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Guerra running for Senate

DOWNEY – With his time on the Downey city council coming to an end next year, Mayor Mario Guerra announced Tuesday he is running for state Senate.

Guerra is seeking to represent District 32, a large district that stretches across southeast communities such as Whittier, Montebello, La Habra, Norwalk, La Mirada and Cerritos.

As of this week Guerra is the lone Republican candidate to enter the race. Former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza and non-profit exec Kevin Perez-Alen, both Democrats, previously announced their candidacies, while former legislator Sally Havice, now an English professor at Cerritos College, is also expected to run.

Guerra's campaign will tout Downey's success in creating jobs and attracting new business, most notably Porto's Bakery, Champion Fiat and Raytheon.

Downey's premium school system is also expected to buoy Guerra's campaign; four Downey school board members have endorsed Guerra, along with retired superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty.

"It's time we focus on fundamentals: good jobs, safe streets and a great education system for our children," Guerra said in a statement. "I've done it in Downey and am excited to do more great things for families across the district."

L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe offered an enthusiastic endorsement as well.

"Mario Guerra is a longtime area resident who has dedicated countless hours to serving our local communities as a small business, volunteer and as Downey mayor and councilmember," Knabe said in a statement. "His energy and commitment to programs benefitting our schools, the environment, job creation efforts, the local economy and safe neighborhoods have made our entire region a better place to live, work and play."

"Mario is trustworthy, well-respected and has a commitment to public service for the right reason – helping those he serves."

After seven years in local politics, Guerra has amassed a long list of endorsements, including seven past Downey mayors. He has also received endorsements from the mayors of South Gate, Lynwood, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Artesia, Paramount, Claremont and Dana Point.

The Downey Fire Management Association, which rarely involves itself in local politics, is publicly backing Guerra.

John S. Thomas, a political consultant who handled last year's campaigns of Los Angeles mayoral candidate Kevin James and district attorney hopeful Alan Jackson, is running Guerra's Senate bid.

"Since becoming elected I've helped initiate the Character Counts program in Downey with great success," Guerra said. "As your state senator, I'll work to restore the public's trust in their state government. Public officials' integrity and ethics must be beyond reproach with no exceptions."

In addition to his duties at Downey City Hall, Guerra is co-founder of Scanlon, Guerra and Burke, one of the largest insurance brokers in California.

He has been an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church since 2002 and serves as a deacon in ministry at St. Linus Catholic Church in Norwalk. He also serves as a station deacon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles in downtown Los Angeles.

He has been married to his wife, Ann, for 29 years. They have five children.

–Eric Pierce, editor

• Can the arts help restore Downey's identity?

**By Lawrence Christon
Contributor**

DOWNEY – If you really want to get the feel of a place anywhere in the world, just walk around, hang out, observe and listen and smell and taste, hear what people have to say. People tend to be proud of where they live. Even if it's shabby, they'll find something to play up, a piece of history, a cultural artifact or tradition, a shrine, a shared spirit. You don't need glossy travel brochures, web reviews, and government and chamber of commerce handouts (unless they're advisories about getting kidnapped or shot). Whatever you're looking for, even if you're looking for the whole thing, somebody will lead you to somebody else. It all starts with getting out there on the ground.

To walk along Downey Avenue north off Firestone for a few blocks is to wonder how city officials managed the neat trick of convincing the National Civic League in Denver to declare Downey an All-American City, particularly when one of the selling points was downtown revitalization. Yes, Porto's has been a huge success, and that chunk of fast food and take-out restaurants that make up the Gateway plaza across Firestone looks to be doing well.

But Downey Avenue, downtown's commercial aorta?

The northeastern corner at Firestone Boulevard begins under a faded sign that says Simply Elegante and tops a store selling outlet dresses. Stay, the pocket art gallery with very little art in it (as of last Sunday night), is next door. Tracking north, there's Avenue Print shop, a State Farm insurance office, One Day Cleaners, and other storefronts that end on 3rd with another dress shop. Across the Avenue is the blank-eyed Cardono building with chief lessees Coldwell Banker and Dynasty real estate. Porto's parking structure takes up the other half of the block. Across the street is the BBQ and sports bar Bastards, Peking China restaurant, a hookah lounge, and at the end of the block, the gray, looming space taken up by Miller Mies Mortuary. On the east side is an empty building that was once a savings and loan; the former Granata's that's being refurbished as yet another sports bar (which we need like we need another Kardashian sister); the Assistance League Thrift Shop, the Mambo Grill, and another realty and insurance office on the corner.

Sound exciting?

In the middle of the block stands the Avenue's most prominent and telling symbol, the fake, imposing marquee that has replaced the real marquee of what was once the Avenue Theater, and where the title "West Side Story" announces itself in blank perpetuity. It's a Potemkin movie front (a local calls it "a tombstone"), built from questionable use of the Art in Public Places Fund, concealing a ruin in which \$1.2 million of city money has so far been sunk.

The commercial buildings thin out as you go further north, where 4th and 5th Streets are dominated by three churches, a minimart and an apartment building. Downey Avenue was reduced from four lanes to two by the

city in an effort to "calm" traffic. You look, and wonder, that's it? Our Riverwalk? Our little Great White Way? The calm, especially at night, is a snooze.

"I always see the glass as half-full," says Mayor Mario Guerra. Like other city officials, he refers to the devastating effect of the '08-'09 recession, which put Downey \$11 million in the red, and what the city has done to climb back. In a nearly three-hour interview and subsequent e-mails, he says, without specifying, that there are plans for downtown development, including the Avenue Theater, which probably won't be a theater again (a general outline is covered in the city's 2010 Downtown Plan).

"We are excited about its potential," he says.

Right now, The View is under construction on 2nd Street, a \$23 million 50 unit residential building designed as an affordable housing site, as opposed to low-income or Section 8 housing. He refers to the refurbishing of the historic Rives Mansion, and the upscale restaurant that will go into it. Guerra talks of the master park plan, in which \$450,000 was spent in Treasure Island improvements alone. He pulled out pictures of the recently approved plaza greenery plan, showing the trees that will soften and enrich the appearance of city hall, which in its earlier incarnation looked like the bleak survivor of a neutron bomb blast.

He outlines the hopes for Tierra Luna, the 168-acre, \$300 million development on the old Boeing site. The city is going all in on this one. Fifteen hundred projected jobs. Four-and-a-half million dollars a year in tax revenues. Eighteen retail outlets. A couple of big box stores. Kaiser Permanente hospital and administrative expansion. Office space. Meeting space. Walkability routes. Restaurants and a food court. A hotel.

"We are a great bedroom, move up, family oriented, historic, safe, proud, independent city," Guerra e-mails, "with a good school district, our own police, own fire department, our own library, and a Character Counts community." He also considers Downey "the guiding light of our region and area."

There's a tendency to be somewhat leery of Guerra's gusty enthusiasms, the quality he has that recalls humorist Stephen Leacock's line "He leaped on his horse and charged off in all directions." You could say that his zesty embrace of the city of Taughmaconnell, birthplace of Downey's founder (and former California state governor) John Gately Downey, and

its adoption as a sister city, is a tough sell in today's Downey and its 71% Hispanic population, which has vivid cultures and traditions of its own.

