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## Poet Lorine Parks publishes first book

• Downey's resident poet will speak about her book, "Catalina Eddy," next Thursday.

By Carol Kearns  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Retired businesswoman Lorine Parks is a role model for living life with gusto and seizing the moments every day. Even as she wrestled with final details for the publication of her first book, she found time, all on one recent Sunday, to receive a Rotary award for her length of service, participate in a monthly poetry workshop, and then attend a theater event in support of local artists.

On Thursday, June 6, Parks will realize a long-held dream and publicly present her first book of poetry, "Catalina Eddy," at a reading and book signing at the Downey City Library in the Cormack Room from 2-3 p.m. The title poem was inspired by the name of a local weather pattern beginning over Catalina Island that brings low cloud cover and foggy mornings to the mainland.

Parks has an irrepressible imagination, and given the human tendency to personify our weather with human names and attributes, one poem led to another - Mae Gray, June Gloom, Polar Flo, and the fierce relatives of hurricanes Camille, Gustavo, and Ernesto.

The result is a masterful collection of poems that grew into a noirish mystery about the Family - "meteorological guys and dolls, molls and mobsters" as poet David St. John describes them.

Catalina Eddy, for example, is a small-time con man and ladies man in pearl gray spats and a fedora: "an easy midnight guy" who "frazzles your curls." Things got a little sticky for Eddy with the Mob, and Mae Gray is missing.

Weathercaster Fritz Coleman of KNBC describes her work as "A lovely treat for those of us that ponder the daily ebb and flow of the marine layer!"

For 35 years, until her retirement in 2010, Parks was the owner of Stonewood Travel, but throughout her busy life, she has always written poetry, even as a child.

Parks is a prolific writer who finds subject material in daily events and news stories.

Although she studied classical literature, her first published book is fanciful and fun. Hurricane Camille is personified as a vibrant grande dame leading a conga line with swaying hips and an "ample bosom." (In 1969 Camille was the strongest of the Category 5 hurricanes.)

For Ernesto, the costliest hurricane in 2006 although only a weak tropical storm, Parks created a persona that is downright frisky. "I guess you can call me a blowhard, a guy who can't connect," he explains. Ernesto is "the one that got away but whose foreplay no one can forget."

**NEW YORK CITY**

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Photo by Diane and Greg Waskul

From left, Scholarship Committee Member Patricia Kotze-Ramos, Awardee Isaac Medina (Warren High), Awardee Gregory Rodriguez (Downey High), Optimist Club President Meredith Perkins, Awardee Evelin Tamayo (Columbus High), Awardee Karinaa Figueroa (Warren High), Awardee Edgar Villaruel (Warren High), Awardee Robert Duarte, Jr. (Warren High) and Scholarship Committee Chair Beverly Mathis.

## Ambitious students land scholarships

• Optimist Club of Downey awards \$1,000 scholarships to Downey-area students.

By Greg Waskul  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Six students from Columbus, Downey and Warren High Schools were awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Optimist Club of Downey last Thursday at the club's annual scholarship luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Scholarship committee chair Beverly Mathis, assisted by committee member Patricia Kotze-Ramos, announced the scholarships, which were awarded to Evelin Tamayo of Columbus High School; Gregory Rodriguez of Downey High School; and Robert Duarte, Jr., Karina Figueroa, Isaac Medina and Edgar Villaruel of Warren High School.

The Optimist Club of Downey traditionally awards a total of three scholarships, one to a senior at each of the three Downey High Schools. "But this year, to recognize the extraordinary community service provided by students from Warren High School's Humanitarian Society, we added three additional scholarships," said Optimist Club President and former Downey mayor Meredith Perkins. "These students have given outstanding service to the community and the Optimist Club during their four years of high school," he added.

"While it might seem like an overwhelming task to review more

than 125 scholarship applications and interview more than 20 students, the difficult part was narrowing the selection, because there were so many deserving candidates," Bev said.

"The student candidates are for the most part very focused and decisive in their career choices and their goals, and it is a rewarding experience to learn the excellence of each student," she said.

Here, in their own words, are brief comments from the honorees:

"I am the oldest of my siblings and the first to graduate, and this means a lot to me and my parents," said Evelin Tamayo, who served this year as treasurer of the Columbus High student council. "My goal is to work in a public school as a teacher's assistant, because it is my passion to work with kids. I believe it is very important for children to have someone they can trust and receive help from, and I really want to be that person. I am going to be the one who can inspire them to make their dreams come true."

"I plan on being a firefighter, and Rio Hondo College has the best program to help me reach my goal," said Gregory Rodriguez of Downey High, who was a member of the football and track teams. "I give credit to my parents for always pushing me to do well in school and making me strive to go to college. They are proud to see that I am going to college, not just for me, but for them, too. When I become a firefighter I will be looked upon as a hero and a role model to children."

"I have dreamt of saying 'Your honor, my client is innocent!' in a

court of law since I was 15," said Robert Duarte, Jr., who served as Vice President of the Warren High Humanitarian Society this year and participated in many other extracurricular activities during his high school career. "I expect to become a lawyer, and to practice patent law, because if a person has an idea to revolutionize the world, then they should have the right to protect their idea," he said.

"When I took a Medical Terminology course, I found that I was very interested in what happens to the human body, especially about the female body and childbirth," said Karina Figueroa of Warren High. "That's when I decided that I wanted to be a doctor specializing in obstetrics and gynecology." Karina overcame her natural shyness to make her high school drill team and varsity cheer team. "I was able to gain a lot more confidence in myself and now I have the confidence to dance, perform or speak out in front of many people. All the clubs and opportunities Warren has offered me are allowing me to get closer to reaching the goals that I have set for myself," she said.

"Uninsured people in our own country, including my own family, need affordable doctors, and that is precisely why I want to go to medical school," said Warren High's Isaac Medina, who served as an officer of the Humanitarian Society for the last four years, including as president since 2010. He has also been honored with more than a dozen major awards. "My sincerest desire is to attend a competitive university where I can continue to

mold myself intellectually. There is an undeniable need for caring medical professionals who are willing to help those in need. I intend to be one of those people."

"In my three years of volunteer experience at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, seeing the patients grow has inspired me," said Edgar Villaruel of Warren High School, who has been a stalwart member of the tennis team and secretary of the Humanitarian Society. A winner of a dozen awards during his high school career, Edgar is planning to attend college, then serve in the U.S. Air Force before becoming a physical therapist. "I want to gain the knowledge to be able to assist someone who is paralyzed to walk again or help someone to read after a tragic accident. Nothing stops Rancho's patients from still living their dreams. Nothing is going to stop me from becoming a physical therapist," he said.

"It's such a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet these very special high school seniors, whose scholarship and citizenship exemplify everything one would hope to see in those who are moving on to college," Bev said.

Meredith agreed. "We are very proud to honor these six tremendous high school seniors, whose accomplishments, dreams and determination are an inspiration. I know our nation's future is in very good hands with exceptional young people such as our Optimist scholarship honorees leading the way!"

## CalMet takes over trash bill

**DOWNEY** – CalMet has taken over residential trash billing, meaning residents will no longer be billed for trash and recycling services on their city water bill.

Effective immediately, CalMet will bill residents on a quarterly basis for those services.

CalMet's first invoice covers April, May and June, and includes an adjustment of approximately 1 percent, which was effective April 1.

A credit may appear on this invoice if residents have already been billed the old rate for April, May or June services on a prior Downey water bill.

Residents will continue to pay the city for any previous balances that may appear on city water bills for trash and recycling services.

CalMet's invoices will include information on services, holiday schedules, and terms and collection procedures for past due accounts. Invoices are due 20 days from the invoice date.

The next invoice from CalMet will be mailed out on Aug. 15.

Payments can be made by check through mail or over the phone with a credit card. Invoices will include information about online automatic bill pay.

For questions or more information, call CalMet at (562) 259-1239.

## Ex teacher convicted of child sex abuse

**DOWNEY** – A 41-year-old Downey man was convicted Wednesday of sexually abusing two teenage girls while he worked as a physical education instructor at an East L.A. middle school.

Antonio Gomez was convicted by a jury of 12 counts of lewd acts upon a child. Jurors also found true an allegation that Gomez had "substantial" sexual conduct with one victim under age 14.

Judge Lance Ito remanded Gomez into custody without bail. He is expected to be sentenced on June 27 and faces a maximum penalty of 22 years in prison.

The offenses, which allegedly took place between June 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006, involve two former students who at the time were 13 and 15.

Gomez taught physical education at Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School in East L.A.

## Play series wraps up Sunday

**DOWNEY** – "Alexander the Greatest," the fourth and final play in the local theater series – Urban Acts: Plays from the Street – will be presented this Sunday at 7 p.m. at Downey Moravian Church.

The Downey Arts Coalition and theater group Urban Acts are co-sponsoring the play by Downey resident Forrest Hartl.

Admission is free.

## Art, music featured at exhibit

• Art on the Vine features music of Michael Temple and art by Robert Thome.

By Marisa Urrutia Gedney  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The perception of ability is challenged in the upcoming Art On The Vine exhibit which will display the vivid and inspiring work of Robert Thome and Michael Temple at Mari's Wine Bar.

Opening night is this Saturday, June 2, at 7 p.m., with live music by

Temple and renowned blues musician James Harman.

Robert Thome confronts his endurance and strength as a painter every time he sits in front of a canvas. With a paintbrush in his mouth, layering the lines of each piece, he moves beyond his limitations. After enduring a spinal cord injury in 1969 and finding his way as a painter in the late 1970s, he has become a recognized artist worldwide as part of the International Mouth and Foot Painting Association.

Michael Temple, better known as Mike Tempo in art and music circles, is a painter and professional percus-

sionist as bandleader with the Los Angeles worldbeat band, The Bonedaddys. His art is a jazz song come to life, with movement-like quality popping with colorful patterns.

Thome teaches painting and drawing to others with spinal cord injuries at Rancho Los Amigos, serving as a role model for new generations of mouth painters and others who can find freedom in art. With Temple's credential in Moderate to Severe Disabilities, he works with autistic children and is a facilitator of a program that teaches language, math, and occupational and social skills using drumming to differently-abled in-

dividuals.

Art On The Vine is an art exhibit and monthly reception hosted by the Downey Arts Coalition, a group pioneering the local arts movement by making Downey a new destination for arts and culture.

Providing local art for a local audience is an emerging trend in Downey, and it will take artists of all kind to keep the movement growing. If you are interested in having your art exhibited or playing your music at an opening, contact artist.submission@downeyarts.org



**MAYOR'S CORNER**

## Summer brings full slate of activities



**Greetings Downey Family:**

Summer is fast approaching and with that comes a variety of fun outdoor activities. Our popular Summer Day Camps and Aquatics courses will be offered all throughout the summer, as well as our Summer Reading programs taking place at the Library. The 2012 Twilight Summer Concert Series kicks off July 11 at Furman Park beginning at 7 p.m.

For a list of all concert performers and activities being offered this summer, check out the Parks & Recreation Guide available on the

City website: [downeyca.org](http://downeyca.org).

The Columbia Memorial Space Center continues to keep busy with hundreds of children visiting the Center each week. The Space Center has definitely become a favorite summer destination for children all over the region, as field trips for the upcoming summer months are almost fully booked. It was a full crowd on Sunday, May 20 as close to 400 people showed up to watch the 2012 Solar Eclipse. I brought my family to the event and was thrilled to see so many people in attendance. We all had the opportunity to get an up-close view of the Solar Eclipse through high powered solar telescopes.

