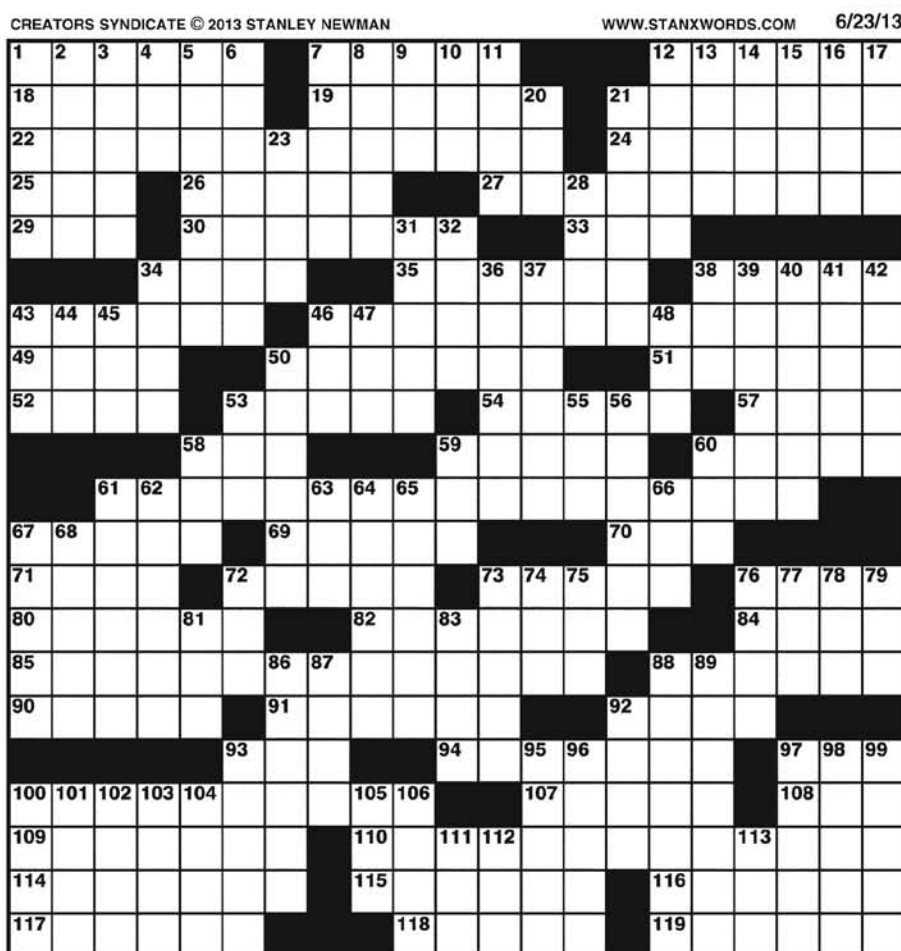
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



biotic, can actually become toxic to the kidneys past its expiration date.

Storing medication in a cool place, like a refrigerator, often helps it last longer. Conversely, storing it in heat or high humidity can shorten its life. The medicine cabinet in a steamy bathroom is far from the best location for medication storage, and leaving it in the car is likewise a poor idea. The best way to store medicine is in its original (and unopened) container.

Some feel that the expiration date is a marketing ploy on the part of manufacturers to make us restock more frequently. Consider, however, that the dates are conservative in order to ensure that we are informed when they may be at less than full strength. Also note, for what it's worth, that expiration-date testing for longer periods could slow down the process of bringing new medicines to market, and the FDA does not require drug manufacturers to perform longer-term stability tests.

What is my own bottom line: would I use an expired medicine, or would I throw it away? If this medicine were for the treatment of a chronic and potentially life-threatening disease like heart disease, seizures, serious allergic reactions, or other major conditions, then I would carefully abide by the expiration date and replace it on a regular and timely basis. If it is being used to treat a relatively minor problem such as headaches, allergies or mild pain, then taking a medication that is at less than its 100% effectiveness is not as critical. Always keep in mind that it will last longer if stored properly.

Clearly, if you take one of these out-of-date medications, and it doesn't seem to work, discard and replace it. Always err on the side of safety!

In my next column, I will discuss the proper ways to dispose of unwanted medication.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Physician to discuss diabetes

CERRITOS - Dr. Charles Kung of Pioneer Medical Group will lead a seminar on diabetes at the Cerritos Senior Center on July 24 starting at 1 p.m.

Kung will discuss the complications many diabetics experience when their blood sugar is not controlled.

He will also offer tips on how to lower your risk for complications and prevent damage to your heart, kidney, eyes and nerves. Guests will also learn health habits to help live a longer life with diabetes.

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Vaccine lowers HPV infection rate in teen girls

A new study looking at the prevalence of human papillomavirus (HPV) infections in girls and women before and after the introduction of the HPV vaccine shows a significant reduction in vaccine-type HPV in U.S. teens.

The study, published in the June issue of *The Journal of Infectious Diseases* reveals that since the vaccine was introduced in 2006, vaccine-type HPV prevalence decreased 56 percent among female teenagers 14-19 years of age.

About 79 million Americans, most in their late teens and early 20s, are infected with HPV. Each year, about 14 million people become newly infected.

"This report shows that HPV vaccine works well, and the report should be a wake-up call to our nation to protect the next generation by

increasing HPV vaccination rates," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.

"Unfortunately only one third of girls aged 13-17 have been fully vaccinated with HPV vaccine. Countries such as Rwanda have vaccinated more than 80 percent of their teen girls. Our low vaccination rates represent 50,000 preventable tragedies - 50,000 girls alive today will develop cervical cancer over their lifetime that would have been prevented if we reach 80 percent vaccination rates. For every year we delay in doing so, another 4,400 girls will develop cervical cancer in their lifetimes."

According to CDC, each year in the United States, about 19,000 cancers caused by HPV occur in women, and cervical cancer is the most common. About 8,000 cancers caused by HPV occur each year in

men in the United States, and oropharyngeal (throat) cancers are the most common.

The study by Dr. Lauri Markowitz and colleagues at the CDC used the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey data to compare prevalence—or proportion of girls and women aged 14-59 years with certain types of HPV—before the start of the HPV vaccination program (2003-2006) with the prevalence after vaccine introduction (2007-2010).

As expected from clinical trials before the vaccine was licensed, the study also showed that the vaccine is highly effective.

"The decline in vaccine type prevalence is higher than expected and could be due to factors such as to herd immunity, high effectiveness with less than a complete three-

dose series and/or changes in sexual behavior we could not measure," said Dr. Markowitz. "This decline is encouraging, given the substantial health and economic burden of HPV-associated disease."

