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Rives Mansion a symbol of Downey's pioneer past

DOWNEY – Throughout Downey's nearly 140-year history, people have come and gone - but a certain number of privileged buildings have been here for decades witnessing each new fad, trend, theory and fashion.

Amid this collection of Downey historical relics is one of the city's most prominent and enduring structures: The Rives Mansion. Built in 1911, the Rives Mansion, located on the corner of Paramount Boulevard and Third Street, has provided a stately home for several Downey families through the years.

Designed by Los Angeles architects Neher and Skilling, the Rives residence sports a classic Greek Revival facade and chronicles a unique, local history that started with an industrious pioneering family that rode into Downey at the turn of the century.

In the aftermath of the Civil War, many families moved from struggling communities in the South to thriving settlements in the West. Hoping to settle in such a community, Dr. Burwell Edward Rives, his wife and children, rode across the country on an oxcart, arriving to Los Angeles in 1868.

In a time when medical care was scarce, Dr. Rives, a pharmacist in Los Angeles, became one of the area's first physicians and opened up Downey's first drug store. Nevertheless, when Dr. Rives died in 1880 at the age of 43, his son James, only 16 at the time, became responsible for the family.

Due to the mounting pressure of supporting his family, James C. Rives dropped out of high school and never attended college, but rather started a printing business. By 1885, he both owned and published his own weekly newspaper, the Downey Review, which became one of the community's first newspapers.

Following his success at the Downey Review, Rives began traveling to Los Angeles daily where he worked as a printer for many newspapers including the Los Angeles Times.

Although Rives was establishing himself as a prominent newspaperman in the community, he began studying law and was admitted to the California bar at the age of 25. That same year, Rives married Mary Lee Cromwell, another Downey pioneer transplanted from the South.

Subsequently, Rives became a successful lawyer and was elected to serve two terms as the district attorney of Los Angeles, from 1898 to 1902. In 1908, he was elected to the Superior Court and was assigned to the probate department where he officiated until his death in 1923.

Mary Lee Rives, James' wife, was one of Downey's leading social figures during this time. She was active in support of the First Christian Church of Downey, which was one of the first buildings constructed in the downtown area. In 1898, she founded The Friday Afternoon Club, which would eventually become today's Woman's Club of Downey.

Prior to his death, Rives also established a local bank for ranchers while farming his own citrus and walnuts on the 75 acres that surrounded his three-story residence. Built during the Craftsman Movement, the Rives Mansion features six bedrooms, three bathrooms, a library, dance hall and a large water tower, which today sits on a retired well.

On the first floor, one will find a spacious entry way with a parlor and the library on the right and an elegant dining room on the left. Just beyond the dining room are the kitchen, butler's pantry and breakfast room.

A grand staircase takes visitors to the second floor where all of the bedrooms are located and a narrow, wooden stairway from the hallway leads to the third floor, revealing a 30 x 60 foot dance floor, used by the Rives' who hosted regular dinner parties.

In the backyard, the water tank house and a walnut drying shed are still standing on the site, both necessary features that supported the Rives' agricultural lifestyle.

Following the death of James Rives, the land was subdivided and other homes were built on the Rives property; many of the homes still have the original orange and walnut trees planted by the Rives family. Rives Avenue bordered the 75-acre estate and thus takes its name from the pioneer family.

In 1946, after the death of Mary Lee Rives, the family sold the home to Downey real estate broker Clarence Mocabee and his family who lived in the home until his death in 1981. Three years later, Mocabee's children sold the property to the Hendricks, a Swedish family that operated several Swedish-language newspapers in Los Angeles.

In 1996, the Rives Mansion was transferred into the Hendricks trust and in 2005 it was bought by Carmen and Oscar Rivera.

The Rivera family leased the home to Lauren Baumann, president of Stewardship Estates, a company that offered a variety of services including marketing, event planning, real estate and financial services. In addition to living in the home since 2008, Baumann also offered the Rives Mansion as a venue for community events.

In 2011, however, Baumann pleaded guilty to wire fraud, admitting she operated a Ponzi scheme that defrauded investors out of \$560,000. She was sentenced to nearly five years in prison.

Currently, the Rives Mansion is listed on the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Landmarks as "a most interesting link to its agricultural past before Downey's mass suburbanization after World War II."

After decades of use, the home itself is in need of some repair. With cracks, chinks and chasms visible on the exterior, the home stands to be restored, but regardless of the damage, the nearly 100-year-old Rives Mansion survives today as a testament to Downey's origins and the generations of Downey families that have called this thriving city home.

-Christian Brown, staff writer



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THE RIVES MANSION MAKES A COMEBACK

• Historic Downey mansion is being transformed into high-end steakhouse and wine garden.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Downey's Rives Mansion is being restored with plans to transform the historic property into an upscale steakhouse and wine garden.

Ralph Verdugo, Downey resident and owner of Los Angeles Brewing Company, is behind the restoration effort. He signed a 7-year lease earlier this year (with an optional seven-year extension) and hopes to open the restaurant in time for the holiday season.

Verdugo initially budgeted \$750,000 for the restoration but conceded that he is likely to invest more than \$1 million into the mansion.

"This is a landmark and as a kid I always wanted to peek inside," said Verdugo, who is 42. "It's really something that needs to be taken care of and preserved the right way."

The mansion is listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, which makes extensive renovations difficult. Instead, the plan is to bring out the structure's natural beauty through old-fashioned hand labor, Verdugo said. Layers of paint are being stripped away inside and out, and the original wood floors have been refinished to a high-gloss shine.

"I want this to be more than a restaurant, I want it to be an experience," added Verdugo. "When you pull into that driveway, I want you to forget where you are. It will be its own little paradise."

Here is how Verdugo imagines the mansion when it is complete:

Visitors will enter through an extra wide driveway off Paramount Boulevard, past an automated security gate, and drop off their vehicles with a free valet service. Lush plant life inspired by the Huntington Library will line the front yard, with name tags to identify the different plant species. Speakers will be strategically placed every 10 feet, set to low volume so as to not disturb the neighbors.

Also planned for the front yard is patio seating and a bar with retractable awning

Botanical gardens will decorate the backyard, where guests can stroll while sipping a wine or cocktail (customers will be alerted via pager when their meal is ready). It is worth noting that the decades-old orange tree, walnut tree and 100-ft. palm tree will be left in place.



The wood-frame barn is being converted into a wine-tasting room, and there are plans for weekly wine tastings - free for Downey residents and \$20 for out-of-town guests.

The barn previously housed horses owned by James Rives, a district attorney and superior court judge who lived at the property. Today the barn protects Verdugo's personal 1957 Bentley, which can be used by customers who book the Rives Mansion for weddings or special events.

Restrooms are being constructed in the backyard to eliminate the need for customers to trudge through the house. A retired water well is being reopened for people to peer down below.

The backyard water tower was leaning about 15 degrees but has already been repaired. Office space will occupy the tower's interior.

Inside the mansion, the home's kitchen is being retrofitted to support a commercial kitchen operation. A pastry chef will work out of the butler's pantry.

The first floor will act as a dining room, complete with functioning fireplace and windows that open from the top down to allow in natural breezes. Central air and heat is functioning again.

On the second floor are five bedrooms that are being converted to private dining rooms. Each room comes equipped with its own 70-inch TV and private bar that previously served these dining rooms, which can also be rented for poker parties, sporting events, etc.

To the rear of the mansion is the honeymoon suite, a private bedroom and bathroom that can be used by newly-married couples. The suite has a balcony overlooking the botanical gardens, where they are served breakfast on the morning after the wedding. (In a bit of tongue-in-cheek humor, the bed sheet comes with a pre-cut hole, a nod to old Jewish and Armenian traditions.)

Soul of the City part VI

By Lawrence Christon

DOWNEY – For anyone just tuning into this series on the Downey zeitgeist, one phrase should cover it all: Is there life after high school?

Of course there is, but mainly as an echo of F. Scott Fitzgerald's phrase, "There are no second acts in American lives." Your typical Downey first act has involved school, pizza and burger joints, parties, cars, (more recently) hanging around the Krikorian and late nights checking out the bands at the Epic Lounge. Then there's the jump to the third act, where you wake up in the middle of a balance and mobility class at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, you look around at your group whose combined ages would pre-date the fall of the Roman Empire, and you wonder, What happened? Where did it all go?

Cramped downtown Downey Avenue offers an unwitting visual metaphor. The west side corner of 2nd street is dominated by Porto's parking structure, across from Bastards BBQ. The west side of 3rd is dominated by two mortuaries. One corner says Eat; the other says Die.

One of the purposes of this series is to suggest that art in all its manifestations, as opposed to mere entertainment, is a crucial element in the life of a city, even a nation. It gives it a root, an identity, an intelligentsia, a shared spirit, an openness to possibility. It gives energy and life and self-reflection. And that's precisely what the city has been losing as Downey's leadership generically parcels the city slowly away en route to becoming West Covina.

Ironically, among Downey's claims to step-up city fame, along with homes, schools and safety, has been its cultural institutions. Virtually none of Downey's surrounding communities have had a professional symphony, a civic light opera and a fulltime art museum thriving at the same time. There was also a children's theater so well regarded that the Downey Civic Theatre was built in part to house it. But that's all becoming a lost second act too. The art museum is shuttered, the children's theater is long gone, the DCLC has closed, and the symphony is struggling to stay alive with a minimal three-concert season.