I invite you to join us at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Tuesday, June 5 from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. to observe the Transit of Venus across the surface of the Sun - a phenomenon that will not occur again in our lifetime! A special presentation along with other activities will be offered throughout the evening. Also, don't miss out on the arrival of the new exhibit "Great Balls of Fire." This national traveling exhibi-

tion program will be at the Space Center from June 12 through September 16, 2012. The exhibit will provide our youth with the opportunity to learn about comets, asteroids and meteors with hands-on interactive exhibits. Children will even be able to see real meteors up close!

It is extremely exciting to have an art venue coming to our Downtown area. Last week, my fellow City Council colleagues and I approved to have the Downey Art Vibe manage a local art gallery right on Downey Avenue. The local art movement that has transpired recently here in town has been well received by the community; and, to continue to engage its followers, we thought what better way than to have an art venue right in our downtown? We see this art movement as a positive thing for our City, not only for the younger generation, but for people of all ages who appreciate the value of art. We look forward for what is to come and thank you to the Downey Art Vibe for taking on this exciting endeavor.

Speaking of exciting things coming to town, the new Tierra

Luna Market Place continues to make progress and is expected to open in late 2014. The developer for the project continues to promote and attract retailers and tenants to this new 1.5 million square foot development consisting of retail, entertainment and office & medical space. This 77-acre complex will be developed on the final portion of the former NASA site, located off Lakewood Boulevard, near Imperial Highway. It is expected to produce over \$4.2 million of revenue to the City and help create 3,000 permanent jobs, 1,200 of which will be high paying medical jobs.

Please help support the fight against cancer by participating in the Relay for Life event taking place this weekend June 2-3 at Downey Adult School. This is a great opportunity for our community to come together and honor those who we've lost and those who are still fighting.

I had the privilege of attending the American Legion Awards ceremony this month and was proud to have members of our own Police and Fire Departments be recognized for their outstanding service to the community. Police Officer Javier Sanchez and Firefighter Craig Petersen were honored for their extraordinary commitment to serving and protecting our City. It makes me so proud to know we have such great men and women serving our City.

Last, but not least, thank you to those who attended and participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony this past Monday. On this day of remembrance for those who have died while serving our nation, it was a sincere honor to be part of such a special ceremony that paid tribute to our Country's best.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Roger C. Brossmer



Nicole Manly returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera for a sixth time to star as Gladys in "The Pajama Game," now playing at the Downey Theatre until June 17. Manly previously appeared in "42nd Street," "South Pacific," "No, No Nanette," "Carousel" and "Dames at Sea." For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714. Group rates are available.

### DUSD offers transitional kindergarten

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Unified School District is offering a transitional kindergarten program for children who will reach age 5 between Nov. 2 and Dec. 2.

Parents can enroll their children at any of the three elementary schools hosting the program, including Alameda, Gallatin and Williams schools.

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year program. After completing the program, the child moves on to traditional kindergarten in the 2013-14 school year at their neighborhood school.

Applications for transitional kindergarten are available online at [dusd.net](http://dusd.net) in both English and Spanish. Enrollment is on a space-available basis.

Parents are responsible for transporting their child to the program as bussing will not be available.

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From left: Calvin Spencer, Nick Velez, Mike Gavica and Josh Careaga.

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## More young adults investing in Downtown Downey

• For a growing number of young professionals, Downtown Downey makes sense.

By Tina Vasquez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Research has shown that a vibrant downtown enhances the economic health and quality of life in a community; it creates jobs, protects property values, promotes small businesses, reduces sprawl, and perhaps most importantly to citizens: it increases options for goods and services.

Much attention has been given to Downey's emerging art scene and the efforts being made by groups like Downey Art Vibe to breathe new life into the city – and rightfully so. Art and culture are essential to our growth, but when it comes to bringing people together, nothing beats sharing a meal. Lucky for us, a vibrant downtown dining scene is emerging in Downey and it's being led by young people who could have opened up their restaurants in any other city, but chose to come home (or in some instances, stay home) because they love their hometown and want their food to be part of its revitalization.

For three months now, 28-year-old Mike Gavica has been spending 12-hour days at his restaurant L.A. Buns, which is quickly becoming Downey's best kept secret. The upscale burger joint he co-owns with his brother Marcus is literally a hole in the wall on 2nd Street with the smallest, most basic restaurant kitchen you've ever seen, but behind the counter he's making magic. Everything's made to order and the meat for the burgers is freshly ground everyday on-site. Gavica also has sweet, buttery brioche buns delivered each day and though they definitely make his burgers special, it's the toppings that really send them over the edge.

L.A. Buns has a specialized menu that took the restaurant's kitchen limitations into consideration. Gavica developed his recipes with the help of his friend, Le Cordon Bleu-trained Chef Josh Careaga, and together they came up with five burgers: the LA Burger, the LAX Burger, the Skid Burger, the Sunset Burger, and the East Los Burger, by far the most

popular L.A. Buns offers. Topped with slow roasted green peppers, white American cheese, caramelized onions, roasted tomatoes, and a generous slathering of aioli (essentially a homemade garlic mayonnaise), it is everything you've ever wanted a burger to be, but nothing you would ever find in a chain-restaurant or fast food joint.

There's one important thing about Gavica that hasn't been mentioned yet: Prior to opening L.A. Buns three months ago, he had no restaurant experience to speak of. Zero. Nada. This is his first foray into the industry and sometimes, even he seems a little shocked that business is taking off.

"Within a month and a half I'd decided to open a restaurant, I developed the recipes, found the location, and opened up," Gavica said. "Friends and family thought I was crazy, but I knew I had to do it quickly or else I'd become discouraged and talk myself out of it. Everyone wants to tell you how hard this industry is and how so many restaurants fail and I didn't want to hear any of that. I just wanted to do it and I'm learning as I go."

"Learning as I go" is a bit of an understatement. There was so much for Gavica to learn, that it sometimes felt overwhelming, like the first time he tried to grind meat and it was coming out of the grinder like baby food. "I had to call the guy I got the grinder from and tell him there was something wrong with it. He came all the way down to the restaurant just to figure out that I put a piece of the grinder on backwards," Gavica said.

Other than staffing family, Gavica relies on employees with restaurant experience to show him the ropes and despite his inexperience, business is booming.

"The owner of the building we're in owns the hookah lounge next door and even he seemed shocked that we were doing so well. I guess he didn't think gourmet burgers would sell in this city," Gavica said. "I told myself that if I could just sell 15 burger combos a day, I could make it through the first month. I grind enough meat for 80 burgers and we're selling out, but that doesn't even take into account the other menu items. What really blows my mind is that we haven't done

any advertising. All of our customers come because of word of mouth and they turn into repeat customers. What sets us apart is the freshness of our food. It takes a little longer to get to you because it's made fresh, but you're not going to find anything like this at a fast food chain."

Just up the street from Gavica is the much-discussed Bastards, specializing in three things Americans love very much: BBQ, sports, and beer. Nick Velez, the 25-year-old owner grew up in Downey and joined the Marines with friend, Downey native and Bastards co-owner, 24-year-old Calvin Spencer. After serving four years and both doing a tour of Iraq, Velez went to business school and Spencer went to culinary school. While living in Seattle, Velez began to kick around the idea of opening a bar and when his real estate agent father told him of the availability of the former Downtown BBQ Company, he jumped at the chance, brining Spencer on as head chef and general manager. The restaurant celebrated its official opening on Memorial Day.

Velez doesn't take the criticism of the Bastards name personally because the restaurant was named in honor of the "Magnificent Bastards," the official nickname of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, his former infantry battalion at Camp Pendleton, California. Truth be told, those complaining of the name are probably not the sports bar's target audience, though they probably have more in common with Velez than they think.

"I'm a Christian and in no way is this name offensive," Velez said. "Those focusing on the name are losing sight of what we're trying to do here. We only honor veterans two times a year, but if we can do something every day that makes a vet feel good and honored, why wouldn't we? We served our country and now we want to serve the community and there's no better place to do that than the place where you grew up."

Not only is Bastards military-themed and outfitted with wartime photography, but Velez and Spencer will also offer a military discount on all menu items.

About the menu: it looks very promising. The bar will offer craft and draft beers and all food will be homemade and based on Spencer's recipes, including his ceviche, which is a family recipe. Bastards

will have the usual bar foods like wings, nachos, and burgers, but they're also offering twists on old favorites, like pork belly tacos and a club sandwich that features even more smoked pork belly. Their specialty, however, will be BBQ. Downey does have a few BBQ joints, but they're seriously lacking in the flavor department, so Spencer's smoked St. Louis-style ribs, hours-long smoked tri-tip, and homemade BBQ sauce and spice rubs are much anticipated.

If you're at all familiar with food or restaurant trends, chances are you've heard of the increasingly ubiquitous "gastropub," which is essentially a bar that places emphasis on food, which happens to be high-end but not pretentious or inaccessible. Think of truffled mac and cheese or a free-range roasted chicken dinner.

It appears as if Downey will be getting its own gastropub and it's being opened by another young person who grew up in the city and wants to contribute to its revitalization. In this case it's Marc Brandon Shelton, the 30-year-old manager of Hackers Bar & Grill who was born and raised in Downey and will be opening Lock & Key Social Drinkery in the fall. Set to take the spot of the former women's clothing store D'arte Connection on Downey Avenue in the heart of downtown, Shelton's focus will be on craft beers, great cocktails, and high quality comfort food. He's keeping the menu under wraps for now, but is currently consulting with various chefs.

It seems like a risky move in a city that embraces its many run-of-the-mill chain restaurants, but Shelton's reasoning for opening his gastropub in Downey was simple.

"I was born in Downey. I live in Downey. I work in Downey. I know many of us in this situation and now we want to play in Downey, too," Shelton said. "There was a time when Downey was a player in the restaurant and bar game and as time passed we didn't change much, but I really think we're just a sleeping giant. I think the restaurant I'm opening in the downtown area is just helping to oil the gears. Young professionals who grew up here are coming back and some of us have never left. The goal is to revitalize the city and I want to be part of the transformation."

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President Eisenhower said,

*“The future of this Republic is in the hands of the American voter”*

These words are as true today as they were in 1956 when they were said.

# VOTE

Next Tuesday’s ballot is the first one in California history with an Open Primary. This means that you can vote for any candidate from any political party in the primary election. The top two vote-getters will face each other in the November general election. In some legislative and congressional races, this may mean that two candidates from the same political party will face each other.

*Join me and millions of other Californians in casting our vote for the candidates we believe will best represent our interests.*



*See you at the  
Polls on June 5th*

**Supervisor  
Don Knabe**





## Letters to the Editor:

### Care facility

Dear Editor:

I was shocked and thoroughly disgusted when I received a letter from the city saying a residential care facility was being built at 9294 Lubec St. in the northeast section of Downey. ("Residents Protest New Care Facility," 5/24/12)

There isn't a designated place for visitors to park and only a two-car driveway. Lubec is not an extra wide street and there could be a need for ambulances and paramedics to come often.

Again, the City Council says they can do nothing.

What's coming next? A mom and pop corner grocery store or perhaps a liquor store? Maybe a beauty shop or any number of small operations in residential areas.

**Betty Logan**  
Downey

### Street sweepers

Dear Editor:

This past Memorial Day, the trash pick-up service on my street was delayed by one day. Thus, trash pick-up was moved from Tuesday to Wednesday.

The ticket machine - AKA street sweeper - was not delayed, therefore, the street sweeper could not function with all the trash bins on the street.

I guess with the city of Downey, effective street sweeping is not a priority but the revenue in fines would appear to be of main importance.

My question is, if trash pick-up is delayed because of a public holiday, why can't the ticket machine do the same thing?

**Devin Clarke**  
Downey

### Academic boosters

Dear Editor:

In response to Sergio Estevez ("Worthy School District," Letters to the Editor, 5/24/12), I agree that we need to do more as a community to recognize our teachers and students for their achievements.