Reminded that the first hour or so of current city council meetings can be characterized as The Tonight Show starring Mario Guerra, including the monologue (joke-free, alas), Guerra closed his eyes in a brief expression of mortification and said, "I get carried away, I know."

But even his detractors admit that, as one put it, "He's passionate about the city."

His vigorous one-man campaign to get people off their butts to take walks around Downey is a hugely beneficial effort to counter the statistically alarming rise in obesity and its deadly companion, diabetes (not to mention how it helps people learn about their own city). When a dispute arose between an adult day care in South Downey and its surrounding residents, Guerra drove over unannounced and unnoticed, and sat in his car for an afternoon to observe what the fuss was about. That's a public servant. He recalls columnist George Will's line about Ronald Reagan, "We could always rely on him for a dependable hit of narcotic cheer."

That's certainly the feeling you take out of Guerra's city hall office. But there are serious points of incomprehension too, not just with him, but with the city council in general.

Last week the Economist Intelligence Unit listed five crucial elements that determine a competitive (and progressive) city. One of them was "an inviting and productive culture." Leaving City Hall, you notice a large banner that says, "Beauty is Good" and think, that's certainly got to be an improvement on the '80s mantra, "Greed is Good." But then you see, below the headline, phone numbers to call for graffiti and hazardous waste removal and shopping cart retrieval.

Who's idea was this? It certainly doesn't apply to any classical conception of what beauty might be, "the prince of truth caught between disguises," as Norman Mailer put it, or the mysterious and thrilling exaltation reached for in art and music, literature, poetry and performance. It's a city sign. It makes you realize that the city of Downey and the art and culture of Downey run on parallel lines that don't meet, and in that gap lies the deadly potential for spiritual torpor and decay.

I'll examine this in our next installment.

THE SOUL OF THE CITY PART II

John Vincent steps down as historical society president

• Vincent, 91, steps down after nearly three decades of leading Downey history center.

**By Christian Brown
Staff Writer**

DOWNEY – After 27 years at the helm, longtime resident and community leader John Vincent is stepping down as president of the Downey Historical Society.

"It was time for me to leave long before this," said Vincent who took off his WWII veteran cap and slid on a navy blue beret with a 'past president' pin attached to it. "The presidency is supposed to change every year, but it was impossible to find someone to fill the position...I enjoyed every year though."

After serving in the Pacific during WWII, Vincent, a Wisconsin native, settled in Downey where he became a poet and educator, leading the science department at Santa Fe High School.

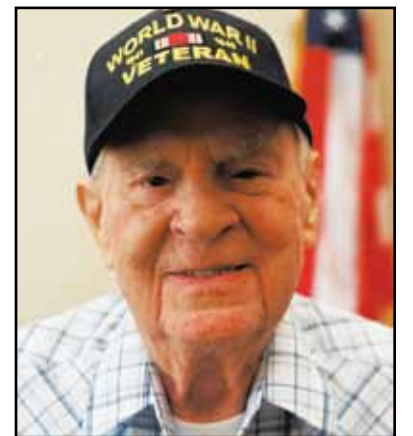
An active member of the Historical Society since April 1982, Vincent was pivotal in helping to preserve the Rives Mansion and the old McDonald's on Florence Avenue when the site was set for demolition.

"History, they say, repeats itself," said Vincent with a smirk. "But if you don't save something, you don't know if it repeats or not."

Vincent believes his greatest achievement is the relocation and restoration of the historic Dismukes House.

Before the Historical Society took possession of the house, it was set to be demolished to make way for a parking lot. Under Vincent's leadership, the Historical Society raised more than \$5000 to restore the Dismukes home to its original condition.

After its move to Apollo Park, the Downey Historical Society spent nearly six years reconstructing the Dismukes house, which is opened occasionally today for tour groups who desire to remember Downey's



past. In addition to his preservation work with the Historical Society, Vincent also served as president of the Downey Rose Float Association three different years, winning two trophies during his tenure.

Over the last 30 years, Vincent has also supported the Rotary Club of Downey, Assistance League of Downey, Downey Kiwanis Club, Downey Chamber of Commerce, and Downey Cemetery.

Vincent will be succeeded by Downey native Bob Thompson, who officially assumed the top spot two weeks ago.

"I have big shoes to fill, I still need John's help, but hopefully I'll do a good job," said Thompson, who was encouraged by other society members to take the job. "I thought, 'why not, I love Downey – here I am.'"

Thompson says he plans to continue Vincent's legacy by focusing on recruiting new members and encouraging young people to get involved in Downey history.

Vincent, who will celebrate his 92nd birthday on Aug. 12, is now known as President Emeritus of the Historical Society, but he prefers a more humble title.

"I'm just one of the workers now," said Vincent who will continue attending monthly meetings and helping visitors inside the Downey History Center. "Once it's over, history is all we have. If we wish to look back, we'll be fortunate someone has kept the stuff in the family and the community."

CONCERTS IN THE PARK



'80s tribute band Neon Nation will perform Wednesday at Furman Park as part of the city's concerts in the park series. Neon Nation has performed at summer concerts throughout Southern California and has been called "the ultimate live 80s experience." The concert begins at 7 p.m. Residents are urged to bring chairs and blankets, but umbrellas and pop-up structures are not allowed.



Photo courtesy Downey Arts Coalition/downeyarts.org



Downtown house destroyed in possible arson

DOWNEY – A vacant home in Downtown Downey burned to the ground last week in a fire investigators think may be arson.

Downey firefighters were first summoned to the vacant house, located at 8138 4th St., Saturday at about 3:30 a.m. Firefighters from Engine 63 discovered heavy fire throughout the single-story home.

Fire crews protected the adjacent properties while the fire was extinguished.

Later that night, a second fire was reported at the same house. Firefighters quickly extinguished the second fire.

Authorities are investigating and have labeled the fires "suspicious." No one was hurt.



House burns twice in fires deemed 'suspicious'

DOWNEY – A "suspicious" fire broke out at a Downey house Tuesday morning, the second time in one week that the house erupted in flames.

The latest fire at the two-story home, located on the 9300 block of Paramount Blvd., occurred Tuesday at 6:06 a.m. Responding firefighters arrived to find smoke coming from the home's eaves.

Once inside the vacant house, crews reported a small fire on the second floor, spreading into the attic space above.

The fire was quickly extinguished with minimal damage to the home. Firefighters had responded to the same house last week for a similarly suspicious fire, authorities said.

Both fires remain under investigation.



Firefighters rescue man from apartment fire

DOWNEY – Tragedy was narrowly avoided after fire swept through a Downey apartment unit Sunday, trapping a man inside.

Downey firefighters responded to an apartment complex at 9999 Imperial Hwy. at about 4:45 p.m. after receiving reports of a fire in second-story unit. A fire captain discovered that a man was trapped inside the apartment and unable to escape due to the flames. Firefighters used their ground ladder to rescue the man from a window.

The victim was treated on-scene for moderate smoke inhalation and transported to Downey Regional Medical Center.

Firefighters extinguished the fire. No other injuries were reported.

Five graduating eighth graders were presented with scholarships from the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild last week. The guild holds special events and fundraisers throughout the year to fund the scholarships, which are given to students entering a Catholic high school to help with tuition costs. This year's winners include (from left) Chris Pineda, Jacqueline Bracho, Martha Padilla, Yoltic Dominguez and Luis Espitia. They are pictured with guild members Lou Ugliano and president Polly Glenn.