Part of that loss is from a city leadership that doesn't have the visceral sense of cultural engagement it once had, and is therefore, beyond lip service, indifferent to what culture means to a place (the addition of Roger Brossmer and Alex Saab to the city council is beginning to change that).

Another part is generational. The young people who started up the symphony and the museum and the musical theater were mostly the same age then as the thirtysomethings who now look across a mysterious scorched-earth divide and wonder, How can we salvage the best of the past and create our own future? Why do we need to pay \$96,000 to someone in Tennessee to tell us who we are with a signature brand? Does a logo define us?

In a surprisingly short time, just three years or so, a grassroots arts scene has begun to crop up, mostly made up of beginners or people whose work is untested by exposure and opinion. Two ambitious

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS UNCHALLENGED IN RE-ELECTION BIDS

• Last day to enter race is Friday, Aug. 9; three school board seats up for grabs.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Three incumbents hoping to reclaim their seats on the Downey Unified School District board of education filed for reelection this month, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office.

Board members Barbara Samperi, Nancy Swenson, and Martha Sodemani filed nomination papers with the county clerk on July 15, the first day for residents to declare their

candidacies.

If no other Downey residents declare an intention to run before next Friday, the longtime incumbent board members will each serve another four-year term on the school board.

The Nov. 5 election is the first since board members chose to forego at-large elections in favor of a seven-district, by-area voting system. The board of education approved the change last August after concerns arose regarding the California Voter's Rights Act of 2002, which encourages the dismantlement of at-large elections in communities where they can potentially disenfranchise minority voters.

If unopposed this year, it wouldn't be the first time for these

board members, who had no opponents four years ago.

Actively involved in the Downey PTA for years, Samperi, who has been on the board since 1993, represents Area 7, the district's most southern area, which extends from Imperial Highway beyond the I-105 Freeway and over to the intersection of Woodruff and Rosecrans avenues.

Swenson, a 20-year employee of Raytheon and DUSD board member since 2005, represents Area 5, the district's central area that swings from just north of Firestone Boulevard to Gardendale Street.

Sodemani, past president of the Assistance League of Downey and school board member since 2005, represents Area 1, which is the most northern area with Telegraph Road

in the north, the Rio Hondo River on the west, Paramount Boulevard on the east, and Fifth Street in the south.

Before approving the switch to by-district elections, the board made slight variations to the seven trustee areas to better reflect population and meet state requirements.

According to a school district analysis report, each of the seven trustee areas incorporate an average of 17,000 people, adding up to more than 121,000 residents who live within the Downey Unified School District, which consists mostly of a large Hispanic population.

The last day to enter the race for the DUSD board of education is Friday, Aug. 9 at 5 p.m.

Transient charged in robberies that targeted insurance offices

DOWNEY – A 22-year-old Paramount transient has been arrested on charges that he robbed at least a dozen local insurance offices in the span of only 18 days.

Jordan Dejon Grimes, 22, was arrested Friday afternoon in Long Beach. At the time of his arrest, he was in possession of a loaded handgun believed to be the same weapon used in the robberies and kidnappings.

Sheriff's department detectives said they have connected Grimes to 12 robberies, which began July 8.

In all of the takeover-style robberies, Grimes would allegedly storm through the door, point his weapon at employees and customers, and demand their cash.

The robberies occurred in Downey, Bellflower, Lynwood, Inglewood, Huntington Park and Los Angeles.

Lt. Kent Wegener of the L.A. County Sheriff's Department said Grimes implicated himself in all 12 robberies.

"The investigation will continue, despite the violent offender being taken off the streets," said deputy Kim Manatt.

Grimes was charged with robbery and kidnapping. At the time of his arrests he had warrants for burglary and unlawful driving of a ve-

hicle without the owner's consent.

He was booked at the Century Sheriff's Station and is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Due to the ongoing investigation, authorities did not release Grimes' booking photo.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Detective Mark Gittens at (562) 946-7893.

Symphony orchestra to perform at Furman Park

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual free concert this Wednesday at Furman Park, part of the city's Concerts in the Park program.

The concert is titled "A Tribute to John Williams" and will include performances of Williams' best known and loved works, said music director Sharon Lavery.

Williams, considered to be one of the greatest film composers of all time, has been nominated for 48 Academy Awards, winning five. He also won three Emmy Awards, four

Golden Globes, 21 Grammy Awards and seven British Academy Film Awards.

Williams currently holds the record for the most Oscar nominations for a living person, and is the second most nominated person in Academy Award history behind Walt Disney's 59.

Forty-three of Williams' Oscar nominations are for Best Original Score and five are for Best Original Song. He won four Oscars for Best Original Score and one for Best Scoring: Adaptation and Original

Song Score ("Fiddler on the Roof").

The John Williams selections to be performed by the Downey Symphony include "Raider's March," "Harry Potter Symphonic Suite," "E.T.'s Adventures on Earth" and "Star Wars: Suite for Orchestra (Movements III, IV, V)."

"The second half of the concert we are presenting such patriotic works as 'American Salute' (based on the tune 'When Johnny Comes Marching Home'), 'America the Beautiful' and a work entitled 'Armed Forces Salute' which includes

the theme songs of all five branches of the United States military," added Lavery.

Continuing a long tradition, kids will be invited on stage to individually conduct the orchestra in a selection "of some of the finest marches ever written by none other than John Phillip Sousa," said Lavery.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. and guests can bring blankets and chairs. Umbrellas and pop-up structures are prohibited.

Pieloon hosting children's hospital fundraiser

DOWNEY – Pieloon restaurant is hosting a fundraiser this Saturday, Aug. 3, to benefit Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

The restaurant is donating 25 percent of the day's gross receipts to the hospital.

The fundraiser is the work of Eileen Garrido, 13, a heart patient at Children's Hospital Los Angeles who now volunteers as a hospital ambassador.

"Please come out and join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner and enjoy a wonderful meal or just pick up one of Pieloon's delicious pies and help support a great cause," Eileen said.

Donations are also accepted through the mail. Checks should be made payable to Children's Hospital Los Angeles and mailed to Pieloon Restaurant, C/O Eileen Garrido, 10822 Lakewood Blvd., Downey CA 90241.

Space center opens to non-profit groups

DOWNEY – Non-profit organizations headquartered in Downey that provide services to the local community can have free use of the Columbia Memorial Space Center once a year according to formal policy adopted by the City Council last week.

According to the policy, organizations would only be charged for the direct cost of staff time if the center is booked after-hours.

Security is also required if alcohol will be served at the event or if attendance exceeds 100 people.

Non-profit and youth groups must be based in Downey to reserve the space center for up to six hours at no cost.

The space center normally charges \$25 per hour for non-profit groups or \$50 per hour for non-profit organizations based outside Downey.

The rate is \$85 for commercial usage and \$65 per hour for non-commercial and families.

City hires grant-writing firm

DOWNEY – In hopes of securing state and federal grants, the City Council last week extended for six months an agreement with California Consulting LLC at a total cost of \$30,000.

California Consulting has a staff of 20 that will apply on Downey's behalf for an unlimited number of grants to help the city finance a variety of projects, including additional public safety; public engagement and literacy; parks and recreation; and public infrastructure.

The firm will also handle all the paperwork should Downey be awarded any grants.

The \$30,000 price tag will be divided among the department budgets at City Hall.

Food trucks at OLPH School next week

DOWNEY – Food trucks will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School on Thursday, Aug. 8, from 4-8 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser for the school and parish.

In addition to food trucks, guests will also have an opportunity to purchase pre-sale tickets to the "Citadel Shopping Extravaganza" fundraiser and sign up for a membership drive and raffle.

In Memory of Marian Janet (Percival) Vinovich

August 2, 1916 to July 8, 2013



Marian Vinovich, age 96, passed away on the morning of July 8, 2013. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Ralph Vinovich. When people described Marian the phrase "a true lady" often came up. She was always fashionable and proper. She was raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She had a twin sister, Margaret Percival, who was her life long best friend, as well as an older

brother, Robert. The twins delighted in telling people how they were identical but had different birthdays. (One was born ten minutes before midnight and the other was born ten minutes after midnight.)

Marian graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1937 with a degree in dental hygiene. In the mid-forties she moved to California and continued to work as a hygienist. She met Ralph Vinovich through a mutual friend and they married in 1951. They had two daughters, Claire and Cathie. They moved to Downey in 1953 and lived there until their passing.

Marian was very active in the Moravian Church. She was President of the Women's Fellowship three times during the 1960's and 70's. She spent endless hours supporting bake sales, enchilada sales and bazaars. She remained involved in new church membership efforts until her health prohibited her from attending services.

She was an honorary life member of the Rio Hondo PTA. Because of her commitment to her dental hygiene career, she made numerous visits to classrooms at Rio Hondo Elementary School to instruct students in dental hygiene and proper brushing. She traveled with a very large toothbrush and set of teeth. She became known as "the tooth lady." She resumed her career part time when her daughters grew older.

