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THE SOUL OF THE CITY, PART IV

By Lawrence Christon

DOWNEY – The job pays \$743 a month. No benefits, no retirement. It takes up most of your spare time. Generally speaking, you meet two kinds of people, those who want something from you and those who call you out, supplicants and soreheads. Just about everyone else scarcely knows you exist, or what you actually do. You have to exude optimism and reasonably dignified decorum, whether you feel like it or not. This includes dressing in suit and tie for public appearances while often dealing with people who look like slobs. You have to have an infinite capacity for minutiae and tedium. You have to know budgets, ordinances, issues, departments, levels and responsibilities of government, all the working parts of the city as microcosm of society. You have to be willing to travel. You have to be willing to accept that, in the name of public service, you'll start out full of energy and initiative, and by the time you're termed out, if you last that long, you'll simply be glad that things haven't fallen apart while you're still there to be howled at for the mess.

Oh, and unless you're independently wealthy, you'll have to keep your day job to make ends meet.

Sound good? Then run for city council.

Directly and indirectly, I've been critical of a city council that tends to view criticism as insult, even when it's voiced in the name of wanting improvement, of aspiring for better things—positive criticism is the reflection of an unmet ideal (mere griping just sours it for everybody). But let's take time out for a minute to appreciate what these people do. We rightfully honor firemen and cops; they're willing to put their lives on the line every time they go to work. But councilmen and women are no less dedicated. It's a high-stress job with a high level of responsibility, few perks and little status outside city limits. When you succeed, people assume that's what you're supposed to do, no big whoop. When you fail, they're on you like flies on carrion.

Okay, time in. Resume play, ladies and gentlemen.

Let's agree that the city of Downey works in its day-to-day practical operation, and that the current members of the city council are honorable people and aren't on the take. Let's also agree that, for the past 10 years or more, there's been a general, indefinable sense of decline, of "rot," as one reader acknowledged in a comment critical of this series. Downey Landing, Porto's and The Gateway food court are all measures taken to bring life back into a city abandoned by the aerospace industry, betrayed by Tesla Motors, and burned by the national economic meltdown of 2009. The massive development, Tierra Luna, was conceived for generally the same reasons.

But these are mainly economic tactics used to shore up a tax base. If social and culinary amenities come along with them, that's nice. To feed the stomach is not to feed the spirit and the imagination however, and in the past couple of years a few of the city's leaders have pondered the dullness that's crept into an otherwise safe, clean and functional city like some kind of marsh gas. So have a lot

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SUMMER 101 MARKS 5 YEARS

DOWNEY – West Middle School hosted local dignitaries and community leaders Tuesday to mark the five-year anniversary of Summer 101, the Downey Unified School District's summer enrichment program for students entering grades K-8.

The event also featured the unveiling of a giant, student-made mural that pays tribute to Character Counts.

For \$349, Summer 101 offers a month's worth of classes taught by DUSD credentialed teachers. Lunch and early morning daycare (if needed) is included.

Students create their own schedule by choosing from a menu of classes that includes baking, computers, rockets and robotics, drama, outdoor sports, arts, and more. There is even a Spanish language class for students wanting to learn a new language.

Visitors on Tuesday were treated to live-action skits from the program's drama students before dropping in on various classrooms, including a baking class in which students prepared marshmallow crescent rolls.

The delegation also toured the computer lab featuring state-of-the-art iMacs, which students used to create video segments.

The 15-ft. mural features the words "fairness," "caring" and "citizenship." It was created, in part, by students in Summer 101's "Mural Madness" class.

Summer 101 wrapped up Thursday but is expected to return next summer. For more information, call (562) 940-6200 or go online to summer101.net.

—Eric Pierce, editor



Proposal would revamp Downey's civic center

• \$14 million plan would create green space and add a parking structure outside City Hall.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In an effort to draw more residents into the downtown area while correcting deficiencies in the civic center design, the Downey City Council adopted a \$14 million master plan last month that proposes reorganizing the library's parking lot, constructing a new one-acre park, and reconnecting Dolan Avenue to Third Street.

The proposed plan, which was drafted by city staff in partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments, analyzes the utilization of the 13 acres surrounding City Hall and provides a blueprint for an updated civic center.

Separated into two phases, the civic center master plan focuses mainly on increasing parking near City Hall and improving the flow of traffic and pedestrians around the downtown area.

Phase I, which incorporates the majority of the improvements, includes plans to rearrange the Downey City Library parking lot by narrowing its current lanes to create additional parking spaces. After reconfiguring, the total amount of parking spaces will increase from 727 to 840 spaces.

City officials will also add two pedestrian walkways through the lot that will connect the library to Firestone Boulevard and the First Baptist Church of Downey.

Dolan Avenue, which currently runs alongside the Embassy Suites Hotel will also be redefined, according to the master plan. The roadway will become a public street again that extends from Firestone Boulevard to Third Street.

The highlight of Phase I is the addition of a new 1.16-acre park that will extend from the greenbelt between City Hall and the library to the intersection of Dolan Avenue and Third Street. The park is expected to include open green space, a bandshell, tot-lot, and restroom facilities.

At the east end of the park, facing Brookshire Avenue, the city will relocate the historic 33-ton cement arch-

way, which served as the entrance to the Downey Grammar School for 40 years. The monument currently sits on the corner of Civic Center Drive.

On the north side of the library, the city is proposing to add a coffee shop and a 5,500-sq.-ft. plaza with a public fountain. Likewise, between the Embassy Suites Hotel and the Downey Civic Theatre, city staff propose an extension of outdoor seating for the hotel's restaurant.

Phase II of the civic center plan starts with the demolition of the parking lot west of the Downey Police Department to make room for a three-story parking structure with 366 new parking spaces. Along the southern edge of the structure, the city will also build a 3,000-sq.-ft. liner building that will be used as a new community venue.

The master plan also includes recommendations on how to improve the Downey LINK transit system, which city officials originally considered moving from Nance Street to the civic center.

"However, due to the cost of moving the Depot versus the minimal benefit gained by the relocation, it was determined to leave the Downey Depot at its current location," said Brian Saeki, director of community development.

Nonetheless, the proposed improvements include granting signal priority for buses, improving Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access, providing a direct stop at the Metro Green Line station on Lakewood Boulevard, and abandoning the current loop system in favor of a two-way transit system.

City staff believe the switch will allow increased service in all four quadrants by connecting commuters with the Metro system while continuing service to local schools and parks.

Councilmembers approved the master plan on June 25, voting 4-0, noting the absent of Councilman Roger Brossmer.

The civic center plan is just one of many master plans the city is currently drafting in order to help secure potential funding sources for future projects.

Officials could not estimate when construction would begin on the new civic center, but maintained the city is working on securing the funds.



Sonoclip, a six-member band that mixes Caribbean and Latin rhythms into pop music, salsa and merengue, performs Wednesday as part of Downey's concerts in the park series. The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Furman Park, and the Downey Rose Float Association will be selling food and beverages. Residents are invited to bring chairs and blankets, but umbrellas and pop-up structures are not allowed.

SOUL: funding the arts with taxpayer dollars

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of people in the community. At the juncture, a number of arts organizations have sprung up to freshen the air. Not that the city doesn't already have established arts groups. But the irony is that the amateurs are on the march while the pros, the ones who haven't already fallen, are barely lurching along.

In either case, the city has noticed and wants to do something about it. Roger Brossmer and Alex Saab, and to a lesser extent Mario Guerra, have been holding meetings and discussions with artists to find ways to move forward. To their credit, they acknowledge that they know little or nothing about art and just want to set up an operating, mutually accountable framework so they can back off and turn the artists loose.

Another thing they don't know however is that a hefty majority of the artists, or arts advocates, don't have deep knowledge of the arts either. A reference to Proust, Prokofiev, Balanchine or Delacroix would baffle most of them, as would mention of contemporary figures like Leo Brouwer, Chris Burden, James Turrell, Carlos Barbosa-Lima and Chico Buarque. We'll get to this later on. In the meantime, to demonstrate its good intentions, the city has bought into the game by backing a new player, the Stay Gallery.

Stay is the brainchild of Valentin Flores, an enterprising 30-year-old who convinced the city to spring for a \$2000 per month rent at the Downey Avenue site of what was formerly a drape shop. (The money has been redirected from the Art in

Public Places program; five years ago this would have been a misappropriation of funds; now it's still an iffy move.)