The St. Mark's Episcopal School of Downey eighth grade class of 2013 was promoted on June 12.

Karen Ung and Hannah Sanders earned the distinction of valedictorians, while Thomas Maloney and Rey Gonzales received Merit Scholarship Awards from St. John Bosco.



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Air Force Airman 1st Class Michael A. Bautista, of Downey, has completed basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. Bautista finished an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bautista graduated from St. John Bosco in 2006 and earned a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly in 2011. He is the son of Teresita Bautista, of Downey.

Cheer uniform fittings Saturday

DOWNEY - The Downey Razorbacks will hold its final cheer uniform fittings and registration for the upcoming season this Saturday at 10 a.m. The site of the uniform fittings and registration was not available before this newspaper went to press. For details, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or go online to downeyrazorbacks.com. Cheerleaders will be fitted for shell, slimmer, skirt, socks and shoes, warm-ups and spirit pack. Registration will also be taken. Uniforms cost \$320 and a 50 percent deposit is required at the time of fitting, with the balance due in mid August. Registration is \$120, and includes trophy, league picture package, cheer camp, and yearbook. Practices begin July 29 and the first game is Sept. 7. Cheer head coach openings are available at the flag level (ages 5-6) and peewee (ages 9-11).

Downey High students sweep photography contest

• Downey High's Andie Ascencio wins Best in Show for her extreme closeup photograph.

DOWNEY - Stay Gallery wrapped up its second annual Downey & Warren Photography Exhibition last Thursday, a demonstration of the best photographs taken by local high school students.

Students from Ronda Cordova's class Downey High and George Redfox's class at Warren participated by submitting their work to Stay Gallery. The 34 best images were chosen to be displayed inside the gallery.

One week before the exhibit, the Downey High students visited the gallery where they reviewed their photography portfolio with gallery creative director Gabriel Enamorado and the show's curator, Ana Godinez.

Students shared the stories behind their photographs and discussed their artistic strategies with staff. They were also allowed an opportunity for critique after learning which of their pieces had been selected for inclusion in the show.

"It was great to see how enthusiastic the students were to talk about their portfolio," said Enamorado. "They were all eager to hear our opinions of their pieces and suggest any tips that may improve their future work. I'm excited to see these young artists' talent develop as they continue on with their practice."

At the exhibit, three students won awards for taking the best photographs. All were from Downey High.



DHS advanced photography teacher Ronda Cordoba, best in show winner Andie Ascencio, and Stay Gallery executive director Valentin Flores.

Jesus Laurean won special recognition for his black and white photograph titled "Life of a Musician," and Shelby Sanchez earned honorable mention for her piece, "Uncle," composed using multiple images of her uncle's face.

Andie Ascencio won the grand prize for her stunning photograph of classmate and good friend Karina Maese. The photograph is an extreme close-up of Karina's eye.

"This is my favorite picture that I have ever photographed, and it does feel good to get recognized for it," said Ascencio. "When my name was announced as the winner, it was really surprising."

All three students were awarded checks from the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation, a gift certificate from

L.A. Buns and a coupon from Porto's for free pastries.

For winning the grand prize, Ascencio also won \$200.

"The photography that both Downey High School and Warren High School submitted was very impressive," Stay Gallery officials said in a statement. "There was a wide variety of subjects, compositions and intricate lighting elements that made it very difficult for the curators to select the pieces for the exhibition."

George Redfox, the photographer instructor from Warren High, said, "I think it's good to do something like this for the kids. It's a more professional environment than doing something at the school."

Plans are already underway for the third annual event.

Theater subcommittee meeting

DOWNEY - The city council's Downey Theater subcommittee is meeting Monday at 4:30 p.m. inside the Downey City Library's Cormack Room.

The meeting is open to the public.

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

Healthy Downey joins social media

DOWNEY - Healthy Downey is now on social media in an effort to engage the community in maintaining healthy lifestyles.

The initiative can be found at Facebook.com/healthydowney and Twitter.com/healthydowney.

"This is a great opportunity to get involved and stay up to date on the latest events and activities that focus on encouraging our community to get active," city officials said.

Tennis club marks 47 years

DOWNEY - The Downey Tennis Club celebrated its 47th anniversary at Independence Park on June 22 with a barbecue luncheon and three hours of competitive tennis.

New adult members are always welcome to join the club, which meets at the park Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.

For more details, call Jean Jones at (562) 927-4820.

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Townhouse development considered on Stewart & Gray

DOWNEY – City officials this week were scheduled to consider a new townhome development along Stewart and Gray Road.

The project was scheduled to be voted on by the Planning Commission on Wednesday but results of the meeting were not available at press time.

Applicant Ed Bonanni is seeking to demolish two single-family homes at 7634 Stewart & Gray Road. In its place, Bonanni proposes to build nine townhouses, each boasting four bedrooms and four bathrooms spread over three stories.

Each townhouse would measure 1,542 square feet and also include a first floor private patio.

“The first floor consists of the garage, a bedroom and bathroom,” community development director Brian Saeki wrote in a staff report. “The second floor is the main living area (living room, kitchen and dining room), along with a second bedroom and bathroom. The third floor of the residence contains the remaining two bedrooms and bathrooms, and a laundry closet.”

To alleviate parking concerns, city planners stipulated all garages must be kept clear of storage so that two vehicles can fit at all times. Five guest parking spaces would be off-limits to residents.

To make room for the development, applicant Ed Bonanni is requesting to demolish two single-family homes, both built in the ‘50s.

City staffers recommended the project’s approval.

“It is staff’s opinion that removal of the two older homes and construction of the newer townhomes will not only upgrade the subject site, but will serve to upgrade all the surrounding properties, as it will enhance the streetscape,” the staff report states.

The staff report does not say if the townhomes will be sold or rented.

–Eric Pierce, editor

Hunger walk set for October

DOWNEY – The 2013 Downey CROP Hunger Walk will take place Oct. 13, organizers have announced.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. at Moravian Church of Downey, followed by a rally at 1:30 and the walk at 2.

Last year, nearly 200 participants raised almost \$10,000 to benefit local and global hunger relief initiatives.

To put together a walk team from your work, school, church or organization, e-mail revchristiemelbygibbons@gmail.com.

Soccer tournament to benefit teen

DOWNEY – A Bell Gardens dental office is hosting a fundraiser later this month to benefit one of its patients: East Middle School eighth grader Isaac Rincon, who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer.

Gardens Dental Group is coordinating a soccer tournament July 27 at Goals Soccer Center in South Gate, with proceeds going to Isaac and his family to help with medical expenses.

Volunteers are also needed to work the event.

To help, call (323) 494-1554.

Ribbon cutting for solar energy

DOWNEY – The U.S. Bank branch at Florence and Brookshire avenues is hosting a ribbon cutting Wednesday for its new solar energy system.

The ceremony will feature remarks from branch manager Cindy Kovach and district manager Marcy Phillips.

The event begins at 11 a.m.

Bingo at St. Raymond’s

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond’s Catholic Church is hosting a bingo luncheon July 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the church’s Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

Cost is \$10 and includes one bingo card, lunch and door prizes.

For tickets, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430.

Presale carnival tickets on sale

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

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.

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.

The seminar is free and open to adults ages 50 and older.