As a member of the Academic Booster Club (ABC) at Warren High School, we regularly hold fundraisers to establish scholarships for deserving students. Unfortunately, in these lean times, participation and donations are harder to come by.

Anyone offering suggestions or providing donations (either monetarily or through gift cards that can be used as prizes) would be greatly appreciated.

Just remember, when we were seeking higher education, with a modicum of effort and more resources, university doors were wide open. That is not the case now. Don't we owe our kids the motivation to continue to excel academically?

**Maria Clark**  
Downey

*The Academic Booster Club meets in the Warren High library the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. throughout the school year.*

### Harassment in Downey

Dear Editor:

It is a clear night. Local businesses in Downey have done a steady business for Sunday and are preparing to close up their shops. Many drivers in their cars begin to filter out into the street from a near by parking lot.

One vehicle in particular filled with an unknown number of young men begin to call attention to themselves. Shouting unintelligible sounds, jeering and obscenely gesturing with their hands they are trying to get the attention of a female pedestrian waiting for a traffic signal. Continuously waving their arms, calling to her with fake offerings of sexual interest, whistling and cat calling, their bullying takes on an ominous and threatening tone.

She looks at them for a moment, seeming to be concerned about her physical safety, and then turns away nervously tapping at the light signal button to call for the walk sign which seems painfully slow at this point. There is a pause, she turns as if she hears someone coming up behind her to do physical harm from the back. No one is there.

The SUV filled with rude males regroup their efforts to humiliate her. Then finally the traffic signal turns green, she gets her walk sign and with impending dread and some trepidation moves steadily through the crosswalk. The driver of the SUV moves with the traffic due west from her north. But then she makes a westerly turn and continues forth on the course of the SUV ahead. As she reaches the next crosswalk, the SUV with the malevolent occupants seem to have made a turn in her direction.

Menacingly, the rude occupants of the SUV continue to cause her concern, apparently unaware of a marked Downey police cruiser waiting at the signal heading directly toward the SUV. As the light turns green and the vulgar parties begin their next effort as they pass the woman there seems to be an almost immediate lull in their arrogant hollering when they are suddenly surprised to see the cruiser.

The woman was a 45-year-old masculine-appearing lesbian American minding her own business.

Not long ago President Obama lifted the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" ban in the military. And in more recent times the President has put his approval forth in support of gay marriage. While other parts of the country seem to be progressively heading to a new proactive kind of thinking, Downey still seems to have a few throwbacks to another era. The Neanderthal era.

**Greta Campbell**  
Downey

## Transportation in transition

Lars Clutterham

"What's in your wallet?," says the credit card ad. Last weekend the answer would have been "Less," because gasoline prices reached an all-time Memorial Day high in southern California at an average rate of \$4.29 per gallon. Despite some recovery as four local refineries come back online following maintenance closures, this trend is not likely to reverse itself in the near future. Make that EVER.

So southern California--perhaps the most car-happy spot on the planet--faces, along with the rest of the world, the necessity of developing new technologies and alternative fuel sources in order to get people from place to place. Four fundamental circumstances are recognizable as possible reasons to move away from gasoline and diesel: 1) fossil fuels create greenhouse gases which contribute to climate change; 2) the burning of fossil fuels creates toxic pollutants, jeopardizing human health; 3) non-renewable petroleum resources are becoming depleted, requiring ever more extreme extraction efforts; 4) many petroleum supplies come from countries with whom the United States has tenuous relationships, or as John McCain was prone to say during the 2008 presidential campaign, "countries that don't like us very much."

Perhaps you're in the camp that sees irreversible anthropogenic climate change as a planetary scourge that will visit horrible adversity on humankind within the next 100 years. Maybe you're one of those who knows that asthma has increased 75% in the U.S. since 1980, and that childhood asthma rates in our region are exceptionally high, especially among Hispanic and African-American children. Maybe you're disturbed by the long-term impact of the BP Gulf oil spill or the potential adverse environmental effects of the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline. Or maybe you just don't like forking over big bucks to our enemies.

In any case, there should be plenty of motivation all around to shift away from fossil fuel.

For example, we have been extolling the virtues of bicycling and walking in this space for the last few weeks, partly because May is National Bike Month, but more importantly because bicycling and walking--commonly known by advocates as "active transportation"--are two of the simplest and most beneficial fossil fuel alternatives out there. Again there's a list of reasons why: 1) both are among the most energy-efficient transportation modes available; 2) they're essentially non-polluting; 3) biking and walking are indefinitely renewable, given decent health and three square meals a day; 4) in an era of epidemic obesity, they provide a means of activity for an all-too-sedentary cul-

## Letters to the Editor:

### Debit versus credit

Dear Editor:

Re: "A New Look at Debit Cards and Credit Cards," 5/24/12) This is not the whole story. Federal law protects you if you need to dispute charges on a credit card.

The Fair Credit Billing Act allows 60 days to file a complaint and if the credit institute thinks it's valid, then there is a good chance of getting your money back.

It is also true that you could lose all your money if you use your debit card but my credit union extends the same privilege to my debit card; I use it like a credit card, that is, sign my name instead of punching in the PIN.

So I use my debit card but always choose the credit option when paying, and enjoy the best of both worlds.

**Kevin Myers**  
Downey

### Defends Bastards

Dear Editor:

I passed the corner of 2nd Street and Downey Avenue and couldn't keep from chuckling when I saw Bastards. I love it!

Then, thanks to the Patriot, I learned their history. Thank you, Bastards, for your sacrifices to keep us free and safe.

A few people need to read the definition of "bastard" in the dictionary. From what I read in the article, Bastards met that definition.

I guess the opposition would approve a strip joint if it were called "Heavenly."

Good luck to Bastards - may your bar prosper and may it be a place where the bastards meet to renew friendship.

**Alice Vartanian**  
Downey

### Memorial Day tribute

Dear Editor:

Like everyone else, my husband and I have our personal griefs and trials. Like many, we are frustrated by the state of our nation, by seeing friends and relatives out of work, by seeing liberty eroded by an ever more intrusive government.

But whatever our personal situations, we would like to encourage people to get out and vote this year. This is a privilege not to be taken lightly. Generations of individuals have served, suffered and even died to keep our country one free republic under God, governed by our unparalleled Constitution.

They defended our right to self-government. They defended our right to vote, to fight in daily ways to keep our wonderful nation true to its foundation.

My dad grew up during WWI and remembered hearing the new poem "In Flanders Field." As I grew up, he always got a paper poppy from a veteran to remind us to honor the memory of those who sacrificed their lives for us. He taught me the words for "Taps" when I was a child: "all is well, safely rest, God is nigh..."

Those words and memories have echoed down the years as my family has attended the Downey Cemetery on Memorial Day, where the city and American Legion honor those who died in service of our country, as well as living veterans and service members. I am so glad Downey has this moving tribute every year.

May we never forget what has been done for us. May we never take for granted the blessings we enjoy by God's gracious mercy. May we teach our children and grandchildren what we are remembering on Memorial Day.

Get out and vote, and come to the Memorial Day service next year. And thanks to all you vets and service members.

**Glory Derryberry**  
Downey

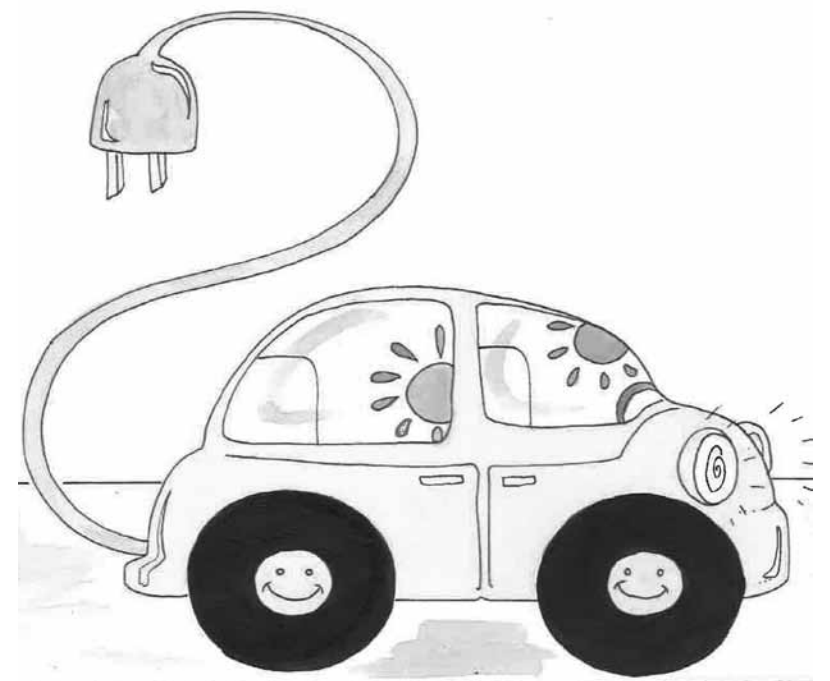


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ture. As a matter of fact, if you're walking or bicycling even part of the way to school or work, you're multi-tasking, getting there in fine style while burning some of those pesky calories along the way!

Indeed, biking and walking are just two of an array of transportation choices presenting ever more attractive options to the old gas-guzzler. Among these choices for automobile are various types of electric and hybrid electric cars. One subset of the Electric Vehicle (EV) is the "NEV," the Neighborhood Electric Vehicle, designed for slower speeds in urban areas or residential neighborhoods--a little bit like a leading-edge golf cart. Another increasingly popular urban option is car-sharing, which is developing a following nationwide, where car ownership is no longer a necessity, and accessible hourly rentals are immediately available at parking stations dotted around the community. Most of these cars are currently hybrids, though increasingly an EV infrastructure for car-sharing is developing in forward-thinking urban areas.

Another option is public transportation, mass transit, which offers some futuristic petroleum-free possibilities such as commuter trains powered by magnetic levitation, as mentioned by Bellflower resident Joe Cvetko in a recent Letter to the Editor in *The Downey Patriot*.

We will return to discussions of these innovations in future articles, but for next week, let's plan to talk about what you do with your garbage.

## Sanchez hails national plan to end Alzheimer's

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (CA-39) released the following statement Tuesday after the Obama administration announced the introduction of the first national strategy to end Alzheimer's disease.

The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease has set a goal of developing effective prevention and treatment for Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias by the year 2025.

"This announcement offers renewed hope to the millions of Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease," Sanchez said. "I applaud the President Obama and Secretary Sebelius for their continued commitment to fight this devastating disease and for their work to support research, provide education and raise public awareness.

"Like more than 5 million Americans, my father suffers from this debilitating illness. I know first-hand the pain and hardship Alzheimer's inflicts on families. That's why I am very pleased this plan provides families and caregivers the resources and services necessary to help cope with the physical, emotional, and financial costs of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease."

The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease was authorized in the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA), which President Obama signed into law in January 2011.

The National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease outlines five goals, including research, training for healthcare providers, easier access to information and resources for caregivers, and an awareness campaign to reach family members and patients in need of information on the disease.

Alzheimer's disease affects more than 5.1 million Americans and is the sixth (6th) leading cause of the death in the United States.

## Bluebirds in danger

Dear Editor:

Bluebirds are beautiful but they are seldom seen partly because they are "cavity-nesters" that prefer to build a nest in a cavity such as those made by woodpeckers.

Natural cavities are rare since trees are quickly cut down. Farmers and ranchers used to use wood poles for fencing, now they use metal so there are fewer natural cavities available to the bluebird.

House sparrows are also a major problem. They invade bluebird nests and kill the birds, plus break their eggs.