"Our mission," writes Flores in an e-mail, "is to revitalize and engage our community through art and culture. Our vision is to define and create a vibrant sense of place where people can live, work and play in downtown Downey."

It's just as well that the mission statement is vague. Stay has been trying a lot of different kinds of programs, including art exhibits, music programs, school programs, a toy drive, a fundraiser for the Downey High football team and one for the Downey Museum of Art, among others. They plan an exhibition series, an elementary school program, a collaboration with artists at Rancho Los Amigos, a mind-body wellness program, an independent film program and a spoken word series. And other programs as well (they just held an exhibit of Warren High photos).

That sounds like a tall order, with a leadership that has skimpy credentials. But creative director Gabriel Enamorado and operations manager Joseph Manacmul exude earnestness, intelligence and quiet intensity of purpose. It's smart that Stay doesn't define itself too soon; that gives them more room to grow and attract a wider public.

Costs are expensive however. And when pressed, Flores can be testy and defensive. Asked for a business plan and organizational chart before we sat down for a second interview, he didn't produce them. Budget numbers were elusive. We finally settled on a five-year goal of \$285,000, earned through dona-

tions, memberships, fundraisers (they do a lot of these), grants, and corporate and local sponsorships. But Stay won't come anywhere near matching these gifts through art sales and door fees.

They've also developed a reputation as party animals. Of course Downey Avenue could use nothing better than music and laughter. But people looking in aren't thrilled to see a lot of revelers living it up on the city's (meaning the taxpayer's) dime.

I've seen many groups and cultural programs make their start, from the \$15 million dollar kickoff celebration of the California Shakespeare Festival in Visalia (which folded in five years) to the creation of the L.A. Cultural Affairs Department under Mayor Tom Bradley, which is still going strong. The \$9 million per annum South Coast Repertory, one of the top regional theaters in the country, started with two guys, \$17 and a station wagon for costumes and props.

Some made it, some didn't.

I wouldn't want to offer any prediction about Stay's chances. But whether it costs \$20,000, \$40,000 or \$70,000 a year to run, or \$285,000 to maintain for five years, I look at its brief employee roster and its board and don't see a financial officer, a treasurer, or a comptroller.

I wouldn't want to draw any conclusions about that either, and haven't. There hasn't been a whisper of financial mischief, and a lot of money is clearly going into physical upgrades of the space. Still, given the dynamic of this recipe, I wonder about its future. I've asked around. I'm not the only one.

Another life saved at stroke prevention seminar

• More than 750 people have taken advantage of free health screenings, aimed at reducing stroke.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY — For the third time in as many events, a person's life was spared because of a life-saving screening at the Primary Stroke Prevention Seminar Wednesday at Rio Hondo Event Center.

This remarkably successful series of events has provided free carotid artery, aortic abdominal aneurysm and blood pressure screenings for more than 750 people. These free screenings have been valued at more than \$330,000. The seminars are sponsored by the RTH Stroke Foundation, Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, *The Downey Patriot* and the Rio Hondo Event Center.

"The purpose of these seminars is to reduce the risk of primary stroke in the Downey community," said RTH Stroke Foundation President Deborah Massaglia. "With so many attendees whose screenings have revealed issues with carotid artery blockage, serious abdominal aneurysms or life-threatening high blood pressure, we have exceeded our wildest expectation in helping prevent stroke in this community."

Wednesday's seminar was no exception. "A woman said she had experienced dizzy spells before attending the seminar," Deborah said. "When we did the ultrasound screening on her carotid arteries, it showed that one of her arteries had



Photo by Diane & Greg Waskul

A woman receives a free blood pressure screening.

a greater than 80 percent blockage, which could result in a fatal stroke. She will be getting immediate medical care to deal with this life-threatening issue," Deborah said.

Although other results weren't as dramatic, there were many attendees with Type 2 hypertension (blood pressure higher than 160/100), which meant they also needed to see a doctor immediately.

As in the two previous seminars, the event began with a presentation about stroke by a leading expert in the field. Nurses Sanossian, MD, an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the USC Keck School of Medicine and Director of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Comprehensive Stroke Clinic at USC, told the audience that the cost of stroke is extremely high in the United States, both in terms of loss of life and financial resources.

"More than 800,000 new stroke cases are reported each year in the

United States," Dr. Sanossian said. "Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in our country, with about 130,000 people dying because of stroke each year."

He told the audience that stroke is the leading cause of disability in America, and that of all stroke survivors, 90% have permanent deficits.

"The total cost of stroke-related medical cost and disability in the United States is approximately \$57 billion each year," Dr. Sanossian said. "The tragedy is that 80 percent of these strokes could have been avoided if people had just changed their lifestyle to avoid the factors that put them at a high risk for stroke."

"Many risk factors for stroke can be treated and some can even be eliminated," Dr. Sanossian said. These include:

- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Heart disease
- Cigarette smoking
- Transient Ischemic Attack or mini-stroke (TIA)
- Atrial Fibrillation (abnormal heart rhythm)
- Stress
- Diet and exercise
- Sleep Apnea
- Diabetes
- Elevated blood cholesterol
- Excessive alcohol use

"These factors account for four out of every five strokes," Dr. Sanossian said. "By recognizing the issues that you have in these areas and making the necessary lifestyle changes to correct them, you can help prevent a stroke in your life."

Dr. Sanossian said that there are five risk factors for stroke that can't be treated. "These include age, gender, race, a prior stroke and a family history of stroke," he said. He then named six things that people can do to help reduce the risk of a stroke, including:

- Know your risk factors
- Exercise five to six times per week for 30 minutes per day
- Lower your sodium (salt) intake
- Cut down on fatty foods
- Eat a well-balanced diet
- Report any symptoms immediately to your doctor

Knowing the symptoms of stroke and taking immediate action can often mean the difference between life and death, or even between having a permanent disability and sustaining substantially less long-term damage to your body.

"There's a simple acronym called FAST, which makes it easy to remember what to do if someone is having a stroke," Dr. Sanossian said.

The "F" stands for "face." "Ask them to smile," he said. "Does the face look uneven?"

The "A" stands for "arm." "Ask them to raise both arms," he said. "Does one drift down?"

The "S" stands for "speech." "Ask them to repeat a simple phrase such as 'the sky is blue,'" Dr. Sanossian said. "Does their speech sound strange?"

The "T" stands for "time." "If they have any of these signs, it's time to immediately call 9-1-1," he said. "Do not call a doctor, do not call a friend or relative and do not drive to the nearest hospital. Call 9-1-1."

Dr. Sanossian then explained

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Kari Volen wins state pageant

DOWNEY – Kari Volen, a community education and development representative at Downey Federal Credit Union, was crowned Mrs. California-America at a pageant June 23 in Anaheim.



Volen participated in the swimsuit, evening gown, interview and onstage question competitions, beating out all other contestants to be crowned the winner.

As the winner, she will represent California at the Mrs. America Pageant in Tucson, Ariz. next month. The winner of that competition will represent the United States at the Mrs. World Pageant in China in September.

Volen is a familiar face in Downey. She has worked at Downey Federal Credit Union for the last seven years, promoting financial literacy. She develops customized training for all ages of Downey students – from kindergarten through high school – about the importance of money management, having a budget, and saving for the future.

She also mentors high school students in marketing and business projects.

Volen has visited numerous businesses in the city and has given workshops about financial education for community members.

Throughout her rein, Volen will continue to work with the National Cervical Cancer Coalition and No Worries Now, an organization that holds proms for teens with life-threatening illnesses.

Locally, she is a member of Soroptimist International of Downey and Elks Club.

“I am very pleased to be chosen as Mrs. California-America and will continue to support organizations that foster women’s issues,” Volen said.



David Gafin, president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club, presents a \$1,000 donation to Gangs Out of Downey president Martha Sodetani. Sodetani spoke to the Kiwanis group Wednesday.

Rose Float fundraiser at Pina Pizza

DOWNEY – Pina Pizza House is hosting a fundraiser Tuesday to benefit the Downey Rose Float Association.

Between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m., all diners who mention the Downey Rose Float will have a portion of their check donated to the organization.

Pina Pizza is at 11102 Paramount Blvd.

SCREENINGS: next in September

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why it is so important to call 9-1-1. “During a stroke, the brain loses up to 1.9 million neurons and 14 billion brain synapses, the connections between neurons through which information flows from one neuron to another,” he said.