Marian was an avid bridge player. She loved fashion, clothes, and shopping for antiques. When she and Ralph retired they divided their time between Downey and a farm in Ida Grove, Iowa. She filled her time with bridge games at the country club, decorating the old farmhouse with antiques, and visiting places of interest in the Midwest. Marian loved to travel and she and Ralph traveled to Europe more than once as well as New Zealand and Hawaii. She and her sister Margaret also traveled together often.

In 2008 Marian retired to Lakewood Manor where she lived until her death. She is survived by her twin sister, Margaret Percival, her daughters Claire Neilson of San Diego, CA and Cathie Gunn, and her husband John of Portland, OR.

She will be missed by all who knew her. There will be a memorial service on Sunday, August 4th at 10:30 am. at the Downey Moravian Church, 10337 Old River School Road, Downey Ca,

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DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid is hosting a barbecue Friday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m., prior to traditional Shabbat services that start at 7:30.

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SOUL: leadership in the arts movement

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organizations have formed to help them. The Stay Gallery wants to give them a place to show and play. The Downey Arts Coalition wants to get the word out about them and put them in touch with each other, and the public, which it does through a splendid website. Both groups are showing early success. But before we start dropping victory balloons and streamers in celebration of Downey's new renaissance, which some are already doing, let's try and take a look at what's out there in the night. We've already discussed Stay. Now let's check out the DAC.

"Lana and I wear two hats," says Andrew Wahlquist, president of the Downey Arts Coalition (Lana is Lana Joy Wahlquist, Andrew's wife). The two-hat metaphor is a good one. The history and achievement of what you might call the white one began when around 2010 Andrew started inviting a small group of people to his house—they'd been meeting outdoors in Furman Park-- to talk about bringing some kind of art scene to a town that was feeling more and more ducky (he was born and raised in Downey).

Three years later Wahlquist is the go-to guy when the city wants to connect with what arts community is out there, or what people with cultural aspirations want to propose. He's the face of the Downey Arts Coalition, its most energetic organizer

and proselytizer. He's demonstrated impressive managerial talent. His board and membership can credit themselves for, among other events, Mari's Art on the Vine, Make Music Downey, Lorine Parks' fine Poetry reading series, Roy Anthony Shabla's "View From the Edge" lecture series on art, staged readings, a Sunday film series at the Epic Lounge, and a "State of the Art" mini-convention that brought local arts groups together from around the Southeast region and the San Gabriel Valley. Remarkable, you'd have to agree.

Let's look at the other hat, which is by no means black, but does have some holes in it. I first met Wahlquist in 2010, where we had a pleasant chat over a cup of coffee. Among other things, he described himself as a filmmaker. When I asked about that, he replied, "A student film." I made a mental note: a student film doesn't make you a filmmaker if you don't go on to make more, and he hasn't. After that, I heard from him a few times. He sets up a dynamic where he tries to make you feel answerable to him somehow. I began to wonder, "Who is this guy?" A self-appointed spokesman for the arts who, when queried, admits he doesn't really know much about them (he still does this, yet people still listen to him). A certain low-key, soft-spoken, almost shaggy demeanor conceals a deceptive aggression. If he wants to know something, he'll call you on a Saturday

night, unmindful that you might be hosting a dinner party, or a more intimate someone.

Other things struck me. I found him devious--digging up questionable facts about the DCLO, for example, and having other people present them. He wants to maneuver politically while appearing above politics. Well, you say, so what? That's the way it works. The DAC has succeeded so well that questioning motives seems petty and beside the point.

But every now and then you'll hear something so preposterous that you have to do a double take to check if you'd heard or read right. "I trend towards puffery," he e-mailed me, not realizing that puffery is a nice word for b.s. He trumpets Lana as "Our performance guru." Given the infinitely vast world of dance, music, theater, movies and TV that's out there, this is a terrible burden to place on someone who's only done a few small acting roles and directed a church play. He states the two of them want to create a professional theater that would become "a regional player" and might, if the circumstance is right, resurrect the Downey Civic Light Opera. This is, to put it mildly, unrealistic.

Why is any of this important? Because it speaks of judgment. Anyone who assumes a leadership in an arts organization must have a sense of critical discernment, of knowledge of history and who's who out there. Nobody wants to admit it,

but the Art on the Vine series was mostly dreadful art. The Make Music Downey event worked because the DAC didn't pretend that it was anything more than a six-venue, come one, come all afternoon fest. You can't complain if the music wasn't great. Artistically speaking, the aim was modest.

Generally speaking, so are the DAC's goals of finding and bringing out artists in Downey and the Southeast region, and creating dialogues with the city. And you can only judge someone by what they set out to do. But a dubious vibe has already set in where a core group is becoming a coterie of acolytes who view any skepticism as shocking heresy. I'd like to hear more from Carolina Del Toro, who's had a career as a professional photographer. I'd like to see more authority given to Donald Marshall, who's a Harvard grad, a former professor of English literature at Pepperdine University, and someone who's been around long enough to see the shape of things.

Outfits like the DAC share one thing with the life of the individual artist. Work hard for a long time, and somewhere along the line you're going to get your shot. A serious audience is going to show up for a hard look at what you've got to offer. If you connect, you're on your way to bigger things. If they turn away, you'll have learned the hard way that it's what you don't know that kills you.

Downey celebrating National Night Out

DOWNEY - The city of Downey will celebrate for National Night Out this Wednesday, Aug. 6, a unique community event 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. in the civic center 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.

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Letters to the Editor:

Appreciation to Dr. Stauffer

Dear Editor:

In celebration of Dr. Mary Stauffer's 96th birthday this month, we would like to wish her "happy birthday" and thank her for all she has done for the Downey Unified School District.

The Board of Education recognized Dr. Stauffer at the June 25 Board Meeting for the contributions she has made and funded through the Stauffer Foundation to the students during the 2012-13 school year which include:

All fifth grade students were invited to visit the Columbia Memorial Space Center and participate in "A Mission to the Moon"

Mobile science museum from Cal State Long Beach Research Foundation visited nine elementary schools so fourth graders can experience "hands on" science

Thirty-five teacher grants totaling \$125,000 that included facility/classroom improvements; computers; AV systems; sound amplification systems; beautification projects; student response systems; enrichment and after-school clubs for art, math and science, special needs, assemblies and fitness Middle school students college fund awards

Awards for 11th graders who have maintained a 4.0 GPA
Scholar Athlete awards for athletes who maintain a 3.5 GPA
Community college grants for students

Financial support for Project Lead the Way
Trophies for Warren track meet

The Board of Education would like to express our appreciation for all Dr. Stauffer and the Stauffer Foundation have done for the students of the Downey Unified School District. Her commitment and tireless dedication to DUSD students and families have resulted in countless opportunities and set immeasurable youths on the path to future success.

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Realities of climate change

Dear Editor:

Mr. de Carvalho's column about the "fiction" of global warming seemed incomplete. For instance, he didn't explain why glaciers are retreating and, in some cases, disappearing. I'm not buying the theory that it's just tourists taking home souvenir blocks of ice. And those satellite photos showing the ice caps shrinking at both poles? I know he'd tell me that Al Gore messed with the lenses, but how did he do it?

I lived in Los Angeles in the late forties and early fifties and remember what the air was like. There were days when you couldn't go to Glendale or Pasadena. You had to chew the air before it would go down your throat. Then the stupid politicians decided we should have to pay to have our trash picked up instead of burning it in backyard incinerators. Even worse, they also decided we had to take the lead out of gasoline, despite all the oil company "experts" who said that would ruin engines.

But then a funny thing happened. Air quality got substantially better. Car engines now perform better and last longer. Want to know what Los Angeles might have been like with today's population and vehicle density? Watch the TV news when they show a really bad day in Beijing. And thank the politicians who passed those inconvenient laws and regulations. They may have been the same bureaucratic hacks that made us quit insulating our houses with asbestos.

Mr. de Carvalho makes the valid point that carbon dioxide is good for plants. But the only relevance of that is that plants absorb carbon dioxide, removing it from the air. That's why it's alarming to see the deforestation of much of the Amazon basin and Africa. Less absorption means more pollution. The idea that if it's good for plants it also should be good for humans doesn't fly. I don't know if a heavy diet of carbon dioxide would keep you as healthy as a plant, but it's quite likely to give you a comparable brain activity level. And the only upside of that is you'd be eligible for the Tea Party.

What is really exciting about carbon dioxide is that scientists are working on ways to use it to grow algae that can be a source of clean energy, solving two problems at once. But do you think this work would be conducted without political impetus and stimulus?

The Icelandic volcanic explosion deposited ash in Britain and Europe. The explosion of Krakatoa went around the world. Debris from the Japanese tidal wave is showing up in Oregon. Can you believe pollutants aren't? Climatologists can look at ocean temperatures and jet stream patterns to predict the size and tracks of hurricanes. Climate is an international event and an international problem. It is natural that international bodies become important parts of solutions, but there will always be leaders who determine what those solutions will be. We have the means if we also have the will.

The only problem I have with President Obama's climate views is that I wish he'd quit using the words "clean coal." Having lived my first 12 years in a house with a coal furnace, I can tell you there's no such thing. I would compare the benefit of "clean coal" over common coal to be like falling out of a fifth story window instead of a tenth story. You're just as dead but the autopsy is less messy.

