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Nurse arrested for sexual assaults at Kaiser

DOWNEY – A male registered nurse has been arrested and charged with sexually assaulting hospital patients who were recovering from surgeries at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in Downey.

Dean Trinh Ngo, 35, was taken into custody last Thursday and charged with four felony counts of sexual battery.

The Downey Police Department launched an investigation May 8 when a woman reported she was the victim of a sexual assault at the 352-bed hospital that opened in 2009.

The woman said she was recovering from a surgical procedure when the assault took place.

Downey detectives, working with Kaiser Permanente staff, identified Ngo as a suspect and he was positively identified by the victim, said Lt. Dean Milligan of the Downey Police Department. Ngo was suspended and placed on administrative leave.

The investigation revealed that Ngo may have assaulted another woman on June 2, while she also recovered from surgery at Kaiser.

"The victims were possibly under the affects of some sort of anesthesia," said Milligan. "But we're still working to confirm that."

In a statement, Kaiser Permanente officials said they were cooperating with law enforcement.

"We have compassion and sympathy for any patient who believes he or she was treated inappropriately, and we act quickly to ensure all appropriate internal and external investigations take place around any allegations of improper treatment," said Elizabeth Trombley, director of public affairs for the Downey hospital. "We will take all appropriate action to ensure continued high quality care and the safety of our patients."

Because the victims may have been assaulted while under sedation, police think there may be more victims.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call Detective Jaime Pelayo at (562) 904-2335 or Sgt. Dwayne Cooper at (562) 904-2340.

The Kaiser hospital opened three years ago and replaced its former hospital in Bellflower.

Six stories tall, the hospital is said to have one of the most advanced neonatal intensive care units in the nation, along with 18 private birthing and recovery suites.

—Eric Pierce, editor



Photo courtesy Warren High Band and Color Guard

Warren High School's band and color guard held a "march-a-thon" last Friday, marching seven miles through the streets of Downey as they played their instruments and raised money. Students asked for pledges of \$1 for every mile they walked. Pledges came in from family, friends and community members. Band and color guard members stopped at several local businesses along the way, performing at Bob's Big Boy, Norms, Bastards, In-N-Out, Pieloon and other places. Students marched from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fundraising total wasn't immediately available but band leaders called the fundraiser "a great success."

Bicycle enthusiasts pedal through Downey

• First community bicycle ride is a success, with local businesses and residents lending support.

By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

DOWNEY – Last Saturday I joined a couple dozen other enthusiastic participants in a bicycle ride through Downey, a ride that organizer Steve Perez hopes will become a monthly tradition through different sections of the city. Most of us met at Apollo Park shortly before 8 a.m., though the ride's two refreshment stops provided treats along the course until about 10.

Perez, The Green Gardener, has been a visible and active proponent of environmental sustainability in the Downey community for some time, and can be seen on Downey streets riding a heavy-duty tricycle, loaded with equipment, to his professional landscaping commitments. He is also vice-chair of the City of Downey Green Task Force.

About half of Saturday's ridership consisted of members of the Kiwanis Green Team, led by DUSD teacher Alex Gaytan. Both Gaytan and Perez are members of Downey Kiwanis clubs, which have provided considerable moral and financial support to the Green Team over the last couple of years. Most of this year's Green Team are high school students, and Saturday's ride also included one or two team members who will take the group's environmental priorities off to college this fall.

In addition to its own ac-



tivities, the Green Team can be counted on to support all environmentally conscious efforts in the City of Downey, having garnered attention and appreciation from City officials and citizens, most recently at an installation of drought tolerant landscaping sprucing up the entrance to Furman Park. This installation was jointly sponsored by Keep Downey Beautiful and the Green Task Force and was funded by a grant from Lowe's. Green Team members contributed many hours getting the new plantings into the ground just before the beginning of the City's Twilight Summer Concert Series.

Two other distinguishable groups completed the numbers of those participating in last Saturday's ride. The first was the two families of Esteban and Cristina and Tony, who brought their young children—all the kids ap-

propriately attired in bicycle helmets, including a couple of bright pink bikes along with the ever popular "Hello, Kitty" fashion statement.

The remaining group consisted of unaffiliated sixty-somethings—notable to me because I, too, am in my sixties. There were Gary, Richard, Jimmie, and another gentleman whose name I didn't catch. The multi-generational participation of high-schoolers, young families, and seniors was an especially satisfying aspect of the ride.

Departing west from Apollo Park on Quill, the ride followed a six-mile course that traversed a section of the Rio Hondo Bike Path, then meandered briefly through residential West Downey, starting at Crawford Park, before a refreshment stop of fresh muffins, thanks to Mark Shelton at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Continu-

ing east to Furman Park, the ride then returned to Apollo Park on Rives Avenue, where riders were treated to root beer floats served by volunteer Alice Stafford and contributed by Dr. Dwayne Jenkins of Caremore Medical Group. Furthermore, Downey Wholistic Center provided massages at ride's end in exchange for a free-will donation. Rick Rodriguez of RMI Security and Gilbert Alarcon of Avenue Press also provided support.