“This is why we say that ‘time is brain’ during a stroke, and why it is so important to call 9-1-1 immediately when you think someone may be having a stroke. “When you call 9-1-1, the ambulance will bring you directly to the hospital and straight to a bed in the Emergency Room. In addition, we now have a clot-busting drug call tPA that must be given within three hours after the start of a stroke to be effective. So you want to get to the hospital the fastest way possible, and that is by calling 9-1-1.”

The biggest challenge our society faces in preventing strokes is getting our epidemic of high blood pressure under control,” Dr. Sanossian said. “We could eliminate nearly half the strokes in this country if we could control our high blood pressure,” he said.

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, causes more than 400,000 strokes each year. This is followed by high cholesterol (170,000), cigarettes (100,000), atrial fibrillation (80,000) and heavy alcohol use (40,000).

“High blood pressure isn’t just the leading cause of stroke,” Dr. Sanossian said. “It is also a major cause of heart disease, kidney disease, heart attacks and vascular dementia.”

It is very important to keep your blood pressure in the normal range, which is under 120/80,” he said. “If your blood pressure is higher than recommended, it can be controlled by a combination of diet, exercise and medication. Whatever it takes, make sure you get your blood pressure under control.”

Dr. Sanossian said weight control is something everyone can work on

to reduce their blood pressure.

“There are some basic lifestyle changes you can make that can help you reduce your weight,” he said. These include:

- Decrease time in sedentary behaviors such as watching television, playing video games, or spending time online.
- Increase physical activity such as walking, biking, aerobic dancing, tennis, soccer, basketball, etc.
- Decrease portion sizes for meals and snacks.
- Reduce portion sizes or frequency of consumption of calorie-containing beverages.

“The good news is that you can do something to reduce your risk of stroke,” Dr. Sanossian said. “Whether you have a stroke or not is primarily up to you.”

The more than 200 persons who attended Wednesday’s seminar, took the first step to better health by becoming informed of their blood

pressure and whether they had issues with their carotid arteries or an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

“We encourage everyone in the community to attend our next seminar, which will be held Wednesday, September 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Rio Hondo Event Center,” Deborah said. “Today’s seminar filled up in just one day, so I would suggest that anyone who would like to take advantage of hearing a great physician speak about how to prevent a stroke and our free screenings should call 888-794-9466 and make a reservation for our free September 25 event.”

“This is the most successful Primary Stroke Prevention seminar series our nation has ever had,” Dr. Sanossian said. “I encourage everyone in the community to attend the next seminar on September 25 and start working on living a healthier life.”

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Downey Adult School students Michelle Reth, Joanne Yen, Allison Wong, Caryn Dominessy, Mindee Choi and Christine Diep have qualified to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination. They will take the test Friday, July 19, at the Westin Hotel in Los Angeles. The examination is given three times a year and is the equivalent to a bar exam. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on one day and machine dictation a different day.



Photo courtesy Downey Chamber of Commerce

Julie Knabe, Dr. Wendy Doty, Don Knabe and Dr. Mary Stauffer.

Doty, Stauffer honored by chamber

DOWNEY - Retired superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty and philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer were honored with humanitarian awards last month by the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Doty and Stauffer each received the Don and Julie Knabe Humanitarian Award on June 27, which "recognizes an individual or couple whose humanitarian contributions to our local community exemplify the principles of kindness and charity while displaying a passion for life and a sincere desire to work toward enhancing the lives of others."

L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe and his wife, Julie, the namesakes of the awards, were in attendance to present the awards.

The ceremony was held at the Rio Hondo Event Center, with each table representing one of the six pillars of Character Counts: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

"Both women have made tremendous contributions to the education of local students," the chamber said in a statement. "Our thanks go out to the Downey High School Choral Ensemble, Marilyn Ashley, Yvette Abich Garcia, Mario Guerra, Martha Sodetani, Donald LaPlante, Greg Waskul, Sandy Huntsman, Julie Knabe and Master of Ceremonies Don Knabe for their participation.

"Hearty congratulations are extended to both Dr. Doty and Dr. Stauffer from the Downey Chamber of Commerce board of directors and staff."



The Assistance League of Downey awarded \$500 scholarships to eight students from Downey and Warren high schools. Pictured above (with Assistance League members Steffie Miller and Maggie Jackson) are scholarship recipients Sasha Montero, Angelica Frometa and Paul Lim, of Warren High. Not pictured are Ariana Varela, Karen Gill, Minji Kim, Amy Lee and Sophia Paik.

Adult school offers parent-child preschool classes

DOWNEY - Downey Adult School is offering a parent and child participation preschool program this fall, a unique preschool program in which parents attend class and are active participants in their child's education.

"Our academic program offers an introduction and review of the alphabet and numbers closely aligned with the preschool common-core standards for the state of California," school officials said in a statement.

"In addition, we offer development experiences in music and movement, art, science and play, providing opportunities for creative and divergent thinkers by encouraging children to be active participants in their learning."

The program is also geared toward helping children develop habits of observation, questioning and listening.

Classes include programs for ages 2-4.

To register, call (562) 940-6200.

Downey natives make Dean's List

DOWNEY - Downey native Anna Bautista was named to the Dean's List at Hofstra University, a private university 25 miles from New York City.

Bautista, who is scheduled to graduate next year, made the list for the spring 2013 semester.

She is majoring in fine arts.

Sean Regalado, also of Downey, made the Dean's List at Paul Smith's College, located on the shores of Lower St. Regis Lake in New York.

Regalado is a biology major.

Meanwhile, Downey resident Jacquelyn Jimenez graduated from Drake University a juris doctor in law.

Drake is a private university in Des Moines, Iowa, with an enrollment of about 1,900 graduate students.

Bicycle club to explore rivers

DOWNEY - The Downey Bicycle Coalition will host its monthly bicycle ride Saturday, July 27, but for the first time will venture outside Downey.

The ride will meet at Furman Park before rolling along the Rio Hondo and Los Angeles rivers into Long Beach, and back via the San Gabriel River Path.

The route is about 40 miles and participants are asked to bring their own food, water and an appropriate bike for the leisurely ride.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the club will start to spin its pedals at 7:30. For questions, contact Roger Pardo at downeybike@gmail.com.

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Letters to the Editor:

Tradition of DCLO

Dear Editor:

The letter that Mr. Malevitz sent you speaking about the sad ending of the Downey Civic Light Opera reflects, I am sure, the feelings of many people from Downey and from other cities that enjoyed for years the best productions in musical theatre.

Let's hope that the City Council and Marsha Moode find a way to resolve their differences and continue their great labor of culture and entertainment. Downey needs first class theatre for our seniors.

In every one of the plays there is history, traditions and the cleanest amusement. For our children it is the introduction and initiation to learn that there are other events, besides computers, tablets and telephones that can give is happiness and memories that will last forever.

Margo Baird
Downey

Tierra Luna

Dear Editor:

At what point will the citizens of Downey begin to receive specifics on the retailers, businesses, restaurants and hotel opening at the giant development south of Downey Landing?

Is the city being purposely evasive in hiding names? Surely such a massive and expensive development would not be going forward if the developer did not have assurances that specific businesses would be opening shop there.

Of course the elephant in the room is Walmart, and whether they will be moving into Downey. We deserve to know.

George Lizarranga
Downey

Dear Editor:

On July 10, I met Mayor Mario Guerra at the U.S. Bank on Florence and Brookshire. The bank was celebrating the new solar panels they had installed.

I asked Mario if there is any chance that a better name for our new shopping center will be chosen. To my surprise, he told me yes.

Councilman Alex Saab also told me it looks very good as well.

I sure hope that this is true. Only time will tell.

Mike Sandoval
Downey

History of Downey Theatre

Dear Editor:

As someone who worked for Cummings Theatres, owner/operators of the Avenue and Meralta theaters, in the 1960s, I would like to correct Lawrence Christon as to when these theaters were built/opened.

Both the Avenue and the Meralta opened in 1926 – the Avenue several months before the Meralta. They were both combined vaudeville/motion-picture houses. Behind the screen was a full stage, with dressing rooms beneath, and full drops for scenery and curtains above. It was interesting rummaging through those old dressing rooms to see what was in storage down there, plus reading some of the handbills that were still on the walls.