David Mathews

Downey

No on SB 131

Dear Editor:

SB-131 is a controversial measure by a Bay Area legislator that would temporarily eliminate the civil statute of limitations for a select minority of child abuse victims -- but prevent the overwhelming majority of victims from ever getting their day in court.

This passed in the State Senate and now is being considered in the California Assembly. Please immediately contact Assemblymember Ian Calderon and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia and urge them to vote no on SB-131.

The bill says one thing and does another. It says it helps victims and protects children when in reality it does nothing for most victims, nothing to most abusers and makes a mockery of equal protection under the law. SB-131 will prevent most of today's victims from ever getting their day in court. Victims who were abused by teachers or other public school workers are not covered by the bill. Public schools cannot be sued for any abuse that took place before 2009. SB-131 protects the actual abuser from being sued.

The change in the statute of limitations only applies to private or non-profit employers like the YMCA or the Church. It does not apply to public schools, other public agencies or even to the perpetrator himself. SB-131 only applies to private and non-profit employers-- like private schools, the Catholic Church, the YMCA, Little League and other, similar organizations.

SB-131 does nothing to increase penalties against the actual abuser. The bill increases penalties on private employers, but not on the perpetrator himself. It proposes no increase in prison time, and more importantly, no increase in the criminal statute of limitations that would let victims get the justice they deserve.

SB-131 is really a money and power grab by trial lawyers and public-sector labor unions, at the expense of equal protection for all.

Please tell your Assemblymember to Vote NO on SB-131. SB-131 does nothing to increase criminal penalties against the actual abuser. What this bill is really all about is lining the pockets of trial lawyers.

Brian Heyman

Downey

Fruits and grains

Dear Editor:

I'm not a dietician, but I am a healthy 71-year-old (in a few weeks) and, while I completely agree with Benjamin Artz about cutting way down on sugar, I can't buy his apparent endorsement of eliminating fruits and grains ("Cutting Sugar from our Daily Diets," 7/25/13).

Gary E. Myers

Downey

Abortions in Downey

Dear Editor:

After reading the letter "Christian Extremists" in the *Downey Patriot* (7/18/13), I feel I must answer it.

First, many couples are waiting to adopt a baby and some go to China and Russia to adopt a baby or child. There are contraceptives available to prevent pregnancy, if one isn't too irresponsible to use them. That's a "choice."

I feel strongly about this because I was adopted at four months. My maternal mother died giving birth to me. My heart is deeply grateful that I was adopted and now have children and grandchildren of my own and take deep joy in them.

Second, ask any obstetrician and they will tell you a fetus is a baby.

Third, show me any same-sex couple that can conceive. Being a Christian, call me extreme if you wish, but there is a much higher power than the sometimes misguided decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. From the beginning of time marriage has been between a man and a woman, and until 1973 it was illegal to kill a baby until the "enlightened" jurists of the U.S. Supreme Court decided otherwise.

Biblically, murder and homosexuality are both against the will of God. This country was founded on Christian principles. If you don't believe it, you don't know your history.

Marilyn Madru

Downey

Dear Editor:

Many seek abortions because they are unaware of the resources available through CPC's (crisis pregnancy centers). These centers are a wealth of support for the mothers and life-saving answers for her baby, including adoption by couples and families who will raise that baby and give him/her the love and nurturing we all deserve to have.

As a comparison of tragic deaths, the total number of U.S. soldiers killed in all wars in the last 238 years (since 1775) is under 2 million; in the last 40 years (since 1973) more than 56 million unborn babies have been killed by abortion.

Because your son and his girlfriend weren't responsible enough to use some sort of birth control to prevent conception, they chose abortion. And you are happy about this?

Obviously the extremists are irresponsible parents raising irresponsible children who are murdering their unborn children.

Carol Hanson

Downey

Dear Editor:

Religious extremists are trying to take over the country? Seriously?

Ms. Rivero's hyperbolic, illogical letter left my head so spinning with confusion that I hardly know where to begin. She asserts that abortion is established law and so therefore should not be changed in one breath, but in another, she implies that traditional marriage -- also established law since, oh, the ancient Greeks -- should change because somehow marriage is now a right, and if we disagree with the notion of same-sex marriage, just don't marry a person of the same sex.

She also asserts that "countless women" were saved by legal abortions since many had lost their lives foolishly attempting one themselves. Proof of this? Certainly the number of women "saved" by abortion doesn't even come close to the 50 million children who lost their lives to abortion, right?

Just think how much more secure Social Security would be for Ms. Rivero if these people were alive today. And to brag about her own grandchild's abortion was beyond distasteful. I can only think of the loving childless family that could have taken that child and raised him/her as their own.

Perhaps Ms. Rivero finds herself at odds with traditional American values of life and family because her own views have radically changed toward the extreme. With the anti-population nonsense that ended her convoluted letter, she sounds like the very religious extremist she denounces in her letter. I recommend she take a road trip across the vast, beautiful expanses of uninhabited land between Los Angeles and New York to clear her befuddled mind and reconnect with her soul.

Alaina Niemann

Downey

Politics

Dear Editor:

I so enjoyed reading "Political Power Grab" today. (Letters to the Editor, 7/25/13). I wish you would run Elsa Van Leuven's "column" every week!

Through her use of clever nicknames (King Obama...hilarious!) and long-winded, rambling writing style (riveting!), she succeeded only in convincing those who already subscribe to her narrow-minded view points of what they already believe and providing the rest of us with yet another of her much anticipated unintentionally satirical commentaries. The irony of which is so delicious I could eat it with a spoon!

Allison Holland

Downey

Dear Editor:

Thanks to Elsa Van Leuven for her letter.

Take just one point: 545 in Congress OK'd Obamacare when they knew millions of companies will lay off all over 50 to avoid having to pay everyone's health insurance.

It won't be free as many think. Care for seniors will be rationed for lack of funds, and from today's news, many hospitals will close and many doctors will quit. President Obama's plan to give amnesty to 12 million will increase welfare recipients to over 50 percent that already overburdened taxpayers will have to pay for.

Already some hospitals and doctors are turning down new cases, especially seniors.

James Hawkins

Downey

Mayor's candidacy

Dear Editor:

I am writing this because I see we have a mayor who thinks his city council and mayor experience qualifies him to be a state senator.

Please keep me informed as to the date and time Mario Guerra will be walking on water. You see, I was not around 2,000 years ago when Jesus did this so I do not want to miss this event.

I first knew of Deacon Mario Guerra when he campaigned for City Council. I have campaigned for 43 years and thought to myself, "Who carries a deacon title?" But I later found out he loves titles. I think his campaigning was like to many others running for office who get involved in community activities and join service clubs and disappear after elected.

My wife and I bought our first house in Downey in 1962. I recall that we had schools, roads and even a Downey Theatre that put on fantastic professional musicals. You could eat at several nice restaurants and even go to Sambi's for a great dinner. Downey was a nice city to raise our children and shop in.

Today I am embarrassed to say we have a restaurant called Bastards on Downey Avenue. I realize this is owned by a Marine veteran but couldn't they have named it Semper Fi or Marine Re Con or another name that does not refer to Bastards? Am I a prude or what was the City Council thinking?

The first thing that Councilman Mario did that wasted our taxpayer dollars was let us know that when we, the Downey citizens, years ago voted for term limits, we did not realize we would have such an important legend being elected, so for our own good he supported a special election to specifically end term limits. This waste of money took funds away from other needed services; think of this when you're bouncing around on Firestone Boulevard.

Next was really a big surprise. For years we had council members rotate into the position of mayor but out of nowhere Mario had some of his fellow council members vote Anne Bayer out of line and install himself as the mayor pro tem. It is hard to believe anyone can be that selfish.

Mario has no negotiating skills -- he was played by Tesla Motors up to the day Mario said they were signing a contract to come into Downey Studios, when actually they moved to Northern California.

While some have written in about how hard Mario works when he visits one of our six sister cities, I and many friends see it as a taxpayer-paid vacation. Who came up with the idea for Ireland as a sister city? How excited were those people in Ireland to have a Downey mayor visit?

Great news, Downey, All-America City. Tell those visitors to be prepared for a big letdown when they get here. Bring your Hummers because our roads are terrible, restaurants are named with words of profanity and who cares about All America City status anyway, just another paid trip for our city officials to attend.

Mario's announcement that he is running for state senate to get a high-paid salary for doing nothing comes with several endorsements from important-like persons including mayors from Cudahy, South Gate and several other tiny insignificant cities plus L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe. Don does a lot for Downey so I am not holding this against him.

I know Mario attended the Republican Convention. I saw him on TV in the audience.

Maurie Thomas

Downey

In defense of pit bulls

Dear Editor:

Banning pit bulls and other so-called dangerous breeds is not the answer. ("Pit Bull Ban," Letters to the Editor, 7/18/13)

However, I believe that having any dog is a life-long responsibility and having a pit bull takes that responsibility up another notch. Training and socialization are the keys to having a well-behaved dog of any breed.