To conclude, while my column typically devotes itself to a discussion of environmental issues and their impact on our culture, it's appropriate to stop for a moment and reflect in appreciation for a community supported activity which, while it speaks softly to the issues of sustainability, was just plain fun.

Missing toddler found safe

DOWNEY – A 2-year-old girl allegedly abducted from her Downey home by a family acquaintance was found safe and unharmed less than 24 hours after she disappeared.

Stephanie Nicole Hartzell disappeared late Monday afternoon.

The girl's mother told police that 42-year-old Kailei Shannon Valdivia, an acquaintance of the family, was temporarily living in the house. Valdivia reportedly told the mother she was going to the store with Stephanie and would be "right back."

They left about 6 p.m. Monday and never returned.

The girl's mother notified police at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Police notified media and launched an immediate search.

By late Tuesday afternoon police had found Valdivia and the little girl. Stephanie was unharmed and Valdivia was being held for questioning.

Walmart now hiring for market

DOWNEY – Walmart has opened a hiring center at the Downey YMCA in anticipation of the Neighborhood Market grocery store it's opening in Downey late this year.

Walmart leased office space at the YMCA where it has a limited number of computer kiosks where residents can apply for one of 65 positions.

Applicants can also apply online at careers.walmart.com.

The hiring center opened Monday and is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We are hiring full- and part-time associates," said store manager Jaime Onibasa. "I can tell you from first-hand experience that Walmart provides great jobs with opportunities for career growth and good benefits. I'm glad we can be part of the solution for Downey residents who want a better job or to start working again."

Onibasa said associates are needed to work in all areas of the new store, including supervisory positions.

The majority of the workers hired will begin work in September to help prepare the store its late fall grand opening.

In California, Walmart's average wage for regular, full-time hourly workers as of April 2012 is \$12.79 per hour, store officials said. Employees are also eligible for healthcare coverage, matching 401(k) contributions, company-paid life insurance, stock purchase programs and a quarterly bonus incentive program.

The Walmart grocery store will be located at the former Alin Party Depot on Paramount Boulevard. Occupying 33,000 square feet, the market will offer fresh produce, meats and dairy products, frozen foods, a pharmacy, deli foods, bakery items, canned and packaged goods, pet supplies, household supplies and more.

There are about 200 Walmart Neighborhood Markets nationwide, each employing up to 95 workers. The first California market opened this summer in Huntington Beach and additional stores are planned in South Gate and Paramount.

MAYOR'S CORNER

Fall season to bring excitement to Downey



Circus of the People's Republic of China.

The Downey Symphony Orchestra also released their new season line-up, which includes a list of wonderful performances, two of which are titled "Pops in the Park" and "Simple Pleasures." The Downey Civic Light Opera is also offering performances of their play "Crazy for You" during the months of September and October.

I am very proud to see the variety of entertainment offered in our City. It is a great asset to our community and I encourage you all to attend a show this season. Check out each organization's website for a full list of dates and times.

Many exciting things await us this Fall. The new retail development "Downey Gateway" over at Firestone Blvd and Downey Ave continues to make progress and should open in November of this year. The new center will feature Yogurtland, Round Table Pizza, Waba Grill, Pacific Fish Grill, among others. This new vibrant location will be a positive enhancement to our Downtown area.

Also coming this Fall is the 3rd Annual Taste of Downey Arts and Wine Festival. Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 20th as we bring together close to 30 of our favorite Downey restaurants. This year we are expanding the event by adding a special "Arts and Wine" theme. Several Downey artists will have the opportunity to display their art and there will be an area sectioned off for beer and wine. The band "The Answer" will be performing as well. All of this will take place in the Downey Civic Center area. Avoid the long lines the day of



the event and purchase your tickets now at the Downey Theatre box office, by phone or on their website.

Stay tuned for these events as well:

Emergency Water Barrel Distribution - October 20th

Flu Shot Clinic - November 20th

Veterans Day Ceremony and Unveiling of New Veterans Day Memorial - November 11th

Preparations for these events are underway and more details will be available in the coming weeks.

I am happy to announce that tomorrow Saturday, September 1st we will host a soft opening for the display of our City's Shuttle Mock-up. As you might recall, we relocated the Shuttle back in July and it is currently sitting under a temporary tent at the Downey Studios parking lot. We will continue to store it here until we raise the funds necessary to build a permanent facility for it. You can view the Shuttle tomorrow, Saturday, during the soft opening

which will offer two time slots for tours; one at 11 am and one at 2 pm.

The staff over at the Columbia Memorial Space Center will be providing a special presentation and guided tours of the Shuttle. The Shuttle tours are free with paid admission to the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Please call the Center at (562) 231-1200 for more details.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Dr. Mary Stauffer for sponsoring a free admission day at the Columbia Memorial Space Center this past Sunday. In celebration of her foundation's 20th anniversary, Dr. Stauffer generously paid admission for over 1,000 visitors! People of all ages were able to enjoy a day at the Space Center. We can't thank Dr. Stauffer enough for all that she does for our youth and our entire community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Roger Brossmer

Residential streets to be improved

DOWNEY - Nearly seven miles of residential streets in southwest Downey will be repaired after approval from the City Council this week.