Through these promising results, public health experts and clinicians look forward to more people getting vaccinated for HPV, the CDC said.

Routine vaccination at age 11-12 for both boys and girls is recommended, but according to recent national immunization surveys, only about half of all girls in the U.S.—and far fewer boys—received the first dose of HPV vaccine. A series of three shots is recommended over six months.

HPV vaccination is also recommended for older teens and young adults who were not vaccinated when younger.

Cooling centers open for residents

DOWNEY - The Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, along with the Downey City Library, are designated cooling centers for residents looking to escape the heat wave that is currently baking Southern California.

Residents can also escape to the Columbia Memorial Space Center, although admission is \$5.

Residents outside Downey can dial 211 to find cooling centers near them. County health officials are warning residents not to leave children, elderly people or pets in parked cars.

Residents should also drink plenty of water and avoid unnecessary sun exposure.

Officials also recommend checking on neighbors who have limited mobility.



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Blanca Rochin a leader at Downey Adult School and in the community

• Assistant principal Blanca Rochin slated to lead Soroptimist International of Downey.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Blanca Rochin became a major member of the leadership team at Downey Adult School in 2008 when she was appointed assistant principal.

Since that time, she has seen tectonic realignments in the district, driven mainly by budget considerations but also by other presumably equally important factors.

For instance, former DAS principal Roger Brossmer was named, in succession, DUSD director of adult education, senior director of personnel services, and assistant superintendent for human resources, while dabbling (quite effectively, it might be said) as concurrent city councilman and one-time city mayor.

Taking his place in the driver's seat at DAS was Phil Davis, he of CTE dis-

tingtion, who took the title of director of support services while also assuming direct oversight of adult school operations.

A 2008 master's in education (educational leadership) graduate of Concordia University in Irvine (she obtained her bachelor of arts in human development from Azusa Pacific University in 2004), Blanca considers the CTE (vocational nursing, medical billing/coding, pharmacy technician, clinical medical assistant, massage therapy, clinical dental assistant, orthodontic assistant, paralegal, court reporting, etc.), ESL (includes citizenship), and high school diploma/GED programs at DAS as its core offerings and therefore the chief claimants on her attention.

This is not to say, she says, that the other courses, such as career/personal enhancement (notary public, arts & crafts (painting, jewelry, floristry, sewing, traffic school, cake decorating, sign language, baking, scrapbooking, digital photography, etc.), exercise & fitness (aerobics, circuit training, restorative yoga, cardio plus, etc.), parent education, and classes for 55-plus adults (computer basics, brain fitness,

Photoshop elements), are any less important: the focus on each is a matter of degree.

The fact that DAS has been hailed as one of the more highly-functioning adult schools in the state is a matter of record. Blanca says DAS, which today has a total enrollment of 8,000 and trending upward, is very 'customer-friendly' because, for one thing, it offers financial aid to those who qualify, and its teachers—both full-time and part-time, who all possess degrees and are properly credentialed—are "excellent."

In addition, she says, even enrollees from out of state take advantage of its online programs (which constitute about 20 percent of total student enrollment), especially its paralegal and court reporting courses.

As well, DAS has enjoyed the full support of the DUSD leadership, she says.

"Anyway," Blanca emphasizes, "my main mission here is to make sure my students are trained and prepared for gainful employment."

She adds: "And because we have a friendly, family environment here, we don't experience frequent turnovers among our staff and teachers. We love what we do."

"Let it be noted also," she says, "that we at DAS have in the meantime committed ourselves to the principles and spirit of Character Counts.

We have signage all over proclaiming this, and the message is instilled in the student at every opportunity, such as when discipline is called for."

Blanca, who was born in Sonora, Mexico, and is married to Mark Freeman, who serves as national sales manager for Yamasa Manufacturing, will be installed July 1st as the incoming president of the 36-member Soroptimist Club of Downey, whose membership includes such Downey lady luminaries as Arlene Lopez, Beth Crawford, Beverly Mathis, Carol Rowland, Chris Ciatti, Claudia DeLeon, Dianne Lumsdaine, Dorothy Pember-ton, Giovanna Saab, Jan Scott, Jean Brazelton, Joyce Prokop, Judy McDonnell, Kari Johnson, Lee Ann Sears, Linda Haines, Lorine Parks, Mia Vasquez, Pat Heineke, Patricia Kotze and Vicki Spearman.

She says she is adopting "Dreams Inspire Potential" as her slogan for next year to encourage the membership, which has been involved in a lot of impact projects as well as causes over the years, and the community to dream of ways to develop the great potential that lies in everyone.

"Our big meeting in August is when we'll develop this plan," she says.

Blanca has also just been appointed parks & recreation commissioner in March by city councilmember Alex Saab.

She's meanwhile otherwise in-



involved in the usual activities of other professional associations pertaining to her field.

One of four children, Blanca has two adult daughters: Erika, 25, a 2005 Warren High graduate, has a bachelor's degree from UC Irvine, works for Kaiser Permanente, and is working on her MBA degree at Concordia University, while Elena, 23, a 2008 product likewise of Warren High, is currently a sub for DUSD, just obtained her bachelor's from UC Riverside, and plans to pursue her master's in school psychology.

Blanca says one of her great memories from her high school days at

Garfield High School in East L.A. was the presence on campus of the legendary calculus teacher, Jaime Escalante.

She has also done some traveling, having visited such places as Eastern Europe, Russia, China and South America.

Prior to her appointment as DAS assistant principal, she first taught a medical assistance course in 2004 and became chair of the nursing department. Her previous work experience included a 1993-98 stint at UCLA doing AIDS research and as a part-time teacher (CTE/ROP/health careers) from 2002-2005 for the Paramount Unified School District.

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Fashion show for Christian club

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will enjoy a fashion at their July 10 meeting at Los Amigos Country Club. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and is open to men. Also at the meeting, Dr. Dianne Swella will speak about how she overcame grief following the loss of her children. Admission is \$15. Reservations are requested by calling Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Summer fitness at Downey High

DOWNEY – Downey High School is hosting a summer fitness challenge that kicks off Monday and continues through Sept. 2. The class meets Monday through Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the school's dance room. Cost is \$50 (cash only) and includes core conditioning, weight training, cardio and use of exercise balls and bands. Residents can register on-site in the dance room.