Years ago we found a pit bull puppy wandering the streets of Downey. I was initially opposed to "that kind of dog" and took her to our vet for his opinion. I was told she was a "keeper." I enrolled in classes with the Downey Dog Obedience Group and Rowdy was an ambassador for the pit bull breed. We got a second pit, Bogey, who was wonderful as well.

The Downey Patriot did a front page story in the 12/5/08 edition entitled "Pit Bull Helps Children Learn to Read." Both our dogs were therapy dogs, first the Therapy Dogs International and then with BARK Therapy Dogs (a local group out of Long Beach of which I am the evaluator for new teams). Rowdy achieved the following:

1999 Delta Society Beyond Limits Special Service Award

1999 Outstanding Volunteers Metropolitan State Hospital

2000 AKC Gazette Linda and Rowdy featured in an article of Service Dogs/Hero Dogs

2002 Secured a \$5,000 grant for children's books for Metropolitan State Hospital and acquired over 4,000 books for Rowdy's Reading Room

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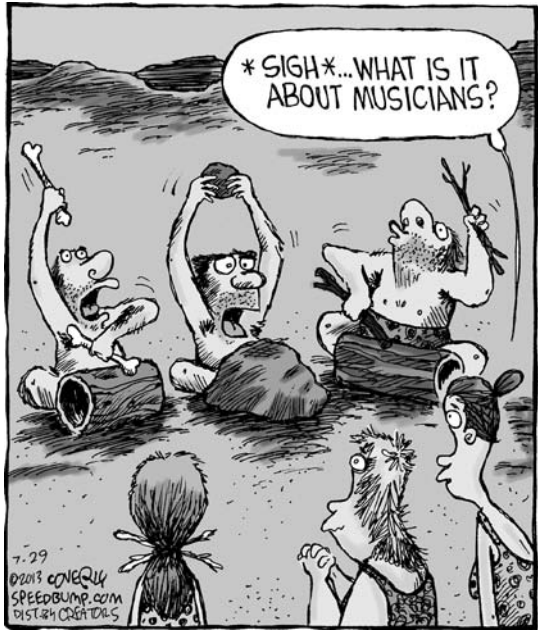
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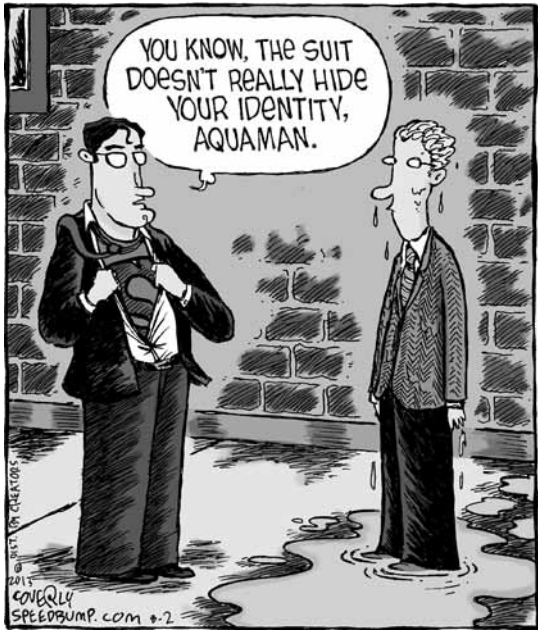
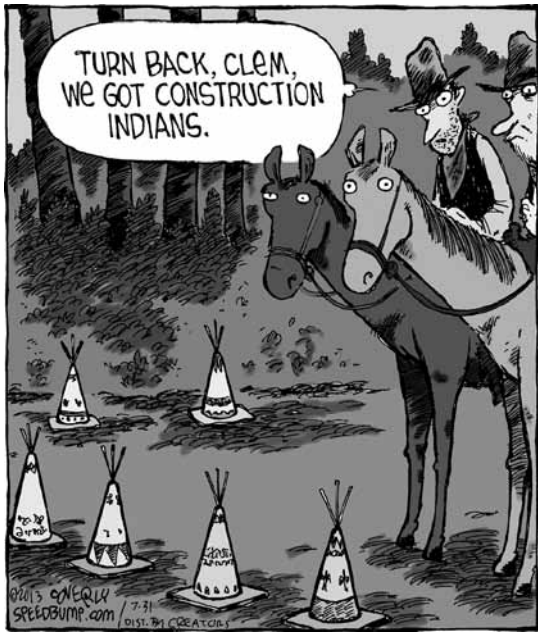
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Events For August

Wed. Aug. 7: **National Night Out**, Civic Center, 5:30 p.m.
 Wed. Aug. 7: **Concerts in the Park**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
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 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call (310) 322-2342.
 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10**, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.

On This Day...

Aug. 1, 1790: The first U.S. census was completed, showing a population of nearly 4 million people.
1914: Germany declared war on Russia at the onset of World War I.
1936: The Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.
1981: MTV made its debut.
Birthdays: College basketball coach Roy Williams (62), rapper Coolio (50), Counting Crows frontman Adam Duritz (49) and 'Cosby Show' actress Tempest Bledsoe (40).

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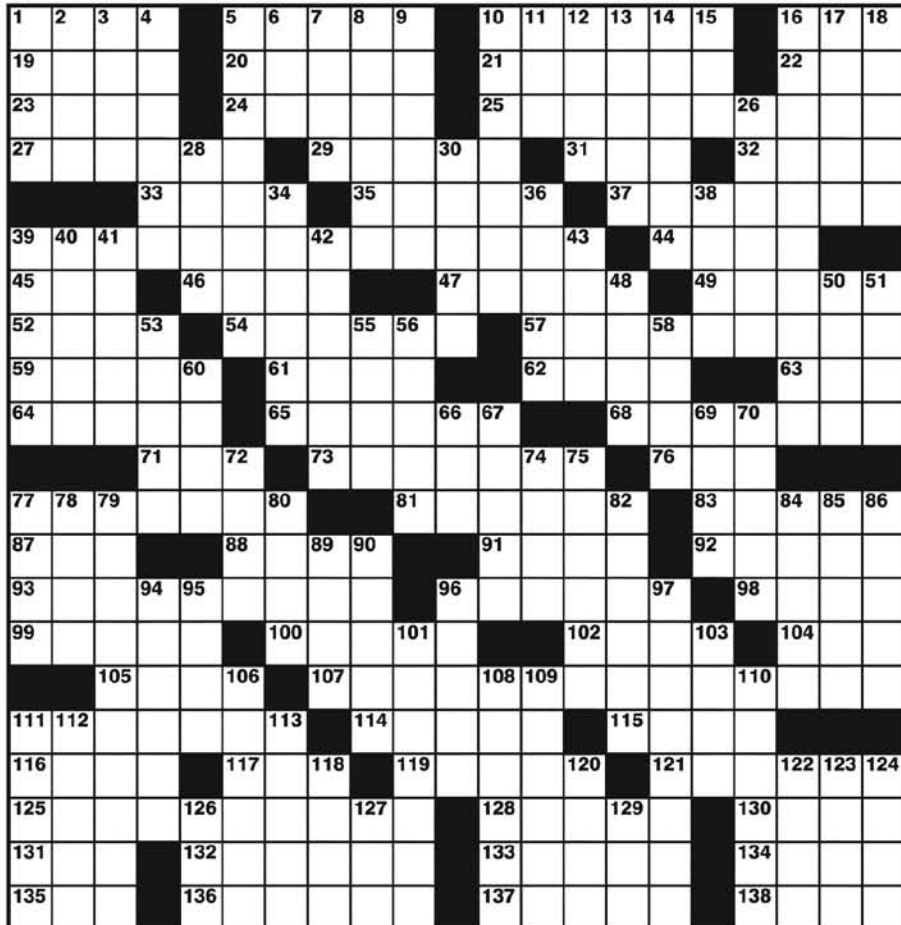
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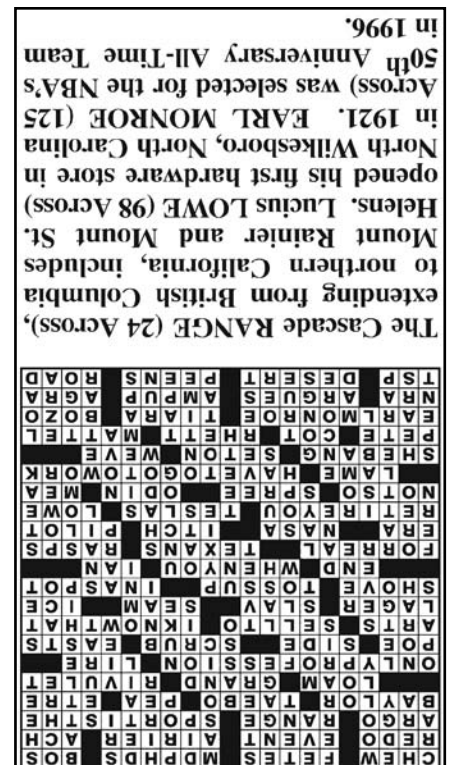
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SPORTS BRIEFS: chatting with Warren High's AD

• Russ Heicke optimistic about upcoming season, says volleyball and football teams on the rise.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – Warren High School has been busy this summer not only hosting summer school, but with sports teams preparing for their upcoming seasons.