Instead of repairing the streets using an asphalt overlay or reconstruction, the city will utilize a cheaper method known as slurry seal.

Slurry seal preserves asphalt pavement by sealing cracks and applying a 1/4-inch thick slurry seal coat, deferring more extensive and costly rehabilitation methods.

Crews will also replace traffic striping, pavement markings and complete other road work.

The city has already used slurry seal in the eastern parts of the city. The northwestern quadrant of Downey will receive the slurry seal restoration next year.

The project approved Tuesday calls for slurry seal to be applied to 40 residential street segments and one arterial street. Streets were selected by a city mapping system that evaluates, ranks and prioritizes each street segment based on pavement surface conditions and other criteria.

The project is expected to cost up to \$300,000.

City to bring back 15 crossing guards

DOWNEY - The City Council this week renewed its contract for crossing guard services at 15 locations throughout Downey.

All City Management Services' contract expired June 30. The renewal extends the deal to June 30, 2013 at the same rate of \$150,000 per year.

All City, based in Santa Fe Springs, also provides crossing guards to Norwalk, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Paramount, South Gate and Whittier.

According to the contract, All City will place crossing guards on weekday mornings and afternoons at the following locations: Florence and Woodruff avenues; Brookshire Avenue and Gallatin Road; Dunrobin Avenue and Spry Street; Imperial Highway and La Reina Street; Imperial and Paramount Boulevard; Laura Street and Old River School Road; Cherokee Drive and Downey Avenue; Suva Street and Tweedy Lane; 7th Street and Rives Avenue; Alameda Street and Patton Road; Barlin Avenue and Adoree Street; Barlin and Gardendale Street; Adwen Street and Old River School Road; Rives and Stewart and Gray Road; and Rives and Adwen Street.

Downey will pay All City \$14.23 per hour for the services, with the yearly total not to exceed \$150,000.

Blue Mass to honor first responders

DOWNEY - St. Raymond Catholic Church will host Downey's annual Blue Mass honoring police officers, paramedics, firefighters and military personnel on Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Clergy from other churches and the synagogue, as well as city officials, have been invited.

The service is open to the public. Local residents affiliated with law enforcement or fire service is particularly encouraged to attend.

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Space shuttle naming contest ends Friday

DOWNEY – Friday, Aug. 31, is the last day for residents to enter the city's space shuttle mock-up naming contest.

City officials are searching for a name for the full-sized space shuttle replica, which was built by NASA and used for two decades for detailed engineering fittings and testings.

The mock-up has remained in storage and the city hopes to restore it, eventually moving it to a new facility next to the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The naming contest is open to Downey residents, students, business owners, former site workers and anyone who works in Downey.

Entry forms are on the city website at downeyca.org under the "city news" tab and on the third floor counter at City Hall.

The person who submits the winning name will be recognized at a City Council meeting and invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony as a special guest.

Walk for Life is Sept. 8

DOWNEY – The third annual Walk for Life, benefitting the Amazing Day Foundation and its work in raising awareness about suicide among college students, takes place Sept. 8 at Stonewood Center.

Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. The opening ceremony starts at 7:45, followed by the walk at 8.

Television reporter Dave Lopez will serve as emcee. Sheriff Lee Baca is also expected to make an appearance.

The Amazing Day Foundation was formed in 2009 following the suicide of Sean Feliciano, a Downey High School grad who took his life while attending UC Santa Barbara.

Barber shop hosting poetry series

DOWNEY – Hair Club for Poets/Reading with Scissors, a monthly poetry series, meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Number 34, a barbershop at 9029 Florence Ave.

Two featured poets are presented each month, along with an open mic.

One featured poet is selected from the previous month's open mic, "sometimes by applause, sometimes by rock, paper, scissors."

The poetry series is curated by John Brantingham, a writer, poet and head of the San Gabriel Valley Literary Festival, and Roy Anthony Shabla, a poet and painter.

For more information, find Hair Club for Poets on Facebook or go to royanthonyshabla.com.

Police set to receive \$33K grant

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department is set to receive a \$32,957 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, which it will use to fund its neighborhood preservation and community education programs.

The police department also expects to use a portion of the money for crime suppression and prevention, most notably during the holidays, according to a staff report.

The money comes from the Bryne Justice Assistance Grant program, a partnership among federal, state and local governments aimed at creating safer communities.

The JAG was created in 2004 by Congress to streamline justice funding and grant administration.

Downey man accused of robbing Lancaster lawyer

DOWNEY – A Downey man was arrested after allegedly robbing an attorney of his iPhone and wallet while in Lancaster this past Saturday.

Sheriff's officials say Jorge Quinones, 24, was parked on a Lancaster street Saturday at about 7 p.m. when he waved over a man who was talking on his iPhone.

The victim – an attorney – walked over to see what Quinones wanted when Quinones allegedly brandished a black pistol and robbed the man.