Bluebirds need our help. Another bluebird fan in Downey, Randy Renner, and I have placed several nesting boxes in trees around town for this wonderful bird. In a park along the Rio San Gabriel River one of boxes currently has young birds nesting. If we are lucky, in a few weeks bluebirds will once again be in Downey.

Bluebirds and humans have always had a special relationship. Native Americans hung up dry gourds to encourage bluebirds to nest near their settlements and the earliest European settlers welcomed bluebirds to their fields and yards just as enthusiastically. Bluebirds have become the very symbol of happiness because they bring joy to the onlooker. In the early 1900s Maurice Maeterlinck wrote a fairytale play about two children who searched for the "blue bird of happiness," only to find after many adventures that it has been in their own backyard all along.

By building, hanging and monitoring these easy to make nesting boxes, we can soon have this beautiful bluebird back in our yards.

After World War II, the tenor Jan Peerce made "Bluebird of Happiness" a nationwide hit; the lyrics promised "Life is sweet, tender and complete when you find the bluebird of happiness."

Bluebirds urgently need our help!

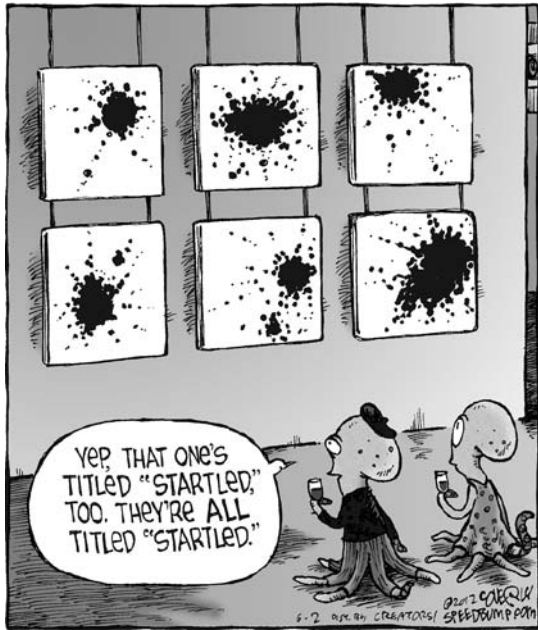
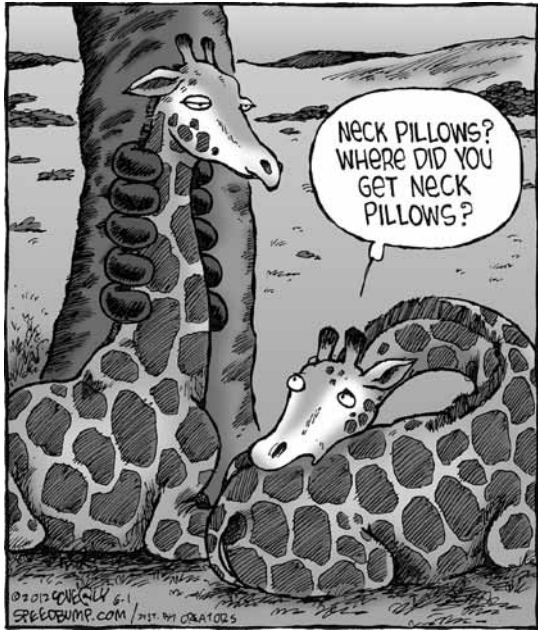
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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For June

- Sat. & Sun. June 2 & 3: **Relay for Life**, Columbus High School, 9 a.m.
- Sat. & Sun. June 2 & 3: **Downey Greek Festival**, St. George Greek Church, 11 a.m.
- Sat. June 2: **Art on the Vine exhibit**, Mari's Wine Bar, 7 p.m.
- Sun. June 3: **Aerospace Legacy Foundation open house**, Downey Studios, 1 p.m.
- Sun. June 3: **"Alexander the Greatest" play**, Moravian Church of Downey, 7 p.m.

### City Meetings

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 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/Community Development Commission**, 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 (562) 400-6244.
- 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 John McAllister 869-0928.
- 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 923-4357.
- 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.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 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.
- 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.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 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 Vanlangen 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**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

## On This Day...

- May 31, 1889:** More than 2,000 people died when a dam break sent water rushing through Johnstown, Pa.
- 1970:** A magnitude-7.9 earthquake struck Peru, killing tens of thousands of people.
- 1977:** The trans-Alaska oil pipeline was completed after three years of work.
- 1990:** "Seinfeld" premiered on NBC.
- Birthdays:** Actor-director Clint Eastwood (82), folk singer Peter Yarrow (74), football hall of famer Joe Namath (69), actor Chris Elliott (52), actress Brooke Shields (47) and actor Colin Farrell (36).

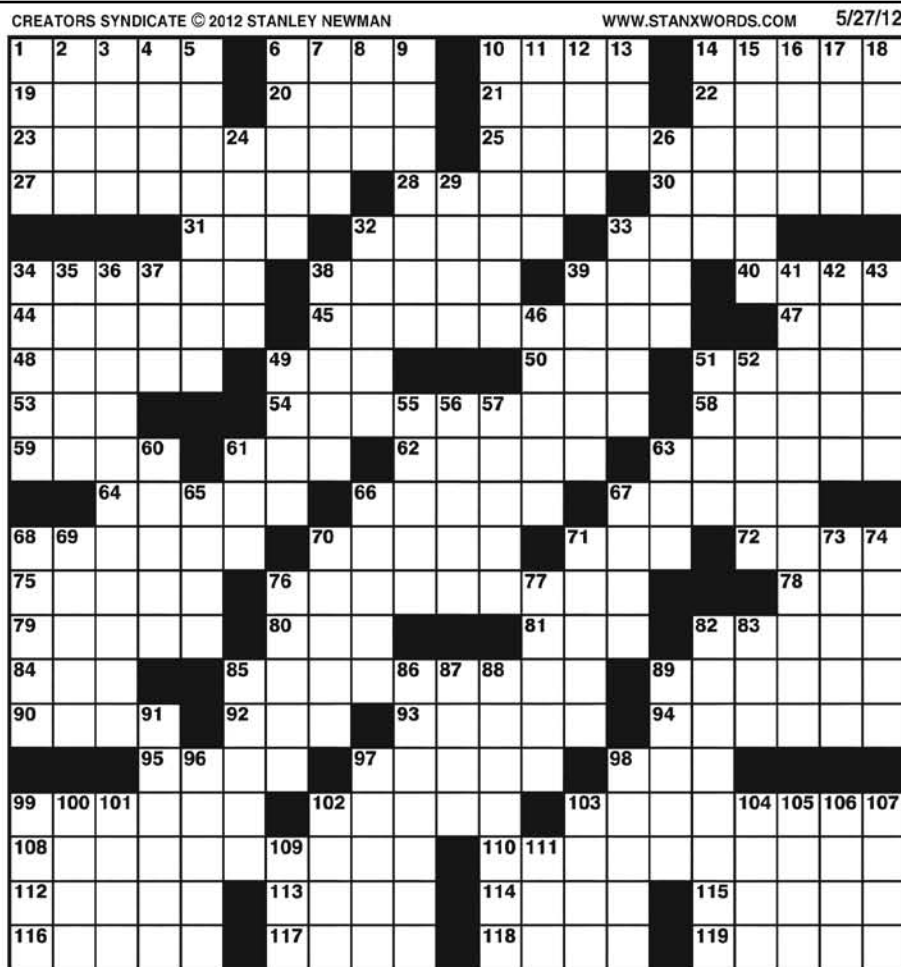
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## PARKS: Poet, volunteer and world traveler.

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in Pittsburgh, Parks moved with her family to New York City when her father was transferred there by his company in 1948. World War II was still fresh in everyone's mind, and the United Nations was a young organization established with the hope that it would be an effective vehicle for world peace.

Parks says it was life-changing to be just seventeen and so close to the center of world history. She was drawn to the cosmopolitan nature of the city and fantasized about working at the UN. She had little idea that later choices would lead her to the life of an intrepid world traveler.



After graduating from Wellesley College in Boston, Parks returned to New York to complete a masters degree in comparative literature at Columbia. It was marriage and working for the airlines that ultimately led to the rich tapestry of her life experiences.

Parks and her husband, a doctor, lived on the Piute Reservation in Northern Nevada for a year while he completed a public health service program. She later taught at Saginaw Valley College when the family moved to Michigan.

### PUTTING DOWN ROOTS

It was an opening at the Gallatin Medical Clinic that brought the family to Downey in 1969, and Parks truly made California her home. The family didn't just vacation and camp in the Sierras - in 1971 she and her husband and children all climbed Mt. Whitney and Half Dome! Not many natives can claim that.

As her family put down roots, Parks decided to build on her earlier experience working for Pan Am in New York and establish her own travel agency. Her first trip to Europe had been in 1957 with her husband when they took advantage of deeply discounted tickets through her work with the airline.

Europe was still rebuilding after WWII, and Parks, a young wife of 26, remembers beggar women with babies at subway stops and cathedrals in Italy. Outside of major tourist centers, she says the rubble was still in piles.

Committed to building her own agency years later in Downey, Parks prepared by going on study tours offered by the airlines and tourist ministries.

She had the rare opportunity in 1974 to spend two weeks behind the Iron Curtain in the Soviet Union. The Soviets were fiercely proud of their country and wanted more contact with the west. Parks says she filled at least thirty single-spaced journal pages, and the trip left a deep impression, despite some of the obvious official propaganda.

Her trips were often exhausting, she says, because there was little leisure time and she kept copious notes. Parks remembers one time getting back from a week in Tahiti and Bora Bora, changing clothes, and then leaving for a two-week safari in Kenya. Altogether she has been to 99 countries, and 20 times to Paris.

"For at least 30 years I had a privileged look into the complex world scene," says Parks. She had little clue when she first came to New York and was inspired by the United Nations that she would achieve such a level of familiarity with the world. Now, she says, daily headlines from places like Cairo and Jerusalem bring up memories.

### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Despite her business responsibilities and extensive travels, Parks always found time throughout the years to serve as a community volunteer. She was the President of the Downey Symphonic Society for many years, and still serves on the board, as well as being a board member for the Downey YMCA and the hospital.

She is a longtime member of Soroptimists, and has perfect attendance with Rotary since she joined in 1988 as one of the first four women admitted to the Downey organization. Parks is the third most senior woman in Rotary in southern California, District 9280, which encompasses about 60 clubs.

Given her literary interests and talent, it is no surprise that Parks is the Literacy Chair for the Downey Rotary. Occasionally she can also be seen helping to staff the little book store run by The Friends of the Library.

Devoted to poetry, Parks participates in regular workshops and has served on the Board of Tebot Bach. With support from the Downey Arts Coalition, Parks curates monthly the poetry readings, Wine+Words.

Parks's book signing for "Catalina Eddy" at the Library on June 6 is free to the public. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the author.



Gauldin Elementary students who raised and maintained their grades over consecutive grading periods were treated to a pizza party at the Shakey's in Norwalk, courtesy of the Kiwanis Club of Downey.

## Kiwanis rewards students for improving grades

**DOWNEY** - The Kiwanis Club of Downey teamed with Gauldin Elementary School to recognize students who raised their grades and maintained or continued to raise them from one grading period to the next.

Kiwanian Alex Gaytan, working in collaboration with teacher Harold Huang and principal Dolores Goble, closed out the Bring Up Grades (BUG) program for selected fourth and fifth graders with an awards ceremony at Shakeys restaurant last Saturday.

Amidst a packed room, teachers Stephanie Blanco and Harold Huang called out the names of all students who improved their grades. When the last name was called, a roaring applause from their fellow students was heard.