Origami Festival returns to CSULB

LONG BEACH – Community members can discover why people have been enchanted by the art of origami – Japanese paper folding – for centuries as the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at Cal State Long Beach hosts its annual Origami Festival on July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests will have hands-on experience creating a three dimensional object from a single sheet of paper. More than 40 experts from local and national origami clubs will teach a variety of different folds for people of all experience levels including animals, geometric forms and moveable origami. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for Japanese Garden members, \$7 for children ages 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under. Prices include origami paper. Free parking is available in non-metered spaces in campus Lot 16 across from the garden. For additional information, call (562) 985-8420.

Broadway star headlines Great Gatsby Weekend

ANAHEIM – Broadway star Eden Espinosa, who has starred in productions of "Wicked," "Rent" and other musicals, will headline the third annual Great Gatsby Weekend, taking place Aug. 24-25 at Fox Pointe Manor and Lost World Estate in Anaheim Hills. Proceeds will benefit the Anaheim Performing Arts Center Foundation. Espinosa was born and raised in Anaheim. She is most recognized for her portrayal of Elphaba in the Broadway production of "Wicked." She is currently touring in support of her critically acclaimed debut album "Look Around" which includes several modern Broadway hits arranged "with a pop sensibility." Tickets to the Great Gatsby Weekend are \$250 for Saturday, \$45 for Sunday or \$275 for both days. The APAC Foundation is raising money to build a performing arts center in Anaheim. For more details, call (714) 554-2711 or go online to apac.org.

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LYNWOOD – Lynwood is bringing back its popular "Movies in the Park Nights" this summer. For 10 consecutive Thursdays this summer, starting this week, Ham Park will be turned into an outdoor movie theater featuring a 30 ft. by 35 ft. inflatable screen, specifically created for outdoor projections. The city expects more than 200 people to attend the weekly screenings. The program has become Lynwood's most popular summer attraction, aside from its July 4 fireworks show. "Last year, there was one night when we had 400 people out there," said Diana Romero, a recreation specialist for the city. "Our 'Movies in the Park Nights' are fairly new, about four years old, and we started doing them at local elementary schools, but then they started getting bigger and we needed more space, so we moved them to the park." The program started Thursday with the animated film "Escape from Planet Earth," featuring the voices of Brendan Fraser, Sofia Vergara, George Lopez and Jessica Alba. Movies start at 7:45 p.m. A small



concession stand sells popcorn, hot-dogs and drinks at minimal cost. Starting July 11, Lynwood is also launching a farmers market to coincide with the film series. The market will be open Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. in the park's parking lot. "This year's Movies in the Park will be better than ever," said Lynwood city manager Roger Haley. "Summer nights will be filled with family fun time, where they can enjoy a movie under the stars and a farmers market every Thursday night..."

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CALIFORNIA CRIME

Girl fights off would-be kidnapper

ARCADIA – A six-year-old girl playing with friends at an Arcadia park was able to fight off a man who attempted to kidnap her in broad daylight. The girl was with friends in the picnic area at Arcadia Park at about 3:35 p.m. when the suspect, Jason Macklin Dell, allegedly grabbed her by the hand and began dragging her out of the park. The girl screamed and fought, managing to free herself after she had already been dragged 100 feet. She ran to her mother who called 911. Arcadia police officers arrested Dell, who is 33 years old. The girl was physically unharmed. Authorities said Dell is a transient. He was arrested for kidnapping and annoying a child and is being held in lieu of \$400,000 bail.

Father, son accused of practicing law without license

LOS ANGELES – A father and son accused of stealing \$450,000 from more than a dozen victims by offering unlicensed legal services pleaded no contest last Friday. Pejman Mehdizadeh, 35, told victims he was a licensed attorney or that he worked with one and that he could provide a variety of services – including obtaining green cards, loan modifications and divorces. His father, Parvis Mehdizadeh, 78, assisted. Between 2002 and 2009, they took payments from 15 victims ranging from \$2,000 to \$200,000, prosecutors said. The younger Mehdizadeh pleaded no contest to two counts of felony grand theft and admitted a special allegation of engaging in a pattern of related felony conduct involving takings in excess of \$100,000. Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry immediately rendered a suspended sentence of four years in prison and five years of formal probation. Under the terms of a plea deal, he was ordered to pay back \$450,000 in restitution by Oct. 21 or face prison time. To date, he has paid \$370,000, authorities said. The elder Mehdizadeh pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor violation of failure to obtain a bond required of those providing immigration assistance and was sentenced to three days in county jail and two years of summary probation.

Ponzi scheme operator gets 12 years in prison

LOS ANGELES – The CEO and co-owner of a Southern California investment company was sentenced Tuesday morning to 151 months in federal prison for enticing investors to put \$49 million into his bogus day-trading venture as part of a Ponzi scheme that caused more than \$30 million in losses. Syed Qaisar Madad, 66, of Diamond Bar, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Percy Anderson. At the conclusion of Tuesday's hearing, Judge Anderson remanded Madad into the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service. During the sentencing hearing, Judge Anderson said that Madad, who had emigrated to the United States in 1972, had squandered the "priceless treasure" of becoming a lawful resident of this country by not fulfilling his "obligation and responsibility to respect the rule of law."

A restitution hearing is scheduled for Aug. 12 to establish the amount Madad should repay his victims, a figure prosecutors believe should be approximately \$32.7 million. Madad pleaded guilty in February 2013 to wire fraud and tax fraud, admitting in court that investors lost more than \$30 million when his scheme collapsed in March 2011. Madad, a native of Pakistan, formed Technology for Telecommunication and Multimedia Inc. (TTM) in 1993, and by 2005, Madad was using the company to tout his alleged mastery as an investor. Friends, family and professional colleagues of Madad—as well as associates of his wife, a medical doctor who operated a practice in Lynwood—entrusted their money to Madad, who promised to use a day-trading strategy that would generate consistent, substantial profits. However, over the course of a 5 1/2-year scheme, Madad's investments resulted in losses of more than \$9 million.

Notwithstanding these significant losses, Madad sent victims monthly account statements that always showed gains in their TTM accounts. These detailed account statements falsely reassured victims that their investments were safe and increasing in value. Some victims gave Madad additional funds based solely on these fictitious account statements, authorities said. In October 2009, for example, Madad reported that the value of all the investments being held by TTM was more than \$50 million—but TTM's assets at the time were only \$825,000, notwithstanding the fact that investors had deposited at least \$1.2 million during that month. The daily profit reported on the statements sent to investors was also false. Madad would simply decide on the amount of profit to be claimed for each day covered by the statement and then allocate the purported profit to all of the investors on a pro rata basis.