Quinones fled in a burgundy Chevy Silverado with paper plates, authorities said. The victim tried to follow Quinones but lost him.

Two sheriff's deputies responding to the call found Quinones hiding underneath the truck, which was parked on the 3800 block of W. Avenue K-14, a residential neighborhood of Lancaster.

The deputies detained Quinones and recovered the victim's property.

Deputies also found property that had been stolen during a robbery two weeks ago in Palmdale, officials said.

A black BB gun was found concealed in the truck's dashboard, authorities said.

Quinones was booked on robbery charges at the Lancaster's Sheriff's Station.

He was being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

Fresh & Easy letting schools host fundraisers

DOWNEY – Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market this week kicked off registration for its 2012 Shop for Schools fundraising program.

Now in its fifth year, the program allows parents and educators to raise money for their schools. Participating schools receive a \$1 cash donation for every \$20 receipt collected from any Fresh & Easy store from Sept. 12 through Dec. 31.

The top two fundraising schools in California each receive a \$5,000 bonus.

All schools with students in kindergarten to 8th grade within a 3-mile radius of a Fresh & Easy store are eligible to participate.

In addition to collecting receipts, schools can have their own "Shopping Night," a fundraising event where 5 percent of a local Fresh & Easy store's total sales, on a designated evening, are donated to the school.

Schools can register for the program online at freshandeasy.com/shopforschools until Oct. 1.

Warren band performing free concert

DOWNEY – Warren High School's band and color guard will present their annual "parent preview" concert this Friday night, Aug. 31, at Justice Stadium on the Warren High campus.

The free concert starts at 6:30 p.m. and is the first performance of the 2012 marching band season.

This year's show is titled "Heroes Fallen, Not Forgotten" and will feature Americana music.

In Memory of Jane Kazia Mingura Smith

January 4, 1960 to August 23, 2012



My beautiful, loving daughter, Jane Kazia Mingura Smith (born 1-4-60) died 8/23/12 while visiting Downey. Janie was a resident of Petaluma, Calif. She loved the Lord; her children June M. Nelson, Jason Miller, James M. Sias, Mathew James Sias, Mother Delores Quinn, father Abraham Mingura (deceased), sisters, Kathy Adlard, June McConnell. Jane's Grandchildren Christian, James Jr. & Myle. The Lord was her greatest love next to her children. No more pain for her.

James Petersen, WWII vet, passes away

DOWNEY – James Arnold Petersen was born Nov. 3, 1925 in Wolbach, Neb., and passed away Aug. 19 in Downey at the age of 86.

He had resided in Downey since 1961 and worked for the Langendorf Bakery Company for 30 years.

Petersen served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a submarine crew member.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lucille; son, Jim; daughters, Pam and Janet; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A private celebration of his life will be held in his honor on Sunday.

Halloween Carnival returns to St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Catholic Church's annual Halloween Carnival returns this year Oct. 26-28 and will feature carnival rides, raffles, a haunted house, food booths and more.

Top-rated '80s cover band Members Lonely is scheduled to perform Oct. 26 on the carnival's main stage. The Silverados country band performs the following night.

The parish's own Letty Larios will perform with a mariachi band to open the carnival's final day.

Many more bands will be performing throughout the three-day carnival. There will also be a beer and wine garden, and vendor booths from local businesses.

The church also has sponsorship opportunities for businesses. For more information, call Tami Shilling at (562) 745-5592.

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Fire department urges residents to have 'two ways out'

• Fire officials recommend residents have evacuation plans in place in case of a fire.

DOWNEY – If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety?

According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of Americans households who made and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less.

That's why the Downey Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, to urge residents to "Have Two Ways Out!" This year's theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

"One home structure was reported every 85 seconds in 2010," said Jason Patao of the Downey Fire Department. "Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home."

The Downey Fire Department recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where



everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.

- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.

- Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.

- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator and remind grown-ups to have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

The Downey Fire Department will be scheduling school visits during Fire Prevention Week to promote "Have Two Ways Out!" Through these educational visits, students can learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Downey, please contact the Downey Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau at (562) 904-7345.

To learn more about "Have Two Ways Out!" visit NFPA's web site at firepreventionweek.org.

Restaurant lineup announced for Taste of Downey

DOWNEY – More than two dozen local restaurants will participate in this year's Taste of Downey food festival, city officials announced this week.

The full line-up of participating restaurants was released Wednesday morning. The list includes:

Bionicos Express, Bob's Big Boy, Blizz Frozen Yogurt, Cafe N Stuff, Carino's Italian Restaurant, Chinese Gourmet Express, Elephant Bar, Firestone Grill, Frantone's Pizza, Green Olive, Habana Cafe, Hacker's, Jamba Juice, L.A. Buns, Mambo Grill, Maria's Grill, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Narai Thai, Olive Garden, Papas & Dogs, Pieloon, Pina Pizza House, Porto's Bakery, Starbucks, Tokyo Garden and Tropicana Bakery

The Taste of Downey takes place Sept. 20 from 5:30-9 p.m. in the Civic Center. In addition to food, there will also be live entertainment, an art show and, for the first time, a beer and wine garden.