Showcase Cinema in Stonewood opened as a single-screen theatre IIRC, and their opening film was "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." They did land-office business (and we hated them for it).

Drew Kelley
Downey

Pit bull ban

Dear Editor:

I have been a Downey resident for more than 30 years so I have certainly seen my share of changes within this great city. I witnessed something very traumatic a few days ago which prompted this letter.

As I pulled into the Stater Bros. parking lot, I glanced to my left and saw a couple walking their pit bull on a leash. Five seconds later, I heard a woman yell, "Rocky, no!" "Rocky" was another pit bull who either got loose from his leash or was never on one.

He proceeded to attack the pit bull until the two parties were able to pull him off. The "innocent" pit bull owners then walked away without either a call to the police or SEAAACA. I can only assume they did this because they, too, were pit bull owners.

Had the dog been my Labrador or my friend's Husky, the result probably would have been disastrous and ruined someone's life.

I walk/run with my dog daily, and I am in constant fear of pit bull owners and their dogs due to the dog's unpredictable behavior and the owner's hubris (most pit bull owners will need to Webster that) as well as the reason most people own pit bulls.

I understand there is passion on both sides, but my dog will never "attack" another dog or human. It simply is not in her DNA.

It is time to seriously consider banning pit bulls from the city limits. I truly believe the majority of Downey citizens would welcome the opportunity as we have a great dog population here that should not be subject to abuse or concern for their well being.

Dan Port
Downey

Will your beneficiaries beat the odds?

Two-thirds of baby boomers will inherit a total \$7.6 trillion in their lifetimes, according to the Boston College Center for Retirement Research -- that's \$1.7 trillion more than China's 2012 GDP.

But they'll lose 70 percent of that legacy, and not because of taxes. By the end of their children's lives -- the third generation -- nine of 10 family fortunes will be gone.

"The third-generation rule is so true, it's enshrined in Chinese proverb: 'Wealth never survives three generations,'" says John Hartog of Hartog & Baer Trust and Estate Law, (www.hartogbaer.com). "The American version of that is 'shirtsleeves to shirtsleeves in three generations.'"

There are a number of reasons that happens, and most of them are preventable say Hartog: CPA Jim Kohles, chairman of RINA accountancy corporation, (www.rina.com); and wealth management expert Haitham "Hutch" Ashoo, CEO of Pillar Wealth Management, (www.pillarwm.com).

How can the current generation of matriarchs, patriarchs and their beneficiaries beat the odds? All three financial experts say the solutions involve honest conversations -- the ones families often avoid because they can be painful -- along with passing along family values and teaching children from a young age how to manage money.

- "Give them some money now and see how they handle it." Many of the "wealth builders," the first generation who worked so hard to build the family fortune, teach their children social responsibility; to take care of their health; to drive safely. "But they don't teach them financial responsibility; they think they'll get it by osmosis," says estate lawyer Hartog.

If those children are now middle-aged, it's probably too late for that. But the first generation can see what their offspring will do with a sudden wind-fall of millions by giving them a substantial sum now -- without telling them why.

"I had a client who gave both children \$500,000. After 18 months, one child had blown through the money and the other had turned it into \$750,000," Hartog says.

Child A will get his inheritance in a restricted-access trust.

- "Be willing to relinquish some control." Whether it's preparing one or more of their children to take over the family business, or diverting some

pre-inheritance wealth to them, the first generation often errs by retaining too much control, says CPA Kohles.

"We don't give our successor the freedom to fail," Kohles says. "If they don't fail, they don't learn, so they're not prepared to step up when the time comes."

In the family business, future successors need to be able to make some decisions that don't require the approval of the first generation, Kohles says. With money, especially for 1st-generation couples with more than \$10 million (the first \$5 million of inheritance from each parent is not subject to the estate tax), parents need to plan for giving away some of their wealth before they die. That not only allows the beneficiaries to avoid a 40 percent estate tax, it helps them learn to manage the money.

- "Give your beneficiaries the opportunity to build wealth, and hold family wealth meetings." The first generation works and sacrifices to make the family fortune, so often the second generation doesn't have to and the third generation is even further removed from that experience, says wealth manager Ashoo.

"The best way they're going to be able to help preserve the wealth is if they understand what goes into creating it and managing it -- not only the work, but the values and the risks," Ashoo says.

The first generation should allocate seed money to the second generation for business, real estate or some other potentially profitable venture, he says.

Holding ongoing family wealth meetings with your advisors is critical to educating beneficiaries, as well as passing along family and wealth values, Ashoo says. It also builds trust between the family and the primary advisors.

Ashoo tells of a recent experience chatting with two deca-millionaires aboard a yacht in the Bahamas.

"They both built major businesses and sold them," Ashoo says. "At this point, it's no longer about what their money will do for them -- it's about what the next generations will do with their money."

John Hartog is a partner at Hartog & Baer Trust and Estate Law. He is a certified specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law, and taxation law.

Why 2014 could be the year of the senior

By Douglas E. Schoen

This summer, policymakers and pundits alike remain distracted by a host of scandals in Washington. The alleged targeting of conservative political groups by IRS officials, while relegated to Congressional hearings and calls for additional investigations (for now), will be red meat for candidates running in next year's midterm elections. Recent revelations that the NSA has been monitoring phone calls only adds to the narrative that we'll likely see play out in the coming months: government, regardless of its reach, is increasingly misguided.

However, it would be political malpractice to assume that fundamental issues - Medicare, the economy, trade, etc. - will take a backseat to today's scandals. As incumbent policymakers know well, taking one's eye off these fundamental issues (often at the expense of entire voting blocs) is often a recipe for failure. This is especially relevant for voters over 65, who are increasingly drifting to the Republican Party. Taking into account that nearly six in 10 seniors voted for Mitt Romney (up from half who voted for McCain 2008), it's critical that Democrats right the ship before 2014.

By all accounts, 2012 marked a period in which Democrats were inspired by a larger turnout of young and non-white voters. However, two years earlier,

seniors comprised 23 percent of the vote (an increase from 16 percent in 2008). The youth vote in 2010 was only 11 percent, down from 18 percent in 2008. A fired up senior electorate can easily sway a close election.

With this idea in mind, a key issue for Republicans and Democrats will be establishing a permanent trust on Medicare. Every American over 65 relies on the program in some way, and a large swath of Medicare participants have to deal with a chronic medical condition. Seniors are often afraid of losing their benefits and having programs they rely on cost more money or get cut altogether.

Case in point is Medicare Part D, the popular prescription drug benefit. This is a program that has been a sterling success, in a time when confidence in government is reaching all-time lows. Part D is a rare example of a government program that has consistently cost less year after year than originally budgeted. To be specific, it has cost \$348 billion less than original estimates. The Congressional Budget Office found every one percent increase in prescriptions filled results in a .20 percent decrease in spending on other Medicare services.

Key take-away for seniors: what works in health care is likely to be well received heading into next year's election. While Obamacare continues to experience stagnant approval ratings (the latest polls continue to trend downward), it's clear that seniors will gravitate toward public policies that meet their needs and help to address health care spending.

For both Democrats and Republicans, the good news is that the senior vote is still gettable. However, a good portion of voters over 65 pay close attention to policy specifics, making it more important to ensure that both parties recognize this. Preserving programs that work, while prioritizing seniors' long-term interests, will yield significant political dividends in 2014 and beyond.

Neither side can afford losing them.

Douglas Schoen is a political strategist and author of "Hopelessly Divided: The New Crisis in American Politics and What it Means for 2012 and Beyond," published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Mapping out a plan to pay for college

Generation after generation, parents have taught their children to prepare for college now, which often means in elementary school or even earlier.

These days, financial experts like John McDonough are giving parents the same advice.

"Can you afford the college that will give them the best chance in life? Will paying for their education force you to have to work well into your golden years? These are the questions I ask parents every day," says McDonough, CEO of Studemont Group College Funding Solutions, CollegeFundingFreedom.com, which offers advice for parents worrying about how to pay for their child's education.

"Many parents really don't know how to begin answering these questions; they are afraid of walking into a financial situation that they won't be able to safely walk out of. But the alternative -- saddling their children with debt well into their 30s and 40s -- is not an appealing alternative."