DUSD transitions to common core standards

• New standards intended to better prepare students for college and modern workforce.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – What do the esoteric-sounding ‘Common Core State Standards’ (CCSS) mean, and what’s their effect on how DUSD students are taught, now and in the future?

The common core state standards were developed in 2009 by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the National Governors Association to better prepare students for college or the modern workforce and otherwise enable them to be more competitive in the fast-changing global marketplace.

They were adopted in 2010 by a number of states, which traditionally had held on to their prerogative of crafting their own set of educational standards. To date, 45 states are either already transitioning to or starting to transition to these new standards. California belongs to the latter group.

Basically, to use a rough and ready comparison, the old state standards were based on memorization; by contrast, the new standards emphasize depth of understanding of the material.

CCSS’ plan of attack is to effect shifts initially in the teaching and assessment of English and math, and later add literacy skills in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects.

Another marked difference between the old and the new standards: where before, answers were multiple-choice, now the student’s comprehension of the topic will be tested and judged against the “four C’s of 21st century skills”: critical thinking, communication (ability to listen, read and write), collaboration (team problem-solving rather than by oneself), and creativity (this is where one’s imagination can have free play).

These and other related develop-



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ments were presented in a live report to the board of education at its regular meeting on Tuesday last week by an educational services department team headed by assistant superintendent Leslie Jones (the other two presenters: curriculum instruction and assessment director Denise Takano and program administrator Dalyn Miller-Geiser).

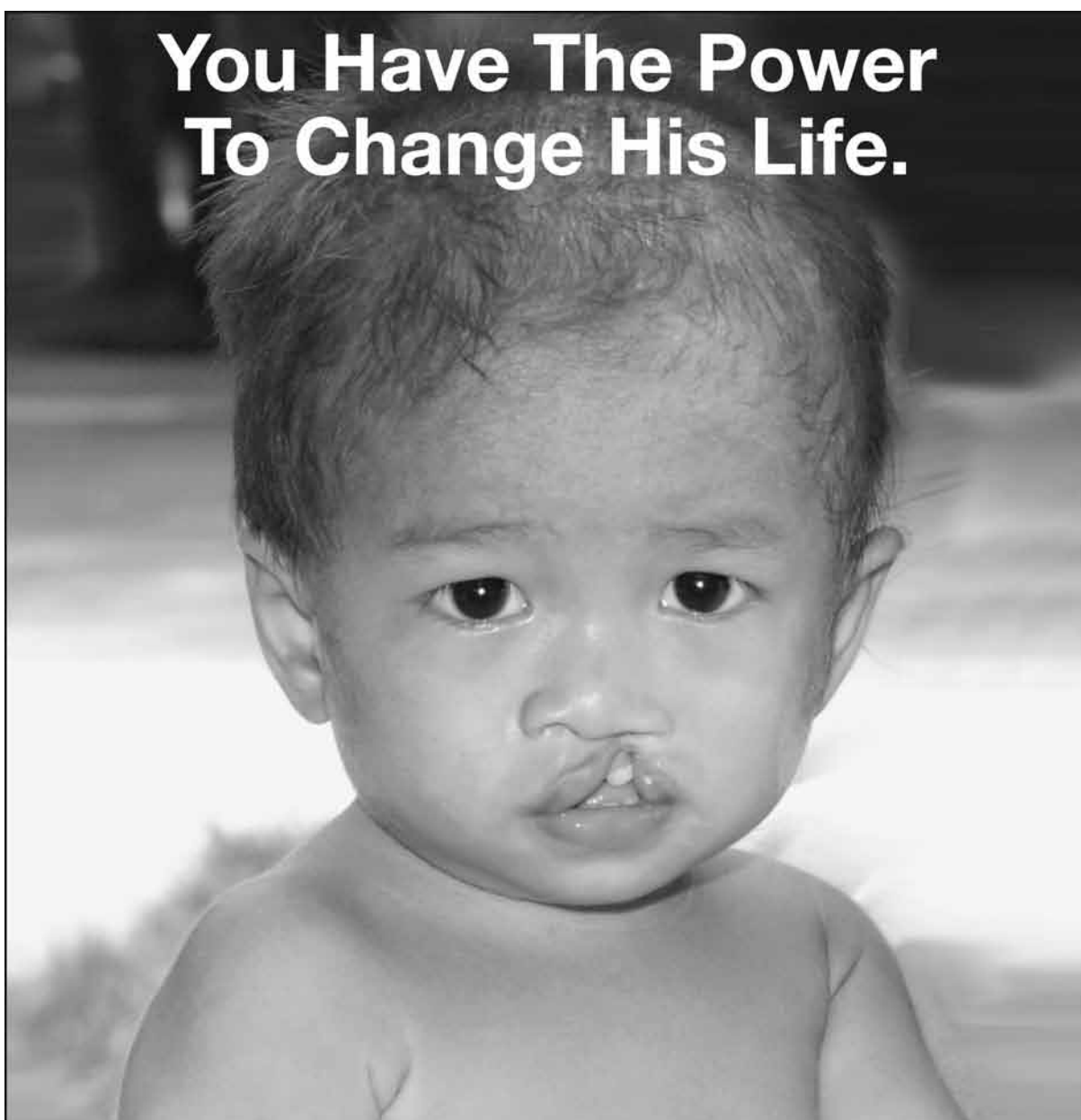
They emphasized that CCSS does not provide a completed curriculum (with scope and sequence) nor a course syllabus or pacing plan nor all the essential skills and knowledge students could have, but only an outline of the “most important essential skills and knowledge every student needs to master to succeed in college and careers.” Armed with this outline, the teacher can then use all his/her creative faculties in mapping out a learning plan based on his/her needs.

As luck would have it, because of its dedicated efforts to continually improve student instruction and assessment, as well as teacher training, DUSD finds itself to have had a headstart towards CCSS implementation in 2015, with its SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) lesson design program, professional learning communities, and guided reading program already in place, which all started in 2006.

All it needs to focus on heavily is stepped-up professional development of its K-12 teachers/instructional staff. There is a need also for teachers’ committees to look at which ELA and math materials to adopt, as well as reach a decision on what next generation science standards (NGS) should be used by September 2014 (its key criterion, according to Jones: glitz vs. substance).

Further, the need to instruct the 50 people who compose the original Common Core Coalition (CCC), the continued effective utilization of all available resources (national, state, and local), and investment in parent education, so that all components of the local educational process—the student, the teacher, the parent, and the community—will act in concert towards implementation of CCSS, will not be overlooked.

With the new educational paradigm, assuming proper protocols are observed, there’s no reason not to project bright futures for DUSD’s students.



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Letters to the Editor:

Welcome to Obamacare

Dear Editor:

The waves of change are stormily coming on the horizon across the healthcare spectrum, with greater layoffs and tightening of budgets across hospitals already taking place throughout Southern California.

While the idea that "affordable" healthcare should be a universal right for everyone as supporters of Obamacare hailed when it was approved by Congress, the grim realities for hospitals across the nation are quite alarming.

With already declined reimbursements for patient care costs across the board, stand-alone hospitals are becoming a thing of the past. Unless little hospitals get acquired by large, more financially solvent health systems and massive restructuring takes place, old business models based on top heavy administrations and large overheads that include excessive FTEs will not survive. Even larger healthcare systems are restructuring and looking at their business plans to ensure their sustainability, profitability and long term existence.