I had an opportunity to talk to Warren Athletic Director Russ Heicke and ask him a few questions about the upcoming year and respective sports seasons.

Heicke mentioned that Coach Starksen's girls' tennis team will be strong as will both Coach Miranda's boys' and Coach Waldron's girls' cross country teams. Heicke also said that Coach Lane's girls' volleyball team will be on the rise and Coach Jimenez's football team should be improved.

Heicke mentioned some names to keep an eye on this fall. Boys' cross country runners Ben Gonzalez and newcomer Faustino Diaz should be fun to watch compete as should girls' cross country runner Yajaira Zarate.

Heicke also mentioned standout Whitney Pemberton, who excels at both softball and water polo, and water polo standout Destiny Hernandez should have excellent seasons too.

Pemberton has been nursing a hip injury but appears poised to return to the pool and diamond. Hernandez is being looked at by Arizona State, amongst other Pacific 12 Conference schools.

Senior Gianni Blankenship is another name to remember for the Lady Bears' basketball team.

The most noteworthy event for Warren athletics this summer has been the re-surfacing of the gymnasium floor. All Bear athletic teams have made adjustments with practice

schedules and are looking forward to returning to the "Cave."

There have been no new varsity coaching hires or changes but a few new lower level coaches have been added.

As fall sports teams finish their C.I.F. mandated three week "dead periods," the fall sports season will be here before you know it and the Warren Bears will be ready to compete.

Warren High School girls' volleyball team has been working out this summer as have other Bear athletic teams but the Lady Bears have not had the luxury of practicing on their home floor due to the re-surfacing project in the gymnasium.

Combine that with complying with the C.I.F. mandated three week "dead period" and practices can be challenging.

Perhaps volleyball feels the biggest pinch of all athletic teams because not all other off-campus gymnasiums have volleyball accessible facilities. Coach Scott Lane has had to mix things up and keep things interesting to get his team ready for the start of their fall season.

Lane lost senior standouts Katherine Trejo, Brianna Cervantes and Madeline Gulck to graduation. Coach Lane and his Lady Bears will be a young team this year looking to keep improving as the season moves on.

Warren finished in second place last year in the final S.G.V.L. standings at 8-2. Their two league losses were to cross-town rival and perennial C.I.F. title contender Downey.

Coach Lane is looking to improve each game and once again sees Downey as the league team to beat.

Coach Lane consistently has his team focus on passing and ball control. In the past, beach workouts in the sand have paid off as have participating at the MAC in Carson against such teams as Poly, Wilson and Bishop Montgomery.

Coach Lane maintains that there is a lot of hard work still ahead and building a strong foundation for future years remains a focus for Warren girls' volleyball.

Downey High School girls' basketball team has had a busy summer.

The Lady Vikings participated in the Cantwell and Downey summer leagues in addition to six tournaments in the past six weeks totaling 45 games. Coach Harris maintains that these games are treated as practices where the coaching staff evaluates players and practice game situations.

Downey played in the St. Paul, Bishop Amat, Redondo and 3 Best in the West tournaments. The Lady Vikings won two of the Best in the West tournaments including this past weekend by beating South Torrance in the championship game.

The Lady Vikings are led by Bukky Adefeso, who was an All-S.G.V.L. performer last year as a junior. Adefeso has had to battle through injuries this summer so other players have had to step up.

Coach Harris maintains that "we are very deep and all twelve played important minutes this summer. Different girls step up each game."

Harris continued by saying that "Nona Carter and Maribel Coss are returning starters who will need to step up and fill the void left by Kristin Johnson, who graduated in June, and will be playing at Park University in Missouri." Harris said that Coss has had a good summer and will play a greater role in the fall.

Other Lady Vikings competing for minutes include Angel Gonzalez (12), Diana Acholonu (11), Alexis Zavala (12), Dona Maklouf (12), Kim Peraza (12) and Ayla Pruneda (10).

The Lady Vikings start their season Nov. 29 at home in the Downey Classic Tournament.

This tournament will feature a 16 team bracket and will run through

Dec. 5.

Head Coach Jack Williams and the Downey High School football program concluded its five-week football camp this past Sunday at Allan Layne Stadium.

The three-hour camp featured 65 campers ages 6-14 who participated in football drills and heard from college players.

USC players Jabari Ruffin, Zach Banner, Leo Williams and Jalen Cope-Fitzpatrick were all in attendance helping with instruction.

Ruffin, a 2012 Downey High School graduate, and Zach Banner both helped with this camp last year. Ruffin will be playing defensive end for the men of Troy this fall, Banner will be playing offensive tackle, Williams will be playing on the defensive line and Cope-Fitzpatrick will be playing tight end.

Current Vikings Jorge Reyna, Art Gomez, Eric Carrillo, Conor Hill, Anthony Florido, Anthony Garcia and Jason Thomas were all in attendance helping out as well.

Williams said that camp went well and that kids have improved over the five weeks of the camp. Kids worked really hard and had fun.

Downey will now turn their attention to finishing their summer practice schedule and getting ready for their first game of the season on Thursday, Aug. 22, against Orange Lutheran.

The season is fast approaching and Downey will begin their quest to defend their C.I.F. Southeast Division title.

In Memory of Giovanni "JOHNNY" Joseph Persico

March 17, 1958 to July 25, 2013



Johnny was born in Lynwood, CA on March 17, 1958. He was raised in Downey, where he attended and graduated from Warren High School, and began working at his family's business, Pina Pizza House. Johnny passed away at the age of 55 on Thursday, July 25, 2013 in Thousand Oaks, California.

Affectionately known as Johnny to everyone who knew and loved him, he was a devoted husband, father, brother and friend. Johnny is survived by his loving wife, Tina Marie, his beautiful and talented daughter, Ariana Bettina, his brother Caro Persico, his sister Mila Alberico, his brother-in-law Rinaldo Alberico, his nephews Michael Persico, Angelo Alberico and his niece Gia Persico. Johnny is preceded in death by his parents Papa John and Pina Persico.

Johnny was an accomplished business man. He successfully ran Pina Pizza House in Downey, expanding an iconic family pizza house into a Downey landmark dining experience. It was while working at Pina Pizza (and learning the business from his parents) that Johnny met and fell deeply and forever in love with the woman who would become his wife, Tina. Tina and Johnny were married on July 31, 1993 and two years later they were blessed with their amazing daughter, Ariana, on July 13, 1995. Ariana has been the light of Johnny's life.

Everyone who knew Johnny loved him. He had a positive influence on everyone with whom he came in contact. He always had the best advice on any subject, and you always left a conversation with him feeling better about yourself. There wasn't anything Johnny couldn't solve over a cup of coffee. In fact the legacy of Johnny's life won't be found in the confines of the Pina's Pizza House, but in the large circle of people whose lives he changed, in the smiles he put on their faces, the ease he put in their minds, and the warmth he placed in their hearts.

Johnny was laid to rest on Friday, August 2nd at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks in Thousand Oaks, CA.

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City, arts coalition partner on space shuttle play

DOWNEY – The city of Downey will co-host a theatrical production of “Defying Gravity,” a play about the deadly Challenger Space Shuttle disaster of 1986.

“Defying Gravity” will be produced and directed by the Downey Arts Coalition, which is also handling ticket sales. The city is providing use of the Columbia Memorial

Space Center for performances and rehearsals.

Under terms of a revenue-sharing deal, the city will keep the first \$2,000 of ticket sales. The Downey Arts Coalition keeps all sales above that amount.

The arts coalition and city of Downey will partner on marketing. Tickets are expected to cost \$20

for adults and \$15 for students and space center members.

Space center members receive other perks as well, including priority seating, a complimentary program and an invitation to a cast meet-and-greet.

Performance dates were not immediately available.



Business Spotlight:

To the question “What is the key to your success?” Arch Pacific Realty broker and Realtor® Brian Humphrey, who recently relocated to Downey to better serve his clientele, provided this memorable saying by Confucius: “Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

Brian, who was born and raised in South Gate and sold luxury cars and leased apartments before he found his true calling in real estate, explained: “The key for me was finding out that money isn’t the root of it. I simply found what I loved doing and put 100 percent effort into it, but more importantly, I learned exactly what I had to do to keep me afloat, which has allowed me to pursue what I love to do.”

Since money, or the heady pursuit of it, isn’t his key motivation for buying and selling real estate but in actually helping people buy and sell their homes, and with their financing, Brian says he’s in a better position to be of service because money isn’t his motivation. “I know success means different things to many people,” he says, “but in my heart I firmly believe that if you’re truly living a happy life no matter what, then that’s success. A feeling of success lets you enjoy a positive mental attitude, an honest spirit, and being a team player.”

Brian hopes to have a dozen

complement of real estate agents to help him grow his (for now) boutique real estate company. It usually takes three months to get a real estate license, he says, but with his one-on-one free training sessions, he can help them get their license in half the time.

Brian can only marvel where other local companies are at right now—at the top of their game.

“I’d like someday to be in their league. I hope my brand will be synonymous with real estate – to become a household name known for great quality service. I know the only way to get there is to earn people’s trust, earn their business, and exceed expectations.”