McDonough reviews four disturbing trends in the challenge of paying for a college education:

- The net worth of today's 30-somethings: Adults in their 30s have 21 percent less net worth than 30-somethings 30 years ago, according to a new Urban Institute report. Why? Much of it has to do with high-interest student loans and credit card debt. The return on investment of a college education is excellent -- college grads earn 84 percent more than those with only a high school diploma, according to Georgetown's Center on Education and the Workforce. But paying off that investment without outside help is exceedingly burdensome for a graduate.

- Student loan debt is even greater than credit card debt: That's right -- topping all Americans who have made poor decisions with their credit cards are ambitious high school graduates, whose collective student load debt shoots past \$1 trillion! More important than this being a crucial social epidemic, it's potentially a very real problem for your child.

- Fluctuating interest rates: Recent controversy over federal Stafford loans interest rates adds to the insecurity of borrowing as a college financing strategy. Given the unpredictability of Congress, which allowed the U.S. credit rating to drop while standing on political principles, one can't reliably predict whether interest rates will rise or fall.

- Your children cannot refinance their loans: While a borrower who has racked up tens of thousands of dollars in gambling debt can refinance their payments, student loans remain at fixed rates.

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Downey celebrating National Night Out

DOWNEY – The city of Downey will celebrate for the first time National Night Out on Aug. 6, a unique community event celebrated across the United States the first Tuesday in August every year.

The event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local crime prevention programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Downey's event is from 5:30-9 p.m. and will promote community awareness and wellness by educating the community about crime prevention, health and community resources.

It also features free food, drinks, children's activities, community information booths and family fun.

The event will also include:

City Hall Tours -- Mayor Mario Guerra and staff will lead tours at 6:30 p.m. and 7:10 p.m.

Healthy Downey Walk Against Crime -- A community walk through the downtown area begins in front of City Hall at 7:30 p.m. and ends in the civic center at about 8 p.m.

Healthy Lifestyle Information -- Healthy Downey partners will provide health and wellness information. Health Net will conduct free body fat screenings.

Child ID & Fingerprinting -- Child I.D. cards will be printed for parents, free of charge. The ID cards feature a photo, fingerprints and emergency contact information.

Gardening Workshop -- Home Depot and Bonnie's Plants have sponsored a healthy-living themed workshop where kids will build their own planting box and take home a Bonnie plant for free.

Kids Bicycle Skills Workshop -- Certified cycling instructors, the Downey Police Department's bicycle team and the Downey Bicycle Coalition will teach essential bicycle and pedestrian safety skills. Children are encouraged to bring their bicycles and helmets. The Downey Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program is sponsoring helmet giveaways and additional children activities.

All activities will take place in the Civic Center outside City Hall.

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

Teens sought for youth commission

DOWNEY – Downey teens are invited to apply for a seat on the Downey Youth Commission, an advisory to the City Council on youth-related issues.

Established in 2011, the commission is for high school students who are interested in learning about local government and would like to be more active in the community.

Members are expected to participate in monthly meetings throughout the school year to learn about different city projects, plan activities, discuss youth topics and participate in community events.

To be eligible, teens must live in Downey and be enrolled in high school.

Applications are online at downeyca.org and at the City Clerk's office on the third floor of city hall.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Aug. 9.

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

Carnival next month in Bellflower

BELFLOWER – A community carnival featuring rides, games, food, live entertainment, a beer garden and fun for the entire family is scheduled for Aug. 2-4 at Thompson Park in Bellflower.

The carnival is hosted by the Kiwanis clubs of Bellflower, Downey, Huntington Park, Long Beach and Santa Fe Springs.

Advance sale discount ride tickets are available prior to opening day. Advance tickets are \$1.25 per ride and come in booklets of \$10.

Opportunity drawing tickets are \$2 –first prize is \$5,000, second prize is \$2,000 and third prize is \$1,000.

The carnival is open 5-11 p.m. on Friday, and 1-11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

One-hundred percent of proceeds will go to community service and charitable causes such as scholarships for local high school students and service leadership programs for elementary, middle school and high school levels.

For ride and opportunity drawing tickets, call Carol Wait at (562) 754-0972 or Ray Hamada at (626) 526-4650.

Cerritos Center releases 2013-14 schedule

CERRITOS – The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts has released its 2013-14 season schedule, which kicks off Aug. 17 with two-time Grammy Award artist Patti LaBelle.

The season lineup includes entertainers in music, dance and Broadway, including concerts by Broadway actor/tenor Mandy Patinkin, rock band Foreigner, musician Chris Isaak and R&B songbird Roberta Flack.

The lineup also features award-winning celebrity chef Alton Brown, the Dance Theatre of Harlem Company, Grammy-nominated trumpeter Chris Botti and the Official Blues Brothers Revue.

For families, the season offers Luma, Broadway on Ice and It's Magic!. Returning acts include the Colors of Christmas, saxophonist Dave Koz and composer Rob Kappel with his critically acclaimed "What Makes It Great?" series.

The Broadway Series features the percussion sensation "Stomp," the Tony-winning musical "Man of La Mancha," and the all-time love story "West Side Story."

The Memory Lane Series showcases the "Helen Reddy Holiday Show"; a "Tribute to Glenn Miller & the Vocal Groups Vol. II" featuring the Tex Beneke Orchestra, the Four Aces, the Ink Spots Generations, the Modernaires and the Pied Pipers; and Frank Ferrante in "An Afternoon with Groucho."

Patrons can subscribe to one or more of the series packages: Broadway, Memory Lane and Rob Kappel's "What Makes It Great?" Theater-goers can also customize their own season with five or more performances of their choice if orders are placed by Aug. 17.

The complete schedule is listed below. An Aug. 23 concert featuring country singer Randy Travis has been cancelled.

Aug. 17, 2013: Patti LaBelle (a capella group Ball in the House to open)

Aug. 24, 2013: Memphis Music Fest

Sept. 15, 2013: Bobby Vinton

Sept. 20, 2013: "Mandy Patinkin: Dress Casual" with Paul Ford on piano

Sept. 21, 2013: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy

Sept. 27, 2013: Ju Percussion Group

Sept. 28, 2013: Little Anthony & The Imperials

Oct. 4, 2013: Foreigner

Oct. 5, 2013: Sandi Patty

Oct. 11, 2013: "Ring of Fire: The Life and Music of Johnny Cash"

Oct. 18, 2013: Smokey Robinson

Oct. 19, 2013: Alton Brown Live

Oct. 20, 2013: "Where the Action Is" featuring Paul Revere & The Raiders, The Association and Mitch Ryder

Oct. 25, 2013: Craig A. Meyer: Almost Elton John & The Rocket Band

Oct. 26, 2013: Luma

Nov. 8, 2013: Dance Theatre of Harlem Company

Nov. 30, 2013: Chris Isaak

Dec. 6, 2013: Michael Londra's Celtic Yuletide

Dec. 8, 2013: "Blue Suede Christmas" featuring Mike Albert and Scot Bruce

Dec. 13, 2013: "Creole Christmas" featuring Preservation Hall Jazz Band

Dec. 14, 2013: "Colors of Christmas" featuring Peabo Bryson, Melissa Manchester, Ruben Studdard and CeCe Winans.

Dec. 15, 2013: "Merry-Achi Christmas" featuring Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles and Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company

Dec. 20-21, 2013: "Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2013" with special guests Oleta Adams, Jonathan Butler and Keiko Matsui

Dec. 27-28, 2013: Broadway on Ice

Jan. 18, 2014: The Best of Doo-Wop

Jan. 25, 2014: "Hotel California –



Chris Isaak

A Salute to the Eagles"

Feb. 1, 2014: George Kahumoku Jr. and Da 'Ukulele Boyz with special guest Ledward Kaapana

Feb. 8, 2014: Three Mo' Tenors

Feb. 21, 2014: Roberta Flack

March 5, 2014: Alexander Schimpf, piano

March 15, 2014: Norman Brown and Gerald Albright

March 23, 2014: "New Star Studied 58th Anniversary Show It's Magic!"

March 28, 2014: Chris Botti

April 5, 2014: "Reunion of the Doo-Wop Stars" featuring Bobby Hendricks' Drifters, the Chiffons, the Four Preps, Original Coaster

Leon Hughes and His Group, and the Alley Cats

April 12, 2014: "The Official Blues Brothers Revue"

MEMORY LANE SERIES

Dec. 1, 2013: "Helen Reddy Holiday Show"

Jan. 26, 2014: "Tribute to Glenn Miller & the Vocal Groups Vol. II"

featuring the Tex Beneke Orchestra, the Four Aces, the Ink Spots Generations, the Modernaires and the Pied Pipers.