A special certificate was given to each child along with a BUG sticker. Honored recipients received a pizza party and free game tokens from the Kiwanis Club and their names were added to the school's BUG Honor Roll.

Two scholarships for \$150 each were given to a high school student mentor/tutor (Nicole Gallo) and an elementary school student from the BUG program (Esmeralda Magallon).

"The BUG program had our backing and support at the school level from the parents, teachers, support staff and administration," said Stephanie Blanco, resource teacher at Gallatin. "We loved the idea of passionate, young mentors, who are able to connect with our students on a much different level than we as teachers can, coming to help our at-risk students in reading and math.

"This year, the growth we saw was tremendous, not only in regards to the benchmark test administered before and after the program, but in overall changes in our students' academics, attitudes, and work ethics," Blanco added.

"The students are leaving the BUG program as more confident learners and the data undoubtedly supports the fact that our students are truly bringing up their grades," said Gaytan.

## MLB donates \$33K to renovate baseball field

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Baseball Boosters announced this week that it was awarded a grant worth \$33,423 from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, a joint initiative between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

The grant will fund renovations and batting cage improvements at Downey High School.

"This is a wonderful opportunity, not only for our program, but for the children who play the game," said Pete Llanes, president of the baseball boosters club. "We believe receiving this grant will benefit many youth baseball players throughout our school, league, community and surrounding communities giving young men of all ethnic backgrounds a great past time in a safe environment."

The boosters club and baseball staff have been working to complete renovations to the field, batting cages, bullpens and locker room. The field is used year-round by local high schools, travel teams and tournaments.

"The Baseball Tomorrow Fund appreciates the Downey Baseball Boosters commitment to youth baseball and softball in Southern California," said Cathy Bradley, executive director of the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. "We are pleased to support the continued growth of this program."

Other supporters of the renovation include BP, Smart & Final Charity Foundation, Lexmar Distribution and several small businesses throughout Downey.

The boosters club is still accepting monetary donations. To donate, call Heidi Llanes at (562) 715-7728.

## Judge denies cities' reimbursement claim

**DOWNEY** - A Los Angeles Superior Court judge denied a motion last week filed by the cities of Downey, Signal Hill and Cerritos demanding to be repaid for water purchased during four previous years, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California announced Tuesday.

According to the WRD, the court's decision reaffirms an earlier ruling that bars award of any potential damages until a trial and final judgment is reached.

No trial date has been set.

"The cities have falsely claimed for several months that the pending legal case was final and all that remained was the award for damages," said WRD board president Albert Robles. "The Court's decision makes it clear that the case is not over and far from it as a trial date has not even been set yet."

The three cities stopped making payments to the WRD last year after alleging their rate hikes violated state law.

## Pancake breakfast Sunday

**DOWNEY** - The Old River Men's Club will hold its 50th annual pancake breakfast this Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon at Apollo Park.

The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage and a beverage. The recommended donation is \$5.

Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 441 and Cub Pack 805, which have served the Downey community since 1944.

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## Hall of Fame inductees symbolize the best

• Downey High School enshrined four into its Hall of Fame last Friday.

By Henry Veneracion  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Doug Rittenhouse ('79), Arthur J. Ochoa ('86), Dr. Mary Stauffer, Jack Mahlstedt ('56) – all high achievers, all reaching and living their dreams, and all now enshrined in the Downey High School Hall of Fame.

Rittenhouse couldn't make the ceremony last Friday because of the sudden death of a close business associate, but through a 20-minute video his curiosity, vivacity and love of adventure

shone through.

He spoke of his interesting TV career as producer-writer, his travels especially to remote areas of China, along with his sojourns to such places as Africa, Russia, Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Mexico and Bolivia to make documentaries, and his involvement in music. Including his photo image, he came across as a big, burly man with a hefty appetite for life. Friend and classmate Delia Aguirre paid him a tribute afterwards.

A Yale law school graduate and currently senior VP for community relations and development for Cedars-Sinai Health System, Ochoa (introduced by school board member Don LaPlante) shared his list of key values that he says have guided him in his accomplishment-

strewn journey, some of which are: education ("lifelong learning"), teamwork, humility, and luck.

He is 98-year old Giulio Mirabella's grandson on his mom's side; Giulio's story was featured in this paper some two months ago (talk about sturdy stock!).

Mahlstedt's renown as a football coach resonated among his many friends in the audience, who gave him the loudest cheers. He of course reminisced about his victories and friendships over the years, and paid tribute to his family for their lifelong support.

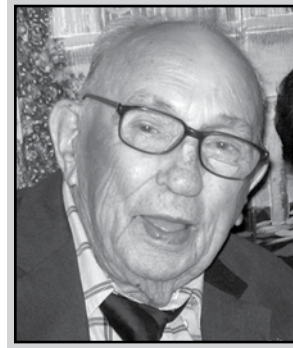
He was introduced by buddy and former Downey High principal Allen Layne.

Dr. Stauffer's induction was special as she didn't graduate from Downey High. But because of her legendary philanthropic

activities and her inestimable contributions to the community's quality of life, "No one," said Linda Kennedy who introduced her, "deserves it more." Enough said. (She's now 93).

The annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony is described as "designed to provide a motivational activity that will engender school and community pride. Further, it will emphasize Downey High's continuum of high achievers by honoring outstanding and noteworthy alumni.

Among previous honorees: Robert Ballard, Richard and Karen Carpenter, JoJo Starbuck, Jack Kyser, Kirk Cartozian, Rick Tejo, Dave Gafin, Suzanne Marquez and George Cade.



### Pat Augimeri

June 8, 1912 - May 29, 2012

Longtime Downey resident Pascal (Pat) Augimeri passed away on Tuesday, May 29, at his home in Downey. Pat was born on June 8, 1912, in Olean, New York, to his parents Tony and Mary Augimeri. He moved to Los Angeles in 1929 with his parents and five brothers and sisters. He served in the Pacific for 3 years during World War II.

In 1950 he married his wife Vickie at St. Peter's Italian Catholic church in Los Angeles. They moved to Downey in 1953, where they raised their five children and became members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish. Along with his brother Nick, he was an owner and proprietor of small grocery stores throughout the Los Angeles area.

Pat is survived by his wife Vickie, by children Marie, Patty, Ruth, Tony, and Suzanne, as well as grandchildren Jimmy Koffel, John Koffel, Patrick Koffel, and Micah Augimeri-Lee, and great-grandchildren Jordan and Jonah Koffel. His immediate and extended family and scores of friends will miss Pat's optimistic outlook on life, his love and friendship, and his animated conversations.

A memorial Mass in Pat's honor will be held on Saturday, June 16, at 10:00am, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church in Downey. If friends and loved ones would like to offer an online tribute to Pat, they can visit the website: [www.downeyzrelakfamilymortuary.com](http://www.downeyzrelakfamilymortuary.com).

## Preschool kids get early lesson in nutrition

• Cerritos College partners with Chivas soccer club to encourage exercise to kids.

**NORWALK** – Nearly 70 preschoolers from the Cerritos College Child Development participated in a Chivas USA Parent and Me Soccer Clinic last week.

Organized by Los Angeles Universal Preschool, the clinic emphasized to kids and their parents the importance of exercise.

The event, which took place on the Cerritos College campus, brought the preschoolers out of their classrooms to a nearby field where they learned basic soccer skills from Chivas affiliated

coaches.

Laughter resonated as the children dribbled, ran and kicked the balls to the delight of many parents in attendance.

"It's important to teach the kids the importance of health and wellness," said Alicia Mendoza, senior manager of Business Development for Chivas USA. "If we teach kids to eat better and exercise, they'll have a better life. Soccer is a natural fit."

With obesity rates among children in Los Angeles County causing much concern, Celia C. Ayala, CEP of Los Angeles Universal Preschool, noted that the partnership with Chivas USA aimed to spread the message about the im-

portance of exercise and healthful eating starting with children at a young age.

"We're thrilled that because of this partnership, preschoolers learned more about new healthy living techniques," she said. "The event also encouraged families to role model healthy habits for their children, as well as eat healthful food, drink healthy beverages and start exercising."

Hanna Parklee, the mother of participating preschooler Ryan who participated in the clinic, praised efforts to combat childhood obesity by stressing the importance of exercise and healthful eating.

"It's very important," she ex-

plained. "Health and exercise is one of the most important things for these kids to learn at this age."

California's childhood obesity rates remain dangerously high, threatening the long-term health of children throughout the state, according to a study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and the California Center for Public Health Advocacy study released in November, 2011.

About 42 percent of children in Los Angeles County were obese or overweight in 2010, compared to 38 percent statewide, the study said.



### Therese Roesch

February 3, 1910 - May 19, 2012

Therese Roesch, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away on May 19th at the age of 102. Born in Germany on February 3, 1910, she came to Los Angeles in 1964, learned English very quickly and worked

in the Housekeeping Department at the St. Francis Medical Center until her retirement. Despite many hardships in her life including living through World War I and World War II and the death of 2 of her 4 children, Therese always had a positive outlook on life. She had many hobbies such as painting beautiful pictures, embroidering, crocheting, knitting and gardening, and she always enjoyed the company of her family. Therese is survived by her 2 daughters, Irma Landesfeind and Hannelore Drechsler, 7 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. Oma, you will be missed.

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## Warren's season ends at South Torrance

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School softball team saw its season come to an end last Thursday against South Torrance.

The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 22-7 and a share of the S.G.V.L. championship with cross-town rival Downey.

The Lady Bears started their post-season run with a win at home against the Oak Park Eagles 6-0, on May 17. The Bears followed that win up with a win against Harvard-Westlake at Harvard-Westlake 9-2, on May 22. The Bears were then defeated by the South Torrance Spartans 6-2, on May 24 in the third round of the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

Despite being out hit 12-3, Warren found themselves tied 2-2 and very much in the game heading into the fifth inning. But South Torrance scored one run in the fifth and added three runs in the seventh inning to secure the win.

South Torrance hosted St. Lucy's on Tuesday in one semi-final game and top seeded Chino Hills traveled to Bishop Amat for the other. The winners of these games will face off in the C.I.F. Division III championship game which is still to be determined as of press time.

Coach Starksen was very pleased with the effort of this year's team. The Bears played hard and took one game at a time. After the league opening loss to Downey in extra innings, Warren went 9-0 in league play to share the league title and secure the top league seed from the S.G.V.L.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## Lancaster offense too much for Bears

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School baseball team has seen its season come to an end at the hands of the Lancaster Eagles.

The Bears lost at Lancaster on May 22, 14-6, in the second round of the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 18-10 and a league record of 9-6.

For their effort in league play and an overall winning record, the Bears were given a wildcard birth as the S.G.V.L. number four team behind cross-town rival Downey, Paramount and Gahr, respectively.

The Bears began their post-season run with a wildcard win at West Covina on May 15th, 7-5. The Bears followed that up with another win at Rancho Alamitos on May 18, 5-1. The Bears season came to an end the next game, as previously mentioned, against Lancaster in the second round of the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

First year head coach Dan Noonan was very pleased with the effort and overall play of his team. Noonan was impressed with the quality of league play and how many quality defensive plays he saw from many league teams.

Coach Noonan is looking forward to next year and making another run at a league title and perhaps, another quality run in the C.I.F. playoffs.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## Gonzalez wins CIF title in pole vault

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School senior Knight Andrew Gonzalez is the reigning 2012 C.I.F. Division I champion in the pole vault.

Gonzalez recently competed in and won the pole vault at the C.I.F. Championships held at Mt. SAC on Saturday, May 19. Gonzalez narrowly defeated his Eleanor Roosevelt High School counterpart by clearing 14'6 in a jump off. Gonzalez had previously cleared 14'9 but was in a virtual tie after scratches (failed attempts).