Madad also falsely promised investors that he would not take any fees or compensation for managing the invested funds. Madad admitted in court that he spent well over \$15 million of investors' money on personal expenses, including real estate, jewelry for his wife and daughters, vehicles, and cash disbursements to himself and family members. As detailed in the prosecutors' sentencing brief, these expenditures included the purchase of a 5.25-carat diamond ring and a \$180,000 sapphire and diamond necklace; a \$600,000 down payment on a house for his daughter; and approximately \$6 million to pay personal credit cards bills—including charges for numerous luxury items. Madad also used \$1.3 million of investor money to pay for improvements to his personal residence and an additional \$1 million of victim money to purchase an empty lot next door.

The investors were also reassured by Madad's prominence in his community, which he enhanced with interviews and profiles in media serving Pakistani-Americans. During these interviews, Madad touted his day-trading technique, which he claimed was always profitable.

Madad used victims' money to make contributions to numerous charities in Pakistan, India, Egypt, and the United States. More than \$1 million donated to charity and U.S. political figures was money that Madad misappropriated from victims. Many of the victim-investors were invited to fundraisers and other events that Madad hosted, including a dinner with former Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf at Madad's home in Diamond Bar. Although Madad returned approximately \$17.7 million to investors, much of this was through Ponzi payments, meaning that the money came from funds entrusted to him by other investors, rather than from profits or interest he had earned.

"Nothing can account for defendant's criminal conduct other than arrogance and greed," prosecutors wrote in a sentencing brief. Madad's scheme collapsed in March 2011 when one investor asked for his money back, and Madad was unable to return it. Madad claimed that the investor's money was in UBS accounts in Switzerland, which he attempted to corroborate with "account statements."

However, these statements were fake, and prosecutors established at the sentencing hearing that Madad created them himself in an effort to cover-up his scheme. The sentence that Judge Anderson imposed Tuesday was partially based on the fact that Madad attempted to obstruct justice by giving these phony UBS statements to the government in an effort to derail its investigation. More than 40 victims attended the hearing this week, with six of them addressing the court and explaining that their losses represented life savings that they had hoped to use to pay for their children's education and their own retirement.

Madad was also sentenced Tuesday for his conviction on tax fraud charges for failing to report the income he generated from the Ponzi scheme. Madad admitted in court that he under-reported his income for tax year 2009 by approximately \$4.9 million on tax returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service, and the government established that Madad had under-reported his income for tax years 2007-2008 and 2010 by an additional \$9.4 million.

Judge Anderson emphasized the deterrent effect of the sentence he imposed. "The tax system and our system of justice rely on honesty and the good faith of the American public," the judge said. "The integrity of these systems rests on deterrence."

Prior to and following Madad's arrest in October 2012, the government seized a Mercedes-Benz C63, numerous pieces of diamond and other precious gemstone jewelry, and funds that were traceable to investor money. The government has also recovered the victim money donated to some of the charities.

As part of his agreement with prosecutors, Madad has agreed to forfeit his Diamond Bar mansion, the Mercedes-Benz, 68 pieces of jewelry, and other luxury items, including silk and wool handmade Turkish carpets. Madad also agreed to pay the IRS approximately \$5 million in unpaid taxes for tax years 2006 through 2010.

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Podiatrist gets 2 years in prison for scam

LOS ANGELES – The founder of the Releford Foot and Ankle Institute has been sentenced to 24 months in federal prison for his conviction on federal fraud charges related to a bank fraud scheme that used stolen identities to cause two banks to suffer \$3 million in losses.

Dr. Bill Releford, 53, who resides in downtown Los Angeles, received the two-year sentence Monday afternoon from United States District Judge Terry J. Hatter, Jr. In addition to the prison term, Judge Hatter ordered Releford to pay \$218,237 in restitution and a \$10,000 fine.


Releford pleaded guilty in May 2012 to participating in a scheme to defraud Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank, specifically admitting that he participated in the scheme to obtain money for his medical practice, which has offices in Beverly Hills and Inglewood.

At Monday's sentencing hearing, Judge Hatter told Releford that if he was "man enough to do the crime," then he had to be "man enough to do the time." Judge Hatter noted Releford's attempts to rehabilitate himself—such as Releford's offer to immediately pay \$1,500 in restitution and his recent participation in charitable projects—and said this effort spared Releford from a longer prison sentence.


After obtaining stolen personal identifying information – including dates of birth, Social Security numbers, credit profiles, and driver's license numbers from victims with high credit scores, including another physician from Pasadena – members of the conspiracy submitted fraudulent applications for business lines of credit to various banks. Once the applications were approved, the defendants liquidated the credit lines.

Over the course of the scheme, Releford helped the other defendants open at least two credit lines that provided funds for Releford's medical practice. Releford also attempted to open a third credit line valued at up to \$500,000, which he planned to use to fund a clothing business.

In total, the scheme caused more than \$3 million in losses to Bank of America and Wells Fargo. The scheme used identities stolen from more than 70 individual victims.



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SPORTS BRIEFS: Lacrosse, running camps start Monday

• High schools hosting summer camps to evaluate talent, help get kids in shape.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' lacrosse program will be starting their summer practice schedule on Monday.

Girls' lacrosse will practice Monday, July 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th. There will be no practice on Thursday, July 4th, in honor of the Independence Day holiday.

Practices will then resume July 15-19, July 22-26 and July 29 through Aug. 2.

Please contact head coach Marvin Mires at mmires@dusd.net for further questions. Coach Mires hopes to see new talent on the field Monday, July 29.

The Downey High School girls' soccer program will be hosting a summer camp for girls ages 9-13 on the soccer field at Downey High. The cost of the camp is \$100 if registered before July 26, and \$125 thereafter.

Soccer camp will run July 29 through Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Athletes are asked to provide sunscreen, plenty of water, cleats, shin guards and a ball. Space is limited to the first 40 girls who register.

Send registration form, along with payment, to Coach Carlos Lara, 10806 Hasty Ave., Downey, Ca 90241. Please make checks payable to "Downey High School."

Questions should be directed to Coach Lara at coachlara02@gmail.com. Coach Lara and his staff hope to see you on the pitch July 29 at 10 a.m.

The Downey High School girls' volleyball program will be starting their summer program in the Downey High gymnasium on July 11, and will run through July 25.

Summer camp sessions start at 9 a.m.

Camp registration will be Wednesday, July 3, at 10 a.m. in room Z-5. Tryouts for incoming freshmen will be held July 25th, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Please contact head coach Andrea Sims at asims@dusd.net with further questions. Coach Sims hopes to see you on the court July 11.

The 2013 C.I.F. champion Bear soccer program will be having a summer league and a summer camp.