Presale tickets are \$20 for 10 tastes. Ticket prices increase to \$25 on the day of the event.

Tickets can be purchased at the Downey Theatre box office or online at downeytheatre.com.

Band hosting decal drive

DOWNEY – Members of Warren High's band and color guard will embark on their annual decal drive next week.

Students will be in full uniform as they walk Downey neighborhoods Tuesday and Wednesday, handing out stickers to residents who contribute monetary donations of any amount.

Rose Float boat trip Sept. 9

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association is sponsoring a Mardi Gras-style boat trip Sept. 9 from 2-6 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 and include a 2-3 hour harbor cruise, spaghetti dinner, music and dancing, raffles and more.

The event will take place onboard the Grand Romance Riverboat in Long Beach.

For tickets or more information, call Gary DeRemer at (562) 260-8503.

Former pastor is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Glenn Koons, former pastor and chairman of the Downey Ministerial Association, will be guest speaker when the Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee meets Sept. 6 at the Sizzler restaurant.

The meeting starts at noon and is open to the public.

For more information, call (562) 310-1335.

Bus trip to Pechanga

DOWNEY – Seats are available for a bus trip to Pechanga Casino on Sept. 5 sponsored by the Woman's Club of Downey.

Cost is \$6 for Woman's Club members and \$11 for non-members, and includes a \$10 voucher for slot machine play.

To purchase a ticket, call Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620.

DUI checkpoint in Downey Friday night

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department is conducting a DUI and driver's license checkpoint at an undisclosed location in Downey on Friday, Aug. 31, starting at 8 p.m.

The checkpoint is part of an increased DUI enforcement campaign statewide – titled "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" – that began Aug. 17 and ends Sept. 3.

"On average there is one alcohol-impaired, driving-related fatality every 51 minutes across America. But this tragic loss of life can be reduced if we get impaired drivers off our roadways," said Police Chief Rick Esteves. "Research has shown that high-visibility enforcement like the 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' campaign reduces alcohol-impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent. By joining this statewide effort, we will make Downey's roadways safer for everyone throughout the Labor Day period."

DUI checkpoints will be deployed throughout Los Angeles County this weekend and next. Law enforcement agencies also plan "roving" DUI patrols.

"Obviously we want to remind everyone that it is illegal to drive impaired, and we hope the campaign will remind people that if they plan on drinking to never get behind the wheel," Esteves said. "But if someone does choose to drive impaired, we will arrest them. No warnings. No excuses."

According to the Downey Police Department, violators will face jail time, loss of their driver licenses or required use of ignition interlocks. Financial hits include attorney fees, court costs, higher insurance rates, lost time at work and the potential loss of a job or job prospects.

Motorists should report drunk drivers by calling 911.

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Plan ahead, avoid the area, or eat, shop or play locally is the message from public safety officials for the second weekend closure of the I-405 Freeway in the Sepulveda Pass – between the I-10 and I-101 – scheduled for September 29-30. Contractors will demolish the remaining side of the Mulholland Bridge as part of the freeway improvements project. For latest updates visit metro.net/405.

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The draft environmental report looking for ways to ease traffic and improve air quality along the I-710 Freeway corridor has been released for a 90-day public review. The review is studying proposals that would improve Interstate 710 (I-710) between Ocean Boulevard and State Route 60 (SR-60). For more information, go to metro.net/710.

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Letters to the Editor:

NASA's bloated budget

Dear Editor:

Once again we congratulate the folks at NASA on another engineering marvel – the launch and landing of their Mars rover, Curiosity.

I recall when it was launched on Jan. 27, with a reported \$2.5 billion cost; a few days earlier they announced the launch of another \$2.5 billion marvel on its way to, I believe, Jupiter or some other far off planet that would take something like eight years to reach, and then would determine how the universe was formed. This is called “job security,” as they now have to sit at their computer monitors and keep an eye on what is happening way out there.

I've often thought how nice it would be if all levels of our government – federal, state, county and local – could have access to a money tree similar to the one NASA has.

Many years ago when those nasty Russians launched their Sputnik starting the space race, we were all gung-ho to out-hustle them; finally, after many years and untold billions of dollars, I guess we showed them that our scientists were better than their scientists. The Russians seemed to lag behind; however, our astronauts are now thumbing a ride to the Space Station on their spaceships. I suppose there have been some marvelous discoveries made during experiments completed in the Space Station, but I wonder how many of the results were actually something we really needed.

Occasionally, we read about the salaries and perks paid to different government workers which are paid with our tax dollars. I don't recall ever reading about salaries of people in the aerospace industries. I am assuming that's all taxpayer money. I do no begrudge those fine engineers at NASA whatever their salaries might be; I'm sure they are worth whatever they are being paid. Although I've thought the whole space program was just a very expensive welfare program; especially when we read about our politicians cutting the welfare checks or unemployment checks of many people who have been out of work for years with some of them having lost their homes.

A portion of those \$2.5 billion could be better spent on some compassion for people who need it, rather than being shot out into outer space on a rocket.