Gonzalez saw his competitor fail at 14'6 and knew if he cleared that same height, he would win. On his eleventh jump of the day and fighting fatigue, Andrew narrowly cleared the bar and claimed his title.

Fellow Downey Viking Lenin Dolmos placed 5th at C.I.F. in the high jump where he cleared 6'5. Dolmos also qualified for the Master's meet but did not place.

Gonzalez did not fair as well at the Master's meet either, held on Friday, May 25, at Cerritos College. Gonzalez placed 8th at Master's (top 5 qualify) and did not qualify for the State meet. The Master's meet champion was Peter Chapman of Vista Murrieta with a vault of 15'9.

Andrew's best vault this season came at the S.G.V.L. Finals where he cleared 14'10. Gonzalez has been pole vaulting since his freshman year where he placed 5th at league finals. Gonzalez currently has a 3.5 G.P.A. and will attempt to walk-on at CSUN (Cal State Northridge) in the Fall.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## Calvary Chapel stunned in quarterfinals

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Calvary Chapel softball team has seen its season come to an end in the quarterfinal round of the C.I.F. Division VI playoffs.

The Lady Grizzlies were defeated 3-2 at home against the Kern Valley Cougars on May 24. The Lady Grizzlies finished with an overall record of 18-8-1 and a league record of 8-0. For their efforts, the Lady Grizzlies were crowned the 2012 Alpha League champions.

The Lady Grizzlies finished league play on a strong note with a 4-1 victory against Paraclete on May 8. The Lady Grizzlies defeated the Hesperia Christian Patriots on May 17, 21-1 in the first round of the playoffs. The Lady Grizzlies then defeated the Riverside Christian Cougars on May 22, 16-0 in the second round of the playoffs.

After outscoring their first two opponents in the playoffs by a score of 37-1, the Lady Grizzlies appeared to be well on their way to a repeat of their C.I.F. Division VI championship. The Lady Grizzlies then met the Kern Valley Broncos in the quarterfinals. The Cougars brought in a record of 23-4 and held the Lady Grizzlies to only two runs.

Kern Valley defeated the Lady Grizzlies 3-2 on May 24 and will host Carpinteria in the semi-final round.

As Coach Osburn and his players are disappointed with their finish, the Lady Grizzlies must be pleased with the way they rebounded from a slow start and overcame early season injuries to make the run they did. I am certain the Grizzlies will regroup and make another run at an Alpha League title and a deep run in C.I.F.

–Mark Fetter, contributor



The Mets are champions after winning Northwest Downey Little League's Major division. The kids are now representing Downey in a tournament of champions against other city little leagues. Players kneeling (from left): Sebastian Valencia, Alexander Duran, Justin Lubetski, Brian Russell, Matthew DeForest and Xavier Valencia. Standing: Sebastian Guerrero, Michael Ravelo, Kevin Boudreau, Sergio Benitez, Samuel Zazueta and Hunter Rios. Adults in back row: coach Rick DeForest, manager Rick Valencia, team mom Layne Lubetski, coach Edgar Dominguez and coach Sergio Zazueta.



The Downey United 14u girls soccer team won their seventh tournament of the year after finishing first in Cypress's Memorial Day Classic. Downey defeated Ontario 1-0, tied Temecula Matrix FC 1-1, tied Los Alamitos Lacarra-Plaff 2-2 and beat Corona/Norco in penalty kicks. They played Los Alamitos again in the finals, this time beating them 1-0. The team dedicated the championship "to all those brave Downey men and women who have given their lives."

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## History major to study in Mexico City on scholarship

Liliana Montalvo will spend one year in Mexico City to study never-before-seen documents.

**LONG BEACH** – Liliana Montalvo, a graduated senior at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), has been selected for a 2012-13 U.S. Student Fulbright award, which will fund a year of research in Mexico City where she will study never-before-seen documents relating to the 1940s-1960s Bracero Program.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide.

"I was really excited to receive the Fulbright award," said Montalvo, who received her bachelor's degree in history from CSULB on Thursday. "I feel humbled by such an award. I know this is a prestigious prize. I feel happy, proud and even ecstatic. It is a great opportunity I never thought I'd have."

Montalvo leaves for her Fulbright experience in Mexico City in August and is slated to return in spring 2013. While there, she will receive access to Mexican government documents about the bracero program that recently have been digitized and made available to scholars.

"These are documents pertaining to the 1940s through the 1960s," Montalvo explained. "These records trace more than

500,000 Mexican citizens who left their country. This access enables me to write a history of the bracero program with documents never used before."

At first, Montalvo had not heard about the bracero program (named for the Spanish term bracero or "strong-arm"), which was a series of laws and diplomatic agreements initiated by a 1942 exchange of diplomatic notes between the United States and Mexico for the importation of temporary contract laborers from Mexico to the United States.

It wasn't until she watched a documentary titled "Harvest of Loneliness: The Bracero Program" that she became aware of the program's notorious abuses.

"I was shocked by what I saw," Montalvo recalled. "Along with classmate Aniela Lopez and the History Student Association, we began a 'penny drive' among the other students to raise awareness of the bracero program. Then we began to interact with the bracero program participants and hearing their stories."

"It wasn't until I began to research the bracero program that I discovered by talking to my mother that my grandfather was a bracero working in Riverside," she added. "It really created a personal connection to the project. Even though my grandfather passed away when I was a child, I felt like I learn a piece of his story whenever I interview another bracero."

Montalvo admits she never expected to be chosen for a Fulbright award when she first enrolled at CSULB. "Yet it would not have happened if I had not enrolled here," Montalvo noted.

"I'm glad I came here for the support I have received. The department has backed every research idea I have had for the last four years, and that support has been invaluable. I really feel that I owe much of whatever success I achieve through this Fulbright to the support I received from the History Department at Cal State Long Beach."

Her history professors believe she is truly deserving of the Fulbright. "In winning this award, Liliana has demonstrated the skills that she has learned as a history major," said Jane Dabel, associate professor of history. "In particular, this award illustrates her strong research capabilities and her extensive experience in conducting oral history interviews."

"Liliana is fluent in Spanish and already has first-hand knowledge of Mexican culture and history as demonstrated by her McNair Scholar research project as well as her work on the Bracero Oral History project," Dabel continued. "Her volunteer work with former braceros provides evidence of her outgoing nature and her curiosity about other cultures."

History Professor Ali Igmen agreed. "Liliana was one of the most engaged undergraduate students who easily kept up with the pace and the requirements of this 'hands-on' methods course. She was always enthusiastic about the readings and discussions," he said. "Liliana's views on the oral history materials were on the whole encouraging and fascinating due to her interest in Chicano/a history. Her eagerness to absorb this material showed

that she would, someday, be an influential oral historian."

One highlight of Montalvo's CSULB career was her organization with fellow student Aniela Lopez of 15 history students to initiate the Braceros Oral History Project, which was designed to interview surviving braceros and their family members in California and Mexico. Igmen helped the project earn IRA (instructional research activities) funding.

Montalvo has learned that recording oral histories is much different than reading documents. "This program has allowed me to inquire into the lives of the braceros in a way that documents won't let you," she said. "People let me into their lives. I was a total stranger yet they let me in to ask personal, intimate questions. To be able to do that and have them reciprocate is an amazing experience."

Dabel believes in Montalvo's Fulbright success. "I am quite proud to have Lili represent us as a 'citizen ambassador' to the citizens of Mexico," she said. "I feel confident that she will engage in meaningful ways with the community where she is working. We plan to keep in touch with Liliana through Facebook posts while she is Mexico. She will do weekly updates to keep us posted on her adventures."

Established in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program was created to build mutual understanding between the people of the United States and countries participating in the program through educational and cultural exchanges. The U.S. Student Fulbright Program currently awards approximately 1,800 grants annually in all fields of study, and operates in more than 155 countries worldwide.

## Gender bender comedy opening in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH** – "Leading Ladies," a comedy about two down-on-their-luck actors who dress as women to con a dying woman out of her millions, opens June 8 at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center in Long Beach.

Produced by International City Theatre, previews are June 5-8. Described as a cross between "Twelfth Night" and "Some Like It Hot," the comedy finds two actors, Leo Clark and Jack Gable, so down on their luck that they are performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Moose Lodge circuit in the Amish country of Pennsylvania.

When they hear that an old lady is about to die and leave her fortune to her two long lost English nephews, they resolve to pass themselves off as her beloved relatives and get the cash.

Mayhem ensues when they find out that the relatives aren't nephews – but nieces.

Tickets are \$37 for Thursday night performances, and \$55 for Friday through Sunday. Tickets are discounted to \$29 for preview performances.

For tickets or more information, call (562) 436-4610 or go online to internationalcitytheatre.org.

## Murder mystery urges audience participation

**LONG BEACH** – The murder mystery dinner comedy "Exit Stage Death" will be presented at the Long Beach Playhouse June 3 and June 10. In "Exit Stage Death," a revival of the classic musical "South Atlantic" is being staged at the Dick Rodgers Theatre and every egomaniacal actor and actress is vying to be part of the production.

Unfortunately, one of the greatest stars in the world is murdered before the first course is served. Enter one zany redhead named Lucy – to serve as the detective – and the audience will die of laughter as she tries to solve the comical case.

Hors d'oeuvres, salads and dessert will be served between acts. Audience members can try to figure out the "who done it" over dessert.

Performances start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$35 for the show and three courses. For tickets, go to lbplayhouse.org or call (562) 494-1014.

## 'The Addams Family' at Pantages

**HOLLYWOOD** – "The Addams Family," a new musical based on the bizarre and beloved family of characters created by cartoonist Charles Addams, will make its Los Angeles premiere at the Pantages Theatre for a two-week engagement.

"The Addams Family" features an original story and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, a man her parents have never met.

Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia.

Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Orchestra level tickets start at \$25.

The musical is recommended for ages 7 and up.

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**Things to do this weekend:**



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**When:** June 3, 1 p.m.  
**Where:** Downey Studios  
**How much:** Free



**What:** "Alexander the Greatest" play  
**When:** June 3, 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Moravian Church of Downey  
**How much:** Free



**What:** Low-cost pet vaccines  
**When:** June 2, 9 a.m.  
**Where:** Palm Park in Whittier  
**How much:** varies



**What:** Classic car show  
**When:** June 1, 6-9 p.m.  
**Where:** Norwalk Records  
**How much:** \$5



**What:** Kids Fishing Derby  
**When:** June 2, 7 a.m.  
**Where:** Cerritos Regional Park  
**How much:** Free

**SEAACA to host adoption event**

**DOWNEY** – The SEAACA animal shelter in Downey is dropping the adoption fee for adult cats to only \$9 during an adoption event June 30.

Adoption fees for kittens will be \$30 while Chihuahuas can be adopted for \$50.

Each adoption comes with 10 pounds of dog or cat food, pet toys, collars and information on how to keep your pet comfortable in the heat.

For more information, visit [seaca.org](http://seaca.org) or call (562) 803-3301.

**Christian club meets at Sizzler**

**DOWNEY** – Ernelyn Carpenter, a former longtime Whittier resident active in several church and business groups, will be guest speaker when the Christian Business Men's Club meets June 7 at Sizzler.

The meeting starts at noon and is open to men and women.

Carpenter is a "police widow," losing her first husband, a police officer, to heart-related complications.

Carpenter's second husband, Ernie Carpenter, also had a heart attack and was supposed to die soon after the couple was married but "through prayer and natural remedies they were able to enjoy 22 years together."

For more information, call chairman James Vanlengen at (562) 310-1335.