All potential players must go through the trial process of summer league, which will give the coaches a better look at the individual player through practices and competitive matches (10+ games). Summer league will take place during the month of July.

Once the coaching staff has established potential teams (Frosh-Soph, J.V. and Varsity), the staff will begin in-depth training during the month of August.

Both summer league and summer camp are essential in order to compete for a spot on the team.

Coach Pena expects that potential players attend a minimum of 80% of practices and games, show up on time with proper gear and attire, come fit (or you will already be behind), work hard and have positive and respectful attitudes at all times. Coach Pena is striving to put together championship winning teams, while also building and molding championship characters.

The cost is \$130 (covers both July and August league fees).

Please contact head coach Miguel Pena at efcsoccer@verizon.net with any questions. Coach Pena and his staff hope to see you on the pitch in July ready to play.

The Warren High School baseball program will be hosting a summer camp July 8-11, and a second week July 15-18, on the baseball field at Warren High.

Both week's camp times are from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

All baseball players ages K-9 are welcome to attend the Warren Baseball Camp. Coach Pearson encourages young athletes to come and improve their baseball skills and knowledge from the coaches and staff of Warren Bears Baseball (including former college and professional baseball players).

Coach Pearson and his staff will be working on hitting, fielding, pitching and base running. This is a great opportunity for incoming freshmen to meet the High School coaches and get a head start on honing their skills for upcoming tryouts in September.

The cost is \$145 for K-7 and \$165 for incoming freshmen. The fee includes a camp T-shirt and training.

Bring form and payment on the first day or send a check (made payable to Warren Baseball) to Scott Pearson-Baseball Coach, Warren High School, 8141 De Palma Street, Downey, Ca 90241.

Coach Pearson needs baseball players to bring baseball gear, plenty of water, sunscreen and be ready to learn and have fun.

Any questions should be directed to head coach Scott Pearson at spearson@dusd.net.

Coach Pearson and his staff hope to see you at the Warren baseball field on Monday, July 8, at 9:30 a.m.

The Warren High School girls'

cross country program will begin their annual summer running camp Monday on the track at Warren High.

The camp runs through July 12 with no camp on July 4.

Camp will last from 7-11 a.m. on all other days.

Warren girls' cross country is looking for dedicated young ladies who want to do something different. Warren has a unique fitness camp that hosts a variety of fitness activities.

Two-hundred girls joined Warren girls' cross country last year because they wanted to try something new. Girls got into shape and had fun along the way.

The Warren summer running camp provides a foundation for any sport. Some campers even decided to join the cross country team. Today, some of them are the best in the west, like Lali Avila (Cal State Long Beach) who can run the mile in 5:06.

Coach Waldron and his staff invite you to come get fit and stay healthy. Diet and nutrition, guest speakers, conditioning, getting into shape, meeting new friends, setting goals, having fun, wellness and life skills are just a few of the many positives about getting involved.

The cost of the camp is \$175 and payment options are available. Contact Warren assistant cross country coach Eric Nilsen at enilsenchiro@gmail.com or (562) 544-3373 with further questions.

Coach Waldron and his staff hope to see you at the track Monday at 7 a.m.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram



The boys 19u AYSO team defeated Ontario, 5-1, to win the Ontario Cruising Classic Championship last weekend. The team is currently raising money to compete in Puerto Rico next month. Top row, from left: assistant coach Armando, Chris, Frankie, Marcos, Miguel, Ramon, Justin and Coach Marco. Bottom: Jake, Christian, Danny, William, Jimmy and Hector Jr.

has released it's annual Dream Team selections for girls' swimming and girls' track and field.

Downey senior Meghan Nevarez and Downey Calvary Chapel senior Rosalee Santa Ana were both selected to the second team dream team.

Warren senior Valerie Orozco was recognized with honorable mention.

All three girls proudly represented their respective schools in the 2013 swim season.

Downey girls' track had one member selected to the Dream Team's first team and another member selected to the second team. Lisa Vasquez and Kristin Johnson earned these honors, respectively.

Vasquez, only a sophomore, ran the 1600 in 4:59.03 and the 3200 in 10:51.78. Vasquez was the San Gabriel Valley League champion in both distances. Vasquez also placed sixth at the C.I.F. Southern Section Division I finals.

Lisa Vasquez was also the S.G.V.L. champion in cross country last fall. For her efforts, Vasquez was selected to the first team Dream Team.

Senior Kristin Johnson had the area's best triple jump this year with a distance of 37'6. Johnson placed fifth at the C.I.F. Southern Section Division I finals.

For her efforts, Johnson was selected to the second team Dream Team.

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Dr. Danny Posada and his wife, Linda.

Church announces new senior pastor

DOWNEY – Dr. Danny Posada has been selected as senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Downey, the congregation announced today.

Posada and his wife, Linda, relocated to Downey from central Florida. They join two adult sons and three grandchildren who already live in California.

Posada received a bachelor of business administration degree in Accounting and Finance from Florida International University and earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees at the Anderson Graduate School of Theology.

“We look forward to years of ministry under his leadership and welcome you to worship with us on Sundays at 9:15 a.m.,” the church said in a statement.

Warren High grad finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Army Pvt. Andrew Orozco, a 2008 graduate of Warren High School, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Orozco studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Downey resident Margarita Orozco.

Fire engine back in service

DOWNEY – Fire engine 61, taken out of service last year as part of budget cuts, was placed back into service Friday.

The engine ran 12 calls in its first 24 hours, fire officials said.



Grill maker relocates to Downey

DOWNEY – Lynx Grills, a manufacturer of luxury outdoor grills and appliances, will relocate from Commerce to Downey this fall, Downey officials announced.

Lynx will occupy a 125,000 square foot facility at 7300 Flores St. on the western boundaries of Downey.

The company will initially employ about 200 people but that number could rise to more than 400.

Started in 1996, Lynx is perhaps best known for its Sedona by Lynx brand of grills, carried by the Home Depot.

“The city of Downey is an ideal location for Lynx because of its proximity to transportation hubs and access to a talented and educated workforce,” said Lynx CEO James Buch. “We look forward to many productive years at our new factory.”