Jim Lucas
Downey

Landing on the moon

Dear Editor:

Regarding Mike Sandoval's certitude that United States astronauts never landed on the moon, I am probably on a fools errand trying to respond, but I would be remiss if I didn't give this tact a try.

If you look out the window of any building in Downey, the world certainly appears to be flat. Given such evidence I wouldn't blame a person for concluding that it was so. Would I try to convince them otherwise? Probably not.

The most sensible response to such a notion might be a simple shrug of the shoulders. Enough said!

Jack Russell
Downey

End of an era

Dear Editor:

The words “end of an era,” “iconic” and “coincidence” are not often used to describe a historic event, but the death of Neil Armstrong and the demolition of the plant that designed and built the space craft (Apollo 11) that took Armstrong (along with Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins) to the moon truly fits this timing.

The Apollo space craft was specifically built to take a man to the moon. Building 1 (and others) of the old North American Aviation plan was the chosen location in Downey.

Men and women of the surrounding area designed, fabricated and tested the Apollo. Some workers spent 45-50 years in the space program.

All is now gone. The space craft, the plant where it was built, the man that fulfilled the Apollo's mission and many of the folks that fabricated the “bird.”

Truly the end of an era.

Marsh Gullett
Norwalk

Show us your taxes

Dear Editor:

Mitt Romney is now the Republican nominee for President. He wants the American voters to trust him with the national economy. The United States Armed forces. The Supreme court nominees. International policy making. And so on and so forth.

He may have the legal right to withhold information about his personal taxes and off shore bank account holdings, but as the most powerful leader in the free world, he cannot realistically claim modesty.

If Mitt Romney continues to be anything other than transparent with the facts, the American voter should be very cynical and not vote for this man, because he is hiding something that he probably believes most average people will be outraged by. And quite possibly, he is cheating on his taxes.

Either way, we as a society of people can expect a dubious Romney presidency.

Greta Campbell
Downey

Appreciation for Dr. Stauffer

Dear Editor:

Thanks to all the wonderful people who came to the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey on August 26 to help me celebrate 20 years of the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation and my 95th birthday.

Special thanks to all those who made it possible. Thanks to Christy Pearce who made the arrangements and directed the multiple activities going on through the museum. Thanks to the helpful museum staff. Thanks to Mayor Roger Brossmer for MCing the program at 3 p.m. Thanks to Eileen Garrido for singing the words she wrote to a favorite melody. What a beautiful voice and person. Thanks for the certificates of recognition from the County of Los Angeles, the city of Downey and the DUSD (presented by board members Martha Sodatani and Bobbie Samperi.)

Special thanks to the many grantees who brought exhibits and demonstrations to showcase some of the great things our teachers and students are doing. The list is long and I may have omitted you, please forgive.

It has been 20 years of opportunities and many fulfillments. Thanks to Bill French JD who created the documents and named the foundation. Thanks to the superintendent, Ed Sussman, to director of curriculum, Wendy Lopour. Thanks to the first grantee, Don Latham for the Cyberobic Center at West Jr High. It won a golden bell for DUSD

Thanks to my daughter Judy Saunders who ran the foundation out of my medical office for the first five years. Thanks to my daughter Janet Suzuki who helped me prepare the documents to become an operating foundation. Thanks to my son Jim who successfully oversees the Crowell Weedon stock portfolio. Thanks to son John and daughter Dorothy who have been helpful in many ways. Thanks to my husband, Dal, who started the Scholar Athlete awards at Warren and Downey High Schools.

Special thanks to board members Linda Kennedy and Allison Riley. Linda has done a remarkable job of initiating, coordinating and monitoring the grants. In 20 years the Stauffer Foundation has given \$4 million dollars to grantees in Downey.

Thanks to God for all my blessings.

Mary R Stauffer MD
Downey

Dear Editor:

A special 95th birthday thank you to Dr. Mary Stauffer and the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation for their generosity for inviting everyone to the Columbia Memorial Space Center with free admission on Sunday.

About 3 p.m., as part of the crowd inside the space center, Mayor Roger Brossmer led us all in singing happy birthday to Dr. Stauffer as part of the activities; what a great day it was.

Because of Dr. Stauffer and the foundation's generosity, our Downey schools and the Downey community have benefited in the last 20 years.

Dr. Mary Stauffer and the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation are a true gem to the Downey community and we thank you.

Michelle Frase
Downey

Council protests

Dear Editor:

Again a group of people appeared before the City Council for the 17th straight meeting to protest a police shooting. It is an excellent example of an exercise in futility – a big waste of time better spent on city business.

Each time we patiently and politely listen to the same old story told over and over again, even with the help of a person in a clown suit.

In some foreign countries, particularly in South America, police wade into one of these demonstrations, crack a few skulls, break some bones and that ends it.

Police work is a dangerous, difficult and thankless job. We in Downey are fortunate to have the very best people in the profession. They do a great job for us. They serve and protect us 24/7. Without police we would live in a dangerous jungle.