The business model for today, tomorrow and every day thereafter for hospitals is to be "lean and mean," financially speaking; and yes, do more with less -- a lot less -- while maintaining top level quality of care for patients.

Welcome to Obamacare!

Claudia Marroquin-Frometa
Downey

Soul of the city

Dear Editor:

Any organization or community which celebrates the new and untried while ignoring and suppressing the goodness of its past would seem to be running contrary to its best cultural interests.

The Library at Alexandria was burned in 30 BC by the conquering Romans to essentially destroy remembrances of the local soul and fabric; that act has become a symbol of "knowledge and culture destroyed".

Currently, Downey is celebrating becoming an All-America City, adding a new sister city, adding a new billboard sign along the Santa Ana Freeway, some art in public places, downtown housing, and questionable use permits for attractions which cater to those who cause trouble to the extent that many peaceful residents will no longer walk in the downtown after dark.

All the while, the city threw Paramount Chevrolet, Spires and Arthur's under the bus for signage nonconformities and then threw the Civic Light Opera under a train -- NOT the Starlight Express. We are left to wonder what will be next to be suppressed and disappear for our own good.

Lawrence Christon's article, "The Soul of the City" (6/26/13), seems like a very timely piece and sets me to recall that Phileas Fogg on his "Around the World in Eighty Days" journey wanted to tear apart the wooden ship and feed her to her own boiler fire.

Surely, I hope that we're not tearing this fine city of Downey apart to feed her to her own destruction, but our priority trades seems quite sub-optimal as we trade our heritage of gold for fern from Mars (apologies to the late, great Red Skelton).

Hugh Hoskins
Downey

Dear Editor:

Lawrence Christon asks what we think of when we think Downey. Well, let's see: I recall Johnnie's Broiler (gone), the Meralta Theater (gone), the Avenue Theater (gone), good-paying aerospace jobs (gone), and the Civic Light Opera (gone).

At least we still have McDonald's.

Darrell Schwier
Downey

New restaurant

Dear Editor:

I agree with Elaine Burgess in the lack of sit-down style eating establishments in our newly-built Downey Gateway.

May I suggest a new family-owned Italian restaurant which just opened a little south of downtown?

When you visit Corleone restaurant, I think you will find a quaint little place that has great food and great ambiance with tablecloths and cloth napkins for dinner. The staff is dressed in button-down shirts and ties, and offer very good service.

S. Ramirez
Downey

Prompt service

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Downey, for excellent service to the community.

I called Wednesday to have a shopping cart picked up, then for two large truck tires illegally dumped. Then I asked for three large potholes to be fixed in the alley on the side of my house.

ON Thursday before noon, everything was done. I was able to catch the workmen fixing the potholes and gave them a huge thank you.

Thank you, city of Downey, for your prompt attention to keeping Downey beautiful.

Jean Brown
Downey

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Preparing for a bright new world

By Daniel Ward

In this era of standardization and utilitarianism, it is heartening to hear a government-appointed committee come to the conclusion that our educational system should be placing more emphasis on the arts and humanities, particularly language.

"The Heart of the Matter," a report on the state of the humanities and social sciences in the U.S. by the Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences, a panel formed by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences at the request of Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Sen. Mark R. Warner (D-VA), Reps. Thomas E. Petri (R-WI), and David E. Price (D-NC). makes the compelling argument that our current neglect of the humanities will not only diminish our quality of life but it may result in the dehumanization of future generations and jeopardize our very existence.

Over the last few years, a weak economy and poor job prospects for graduates have led to increased emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education at the expense of the humanities. However, this report finds that "at the very moment when China and some European nations are seeking to replicate our model of broad education in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences as a stimulus to invention, the U.S. is instead narrowing our focus and abandoning our sense of what education has been and should continue to be — our sense of what makes America great."

Even the most qualified experts cannot predict what the economy will look like in a few months' time, let alone what will happen in a few years. So our education system needs to produce people capable of critical thinking that can react and adapt to situations.

Key to adaptability in our global age of communications are languages and international understanding, "How do we actually come to understand each other if we don't share languages and the ability to speak across the boundaries of difference that language and nationality can sometimes present?" asks Earl Lewis, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, which helped fund the report.

The study recommends that state and local school districts should establish programs to increase language learning, including immersion programs for second languages. Programs might include blended learning technologies to facilitate language learning in schools that lack funding or infrastructure for additional classes. Colleges should build on and expand these competencies.

The report also recognizes the importance of study abroad programs although federal funding for international training and education has been cut by 41% in the last four years. Every undergraduate should be encouraged to have a significant international experience. Not only do government agencies and the military require the kinds of expertise that students can acquire only

Walmart in Downey?

Dear Editor:

How come no one is talking about a Walmart being built at the new Tierra Luna site? Who at City Hall snuck this one in?

Walmart not only tears down prices which tears down local businesses, the mom and pops if you will, it also tears down workers rights to make a decent living wage, and basic benefits like healthcare. In addition, it adds considerable blight to the community.

We all receive emails poking fun of people who shop at Walmart; this is how people will perceive Downey from this point forward.

Come on, people, stand up for your rights and your city.

Diana Owens
Downey

Editor's note: While Walmart is a rumored prospective tenant of the Tierra Luna development, the opening of a Downey store has not been officially announced.

Senior talent show

Dear Editor:

Attending the Downey Senior Follies on Sunday, June 30, at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center was a delightful experience.

The performances were very entertaining with a nice variety. The film industry-themed decorations on the walls and as centerpieces were also well presented.

The comedic antics of the talented mistress of ceremonies, Lorraine Lowery, contributed greatly to the show's content and success.

Our afternoon at this well-organized program in a comfortable, cool environment was enjoyable in every way. A thank-you is extended to all those who made this happen.

How very fortunate we are to have such programs offered in our community.

Charlene Farnsworth
Downey

Bicycle promotion

Dear Editor:

I was fascinated by Drew Kelley's reference to the apparent convenience of push buttons on poles to trigger traffic lights to change. ("A Cue from La Habra," Letters to the Editor, 6/27/13) Does he not think that Lars Clutterham, an experienced cyclist, knows about push buttons?

What Lars knows and what all of us experienced cyclists know is that there are no push buttons on poles in all of Downey. For that matter, there is not one sign in Downey that indicates that the street is a bicycle route.

But what Lars does not know is that some years ago, Guido Acquistapace and I had a meeting with the Downey director of public works to inquire about the chunk of money that came down to Downey as part of the state transportation tax. We were told that it was all used for sidewalk curb cuts -- and didn't we think that was important?

Other cities used some of their portion to encourage bicycling -- erecting signs indicating bicycle routes. Downey didn't use one cent. And there was the director of public works, pitting cyclists against pedestrians with disabilities to justify curb cuts.

I don't know if the cities are still getting money from the state transportation tax, but I suppose they still are. We're still paying the tax at the pump. If asked, the director of public works would probably give an accounting of the good things that are being done with that money, except again not one cent for anything related to bicycling.

If Lars Clutterham really wants to make a difference and promote cycling in Downey, he can further his cause by leaning on the director of public works to pry away a portion of that money by installing push buttons for cyclists. Where bicyclists are concerned, Downey has been dreadfully negligent and downright stingy.

It's time for a change. Lars, are you listening?

Muriel Schuerman
Downey

through advanced study and immersion in other cultures, business also needs the perspective and insight that only such in-depth knowledge can produce.