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 Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): IVAN AGUILAR
 CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): VD080691
 You have **30 calendar days** after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting your local court help association. **Tiene 30 días corridos después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) o ponédose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.**

NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
AVISO: Las órdenes de restricción que figuran en la página 2 valen para ambos cónyuges o pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquiera autoridad de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.
NOTE: If a judgment or support order is entered, the court may order you to pay all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for yourself or for the other party. If this happens, the party ordered to pay fees shall be given notice and an opportunity to request a hearing to set aside the order to pay waived court fees.
AVISO: Si se emite un fallo u orden de manutención, la corte puede ordenar que usted pague parte de, o todas las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentas a petición de usted o de la otra parte. Si esto ocurre, la parte ordenada a pagar estas cuotas debe recibir aviso y la oportunidad de solicitar una audiencia para anular la orden de pagar las cuotas exentas.
 1. The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): IVAN AGUILAR, 7216 1/2 FRIENDS AVENUE, WHITTIER, CA 90602, 562-360-9050
 Date (Fecha): January 31, 2013 JOHN A. MARKE Clerk, by (Secretario, por) V. PRICE, Deputy (Asistente)
 NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served
 A VISO A LA PERSONA QUE RECIBIO LA ENTREGA: Esta entrega se realiza a. as an individual. (a usted como individuo).

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013117506
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ORPHAN LOVE PROJECT, 13223 DUNROBIN AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAZMIN SAN JUAN, 13223 DUNROBIN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/JAZMIN SAN JUAN, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 6, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013113554
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) URBAN SOUL, 3858 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD, EL CAMINO VILLAGE CA 90260, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DEBRA HENDRIX, 3858 MANHATTAN BEACH BLVD, EL CAMINO VILLAGE CA 90260
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DEBRA HENDRIX, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 3, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013126671
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GAREY'S 1 STOP AUTO, 2455 N. GAREY AVE, POMONA CA 91767, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3390136
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GAREY'S 1 STOP AUTO, INC., 2455 N. GAREY AVE, POMONA, CA 91767
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2013
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/EVON HALAKA, CEO, GAREY'S 1 STOP AUTO INC
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 18, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013110525
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARIES FINANCIAL SERVICES, 9554 TELEGRAPH #30, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 3533 ROLLING ROCK CT, PERRIS CA 92571
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AMELIA ZACARIAS, 9554 TELEGRAPH RD # 30, DOWNEY CA 90240
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/AMELIA ZACARIAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 29, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the

County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013121632
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRESTIGE OPTICAL LABORATORY, 15775 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 14757 LUCINDA DR, WHITTIER CA 90604
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICARDO GARCIA JR, 14757 LUCINDA DR, WHITTIER, CA 90604
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/RICARDO GARCIA JR, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 12, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013113455
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PACIFIC SANDS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 1024 MIRAFLORES AVE, SAN PEDRO CA 90731, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) NEW AGE REALTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COOPER PROPERTY GROUP INC., 1024 MIRAFLORES AVE, SAN PEDRO CA 90731
 State of Incorporation: California
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/COOPER PROPERTY GROUP INC., PRESIDENT, COOPER PROPERTY GROUP INC.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 03, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013115686
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FIRST LOYALTY LENDING, 8770 OLNEY ST, ROSEMEAD CA 91770, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) RENTCUBE TITLE LOANS, 1481 ROSEMEAD CA 91769 (3) ENTERPRISES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI#ON: 201233900016
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS VAZQUEZ, 909 EAST NORWOOD PLACE, ALAHAMBRA CA 91801 (2) JOSUE HUERTA, 8770 OLNEY ST, ROSEMEAD CA 91770
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/JESUS VAZQUEZ, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 5, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 2013099915
 File Number 2012176441 DATE FILED: AUGUST 31, 2012
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): 24-HOUR OPTICAL GROUP, LLC
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KRISTEN ROSE ANNA, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713 (2) SAM SHABOT, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by Copartners
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/ KRISTEN ANNA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MAY 14, 2013

The Downey Patriot
 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013121350
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) POTATO CORNER, 407 STONEWOOD ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 2998 BLACKWOOD CT., FULLERTON CA 92835
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3400051
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ASJW, INC., 2998 BLACKWOOD CT., FULLERTON CA 92835
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/SELLIE HWANG, CEO, ASJWINC.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 11, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013112195
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE MORAVIAN TROMBONE CHoir, 11411 NORLAIN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN PAUL HUMENSKI, 11411 NORLAIN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/STEVEN PAUL HUMENSKI, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 31, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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The Downey Patriot
 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013124765
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BALANCE OPTICAL SHOP, 8214 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201312210258
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BALANCE OPTICAL GROUP, LLC, 2640 S MYRTLE AVE, A1, MONROVIA CA 91016
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/09/2013
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/CHRISTIAN GIRON, MANAGING MEMBER, BALANCE OPTICAL GROUP, LLC
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 14, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013132989
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HQ VEHICLES, 9906 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) HERNANDEZ QUIJANO VEHICLES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTIN HERNANDEZ SERNA, 9906 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/14/2013
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/MARTIN HERNANDEZ SERNA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 26, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013130973
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOTTA DO PHYSICAL THERAPY, 9228 ELM VISTA DR UNIT A, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) EXQUISITE PHYSICAL THERAPY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR LLAMAS, 1422N. FAIRVALLEY AVE., COVINA CA 91722
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/17/2013
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/HECTOR LLAMAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 17, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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The Downey Patriot
 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013132558
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUBWAY 59097, 12608 DEL AMO BLVD, LAKEWOOD CA 90715, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (3) 17224 S. NORWALK BLVD, CERRITOS CA 90703
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3393744
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAK FRESH FOODS, INC., 17224 S. NORWALK BLVD, CERRITOS CA 90703
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/01/2013
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/MANJIT S SIDHU, CEO, MAK FRESH FOODS INC.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 3, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/6/13, 6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013124708
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CARE TO PAWS, 9163 STEWART AND GRAY RD., DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICIA CERDA, 9163 STEWART AND GRAY RD., DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/14/2013
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/PATRICIA CERDA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 14, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2013130973
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOTTA DO PHYSICAL THERAPY,

Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013120982 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE ESCOBAR GROUP, 6701 GRANGER AVE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANIEL ESCOBAR, 6701 GRANGER AVE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013095673 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PIE BABIES, 6663 MICHELSON STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JASMINE VENTURES, INC., 6663 MICHELSON STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013097061 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOT PULSE CRR, 8237 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JENETTE NICOLE LOPEZ, 8237 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013103154 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KEOTIC IMAGE STUDIOS, 833 N. MELHAM AVE, LA PUENTE CA 91744, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE E. ABUAN III, 833 N. MELHAM AVE, LA PUENTE CA 91744 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013106357 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ORGANICALLY CLEAN, 8523 10TH ST., DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SERGIO ANGULO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 22, 2013