April 13, 2014: Frank Ferrante in "An Afternoon with Groucho"

BROADWAY SERIES

Sept. 6-7, 2013: "Stomp"

Jan. 10-11, 2014: "Man of La Mancha"

March 7-8, 2014: "West Side Story"

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT? SERIES

Dec. 4, 2013: "Over the Rainbow: The Songs of Harold Arlen"

Jan. 8, 2014: "The Piano Music of Chopin: Mazurkas, Nocturne and Polonaise" featuring Ray Ushikubo on piano

April 2, 2014: Beethoven – string quartet, Op. 18, No. 1 featuring Calidore String Quartet

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SPORTS BRIEFS: nearly 100 kids sign up for baseball camp

• Former Angels minor league pitcher Jesus Campos works as instructor.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School summer baseball camp is winding down and head coach Scott Pearson said he is extremely pleased with the turnout.

Coach Pearson said he had 89 campers during the two week camp that ranged in age from 5 to 14. The camp was split into four age groups with professional baseball team names for each.

The 5 to 7-year-old age group had twelve participants and were the "Padres." The 8 to 10-year-old age group had eighteen participants and were the "Giants." The 11-13 year old group had 25 participants and were the "Angels." The incoming freshmen group had 34 participants and comprised the largest group by number. They did not have a team name.

The camp focused on hitting, fielding, pitching, and base running. The summer camp also served as a great opportunity for incoming freshmen to meet the high school coaches and get a head start on honing their skills for upcoming tryouts in September.

Coach Pearson and his staff had a lot of fun running his first camp at Warren and already has new ideas and big hopes for next year. Coach Pearson had former Angels AAA player Jesus Campos instructing as well as former Marlin and Cal State Los Angeles pitching standout Isaac Morales.

Morales is the all-time wins leader at Cal State Los Angeles. Pearson also has ties to Toronto Blue Jay All-Star

pitcher Ricky Romero. Romero, however, was not at this summer camp.

As a summer camp benefit, campers enjoyed Yogurtland frozen yogurt after camp on Wednesday. Coach Pearson is grateful to all the parents and volunteers who made this year's camp such a success.

The Downey High School baseball team has been competing in the eight team, double elimination American Legion Area 4 playoffs. The summer playoffs started July 13, and concluded yesterday.

At stake is a trip to Yountville, California, and an opportunity to compete for the American Legion California state tournament title July 27-30. All games in this tournament have been played at Paramount High School.

Millikan High School of the Moore league was the top seed. Long Beach Wilson, also from the Moore league, is the number two seed. Bellflower High School from the Suburban league is the number three seed and Lakewood High School from the Moore league is the number four seed.

St. John Bosco from the Trinity league is the number five seed and Narbonne is the sixth seed. El Segundo is the seventh seed and Downey, from the San Gabriel valley League, was the number eight seed.

Downey played top seeded Millikan last Saturday and lost 1-0.

Downey pitching ace Randy Labaut was outstanding in the effort but gave up a run in the fourth inning. As it stood, that was all Millikan would need and the Rams made it stand.

After the loss, Downey dropped to the loser's bracket and faced Narbonne in an elimination game Sunday.

Downey defeated Narbonne, 8-2, on Sunday and advanced to the

next round of the loser's bracket on Monday. Downey then defeated seventh seeded El Segundo, 11-9, and advanced to play against fifth seeded St. John Bosco on Tuesday (score unavailable at press time).

With a win against St. John Bosco, the Vikings would play Millikan again in a rematch of their first round game. The winner of that game would face currently undefeated Long Beach Wilson in the Area 4 championship game.

The winner of this game would then go to Yountville and compete in the state tournament at the end of the month.

Downey High School recently had their track and field repaired. The facilities at Allen Layne Stadium have been utilized by many athletic teams on campus over the years, with football, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls lacrosse all utilizing the field.

Boys and girls cross country, as well as boys and girls track and field, have also used the track. Several outside groups, including recreational soccer leagues and casual runners, have also used the track and field facilities.

With the track and field improvements, several sports teams and programs have had to make adjustments as to when the facilities would be available for use. C.I.F. mandated "dead periods" were utilized by many teams as the repairs were being made.

Now that the maintenance and improvements have been completed, the teams are now conducting their summer workouts and practices in preparation for their fall sports seasons. The work looks good and Viking athletes of all sports will enjoy their new "face lift."

Warren High School similarly is going through a renovation of their own. The Bear renovation, however, is



Warren High School's baseball camp ended Thursday, with kids learning the fundamentals of baseball while also having fun. A winter camp is planned during the holiday break, times and prices to be determined.

taking place inside their gymnasium known as "the Cave."

Warren is getting a new surface for their indoor athletic teams. The renovation started on Monday, July 8, and is projected to be finished on Aug. 5.

The colored floor will be a base dark blue and base gold. Warren will also be getting blue and gold bleachers that will seat more than 100 people than before.

Bear Athletic Director Russ Heicke said he is "ecstatic" about the gym and is anxious to see the finished product.

Interestingly, the floor in the Warren High School gym has been there since 1956. It is only a matter of time before "the Cave" will once again be in full operation and Bears of all sports practicing and playing on their new and improved surface.

The Warren High School boys' cross country team has just finished

their C.I.F. mandated "dead period" and are preparing for their fall season.

Coach Ramon Miranda is excited about this year's team and his team's goal is to "get to state." Miranda was pleased with this year's turnout of 138 runners. Last year there were 91. Each year Miranda's program turns out more runners.

Coach Miranda's top 15 runners will be traveling north to Placerville Camp for some altitude running. At the time of this writing, there is one spot available and five runners are competing for it. Warren's top 15 runners will be leaving on Sunday, Aug. 4, and return Monday, Aug. 23. Warren runners will run in Placerville, Lake Tahoe, Sacramento and Auburn, nine miles at a time and in 7900 ft. of elevation.

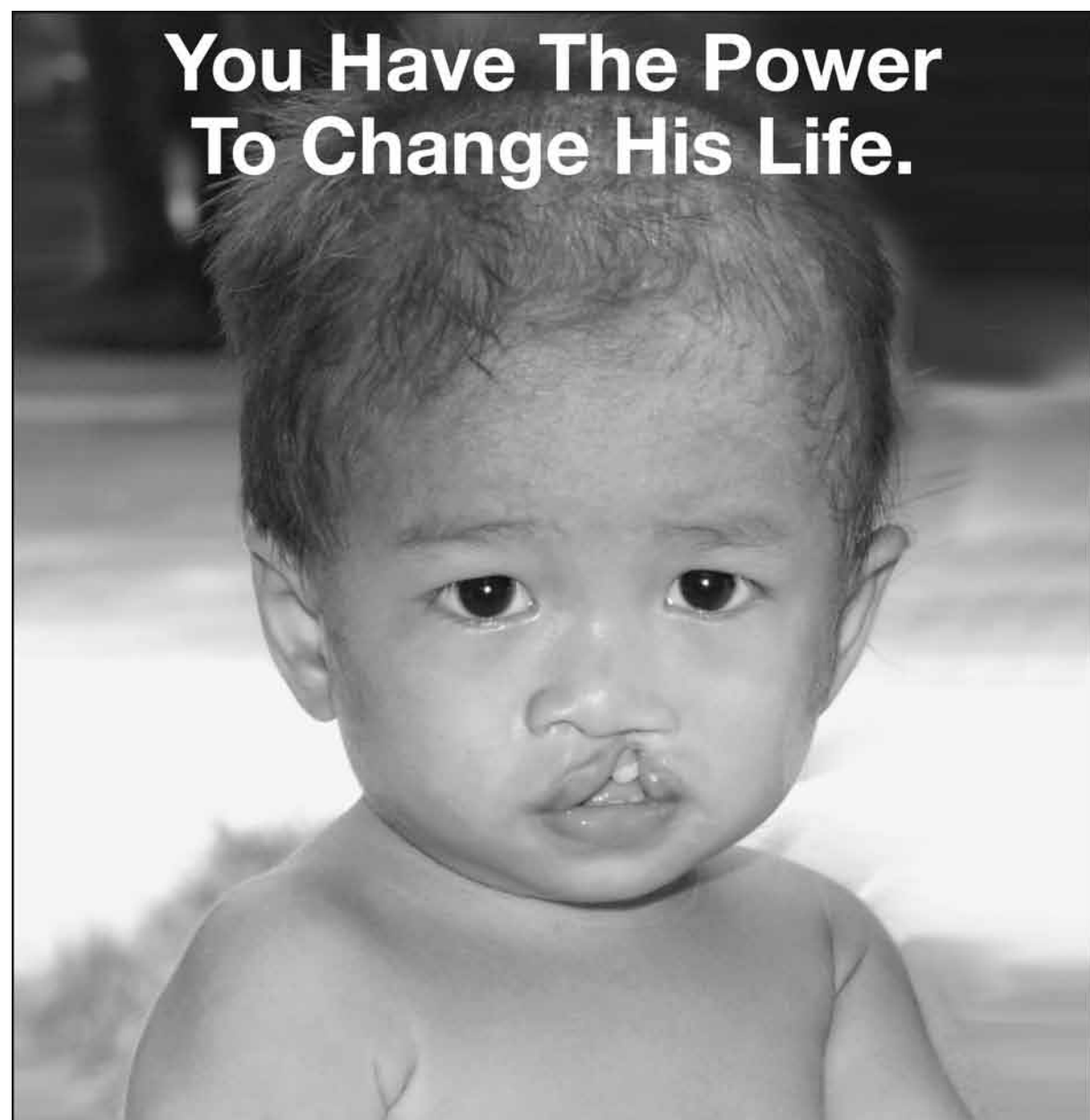
Standout runners including junior and S.G.V.L. champion Ben Gonzalez, junior Jonathan Rodriguez, junior Andres Barragan, senior Micheal Hernandez, senior Brandon