Thankfully, the report states the obvious: "The creation of innovative programs for teaching languages and cultures as well as the expansion of study abroad programs will require new sources of funding, and could be attractive options for public-private partnerships."

Blended learning is the key to a well-rounded education, so we should not be pitting the arts against the sciences. We need to find a balance between them so graduates know not only how to do things, but why we should do them. Perhaps we should look to the example of France, where the study of philosophy has a core role in secondary education. In terminale — the last year of high school — it is a compulsory subject for all students. Those studying humanities do eight hours of philosophy a week, while pupils studying science and technology do just two hours. The curriculum aims at producing "enlightened citizens" capable of intelligent criticism.

Even though this report was commissioned by influential members of Congress, it is unclear what its real purpose is apart from provoking some thoughtful discussion. Maybe it could be the springboard from which we start basing educational policy on research. All too often the education of our children relies on the whims of politicians with little concept of human endeavor.

Daniel Ward is editor of Language Magazine (www.languagemagazine.com) in Los Angeles, California.

The problem with our schools

By J.E. Stone

A cheating scandal involving teachers in Atlanta has captured national attention and revealed a profound breach of trust in the public education system.

Thirty-five area educators, including some principals, have been accused of falsifying student test scores and now stand charged with racketeering, theft and making false statements to law enforcement.

Apologists blame their actions on excessive testing, but that's like blaming a banking scandal on the auditors. Instead of worrying about fairness for the adults, we should be worrying about these children and their futures.

Many will receive a shockingly poor education, leaving them little hope of earning a family-sustaining wage once they enter the workforce.

How could a scam this massive take place under everyone's nose? Clearly, Atlanta has a problem. But this is just a highly visible instance of a much larger problem.

Average Americans actually know very little about the quality of their local schools. Despite the obvious conflict of interest, most people simply accept the soothing reassurances of the schools themselves.

That's a problem. The only way to actually improve educational outcomes is for parents and local boards to hold schools accountable. And to do that, they need accurate information about student achievement, budgets, program effectiveness and the like.

But right now, all across the country, parents and local boards are being kept in the dark about such essential matters. Even where there has not been outright cheating as in Atlanta, the information furnished by districts is typically slanted or outright misleading. Successes are hyped, failures rationalized and statistics are reported with skimpy context.

It's no secret that too many students aren't learning. Today, only about 30% of children can read at grade-level by the third grade. For low-income students, an astounding 83% of students fail to meet this mark. And half of the U.S. workforce - about 80 million adults - lack the educational skills necessary to earn a family-sustaining wage. The future is in jeopardy.

To get a sense of the problem, consider the differences between the scores reported by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) and those reported by the states.

Congress created NAEP in 1988 to independently measure national student achievement on a variety of subjects for the Department of Education. Today, it's considered the gold standard of educational assessment for critical subjects like math, reading, science and writing.

States, of course, also have their own metrics. The differences are stark and embarrassing.

For instance, the Alabama Department of Education claims 80% of its fourth-grade students are proficient in math. According to the NAEP, only 30% are actually proficient.

Alabama isn't unique. Scores are just as inflated in neighboring Georgia - and that's in addition to distortions caused by Atlanta's cheating. The state says over 80% are proficient in math, but the NAEP says 40% is closer to reality.

But wait, there's more! Much more. The Maryland Department of Education claims 90% of its students are proficient in fourth-grade math. NAEP says it's closer to 50%. California's Education Department says six in 10 eighth-graders are proficient in science. NAEP's assessment? Barely above 20%. Most states follow this pattern.

As a result of these reporting gaps, parents and board members generally believe their local schools are better than they actually are. And those that do sense problems tend to assume that money will solve them.

But decades of increased funding has produced little improvement. Since the 1970s, the NAEP reports that achievement in core subjects like reading and math has remained stagnant. In fact, constant-dollar per-pupil expenditures doubled between 1971 and 2009, yet reading scores didn't budge.

In a global economy, the U.S. will inevitably sink unless parents, school boards and educators are able to confront the facts, warts and all. Some states - such as Florida, Tennessee and Massachusetts - have tried to close these reporting gaps, but resistance is huge. Educators fear exposure.

Fortunately, there is sound data out there. Parents don't have to wait for distant bureaucrats to tinker their way to trustworthy school reports. Right now, they can find detailed report cards at websites such as greatschools.org and schooldigger.com.

My organization, the Education Consumers Foundation, displays school-by-school data online in easy-to-understand graphics for virtually all states.

These are just a few of the resources available to parents, boards and community leaders who want to look beyond inflated self reports and into the facts that can lead to real school improvement.

J.E. Stone is president and CEO of Education Consumers Foundation. Its data on individual schools can be seen at www.education-consumers.org/rad.htm.

Credit inquiries by debt collectors - is it legal?

Your credit history contains highly sensitive information, and the last people you probably want perusing that personal data are debt collectors. While companies must generally have your permission before requesting copies of your credit records, under certain circumstances collection agencies can access your credit history from all three credit bureaus without your consent.

According to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which regulates the laws governing consumer credit reports, any business can access your credit history without your permission provided the business has a valid "permissible purpose." The FCRA notes that one such permissible purpose is to review your credit information in connection with the collection of a debt. Thus, if you owe money to a debt collector, the debt collector has the legal right to pull and review your credit report.

Debt collectors have a variety of reasons for wanting access to your credit reports. One reason a debt collector might conduct a credit inquiry is if the company cannot locate you. Your credit report contains your current and past addresses - making it easier for the company to track down your current whereabouts and contact you about your debt. Also, if you have been paying the majority of your other bills on time this will be reflected on your report and the debt collector will know that you may have the means to pay the full amount on the debt he is attempting to collect and will be less likely to negotiate with you on payment terms.

When a company conducts a credit inquiry, that inquiry falls into one of two categories: a hard pull or a soft pull. Soft pulls are generally inquiries that are not directly connected to a financial transaction. For example, you conduct a soft pull when you pull your own credit report to review it for accuracy. Hard pulls, however, are directly connected to financial transactions and can cost your credit score several points each time they occur. Because collection agency inquiries are hard pulls, repeated inquiries from a debt collector can hurt your credit rating.

However, if you live in California, a case decided in 2007 (Pintos v. Pacific Creditors Association) limits the debt collector's ability to only pull your credit report in a situation where the credit transaction was voluntary.

A "voluntary" credit transaction involves any situation where there is an expressed extension of credit. For example, credit card debt involves a voluntary credit transaction. Revolving charge cards and store credit would qualify. Thus, collections on such debts would permit the pulling of a credit report.

Bad checks, on the other hand, are not voluntary credit transactions under California law. Medical debts would have to be examined on a case-by-case basis but, as a general rule in my judgment, the answer is they do not involve credit transactions.

For a debt collector to have the legal right to pull your credit report without your consent, you must owe the company a legitimate debt and it must stem from a voluntary credit transaction. If the debt collector is pulling your credit in error, the Fair Credit Reporting Act gives you the right to dispute the inquiry in an effort to have it removed from your credit report and sue the debt collector in court for damages.

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

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Downey receives \$20 million in grants

DOWNEY - The city of Downey has been awarded \$20 million in grant funding, specifically targeted for the replacement of the Florence Avenue bridge at the San Gabriel River, and rehabilitation of the Florence Avenue bridge that crosses the Rio Hondo River.