**Shear Vanity opens June 7**

**DOWNEY** – Shear Vanity Inc., located at 11019 Myrtle St. in Suite 101, will celebrate its grand opening June 7 at 4:30 p.m.

The business is owned by Nancy Sandoval and Esther Higgins.

The grand opening celebration is coordinated by the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

**Free CPR training at hospital**

**WHITTIER** – Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier is offering free hands-only CPR training June 7 from 9 a.m. to noon.

CPR instructors will demonstrate the proper techniques of hands-only CPR.

Training will be done in 15-minute increments. Training will not result in CPR certification.

Nearly 300,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually and only 32 percent of victims get CPR from a bystander. Using hands-only CPR, bystanders can act to improve the odds of survival.

For more information about the free training, call Carole Snyder at (562) 698-0811, ext. 17684.

**Ford dealer donates \$5K to Warren High**

**DOWNEY** – Central Ford of South Gate, a fairly new car dealership located on Firestone Boulevard, donated more than \$5,000 to Warren High School last week to enhance student activities.

The donation marked the culmination of a fundraiser in which Ford donated \$20 for every person who test-drove a vehicle from Central Ford.

More than 350 local residents took a test-drive.

Henry Ford III, the great great-grandson of Ford's founder, presented the check worth \$5,080 last week.

Huntington Park High School also received \$2,820.

"Participants had the chance to take a fun, casual drive in one of our vehicles, while lending our students and community a much-needed helping hand," said Jerry Feldman of Central Ford.

Warren High principal John Harris called the donation "a blessing."

"With all the cutbacks in school budgets, finding creative ways to fund-raise is imperative," Harris said. "What they're doing is a blessing for our students and it says a lot about who they are as a company. The money...will help our school tremendously."

**Rabies vaccines only \$6**

**NORWALK** – Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats are only \$6 at a rabies clinic planned June 7 from 5-7 p.m. on the Norwalk City Hall lawn.

Another rabies clinic is scheduled for July 13.

Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers. Individual vaccines, micro-chipping and flea control products will also be available.

Residents can also renew their dog licenses by bringing their renewal alerts.

For more information, call the city's Dog Licensing Dept. at (562) 929-5711.

**Donations sought for female troops**

**DOWNEY** – Soroptimist International of Downey has adopted an additional 18 overseas female troops to support.

Soroptimist is a supporter of Ladies of Liberty, a program that focuses on the needs of deployed female servicemembers.

The club adopted 16 troops last year and 14 recently returned home.

The club is accepting donation items for care packages, including travel size toiletries and snacks such as cookies, crackers, protein bars, Crystal Light, chips, candy, etc.

Collection bins are at Bob's Big Boy, the Downey YMCA and at Saywell Florist.

For more information, call Lindey Louder at (310) 415-9406 or Mia Vasquez at (562) 806-3217.

**Gallatin Elementary students becoming early engineers, architects**

• While the students call it fun, 4th grade teacher Julie Bliss calls it educational.

**By Christian Brown Staff Writer**

**DOWNEY** – Every Wednesday after school, 20 fourth and fifth-graders at Gallatin Elementary School transform into engineers and architects.

For 90 minutes, the inquisitive students work together using problem solving skills to design and build everything from catapults and merry-go-rounds to castles and skyscrapers using one of America's favorite building blocks – LEGOs.

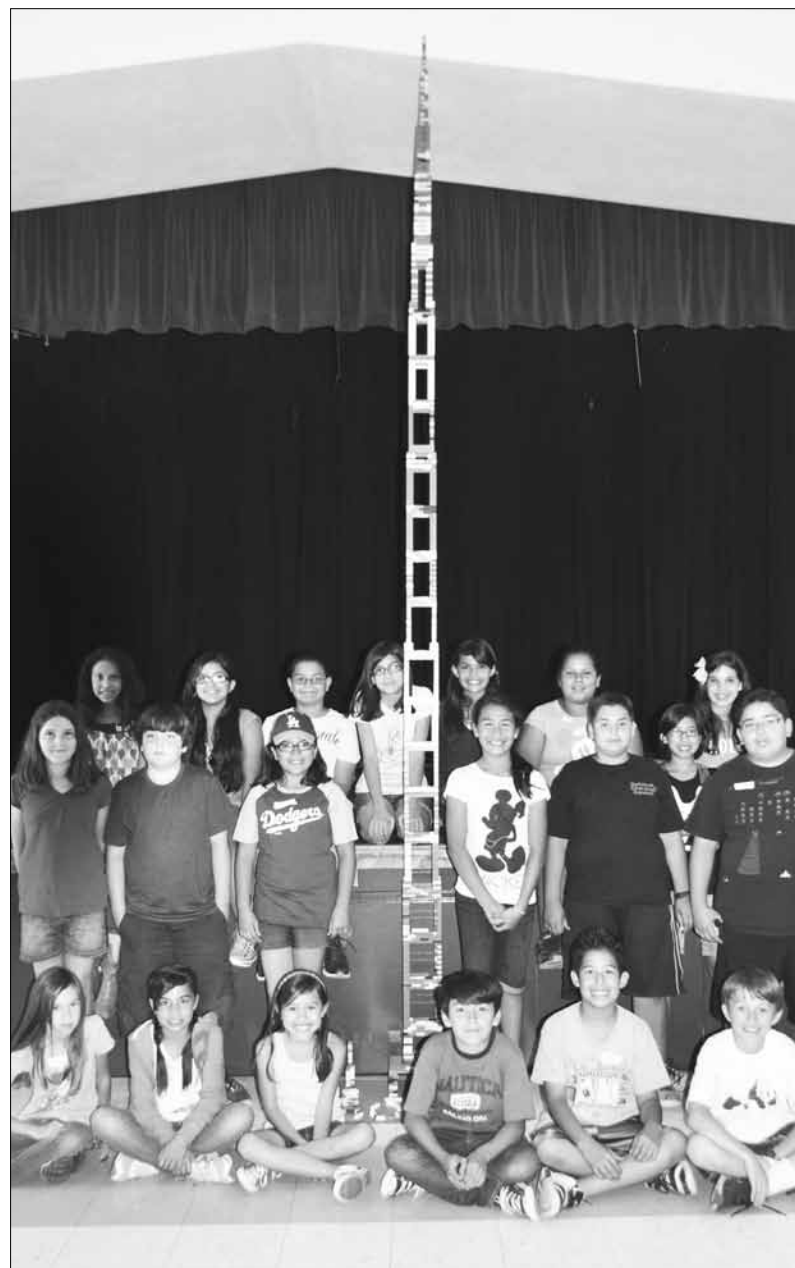
"When you think of engineering, you think that's so hard, but so many of them love it and want to be engineers," said Julie Bliss, fourth-grade teacher at Gallatin Elementary School.

Bliss is hopeful the eight-week program will encourage her advanced students to learn the concepts of physics, architecture, mechanical and structural engineering while having fun with more than 10,000 pieces of LEGO building materials.

After hearing about the educational workshops, known as "Fun with LEGO Engineering," Bliss, who serves as coordinator of the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program for high-achieving students, looked it up on the internet.

"It's a pretty well received program," said Bliss. "Every lesson has a focus – steering cars, elevators, gondolas – a lot of it is stuff kids can't build at home."

The LEGO program is produced by Irvine-based company Play-Well TEKologies. Founded in 1998, Play-Well TEKologies enlists instructors with varied careers to teach a series of pre-engineering workshops to kids around Southern California. "Kids love it,



we're just building with LEGOs, but you see how they change," said Megan McInerney, a biology graduate who teaches the eager group of Downey students every week. "By the end of eight weeks, they're amazing builders. It makes me happy when students get into science."

For the twenty students in the program it's less like work and more like entertainment.

"It's really fun because we try new things that we've never been able to build," said Tristan Yopez, 10. "I've got some LEGOs at home, but these can actually move things."

When Bliss pitched the program to parents the response was overwhelming. Even though the cost of workshops was \$120 per student, GATE was able to bring the cost down to \$20 per student, which was then paid by parents.

"It's wonderful for cooperative grouping," said Bliss who's hopeful the program will one day be available for every child. "We're considering opening it up to other students, it's a great opportunity for the kids."

**Kotze-Ramos honored by small business group**

**DOWNEY** – Patricia Kotze-Ramos, president and CEO of private investigation firm Diversified Risk Management, has been announced as the "Women in Business Champion of the Year" by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The honor was announced last week during National Small Business Week.

The SBA honors 13 entrepreneurs and small business owners each year for their role in "driving the regional economy and accelerating economic recovery."

"I congratulate each and every award winner for their amazing accomplishments," said Victor Parker, Los Angeles SBA district director. "These entrepreneurs, champions and resource partners are writing the comeback story for the American economy...they are a tremendous example for other entrepreneurs."

Kotze-Ramos is also active in the community, volunteering with the Downey Chamber of Commerce and Soroptimist International of Downey.

She is also a candidate for state Assembly.

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# CRIME REPORT

Friday, May 25

At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to the Downey Regional Medical Center in regards to a gunshot victim. The victim was dropped off at the hospital and was suffering from a gunshot wound. Initially it was believed the incident occurred in Downey however, after further investigation it was discovered the incident occurred in the city of Bell Gardens. Bell Gardens Police Officers responded and handled the investigation.

At 11:25 p.m., officers responded to the 7600 block of Firestone in regards to an attempted robbery. The suspects drove up to the victim and demanded property. The suspects were unable to obtain any property and drove away in a vehicle. Officers spotted the vehicle and after a brief pursuit the suspects were arrested without incident. They were identified and arrested for robbery. Investigation is ongoing.

Monday, May 28

Officers, using the license plate, reader located a reported stolen vehicle in the area of Paramount Blvd @ Melva St. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle which was being driven by an adult male. After a brief pursuit the suspect was arrested and booked for grand theft vehicle.

At 12:20 p.m., officers responded to the 8400 block of Iowa Street in regards to an attempted robbery. The victim reported approached by 2 suspects who demanded property. The suspects were unable to obtain any property and ran away without any loss. Detectives are investigating.

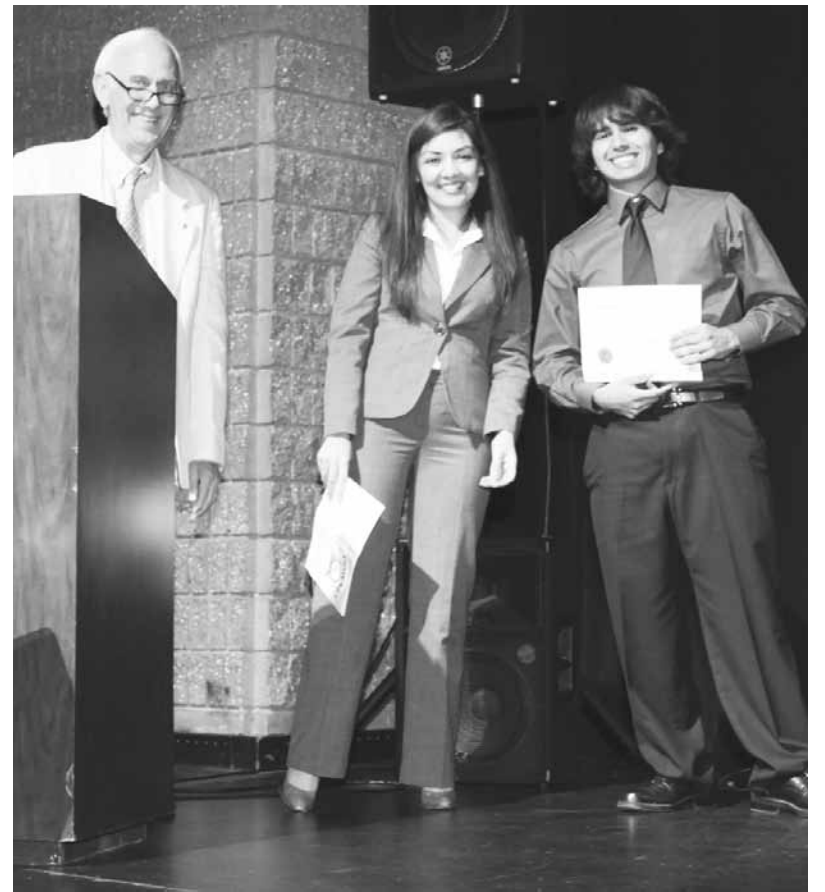
Tuesday, May 29

At 4:00 p.m., officers responded to the area of Paramount Blvd @ Gardendale Rd., in regards to a robbery. The victim reported he was knocked off of his bike and the suspect stole his backpack and bicycle. The suspect fled the area with the loss. Detective are investigating.