Iraheta, sophomore Matthew Sanchez, senior Miguel Cabada, junior Eric Soza, sophomore Sergio Santana, sophomore Chris Estrada, junior Jesus Martinez and three freshmen Ricardo Gonzalez, Alex Garber and Christian Gonzalez will all be making the trip north.

A "Desert Camp" will also be taking place at the end of August. The Desert Camp will be held in Rancho Mirage and feature junior varsity runners. Runners will leave Wednesday, Aug. 25, and return on Sunday, Aug. 29.

Warren will participate in their first competition on Saturday, September 14, in Laguna Hills at the Laguna Hills Invitational. Saturday, September 21, Warren will participate in the Woodbridge Invitational at Estancia High School in Costa Mesa.

The first S.G.V.L. cluster meet will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, at Wilderness Park.



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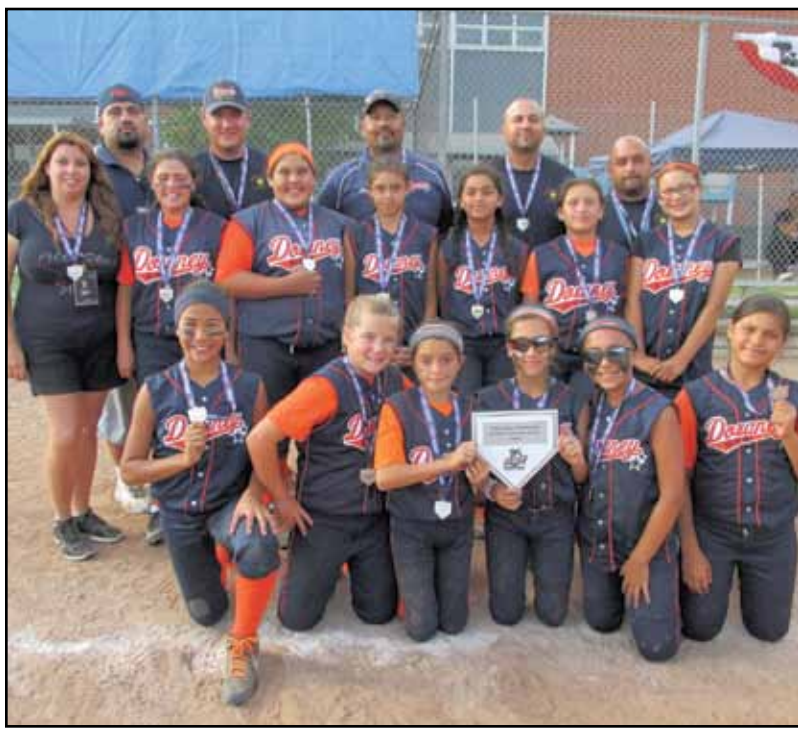
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The Downey All-Stars 10u Gold softball team represented Downey in the Lancaster State Tournament two weeks ago, the only team representing Downey among the 8u, 10u, 12u and 14u teams. The tournament wrapped up a great season for the girls, which included second place finishes in the Eastvale Tournament and the Districts Tournament, which qualified them for state competition. The girls also won the Chino Hills Milk Can Tournament.



"Birds in Paradise" took Joyce Sherwin soaring over the Garden Island of Kauai in a powered, piloted hang glider, essentially a flying tricycle. "What a blast!" Sherwin said.

'Book of Mormon' extends run



HOLLYWOOD - Tony Award-winning musical "The Book of Mormon" has added five additional weeks of performances at the Pantages Theatre through March 16, 2014.

The show will begin performance Jan. 21.

"The Book of Mormon" is the winner of nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, Best Book and Best Direction.

The production features book, music and lyrics by Trey Parker, Robert Lopez and Matt Stone. Parker and Stone are creators of the animated series "South Park" while Lopez is co-

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Casino night raising money for Rose Float

DOWNEY – A Wild West-themed casino night fundraiser benefiting the Downey Rose Float Association is planned for Aug. 17 from 6 p.m. to Midnight at the Gold Rush Camp at Knott's Berry Farm.

Tickets are \$40 and include Knott's country fried chicken, St. Louis-style pork spare ribs with all the fixings (served from 7-9 p.m.), no host bar, raffle prizes, silent auction, casino script and more.

For tickets, call Jennifer DeKay at (562) 714-5658.



Goodbye, East Middle School: new signage was installed last week at the middle school campus, which becomes Wendy Lopour Doty Middle School this fall in honor of the retired superintendent. Photo courtesy Paula Mayfield

Fundraiser to teach physics in Africa

DOWNEY – The Covenant Educational Foundation, a Los Angeles-based non-profit dedicated to providing “a balanced science education to impoverished high school students in Africa,” is hosting a fundraising dinner Friday, July 19, from 6-9:30 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the door. Dress code is business attire.

Since 2006, the foundation says it has been sponsoring the teaching of physics in three African high schools.

For more information about the organization or its fundraiser, call (310) 686-4940 or e-mail cefoundation@gmail.com.



Gramps with Amps, a surf, rockabilly and oldies rock and roll band that “strives to recreate the great music from the 1960s,” will perform at Mambo Grill on July 27 at 8 p.m. The band was formed in 2011 by guitarists Phil Neri and John Buckley, with Rick Groth on drums and Michael Carver on bass.



A group of 53 teens and chaperones from St. Raymond's Life Teen traveled to Arizona last week to attend the Steubenville West Retreat. “We would like to thank the Downey community once again for their love and prayers and for supporting our fundraising efforts that made this trip possible,” the group said.



The Downey AYSO 12u girls travel team took the Patriot with them to Puerto Rico, where they competed against local club teams. Top row, from left: Alyssa Lucero, Angelica Aburto, Clemencia Rios and Karina Sandoval. Bottom: Ninfa Penaloza, Samantha Aguirre, Christine Duarte and Amanda Ortega. Not pictured: Melannie Gastelum, Gabriela Obeso and Andrea Mercado.

Books half-price inside library

DOWNEY – Books in the Friends of the Downey City Library bookstore are currently half-price.

The bookstore is located inside the library. Income from sales helps support the library.

Church needs tutors

DOWNEY – Kidz Konnection, an after-school program for kids in grades 1-8, is now being offered at First Presbyterian Church of Downey.

Tutors are needed in math, science, English, music, reading and/or writing.

To volunteer, call the church at (562) 861-6752.

DUI checkpoint yields 10 arrests

LAKEWOOD – Ten people were arrested, including an allegedly drunk underage drinker, at a DUI and driver's license checkpoint in Lakewood on July 5.