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013112226 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INBANET REFERRAL ASSOCIATES, 8141 EAST 2ND STREET SUITE 347, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3313995 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) INVESTMENT BANKERS NETWORK INC, 8141 EAST 2ND STREET SUITE 347, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Corporation

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013100654 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUMINANCE, 12110 S. MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90061, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) DREAMCLONER CREATIONS

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE J GUZMAN, 12110 S. MAIN ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90061 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013105895 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BABES FOR VEGGIES, 5190 EAST COLORADO ST. APT. 307, LONG BEACH CA 90814, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARCI ACEVEDO, 5190 EAST COLORADO ST. APT. 307, LONG BEACH CA 90814 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013115077 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CATERING BY HERACH AND ARA, 1460 S. GREENWOOD AVE, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARA H. BALAYAN, 1460 S. GREENWOOD AVE., MONTEBELLO CA 90640 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013128737 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PECADO LIFE STYLE, 2110 E. GAGE AVE APT D, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDUARDO MARTINEZ, 2110 E. GAGE AVE. APT D, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013125417 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXCELLENCE REALTY ONLINE, 11602 PAINTER AVE., WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUZ ELENA GARCIA, 11602 PAINTER AVE., WHITTIER CA 90605 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013128442 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LJ SMOG PROS, 2031 PALOS VERDES DR. NORTH, LOMITA CA 90717, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 239 N. HARBOR VIEW AVE, SAN PEDRO CA 90732

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3565569 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LJ AUTOMOTIVE INC, 239 N. HARBOR VIEW AVE, SAN PEDRO CA 90732 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Corporation

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FRFICTIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013132075 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FRED HOMMEL MATCO TOOLS, 15308 ELMBROOK DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRED HOMMEL, 15308 ELMBROOK DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013106920 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BACK 2 BASICS BODY & SKINCARE, 4906 LAYMAN AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NATALIE M OLGUIN, 4906 LAYMAN AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90660 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013123561 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AGUACHILE HOUSE 12117 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAFAEL ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, 12117 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013124703 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C I QUALITY PUMPING SERVICES, 9215 ALEXANDRA AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTURO VERGARA, 9215 ALEXANDER AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

The Downey Patriot 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013126670 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HOME PRIDE REALTY, 2455 N. GAREY AVE, POMONA CA 91767, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) HOME PRIDE MORTGAGE

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HOME PRIDE FINANCIAL INC., 2455 N. GAREY AVE, POMONA CA 91767 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a Corporation

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File Number 2012069043 DATE FILED: APRIL 17, 2012 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): C & I QUALITY PUMPING SERVICES

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File Number 2012069043 DATE FILED: APRIL 17, 2012 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): C & I QUALITY PUMPING SERVICES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013132465 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MY SPOT AFTERSCHOOL, LLC, 10503 MYRTLE STREET APT. B, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MY SPOT AFTERSCHOOL, LLC, 10503 MYRTLE STREET APT. B, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013123561 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AGUACHILE HOUSE 12117 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAFAEL ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, 12117 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership

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The Downey Patriot 6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

CASH CONTRACT NO. S.S. 488A FIRESTONE BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS)

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 18, 2013 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California for Cash Contract No. S.S. 488A Firestone Boulevard Improvement Project (Storm Drain Improvements)

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License in the Classification of A. "General Engineering Contractor" or State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-34, "Pipeline Contractor" Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page.

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DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the June 25, 2013, public hearing of the City Council of the City of Downey to deny an appeal of a variance (PLN-12-00261) requesting to deviate from Downey Municipal Code Section 9302.08(a) in order to encroach into the required 20-foot rear yard setback, thereby allowing the main structure to be built to the property line at property located at 7215 Bainsdale Street (AIN: 6366-031-002) was continued to Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at the hour of 7:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of Downey City Hall, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

Dated: June 26, 2013 Adria M. Jimenez, CMC City Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON VERIFIED PETITION (B5142707) NOTICE IS GIVEN that on July 11, 2013 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon after that time as the matter may be ready for opening, the City of Los Angeles will move for an order pursuant to Government Code §6000 adjudicating The Norwalk Patriot as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles.

1. Petitioner, Jennifer DeKay, is publisher of the newspaper known as The Norwalk Patriot, which is seeking adjudication under Gov. Code §6000 as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles. 2. The Norwalk Patriot is published for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of a general character in the County of Los Angeles, California. It is not devoted to the interests, or published for the entertainment or instruction of a particular class, profession, trade, calling, race, or denomination, or for any number thereof.

3. The Norwalk Patriot has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in the County of Los Angeles. 4. For more than one year preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established and has been printed and published at regular intervals in the County of Los Angeles. 5. During the whole of such one-year period, the mechanical work of producing the petitioning newspaper, that is, the work of typesetting an impressing type on paper, has been performed in the County of Los Angeles; the newspaper has been issued from the same county where it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published in the County; and it has been published as a weekly newspaper.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that The Norwalk Patriot be adjudicated pursuant to Government Code §6000 as a newspaper of general circulation for the County of Los Angeles, State of California. DATED: May 5, 2013 Lisa Grace-Kellogg SBN191988 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER 5737 Kanan Road, Ste. 296 Agoura Hills, CA 91301 (310) 924-1138 Fax (310) 361-8353

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTHEAST NORWALK ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS024685 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SUSANA ROMO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows: Present name ESTEBAN ARMANDO IBARRA to Proposed name OSCAR ESTEBAN ROMO IBARRA.

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: 8-7-13, 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 the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER, JUNE 20, 2013 Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner's Attorney Susana Romo 10113 San Gabriel Ave. South Gate, CA 90280 (323) 829-8146

The California Attorney General will conduct a public meeting on Friday, July 19, 2013, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in conference Room A at Downey Regional Medical Center, located at 11500 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, to receive comments on the proposed transaction and to consider the Health Care Impact Statement prepared by consultants engaged by the Attorney General in connection with the Attorney General's review of this transaction, as required by California Code of Regulations, section 5920 et seq. Pursuant to the Member Substitution Agreement, InterHealth Corp. (dba PIH Health), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, will become the sole corporate member of Downey Regional Medical Center - Hospital, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation. Downey Regional Medical Center - Hospital, Inc. owns and operates Downey Regional Medical Center, a 199-bed general acute-care hospital in Downey, CA. The terms of the proposed transaction are set forth in a Notice to the Attorney General, and a copy is available for public inspection at the Downey Regional Medical Center's Administration Department, located at 11500 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241. A CD of the Notice is also available upon request by email to wendi.horwitz@doj.ca.gov or by

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Residents urged to be safe with fireworks

DOWNEY - The Downey fire and police departments are reminding residents to exercise caution and common sense when discharging fireworks.