Part of the money will also be used to implement a city-wide traffic signal system designed to assist public transportation.

Downey applied and received about \$17.5 million in federal grants through the Highway Bridge Program to replace the Florence Avenue bridge over the San Gabriel River and make repairs to the bridge that spans the Rio Hondo.

Additionally, the city applied for funding from L.A. County Metro to cover the cost of matching funds for the San Gabriel River bridge. Downey was notified last Friday that its funding request was approved for \$1.917 million.

Separately, the city applied for funding for the Citywide Transit Priority System, also through Metro.

Downey was awarded \$1.29 million to establish a traffic signal system, which will give an early or extended green light to public transit buses at signalized intersections along the Downey LINK and Metro bus routes when the buses are running behind schedule.

The Citywide Transit Priority System was noted as a key recommendation under Downey's recently approved Civic Center Master Plan.

"As a city, one of our visions is to find long-term solutions to help enhance city services and better serve our residents and this grant funding proves exactly that," said Mayor Mario Guerra. "We feel very fortunate to have been awarded these grants as it will allow us to fix our infrastructure, which ultimately benefits our residents."



The Downey FC Girls 89 soccer team, coached by Oscar Sanchez, won the championship at the Irvine Summer Classic Tournament on June 23. The girls won all three of their games the previous weekend to advance to the finals against Mesa SC Riptide. With only three seconds left in the championship game, forward Marissa Bernal launched a corner kick to teammate Xochitl Morales, who scored from the half-field line, tying the game, 3-3. The game went to penalty kicks, and goalie Frida Morales blocked the last shot to seal the championship for Downey. Back row, from left: Coach Oscar Hernandez, Marissa Bernal, Natalie Cruz, Frida Morales, Elena Partida and Michelle Flores. Front: Giselle Urzua, Emma Sandoval, Alysa Graham, Xochitl Morales and Liliana Terronez.

Ramon Mendez, longtime resident, mourned

DOWNEY - Ramon Agustin Mendez, a 24-year Downey resident, passed away June 29.

He was born May 4, 1925.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Mendez; daughters, Gloria M. (Nelson) Oriheula and Alina (Gary) Maleski; and grandchildren, Kalina (Harrison Cavallero), Natalie Maleski, Andrew Orihuela and Christine Orihuela.

A visitation will be held Friday, July 5, from 4-9 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey, with a rosary at 7 p.m.

A Mass is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. Saturday at St. Bruno Catholic Church in Whittier, with burial to follow at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.



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We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness—That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new

Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient Causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History

of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the Accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them, and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called together Legislative Bodies at Places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their public Records, for the sole Purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People.

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and Convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States; for that Purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their Migrations hither, and raising the Conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their Offices, and the Amount and Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a Multitude of new Offices, and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harrass our People, and eat their Substance.

He has kept among us, in Times of

Peace, Standing Armies, without the consent of our Legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large Bodies of Armed Troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

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For depriving us, in many Cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time, transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the Works of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the Executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction, of all Ages, Sexes and Conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble Terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury. A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free People.

Nor have we been wanting in Attentions to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of Attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and Magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common Kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the Necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of Mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the World for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

Impound lot taking over alleyway

NORWALK – An auto impound yard that lost a portion of its land due to the widening of the 5 Freeway is relocating – 50 feet east of its current location.

The impound yard is located at the rear of 12836 Rosecrans Ave., behind the Big Saver supermarket.

Caltrans acquired portions of the property as part of freeway widening efforts. The Firestone Boulevard frontage road that runs south of the impound yard is also being eliminated.

Loftus Corporation, which owns the property, proposed the removal of a nearby alleyway and moving the impound yard 50 feet east, where it would abut single-family homes.

City officials supported the plan, saying the alleyway has been a nuisance with illegal dumping.

“With the closure of the Firestone Boulevard frontage road, the drive aisle between the existing auto impound yard and the homes has become a dead end,” wrote community development director Kurt Anderson in a report to the city council. “The drive aisle in this area has been a continuing site of illegal dumping and its removal and incorporation into the area of the storage yard should eliminate some of the ongoing property maintenance issues on this property.”

Council members approved the plan Tuesday but with more than three dozen conditions. First, Loftus Corporation must build a 10-ft. block wall to separate its property from the homes to the east.

The council also barred high-profile vehicles taller than 10 feet to be parked within 50 feet of the east property line.

Among the other conditions: Graffiti must be removed within 48 hours

No barbed wire
Temporary storage or shipping containers are prohibited.

In addition to the tow yard and supermarket, the property also includes Casa Adelita restaurant, cleaners, a liquor store and various retail shops.

A nearby gas station sits on a separate property parcel but is also owned by Loftus Corporation.

–Eric Pierce, editor

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Community walk Saturday in Cerritos

CERRITOS – Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia will host a community walk this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Cerritos Park East, 13234 E. 166th St. in Cerritos.

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Common misconceptions about the paranormal

In the spirit of the famous quote from J.B.S. Haldane, that the universe is not only stranger than we suppose "but queerer than we can suppose," paranormal investigator Kaye Giuliani says boring experiences can often be intensely fascinating - after the fact.

"Reality TV" has it all wrong," says Giuliani, who travels the country with members of her company Proof Finders Paranormal Investigations to study reports of haunted activity. "Most investigations are dead-boring. We don't run from room to room hissing 'What was that?' at each other. There are no shocked expletives or team members bolting down dark hallways."

It's after investigating haunting scenes that evidence is found, when plodding through hours of digital

recordings and other data, she says.

Giuliani, the author of the "Charity Fish" trilogy, including her latest book, "Grains of Truth," (<http://tinyurl.com/pnre9ka>), teamed up with her friend Dorothy Gibson to co-found the research firm after a bout with cancer left her with a lot of questions about what comes next. The friends had a transformative moment when staying the night in Gettysburg at an old inn.

"The place was completely empty except for Dorothy and me - no one in neighboring rooms or in the parking lot, and no electronics were on - when we caught a digital recording of a man's deep voice saying 'hi,' as if he had been standing right next to us," she says. "The inn has a long history of paranormal activity. We were excited, but not scared.

Dorothy has always had a gift of being connected to spirits, and our investigations have been able to put it to good use."

In addition to reality TV's misrepresentations, Giuliani reviews four more ways in which many misunderstand the paranormal:

- Why are some spirits 'left behind'? The question that has hounded us since recorded history, and probably will for as long as human beings exist, is: what happens to us when we die? Evidence collected and analyzed from investigations from firms like Giuliani's suggest, for one, that there is an afterlife and, second, that you can go to the other side when you're "good and ready," she says. "They tell us that the light is there and that they can choose when to go."

- Ghosts are not monsters: The spirits of the dead linger at a certain location due to trauma, confusion or an unwillingness to move on. "They all have their reasons for staying," she says, "watching over their families, or waiting for a grandchild to be born." Once, a couple communicated to Dorothy that they had remained in an old house because, while alive, they had been taught that no marriages exist in heaven. The couple had been happy together for many years while alive, and continue to enjoy the family home as man and wife to this day, she says.

- People respond to spirits with fear: While there are people who can grasp the idea that ghosts are not here to hurt them, many of the living still respond hysterically upon coming into contact with a spirit.