Byron Dillon
Downey

Farmers market relocation

Dear Editor:

Regarding the relocation of the farmers market:

1.) The crowded walking area is chewed up and uneven, creating a dangerous situation – especially for wheelchairs.

2.) The parking is severely limited; if you need handicapped access, forget it. You cannot get all the way around in a wheelchair because of the placement of the booths and the parking curbs. At the 2nd Street end, the slant of the gutter is a dangerous situation; I predict someone will take a spill. Sounds to me like this should be an ADA issue.

Finally, the vendors are unhappy. Can anyone confirm that the relocation was politically influenced by Porto's?

Katie Wright
Downey

Wants Obama out

Dear Editor:

In response to Colin Clarke's claim that \$4 billion spent in negative advertising go to the 1 percent of the wealthy who control our TV stations and that this is done to influence government that is favorable to them: I'm not sure Mr. Clarke has been paying attention, but even some in the “liberal mainstream media” have now readily admitted that they were not fair to Hillary or McCain (or Bush).

Although California politics has nearly fallen off the left cliff, I still vote, and vote for those who believe in our Constitution.

President Obama has, until the last week or so, been the benefactor of the 1 percent that he decries. Can you say Solyndra? Can you say Elxon? Can you say Tony Rezko? No to mention thousands of others.

Mr. Clarke mentioned the 2000 election of Bush-Gore. What about the Wisconsin election that was a total fraud and tipped the U.S. Senate to the Democrats? What about ACORN that continues to cheat but just changes the name of the organization?

Guess people think we are all dumb and not paying attention, but I know many of us are paying attention and want Obama and Reid out.

Maggie Allen
Downey

Correction: An article published in the Aug. 16, 2012 edition of *The Downey Patriot* regarding John Paul Drayer's candidacy for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees contained an error. The story included a quote from Drayer that claimed the college's bond funds had not been audited when, in fact, bond funds are subjected to annual financial and performance audits. We apologize for the error.

A return to economic growth

By **Brendan Minter**

Like a summer houseguest who outstays his welcome, the current economic climate just won't leave.

That was the message earlier this month, when the Labor Department announced that the unemployment rate had ticked up to 8.3 percent. Just days earlier, the Commerce Department reported that America's gross domestic product is growing at an annual rate of just 1.5 percent, as the debt crisis in Europe and looming end-of-year tax hikes continue to slow the recovery.

This is tough news to swallow, as we have long been accustomed to steady economic growth. From World War II until the current recession, the economy has grown, on average, about 3 percent a year. Occasional slowdowns have always been followed by periods of robust recovery and expansion, leaving most Americans today substantially better off than their parents and grandparents were.

Growth, to most Americans, is simply the natural state of the economy.

As we enter the heat of election season, Americans will find themselves faced with a decision between two theories of economic recovery. One says we should turn to government to provide for the people, to stimulate the economy by pumping money into the system. The other says we should help Americans help themselves, and empower workers by finding new ways to unleash the creative potential of our entrepreneurs.

It's often assumed that federal spending will stimulate the economy. But there is mounting evidence that it can actually be harmful to economic growth. Half a century ago, economist James Buchanan, who would later win a Nobel prize, pointed out that government policies are often driven not by altruistic motives, but hidden incentives.

Government agencies, for example, have a strong incentive to exhaust their budgets every year, even if they don't need to. Otherwise, lawmakers might cut those agencies' budgets the following year.

Meanwhile, firms in the private sector often seek and receive money from the government without creating real value. Dubbed “rent seekers” by economist Gordon Tullock, these organizations seek to profit through the political process, not by producing a better or cheaper product.

In a world of unlimited resources, this would not be cause for alarm. But in reality, the public and the private sectors compete for the same financial and human capital. That is to say, they compete for the same pile of money and the same group of innovative entrepreneurs. So when the government spends a large sum of money – whether for stimulus or otherwise – there is that much less capital in the system for private entrepreneurs.

There is another way that government spending provides a disincentive to private industry. By offering a wide variety of programs from which businesses can profit, not by producing better products but by currying political favor, it drains away talented entrepreneurs who would otherwise put their talents to work in the private economy.

After all, if profits are easy to make in government contract work, why spend the time and capital to develop the next innovation that could revolutionize an entire industry?

There is also a moral dimension to economic growth.

Jobs, of course, mean much more than just an income. They provide value and instill pride. They're an opportunity to live up to one's potential – to form the bonds that are vital to thriving in a free society. Merchants must build trust among their customers, and individuals must build a community with their neighbors.

That's why sustained growth is not just an economic privilege, but a social and moral imperative that enlivens our fellow citizens by freeing them from the economic despair of joblessness. Prosperity provides a better life for millions Americans and hundreds of millions of people across the globe. There is a virtue to prosperity, as it inspires people, removes pressures that lead to embitterment, and allows us all to step back and get a healthy perspective on what is actually important.

Americans can have the kind of growth we became accustomed to before the Great Recession, but our government must adopt economic policies that nurture – not disincentivize – private entrepreneurship.