Every year fireworks account for thousands of preventable fires and injuries, authorities said. In 2010, the National Fire Protection Association estimated that fireworks were responsible for an estimated 15,000 fires resulting in \$36 million in property damage.

Fireworks also caused 8,600 injuries in 2010, mostly to children ages 5-14.

Authorities offered the following tips when handling fireworks:

Buy only state fire marshal-approved ("safe and sane") fireworks from licensed fireworks stands

Always have an adult present (it is illegal for minors to possess fireworks)

Never use fireworks near dry grass or other combustible materials

Light one firework at a time

Keep a safe distance

Never point or throw fireworks at another person

Have a bucket of water and a hose handy

Never attempt to re-light fireworks

In Downey, fireworks can be discharged between 3-10 p.m. on July 4 only.

"The Downey Fire and Police Departments will be patrolling the neighborhoods to ensure residents are safely and lawfully enjoying the holiday," authorities said in a statement.

"Persons engaged in the use of dangerous illegal fireworks such as 'bottle rockets' or 'roman candles' will be issued citations that include fines up to \$1,000."

Metrolink Station to install bike lockers

NORWALK - Bicycle lockers will be available at the Metrolink Station beginning July 8, officials with Norwalk Transit System announced this week.

A total of 14 bicycle lockers will be available for rent. Cost is \$24 for six months, plus a \$50 refundable key deposit.

A rental agreement is required.

For details, call (562) 929-5500.

Barbecue to support Downey Symphony

DOWNEY - Supporters of the Downey Symphony are planning an all-you-can-eat "beach party barbecue" July 16 at the Rio Hondo Event Center with proceeds benefiting the symphony's Music in the Schools program.

Cost if paid in advance is \$22 for adults and \$12 for children ages 4-11. Price at the door is \$25.

Checks should be made payable to Downey Symphony Guild and mailed to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey CA 90240.

EAARTH: THE PLANET'S BIGGEST UNDERDOG

By Lars Clutterham

DOWNEY - Imagine a place where the roads are never crowded, the air is always clear, there's plenty of clean, drinkable water, and the landscape is always green and beautiful. Believe it or not, such a setting still exists, and I was privileged to experience it during a family reunion last week at my sister's home in the Great Smoky Mountains. A big part of why that's all true is because Robbinsville, Graham County, North Carolina, is not overpopulated. In fact, the population of Robbinsville, is about 600, and the population of Graham County is about 8,800. It would take 140 Robbinsvilles to make one Downey and over 1,100 Graham Counties to make one Los Angeles County. Consequently, on the 4-lane highway that goes from Robbinsville to Asheville, you can drive for miles in the early morning without passing a car. The collateral reductions in air pollution are obvious.

Similarly, my sister and brother-in-law own a spring that's been in the family for more than a century, which--unfiltered and unprocessed--provides all their drinking water. While I was there, I drank cold, pure, and flavorful water directly from that spring. My brother-in-law tells me that the creek from that spring has not had a water shortage in over 100 years. The abundance of rain and moisture in the soil manifests itself in mountain forests and green landscape that were breath-

taking to behold each and every day we were there.

By contrast, southern California and the rest of the world face overcrowding, pollution, and water shortages that continually threaten the health and prosperity of most people on the planet.

We have been discussing the lowly bicycle over the past several weeks, beginning with a review of National Bike Month in May, but expanding to the bicycle's potential, as an underdog, in an overcrowded and polluted world. The modern bicycle began to appear about a century ago, when the world's population was a mere 1.5 billion. I happened to be in densely populated Hong Kong in 2011 when the global population reached 7 billion, and most estimates project it to peak out at about 9 billion around the year 2050.

Meanwhile thousands of animal and plant species are threatened by extinction, many of them because of anthropogenic consequences to the environment caused by overpopulation, pollution, and a johnny-come-late response to these dire circumstances. Returning to North Carolina for a moment, I should point out that, despite its magnificent natural resources, NC was the

state, as I mentioned a year ago, that attempted to add into its constitution a denial of rising sea levels at North Carolina beaches.

Taking these factors into consideration, I would have to say that Eaarth (as re-spelled by environmental advocate Bill McKibben, to suggest the monumental fashion in which we humans have wreaked change on the place we call home) is the planet's biggest underdog.

There were some hopeful responses from government during the past several days. Last Tuesday Los Angeles City Council finalized its proposed ban on single-use plastic shopping bags, which will probably have an impact on the possibility of a state-wide ban in California. This Tuesday, President Barack Obama proposed sweeping reform in an unprecedented speech on climate change. Conservatives will be mortified that these changes are being instigated by government. And I share with them the ongoing hope that individuals and communities would promote their own best interests without governmental mandate. But I've always been a little bewildered as to why conservatives have such a problem with "conservation," the old-fashioned moniker for taking care of our environment.



I leave you with the above thoughts on this, the closing commentary in my editorial series on environmental issues. My thanks to Patriot editor, Eric Pierce, who has graciously published over 100 articles, almost entirely verbatim, over the past two years. I also would like to thank all the Patriot readers who have taken the trouble to read them, whether you've agreed or disagreed with my point of view.

One closing thought, brought home by my visit last week to beautiful North Carolina. Regarding the environment, there is much to be done. But if you put change in motion, there is always hope.

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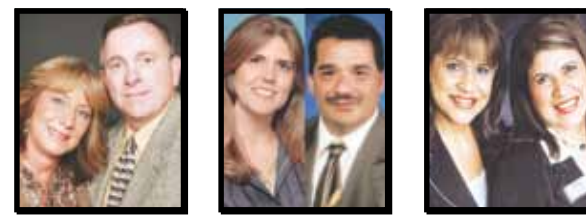
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Priced at: \$285,000

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Orange Estates
Custom built home near Furman Park and Rio Hondo Elementary on a large lot. Home has 2 BD & a den (Could be 3rd BD), 1.5 BA, and formal dining room. Home is 1871 sq. ft. on a 8,454 sq. ft. lot.
Priced at: \$524,500

BIG PRICE REDUCTION!



Roomy Yet Cozy!
4 BD, 3 BA North Downey home with office, approx 2,600 sq. ft., 2 master bedrooms, 7,931 sq. ft. lot, 2 car garage, 2 driveway entrances.
Price reduced to: \$535,000

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Cul-De-Sac Location
Remodeled 3 BD, 2 BA home, new hardwood floors, central air & heat, inside laundry, and master bedroom.
Rent for: \$2,300/month

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