Information provided by the Downey Police Department



Downey resident Carlos Galvan Jr., pictured above in front of the White House, returned from Washington, D.C. last week where he participated in the White House Business Council's "Business Forward" briefing. Galvan, who is vice president and CFO at La Amapola Inc., was part of a coalition of California business executives meeting with senior administration officials about entrepreneurship, small business, job creation and economic competitiveness.



More than 130 Downey High School seniors were honored at the school's annual Senior Awards Night on May 17. The event was well-attended by faculty, parents and school board member Bobbie Samperi.



The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club's "A" team division won a Publinks Golf Association competition. Front row, from left: co-captain Shig Shimokubo, captain Sonia Lugo, Shin Kim and Christine Pohlen. Back row: Lorine Bever, Jen Chun, Joan Payne, Lindy Smith, Annette Atkinson, Misa Kavano and Clare Ittner.



The Woman's Club of Downey - Gourmet Bunco Section - has chosen the Friends of the Downey City Library and the Downey Symphony to honor with \$400 donations. Pictured above are bunco players and guests from their May 21 meeting. The bunco group meets the third Monday of each month. "It is a wonderful way to make new and good friends (and) have fun while doing good for others," said president Cheryl Olson. For information on joining the group, call Marie Augiemeri at (562) 884-5799.

## Norwalk man allegedly sold machine gun to undercover agent

**NORWALK** - A Norwalk man was one of three people arrested last week after allegedly selling high-powered weapons - including a machine gun - to undercover federal agents.

The undercover operation began in May 2010 when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) allegedly purchased six firearms, including a machine gun, a sawed-off shotgun and a stolen .50-caliber handgun.

The undercover agents purchased the weapons after using an informant to infiltrate a group that was allegedly selling the guns in Norwalk and Bellflower.

Federal agents arrested David Martinez, 28, of Norwalk; Gerardo Perez, 27, of Bellflower; and Francisco Jimenez, 22, of Bell Gardens.

All three were charged with conspiracy to sell firearms without a license. Martinez and Perez face additional charges of possessing an unregistered firearm - the machine gun.

If convicted, Martinez faces 40 years in prison, while Jimenez and Perez could receive 20 years.



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard thanked Downey resident Maria Cabrera for her service in the congresswoman's Los Angeles office. Cabrera, left, is working toward her master's degree in Social Work at USC and has been interning for Roybal-Allard for the past nine months.



Downey resident and singer Eileen Garrido was invited by Larry King to perform at his annual fundraising gala in Washington, D.C. on May 19. The benefit was for the Larry King Cardiac Foundation. Garrido has her own foundation (the Beating Hearts Foundation) which raises money for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where she was a heart patient.

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date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site address [www.ipsasp.com](http://www.ipsasp.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case file number CA1200550899. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATE: 05/11/2012 Executive Trustee Services, LLC dba ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3101 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER A-4237776 05/17/2012, 05/24/2012, 05/31/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 256225CA Loan No. 5303911654 Title Order No. 1063167 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08-11-2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 06-07-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 08-22-2006, Book NA, Page N/A, Instrument 06-1868532, of official Records in the County Recorder's office of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: CLAUDIA G. MONGE, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, JUST MORTGAGE, INC., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's 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. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below. All rights, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The 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 the deed of trust thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 13 TRACT 16037, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 360, PAGES 18 TO 24 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$2,421,120.00. Street address and other common designation of the real property: 14322 FALCO AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8072-008-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold by the Trustee under and pursuant to Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 05-12-2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee CASEY KEALOHA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, AS A DEED COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-8902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or [www.ipsasp.com](http://www.ipsasp.com) (714) 573-1965 or [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com) THE FOLLOWING NOTICES ARE POSTED TO PROPERTIES CONTAINING ONE TO FOUR SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ONLY. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the deed of trust to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$931,574.35. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following two companies: LPS Agency Sales & Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com) (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4238700 05/17/2012, 05/24/2012, 05/31/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-11-452561-AL Order No.: 874009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/27/2008, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): LADETH T. ESPIRITU, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND MILIGROS T. STREET, A WIDOW AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 10/23/2006 as Instrument No. 06-23817. County Recorder's office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California; Date of Sale: 6/14/2012 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$306,251.21. The purported property address is: 20320 El Camino Real, Downey, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6233-034-121 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following two companies: LPS Agency Sales & Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com) (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4238700 05/17/2012, 05/24/2012, 05/31/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FQS-109305 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/18/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On June 20, 2012, at 11:00 AM, BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, County of LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by TERESA VAZQUEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustors, recorded on 5/18/2007, Instrument No. 05-12224, in the Office of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty expressed or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: TAX PARCEL NO. 6263-037-009 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation as to the accuracy thereof, the legal description of the above described property is purported to be 8334 COMBLETTE STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, and other charges, including late charges, fees, charges and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$763,534.05. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case 10-10995-6. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4245404 05/17/2012, 05/24/2012, 05/31/2012

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T.S. No.: 2012-02224 Loan No.: 1001660350-0030 APN: 8033-002-035 TRA No.: 06912 NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/1/2008, 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check 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 a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Juan Lozano and Araceli Gurrola-Lozano, Husband and Wife, as Joint Tenants. Beneficiary: Marilee Hakkinen, Authorized Agent. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for LA Financial Federal Credit Union Duly Appointed Trustee; Integrated Lender Services, A Delaware Corporation and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/8/2008 as Instrument No. 20080601801 in book 360, page 24. County Recorder's office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 6/7/2012 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$382,932.38 The property heretofore is being sold "as is." The street address or other common designation of real property is purported to be: 14910 Heller Place, La Brea, CA. 90638 Legal Description: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. A.P.N.: 8033-002-035 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.** Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-11-452561-AL. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4238700 05/17/2012, 05/24/2012, 05/31/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0178585 Doc ID #000965606462005N Title Order No. 09-8-566936 Investor/Insurer No. 96560646 APN No. 8064-014-014 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/06/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU

NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JINNOO PARK, A SINGLE MAN, dated 04/06/2005 and recorded 4/13/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0852174, in Book Page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 05/11/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14711 BOREGO DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$425,204.92. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County

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## Pieloon restaurant reopens

**DOWNEY** – Pieloon restaurant reopened Thursday morning after completing extensive renovations. Pieloon had been closed the past several months as it repaired damages caused by an electrical fire last year.

## Bible stories told through puppets

**DOWNEY** – Downey Presbyterian Church will host a musical and storytelling based on the Bible on June 15 at 7 p.m.

Stories will be told through a puppet show presented by Solid Rock Construction Company.

For more information, call Alfredo Delgado at (562) 861-6752.

## Homebuyer seminar Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Wells Fargo Home Mortgage will host a free homebuyer seminar Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To reserve space, call Laura Gonzalez at (562) 904-7913.

The mortgage office is at 8530 Firestone Blvd.

## Man holds up Walmart

**NORWALK** – Sheriff's deputies are looking for a man suspected of robbing the Norwalk Walmart on May 17 at about 7:14 a.m.

The suspect approached a cashier and lifted his shirt, exposing the handle of a black handgun, authorities said. The suspect demanded money and the cashier complied.

The suspect left and escaped in a gray, four-door, early 2000's Pontiac Sunfire, officials said. The vehicle was last seen heading south on Pioneer Boulevard.

The suspect is described as a male Hispanic, 20-25 years old, 5 ft. 8 inches tall and 200 pounds. He was wearing a blue Dodgers hat, a navy blue sweatshirt and navy blue pants.

Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at (562) 863-8711.



## Realtors support Rancho garden

**DOWNEY** – The Downey office of Keller Williams Realty held a fundraiser May 10 to benefit the Rancho Occupational Therapy Restorative Gardening Program.

Keller Williams staff donated and cooked food for a lunch served to staff and patients for \$5.

Keller Williams workers also donated herbs and spices that they planted in the Restorative Garden.

The event was part of Keller Williams Realty's International RED Day, which encourages community services across the country.



The registered pro-Israel lobby CIPAC (Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign) traveled to Washington, D.C. last month, lobbying legislators to "enhance Israel's and the United States security." Standing in front of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard's office with her foreign affairs assistant Matt Lee is Lisa Marie Ives, Maureen Nishimoto, Sophia Zdradkovich, CIPAC president Richard Hellman and Deborah Baker.

## ALF moves into new offices

**DOWNEY** – The Aerospace Legacy Foundation will host an open house Sunday at its new offices located inside the Endeavour Suites at Downey Studios.

The open house is from 1-3 p.m.



Downey High School was drenched in purple this week to draw awareness to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, taking place this weekend at Downey Adult School. Festivities start Saturday at 9 a.m.

# Relay for Life this weekend

• Fundraiser starts at 9 a.m. Saturday at Downey Adult School.

**DOWNEY** – You may have noticed a splash of purple around Downey High School this week.

Purple bows were tied on trees and on the fence surrounding the school, the floors were covered in purple chalk with cancer awareness facts and drawings, purple banners and balloons were hung around the school walls, and the Viking stage was covered in purple with purple foot prints in which students dedicated messages to those who have lost the fight against cancer.

Purple is the color associated with Relay for Life, which honors cancer victims and survivors.

We're painting the school purple," said teacher Alex Gaytan, a Relay for Life event organizer. "This is really huge for us because we have all lost loved ones to cancer and we want the whole city of Downey to get involved in the

fight."

On Friday more than 50 students will break out into dance all dressed in purple as they surprise the student body of Downey High School with a flash mob and encourage them to attend Relay for Life on Saturday.

"We are hoping our flash mob will inspire and light a fire in the hearts of many students so that they will support his worthy cause," said Natalie Garcia president of the Downey KIWIN'S, a youth service club.

The community is invited to join the fun and to come out to Downey Adult School and support the teams, whose members will continuously walk around the track for 24 hours. There will be plenty to do, too. Teams will be selling food and running games and Nonstop entertainment will be provided including a people's choice movie showing at midnight.

The opening ceremony starts at 9 a.m. followed by the a survivor's lap at 9:30 a.m.

"We really want to celebrate

more and more survivors this year," said Jesus Pelayo, team captain of the Downey KIWIN'S. "We have a lot of powerful ceremonies to celebrate survivors, caregivers and the luminaria is really a time when we remember those we've lost."

The 9 p.m. luminaria ceremony is a quiet, reflective time in which white decorated bags are illuminated by a candle in honor of loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer.

"Each luminaria bears the name of someone who has battled cancer. For those taken from us, this is the time when we find comfort in realizing that no one who we have truly loved is ever lost," said Marvin Manzanarez, who is serving as entertainment chair for the Relay. "By placing their names on the luminaria bags we memorialize the love for them which we continue to carry in our hearts."

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**Excellent West Downey Home**  
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