"We all have the ability to connect with spirits, but some are especially sensitive to their presence," she says. "Most of us simply are not used to communicating with a ghost, but if it does happen, don't give yourself a heart attack."

- Investigators are not Satanists: Unfortunately, there are many people who have a very limited view on the work Giuliani's firm does. "There are still people who are very concerned that our work in contacting, researching and even helping spirits find peace is some kind of witchcraft or Satanism," she says. "That is a fearful and Medieval view of spirituality. Though we are Christians, we have chosen to adopt a more enlightened point of view."

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For Noah

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Conney Williams

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CRIME REPORT

Sunday, June 9
At 10:00 p.m., a home was burglarized in the 10400 block of Wiley Burke by an unknown male. The victim arrived home and observed the suspect running through the house, into the backyard, and then over a brick wall. Detectives are investigating.

Tuesday, June 11
At 4:19 p.m., a robbery occurred in the 8800 block of Imperial Highway. The victim reported a suspect walked into the business and brandished a knife. The suspect demanded money and the victim complied. The suspect ran out of the location with the money and out of sight. No injuries were reported. Detectives are investigating.

Wednesday, June 19
At 6:04 p.m., officers responded to the 9300 block of Elm Vista regarding a residential burglary. Officers spoke with the resident who reported an unknown suspect(s) had broken into his apartment and removed several items. Detectives responded along with the Forensics Unit. Investigation is ongoing.

Sunday, June 23
At 3:50 a.m., residents inside an apartment in the 11900 block of Old River School Rd. were awakened by noises coming from their front porch. As they exited, they saw two adult suspects attempting to steal their bicycles. A brief struggle occurred and the victims were able to detain one of the suspects. Officer arrested the suspect and the second suspect was able to run from the scene and was not located. Detectives are investigating.

At 9:30 p.m., officers responded to a traffic accident in the 7900 block of Puritan. When officers arrived they located the driver who was attempting to walk away from the scene. An investigation was conducted and the driver was arrested for driving under the influence.

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Date (Fecha): January 31, 2013 JOHN A. CLARKE Clerk, by (Secretario, por) V. PRICE, Deputy (Asistente)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served
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The Downey Patriot
6/13/13, 6/20/13, 6/27/13, 7/4/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

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
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/DANIEL ESCOBAR, OWNER
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 2013135276

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EVERSHPAR SAW SERVICE, 19136 1/2 E. SAN JOSE AVE., ROWLAND HEIGHTS CA 91748, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 1341 E. MCWOOD ST., WEST COVINA CA 91790

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAMON GONZALEZ, 1341 E. MCWOOD ST., WEST COVINA CA 91790
State of Incorporation: CA

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/RAMON GONZALEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 28, 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
7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201317506

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 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).

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 2013134354

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NANCIE'S LEATHER CREATIONS, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NANCY ANNA, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713
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 06/27/2013

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/NANCY ANNA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 27, 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
7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013128737

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PECA DAD 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
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/EDUARDO MARTINEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 20, 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, 7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13

FRFICTITIOUS 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
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/FRED HOMMEL, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 25, 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 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
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

listed above on 06/15/2009

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, HOME PRIDE FINANCIAL, 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 2013123873

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUCIDITY PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES, 12329 BREEZEWOOD DR APT 3, WHITTIER CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RIOS JAMIE, 12329 BREEZEWOOD DR APT 3, WHITTIER CA 90604
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 08/28/2008

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/RIOS JAMIE, 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
7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013138478

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MGC CONSULTING,

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 2013128737

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PECA DAD 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
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/EDUARDO MARTINEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 20, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from

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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 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
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names

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CARDENAS, AND DEBORAH MARTINEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 06/15/2007 and recorded 6/25/2007, as Instrument No. 20071516344, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 07/18/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12910 ARROYO LANE, NORWALK, CA, 906603303. 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Date of Sale: 07/19/2013 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$647,889.06 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8308 TELEGRAPH RD, DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6367-024-027 declares that the mortgage, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0122258. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATED: 01/05/2012 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 B/- Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4395544 06/27/2013, 07/04/2013, 07/11/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 12-34542-JP-CA Title No. 120354263-CA-MAI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/24/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check/s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances; to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater than the day of sale. Trustor: JESUS BAZAN, AN UNMARRIED MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 03/08/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0495049 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 07/19/2013 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$647,889.06 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8308 TELEGRAPH RD, DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6367-024-027 declares that the mortgage, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0122258. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATED: 01/05/2012 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 B/- Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4395544 06/27/2013, 07/04/2013, 07/11/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0108118 Doc ID #000834543992005N Title Order No. 11-0088152 Investor/Insurer No. 90298778 APN No. 8074-001-010 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. DATED 08/24/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MARTIN CONTRERAS, A SINGLE MAN, dated 08/24/2005 and recorded 9/1/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2106856, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/12/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14503 LONGWORTH AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 906504724. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$340,616.32. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances

thereof, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0108118. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATED: 01/05/2012 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 B/- Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4395544 06/27/2013, 07/04/2013, 07/11/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0046996 Doc ID #000222399732005N Title Order No. 12-0085912 Investor/Insurer No. 091077859 APN No. 6247-002-034 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. DATED 11/06/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RICHARD G AND AHDE JANE S. GO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 11/06/2006 and recorded 11/14/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2513586, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/12/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7810 PHLOX STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold

plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$734,538.74. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0046996. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATED: 09/08/2012 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 B/- Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4395523 07/04/2013, 07/11/2013, 07/18/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TTD No. 20111079563769 Loan No.: XXXXXX5720 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTORS ONLY NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. DATED 03-15-2004 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08-02-2013 at 11:00 A.M., TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 03-30-2004, as Instrument No. 04 0740830, in book///, page///, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA,

executed by REMEDIOS BALTAZAR WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, and State described as: APN 9122 HALL ROAD DOWNEY CA 90241-5307 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale of property will be made in "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$66,483.49 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case 20111079563769. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06-26-2013 TITLE TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY EDDIE TLASECA, AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE TITLER TRUST DEED SERVICE COMPANY 26679 W. Agoura Road, Suite 225 Calabasas, CA 91302 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.ipsasp.com If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. A-4397820 07/04/2013, 07/11/2013, 07/18/2013

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Cerritos teacher charged with rape

WESTMINSTER – Law enforcement is seeking the public's help identifying potential additional victims of a teacher charged with sexually assaulting and raping a female relative.

Jeffrey Scott Jones, 53, Huntington Beach, is charged with two felony counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one felony count of continuous sexual abuse. If convicted on all counts, he faces a maximum sentence of life in state prison and mandatory lifetime sex offender registration.

He is being held on \$1 million bail.

At the time of the alleged crime, Jones was teaching advanced placement English at Libra Academy in Huntington Park. He previously taught at Bell High School in the city of Bell and Gahr High School in Cerritos.

Between Sept. 1, 2012, and April 30, 2013, Jones is accused of sexually assaulting his 13-year-old female relative, Jane Doe, by touching the victim's chest and vagina over her clothing and under her clothing on different occasions.

On May 4, 2013, and May 9, 2013, Jones is accused of raping Jane Doe.

Anyone with additional information or who believes they have been a victim is encouraged to contact Supervising District Attorney Investigator Paul Carvo at (714) 347-8794, or Huntington Beach police detective Trent Tunstall at (714) 536-5995.

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