Brian says his batting average (closing rate) is a hefty 0.500. “I just need to get the people in front of me, and they’ll soon realize I sincerely care and want to help them,” he says.

Why did Brian start his business? “The main reason why I started my brokerage in 2006 was the ability to service my clients the way I wanted to, without the high sales pressure that I was trained to at other places,” he says. “I love the freedom and independence that this business of mine provides.”

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Council meetings to start 1 hour earlier

DOWNEY – Frustrated by City Council meetings that often stretch into the early hours of the morning, council members have voted to start meetings one hour earlier at 6:30 p.m.

Council meetings currently start at 7:30 p.m. and it is not uncommon for meetings to end well past midnight.

Councilman Alex Saab recommended starting the meetings at 6:30 p.m. to encourage more participation from residents and Downey students. His motion was unanimously approved by the council.

The time change is expected to go into effect Sept. 24.

Short sale, refinance seminar

DOWNEY – An informational seminar for residents interested in learning about keep-your-home programs or short sales will be held this Saturday at Coldwell Banker Dynasty in Downey.

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Downey's only dog park will be named after former mayor David Gafin, the two-term councilman who championed the canine enclosure and ensured its construction in 2010. Open daily from dawn to dusk, the dog park is enclosed on the eastern boundaries of Rio San Gabriel Park. It currently has no formal name.



Downey High School alum Jesus Pelayo received the second installment of his four-year \$20,000 college scholarship at an awards dinner this month. The scholarship check was awarded by Jerry Wetzstein, chairman of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation, and Carmen Vasquez, chair of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation scholarship committee. Pelayo was the recipient of the Bennie C. and Ann Reagan Scholarship.

'Stomp' coming to Cerritos

CERRITOS - Called a "sure-fire crowd-pleaser" by the New York Times, "Stomp" will pound its way into the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sept. 6-7.

Tickets range in price from \$40-\$70 and can be purchased online at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

"Stomp" kicks off the center's 2013-14 Broadway Series, which includes the Tony-winning comic tragedy "Man of La Mancha" and "West Side Story," about two star-crossed lovers.

"Stomp" started as a unique street performance and has since been performed around the world, winning an Olivier Award for Best Choreography and a New York Obie Award.

The group uses everyday items to

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Performances are Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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- ★ **FRUITVALE STATION** R (11:20, 1:35, 3:50), 6:05, 8:20, 10:35
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- ★ **THE CONJURING** R (11:30, 2:10, 4:50), 7:40, 10:15
- ★ **R.I.P.D.** PG-13 **Frito Mon:** (4:00), 10:25, Tue: (4:00)
- ★ **RED 2** PG-13 **Fri to Mon:** (10:20, 1:10), 7:00, Tue: 7:00
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- ★ **GROWN UPS 2** PG-13 **Fri to Mon:** (10:10, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10), 7:30, 10:10; Tue: (2:50, 5:10), 7:30
- ★ **DESPICABLE ME 2** PG (11:45, 2:15, 4:45), 7:15, 9:45
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BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (ESCROW 1101 et seq. and B & P 2407.4 et seq.) (Lic No. 046341)

(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property consisting of:

(2) The name(s) and business addresses of the seller are: **BUV ENTERPRISES, INC.**, 10951 E. IMPERIAL HWY, NORWALK, CA 90650

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:

(4) The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: **SOUTH CITY GAS INC.**, 10951 E. IMPERIAL HWY, NORWALK, CA 90650

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: **PER STOCK IN TRADE, INCLUDING INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, MERCHANDISE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME AND TRANSFER OF OFF SALE BEER AND WINE LICENSE 20-522654 of that certain business known as NORWALK CIRCLE K AND 76, and is located at: 10951 E. IMPERIAL HWY, NORWALK, CA 90650**

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is (ES) **THE PERMANENT LICENSE** at the office of **SECURITY LAND ESCROW COMPANY**, 10805 PARAMOUNT BLVD, STE A, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Escrow No.: 046341, Escrow Office: LAWRENCE P. ESCROW

Claims may be filed with same as follows:

(1) This Bulk Sale IS NOT subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2, but is subject to Section 2407.4 of the Business and Professions Code.

(2) Listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: **NONE**

Dated: JULY 27, 2013

SOUTH CITY GAS INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)
LA1326014 DOWNEY PATRIOT 8/1/13

The Downey Patriot
8/1/13

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013138903

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SEA MOUNTAIN, 14952 CRENSHAW BLVD 107, GARDENA CA 90249, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IN GON KIM, 2509 DORSET DR, TORRANCE CA 90503 (2) JUNG LIM KIM, 2509 DORSET DR., TORRANCE CA 90503

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by Copartners

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/03/2013

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/IN GON KIM, COPARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 3, 2013

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

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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013142510

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MERCADO DISTRIBUTION, 2013 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

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/01/2012

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/RALPH ORTIZ, MANAGING MANAGER, RADIO MERCADO LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 10, 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
7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013155359

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JB'S BEAUTY SALON, 9404 SOMERSET BLVD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA DE LOURDES ZAVALZA, 936 W. 130TH STREET, COMPTON CA 90222

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 05/01/2012

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/MARIA DE LOURDES ZAVALZA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 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.

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The Downey Patriot
8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13, 8/22/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013133738

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MEVA MARKETING, 354 E. PLYMOUTH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 1727 MIRANDA LANE, BEAUMONT CA 92223

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OLGA IDERA, 354 E. PLYMOUTH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805

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/OLGA IDERA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 26, 2013

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

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The Downey Patriot
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013133032

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PLAGUE VENDOR, 8713 TARRYTON AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) PO BOX 1081, 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
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013141704

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GON GREEN 2013 11812 WEST PICO BLVD UNIT B, LOS ANGELES CA 90064, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR NAJERA JR., 8151 SAN LUIS AVENUE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/HECTOR NAJERA JR., OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 9, 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 2013157415

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FOX AND BONES, 511 GARDEN APT 605, LOS ANGELES CA 90020, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENDALL BECKWITH, 111 CANTERBURY AVE APT. 605, LOS ANGELES CA 90020

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/KENDALL BECKWITH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 29, 2013

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The Downey Patriot
8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13, 8/22/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013133480

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOWN HOUSE MOTEL, 12425 LONG BEACH BLVD., LYNNWOOD CA 90262, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3536647

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHRI JALARAM INC., 12425 LONG BEACH BLVD., LYNNWOOD, CA 90262

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/PRAGNYA GADANI, PRESIDENT, SHRI JALARAM INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 26, 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 2013157193

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STINKA, 20706 IBERIA BLVD, WOOD CA 90715, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OMAR LEWIS 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 06/29/2013

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/OMAR LEWIS JR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 29, 2013

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The Downey Patriot
8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13, 8/22/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013141212

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MATER DEI CLOTHING, 9324 HORLEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) MATER DEI

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IVO RUBIO, 9324 HORLEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) BRANDEN VASQUEZ, 9345 PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90240 (3) GIBRAN RUBIO, 9324 HORLEY AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/GIBRAN RUBIO, PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 8, 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 2013148856

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KING MOTEL, 101 W WASHINGTON BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C356149

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANTOSH INVESTMENT INC, 101 W WASHINGTON BLVD CA 90640

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/18/2013

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/SANTOSH BHAGAT, CEO, SANTOSH INVESTMENT INC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 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.

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The Downey Patriot
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013150785

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRI CONCEPT DESIGN, 4642 LADOGA AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LEONARD B LACEY III, 4642 LADOGA AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

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/LEONARD B LACEY III, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 19, 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
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013139710

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PHD EXOTICS, 5435 VERDURA AVE, LAKEWOOD 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TRISTAN EGUALADA, 5435 VERDURA AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

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/TRISTAN EGUALADA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 5, 2013

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

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
7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013138878

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FRANK'S TACO BAR, 8322 LA VILLA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO GARCIA, 8322 LA VILLA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/FRANCISCO GARCIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 1, 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
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013149092

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SEIDOKAN KARATE, 8206 HONDO STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MINORU KOBAYASHI, 8206 HONDO STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/MINORU KOBAYASHI, OWNER

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

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

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

The Downey Patriot
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013129605

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VAPORNET, 9653 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

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

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/JESSIE MANDAP

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
7/11/13, 7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013154712

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A & J AUTO REPAIR AND TIRE SERVICE, 528 S COMPTON AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90011, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AURELIO P. CAMPOS, 5226 S. COMPTON AVE., LOS ANGELES CA 90011 (2) JESUS BALTAZAR, 1345 NADAU ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90001

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/1998

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/AURELIO P. CAMPOS, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 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
8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13, 8/22/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013150667

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STANG YOUR GROUP DESIGN, 4642 LADOGA AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LEONARD B LACEY III, 4642 LADOGA AVE, 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 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/LEONARD B. LACEY III, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 19, 2013

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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
7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013140416

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) POLLOS AL CARBON, 7514 WOODMAN AVE, VAN NUYS, CA 91405, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 3133 CEDAR AVE, LYNNWOOD CA 90282

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EFFRAIN A RIVERA, 3133 CEDAR AVE, LYNNWOOD CA 90282

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 07/19/2013

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/EFFRAIN A. RIVERA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 08, 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
7/18/13, 7/25/13, 8/1/13, 8/8/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013147971

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMON, 7769 LUXOR ST DOWNEY, LOS ANGELES CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SEHAM IBRAHIM, 7709 LUXOR ST DOWNEY, LOS ANGELES CA 90241</

any and all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award, if made, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION, AT (562) 622-3468.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, CALIFORNIA
Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk

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

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 - 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code and Commercial Code, Section 2328, Section 1812.600 - 1812.609 and Section 1986 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday 14th day of August, 2013 at 2:00P.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Customer Name	Unit #
Raena DeFonseka	1024
Taneesha Hasan	1043
Albert Garcia	1400
Lakeisha Parker	1549
Cecilia Perez	1571
Marco Castillo	1577
Masood Yazarou	1577
Jose Fuentes	2241
Jessica Gomez	2411
Dennis Washington	2495
Luke Dean	2509
Erika Cortes	2553
Jose Villaseor	2616
Carmen Pineda	2953
Robert Fischer	2954
Renita Davis	2949
Jacqueline Martinez	3017
Darryl Williams	3026

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items have been stored and which are located at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 1st of AUGUST 2013 and 8th day of AUGUST 2013.

Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: WLI1254512
562.630.7270

The Downey Patriot
8/1/13, 8/8/13

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NOTICE TO SHOW CAUSE TO ENFORCE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS024785

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Time: 3:30 p.m.,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least weekly for two successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the County: **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER.**
July 22, 2013
Yvonne T. Sanchez
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney
Rafael Mijares and Susan M. Mijares
62021 Camerino St.
Lakewood, CA 90713
562-292-1915
mijaresussan@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13, 8/22/13

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIA E. CHACON
Case No. BP143143
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIA E. CHACON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michelle M. Chacon, Mario A. Chacon, II in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michelle M. Chacon, Mario A. Chacon, II be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any action without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 12, 2013 at 9:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (Form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1254. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Notice for petitioner:
GAYLE CARSON ESQ
SBN 283920
BEZARIE LEWITZ & BORNCAMP APC
111 W OCEAN
4TH FL
LONG BEACH CA 90802

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

TRUSTEE SALES

TSG No.: 8183425 TS No.: CA1300253561 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 8015-035-005 Property Address: 12146 RUCHEL STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/21/2003, 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 08/21/2013 at 10:00 AM., First American Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 01/29/2007, as Instrument No. 20070181859, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California. Executed by: AREGNAZ AZA GRIGORIAN, A SINGLE WOMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment acceptable to the Trustee (Payable at time of sale in lawful money in the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 8015-035-005 the street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12513 ROSETON AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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, 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, estimated fees, charges and expenses 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 \$29,921.98. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the 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 \$29,921.98. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused the same lender to show cause why the sale should be postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/ or Proposed name LETICIA GIOIA MIJARES. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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

Trustee Sale No. 13-519553 PPH Title Order No. 130036097-CA-MIA APN 6362-008-037 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/23/05, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/21/13 at 9:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Thomas Tehee, Trustee of The Thomas Tehee Family Trust dated December 30, 2000, as Trustor(s), in favor of Comerica Bank, a Michigan State Chartered Bank, as Beneficiary, Recorded on 07/01/05 in Instrument No. 05 1555024 of official Records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California. Comerica Bank, as the current Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or other form of payment acceptable to the Trustee, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses 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 \$39,600.56 (Estimated). The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the 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 \$39,600.56. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused the same lender to show cause why the sale should be postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/ or Proposed name LETICIA GIOIA MIJARES. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

The Downey Patriot
8/1/13, 8/8/13, 8/15/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1357646-31 APN: 8075-003-006 TRA: 006764 Doc ID #0001245969522005N DEED OF TRUST UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED July 06, 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 August 14, 2013, at 9:00am, Cal West Realty, as Trustee, shall sell on 08/22/2013 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, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn on 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, the real property located at 12513 Roseton center plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, California, 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14235 Leibacher Avenue Norwalk CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express 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, 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, 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, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses 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 \$1,074,158.57. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to the above, the undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the 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 \$1,074,158.57. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to the above, the undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the 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 \$1,074,158.57. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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Credit union donates to local non-profits

DOWNEY - Downey Federal Credit Union has collected more than \$1,700 since launching its DFCU Cares program in January.

The program allows members to choose one of three preselected charities to donate \$5 of their new membership fee. Charities include Arc of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) and Downey PTA HELPS.

A group of DFCU managers visited the organizations last month to present checks totaling six months' worth of donations. SEAACA received \$710, Arc \$670 and Downey PTA HELPS \$350.

"As a community-based financial institution, DFCU enjoys supporting community members and organizations," said Barbara Lamberth, the credit union's president and CEO. "Outside support enables these organizations to provide valuable services within the Downey community. We welcome the opportunity to improve our community's resources."

The Arc services people with intellectual and developmental disabilities by procuring services for children and adults.

The Arc trains people to lead productive lives and advocates the passage of state and federal legislation.

For more information, go online to thearc.org.

SEAACA provides a local approach to animal control with education classes; spay, neuter and adoption services; and helps reunite lost pets with their owners.

Field services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for regular and emergency calls.

See seaaca.org for more information.

Downey PTA HELPS is a community program sponsored by local residents and businesses. Staffed by volunteers, the program provides meals and dental services for more than 600 Downey families.

Clients must live in Downey or have a student in the Downey Unified School District. Details are online at dusd.net/helps.



From left: DFCU executive vice president Ray Mesler, CEO Barbara Lamberth, Arc CEO Kevin MacDonald and Arc director of development Myra DaVola.



From left: DFCU's Kari Volen, PTA HELP's director Beth Gendreau and Ray Mesler.



From left: Barbara Lamberth, SEAACA's Nicole Bouldin and Sally Hazzard, Kari Volen and Ray Mesler.

5 QUESTIONS: Nader Moghaddam

"5 Questions" is an occasional feature in which we ask five questions of Downey business and community leaders. This week's participant is Nader Moghaddam, CEO of Downey-based Financial Partners Credit Union. The interview took place shortly after the July 4 holiday.

1.) How did you get into the credit union business?

After going through a couple of financially rewarding but emotionally frustrating bank mergers, I was contacted by a search firm that wooed me into considering and eventually accepting a position at a credit union back in 1998. I discovered that the credit union philosophy of people helping people, which places members needs above all, had a significant appeal. It was something that I could get emotionally connected with.

2.) What is the primary difference between a bank and credit union?

The primary difference is in the ownership and governance structure. At a credit union, the members

are part owners of the organization. Whereas at a bank, the customers don't necessarily have an ownership stake and bank management is answerable to stockholders. Credit unions are not for profit cooperatives. As such, they are not conflicted in placing the interest of their member above all because they are one and the same.

3.) Why is community service important to you?

We are a grassroots organization by nature and structure, and given our philosophical orientation we seek community involvement as a natural extension of our organization. We are proud to be part of so many positive things in the Downey community and are delighted to see so much pride and passionate care among the community leaders and the residences of this wonderful city.

4.) Have you found the Downey Patriot to be beneficial in getting Financial Partners' message to the community?

I feel that the community is



very fortunate to have a voice like the Downey Patriot. The newspaper brings the community together and highlights collaboration in its efforts to build a better tomorrow. The Downey Patriot has been a great source for connecting with the community and we consider it a key channel in reaching our audience.

5.) How did you spend the Fourth of July?

I spent the holiday with my wife, nine-year-old daughter, and a patriotic group of extended family. We had a BBQ in celebration of our wonderful country and the good that it stands for.

Downey native makes Dean's List

DOWNEY - Downey native Allison Rohrer was named to the spring 2013 Dean's List at Whittier College.

Undergraduate students are awarded Dean's List honors if they earn a minimum 3.70 grade point average while completing a full-time course load (12 units) in the fall and spring terms.

Rohrer, an English and Literature major, graduated with academic distinction on May 17 and was awarded "Outstanding Service to the Writing Program" honors.

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FEATURED PROPERTY

Downey Delight
 Cute and cozy home! This home features an updated kitchen and bathrooms. Granite throughout, 6 Burner cook top, dining area, wood floors in living room and dining room. This property also has recessed lighting and synthetic grass in backyard. Very nice! Call For Price.

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Spectacular!!
 This custom built 2 story home is located on a corner lot on a tree-lined street in a very desirable neighborhood. This beautiful property features 4 bedrooms with 2 master suites, 6 bathrooms, 2 balconies and a gourmet kitchen. The backyard is perfect for large parties with a covered patio, pergola, built-in seating and a secluded dog run. Call Today for more information!

One of A Kind Downey Estate
 Drive thru Security Gate to secluded immaculate custom built home - Completed in approx 2002 with formal dining, gourmet kitchen, upstairs game room and study/library, 2 fireplaces living room and master bedroom. Pool and Pool House - Tree House with electrical and cable ready - 6 car garage. Call today for more information.

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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.

Downey Delight
 Magnificent Custom Two Story Estate on approximately 34 acres 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 barbeque. This estate property has a large backyard with built in pool and room to spare. Security fencing on a primarily wooded street makes this RARE OPPORTUNITY a must see.

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