More than 1,140 vehicles traveled through the checkpoint stationed at Del Amo and Pioneer boulevards.

Three drivers were arrested on charges of being under the influence of marijuana. Two people were allegedly drunk, including the underage drinker.

Three other drivers were caught in possession of illegal narcotics. One unlicensed driver was arrested and set to court.

Authorities arrested one person for knowingly allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013142510

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MERCADO ACTIVATIONS, 13616 VICTORY BLVD., VAN NUYS CA 91401, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RADIO MERCADO LLC, 13616 VICTORY BLVD., VAN NUYS CA 91401

State of Incorporation: California
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
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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/RALPH ORTIZ, MANAGING MANAGER, RADIO MERCADO LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on July 10, 2013

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File Number 2013124765

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S/GABRIEL MORENO, OWNER

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File Number 2013130730

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S/GABRIEL MORENO, OWNER

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File Number 2013129605

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REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESSIE MANDAP, 9950 JUANITA ST., CYPRESS CA 90630

State of Incorporation: N/A
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S/JESSIE MANDAP

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 20, 2013

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The Downey Patriot
7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013126113

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SYLVIA'S CLEANING SERVICES, 9634 PARROT ST, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SYLVIA RAMIREZ, 9634 PARROT ST, DOWNEY CA 90240

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/SYLVIA RAMIREZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 17, 2013

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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 2013138903

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CARBLOVD, 10718 LESTERFORD AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRIGHAM A MANRIQUE, 5218 LIVE OAK ST, CUDAHY CA 90201 (2) EDGARDO M PAREDES, 10718 LESTERFORD AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241 (3) JOVAN I MANRIQUE, 5218 LIVE OAK ST,

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The Downey Patriot
7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201313455

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PACIFIC SANDS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 1024 MIRAFLORES AVE, SAN PEDRO CA 90731, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) NEW AGE REALTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COOPER PROPERTY GROUP, INC., 1024 MIRAFLORES AVE, SAN PEDRO CA 90731

State of Incorporation: California
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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S/COOPER PROPERTY GROUP INC., PRESIDENT, COOPER PROPERTY GROUP INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 03, 2013

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6/27/13, 7/4/13, 7/11/13, 7/18/13

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The Downey Patriot
7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013120223

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CARBLOVD, 10718 LESTERFORD AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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The Downey Patriot
7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013138180

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MY ESCROW COMPANY, 7827 FLORENCE AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 1744789
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEPHEN C. ROBERSON, INCORPORATED, 2583 BRENNEN WAY, FULLERTON CA 92835

State of Incorporation: California
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 9-4-1994

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/STEPHEN C. ROBERSON, PRESIDENT, STEPHEN C. ROBERSON, INCORPORATED

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 02, 2013

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The Salgado family - William, Patty, Bianca and Brandon -- took the Patriot on their recent visit to Palm Springs. Said the family: "We picked up our Patriot at 3rd Street Coffee and brought it with us to read and enjoy."



The Downey Ball hogs girls team won the 7th grade division championship at the Kenny Smith 2013 Summer Classic Basketball tournament held June 29 at the American Sports Center in Anaheim. Top row, from left: Coach Lovel Johnson, Diana Gamboa, Ebon Kalejaiye, Maddie Arellanes, Cyrena Chavers and Coach Cecil Chavers. Bottom: Alexandria Lucas, Stephanie Chavarria, Mariah Lora, Darleen (Djae) Berberabe and Surie Camacho. Not pictured: Brittney Curd and Katelyn Seymore.

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Total cost (principal and interest)	\$20,000	\$18,635

Is 0% financing really a good deal?

By Michael Patterson

Zero percent financing and low dealer promotional rates can be a lure if you are looking to find the best auto financing deal. However, the fine print may tell a completely different story. In many cases, you'll find the seemingly low dealer interest rates are often too good to be true. Below are some key points to keep in mind when considering a low dealer rate incentive:

Low interest rates are often times only offered to individuals with almost perfect credit. If you recently applied for a new credit card or have recently had many credit inquiries, you may not qualify.

Terms are usually much shorter, 24 to 36 months, as opposed to the average 60 month loan. To get the lower rate you may have to prepare yourself for a large monthly payment.

Incentive offers may only apply to slower selling models. Popular models may not offer the specially advertised rates, leaving you as a consumer with less of a selection.

Additionally, there may be application fees or pre-payment penalty fees which should be avoided.

The dealer offers a choice of a cash incentive or low or 0% financing. When you do the math, many times you are substantially better off taking the cash rebate.

Take a look at a scenario where you purchase a \$20,000 car with the choice of either \$2,500 cash back or zero percent financing. A \$20,000 interest-free loan for five years with

no cash-back rebate means you'll pay \$20,000 for the car over the life of the loan. That same \$20,000 car minus \$2,500 in cash-back rebates is \$17,500. Even when financed at a rate of 2.5 percent for five years, the loan only costs a total of \$18,635 in principal plus interest payments. That's a savings of \$1,365.

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Michael Patterson is senior vice president of lending for Financial Partners Credit Union.

CRIME REPORT

Friday, July 12

At 11 a.m., a robbery occurred at 11837 Lakewood Blvd. (Handi-Mart). The suspects ordered the victim (store owner) to the ground and forcibly removed the loss from the store's safe, which was open. Detectives are investigating.

At 8 p.m., officers responded to Treasure Island Park regarding a theft of electrical wire. It was discovered that an unknown suspect opened three electrical boxes and removed wiring from inside. Public Works responded and addressed the remaining exposed wire. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, July 13

At 12:45 a.m., officers conducted a traffic stop of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Adenmore Ave and Leahy Ave. It was discovered that the vehicle had three bullet holes and during a search of the vehicle, a loaded handgun was located. The driver was arrested for unlawful possession of a loaded firearm.

At 8 a.m., officers assisted Caltrans while they cleaned up several transient encampments along the 105 Freeway corridor.

At 2:45 p.m., an armed robbery occurred in the 7300 block of Florence Ave. The suspect entered the business brandishing a handgun demanding money. The victim gave the suspect the loss and the suspect fled. Detectives are investigating.

Sunday, July 14

At 12 p.m., officers responded to a residential burglary in the 7800 block of Brookmill Rd. The suspect(s) kicked open the rear door to the residence to gain entrance. The amount of loss was unknown at the time of the report.

At 4:30 p.m., a strong arm robbery occurred in the 7300 block of Florence Ave when the suspect approached the victim and forcibly removed the victim's cell phone from his hand. The suspect fled on foot. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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FEATURED PROPERTY

Downey Delight

Magnificent Custom Two Story Estate on approximately 3/4 acre of land located on a rare private street in Downey. This approximately 3,900 square foot ranch style home features 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, a wet bar, a bright and airy breakfast room, a formal living room and dining room with an atrium with built in barbecue. This estate property has a large backyard with built in pool and room to spare. Security fencing on a privately owned street makes this RARE OPPORTUNITY a must see.

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Spectacular!!

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Downey Delight

This beautiful home that shows very nice, it features a stunning custom kitchen with granite counters and a granite island. Beautiful hardwood floors, recessed lighting, ceiling fans, central heat and air, sky light and direct garage access. Home also features a very nice enclosed patio with tile flooring. The front is well landscaped and the back yard has a nice area for entertaining.

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Another Downey Sale!

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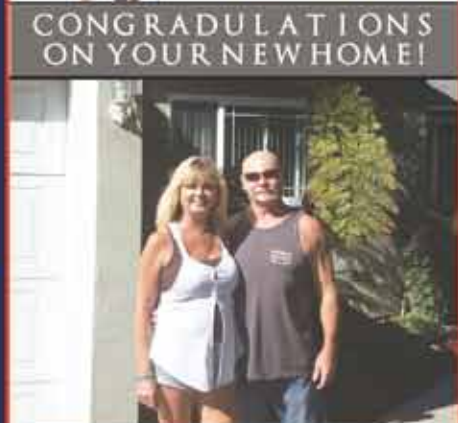


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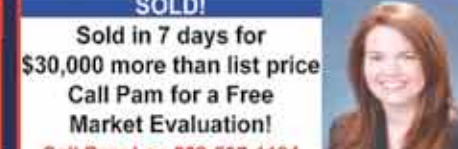
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North Downey!
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Priced at: \$219,950

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

CITY LIGHTS VIEW
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