The truth is that we don't yet know how fast the economy could grow on a sustained basis if public policy were lined up with the right incentives. But we do know that a vibrant, strong, and free economy makes for a vibrant, strong, and free nation. By recognizing inefficiencies in the system and eliminating the transfer of resources from private industry to rent seekers, we may finally find out how fast we can grow.

Brendan Minter is Senior Editorial Director at the George W. Bush Institute and editor of “The 4% Solution: Unleashing the Economic Growth America Needs,” published by Crown.

How to handle bad medical news

How you respond to bad news from the doctor can change your life as much as the diagnosis can.

“I was diagnosed with Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy – HOCM,” says J. Thomas Shaw, author of a novel inspired by his experience, *The RX Factor* (theRXFactor.com). “Whenever you hear about a young athlete in exceptional condition dropping dead during a game or near the end of a hard practice, the autopsy usually reveals that was the cause.”

Shaw offers tips for people who receive unwelcome medical news:

- A second opinion: “Emotion kicks in immediately when you get a potentially life-ending diagnosis, and many people don't bother getting a second or third opinion. They consider that denial, or wishful thinking,” he says. Doctors are human – they make mistakes. Even if the diagnosis doesn't change, another physician may suggest a different course of treatment. Try to arrange a visit with a specialist at a nationally renowned research hospital.

- Empower yourself with knowledge: The internet is filled with good information, but the trick for research is avoiding the sea of misinformation online. There are many studies from various universities to be found, and sites including WebMD.com are reliable sources.

- The wake-up call response: For many, knowledge of a difficult medical condition is a reminder to finally implement a healthier lifestyle. Some patients turn around their lifestyle completely with regular exercise, a balanced diet with nutrition as the primary focus, and restricting or completely abstaining from alcohol and cigarettes. This can have amazing results.

- Positive thinking / a focus on what matters: At some point, we all must face that we are mortal beings with limited resources, Shaw says. Sometimes, a good attitude is the best, if not only, weapon for facing terminal illness or a lifelong disability. Taking stock of what's important, such as loved ones, is that positive x-factor that science has difficulty in measuring as a tangible health benefit – but it is nonetheless.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August/September

Fri. Aug. 31: **Warren High band concert**, Warren High stadium, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs. Sept. 6: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee meeting**, Sizzler, 12 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

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call 806-2100.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
 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 Vanlengan 310-1335.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call 904-7246.
 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

On This Day...

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1873: Austrian explorers Julius von Payer and Karl Weyprecht discover the archipelago of Franz Joseph Land in the Arctic Sea.
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Donations sought for care packages

DOWNEY – Soroptimist International of Downey is continuing its support of 16 deployed female troops by sending monthly care packages and letters of encouragement.

Residents are encouraged to participate by writing letters and donating items such as snacks, travel size toiletries, protein bars and more.

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

For more information, call Lindsey Louder at (310) 415-9406.

Chamber hosting Golf Classic

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will host its 16th annual Golf Classic at the Rio Hondo Golf Club on Sept. 19.

Entry fee is \$150 per person, or \$560 for a foursome. Registration includes green fees, golf carts, lunch, dinner and raffle tickets.

The event starts with a shotgun start at noon.

Tickets for dinner only are \$30. Various sponsorships starting at \$100 are still available.

Proceeds will benefit scholarships for Downey youth. To sign-up, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.

OLPH shopping trip at Citadel

DOWNEY – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild is co-sponsoring a shopping trip to the Citadel Outlets on Oct. 6.

The one-day shopping event features exclusive store discounts available only to ticket-holders.

Tickets are \$25 – the Citadel will donate \$20 from every purchase back to the guild.

Ticket holders also receive two raffle tickets for a chance at \$75,000 in gift cards, along with lunch and a wine tasting.

There will also be free baggage checks and live musical entertainment.

Tickets will not be sold on the day of the event. To purchase a ticket, call Sally at (562) 861-8370.

Church hosting free pancake breakfast

NORWALK – First Christian Church of Norwalk is hosting a free pancake breakfast Sept. 8 from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Breakfast is free and there are no sermons or obligations.

The church is at 13820 Studebaker Road.



Allen Layne and Jim DeKay are pictured above holding tuna they caught after meeting on the Excel fishing boat out of San Diego, and reminiscing about their years in Downey. *The Downey Patriot* newspaper is not pictured, they said, as it was so interesting "we could not pry it out of the hands of other passengers."

Children with neurologic disorders could die from flu

• CDD study reveals that some children are at greater risk of death from the flu.

A disproportionately high number of children with neurologic disorders died from influenza-related complications during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, according to a study by scientists with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The report in the journal *Pediatrics* underscores the importance of influenza vaccination to protect children with neurologic disorders. CDC is joining with the American Academy of Pediatrics, Families Fighting Flu and Family Voices to spread the message about the importance of influenza vaccination and treatment in these children.

The *Pediatrics* study looked at influenza-related deaths in children during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic based on data submitted to CDC from state and local health departments. The number of pediatric deaths associated with 2009 H1N1 virus infection reported to CDC during the pandemic was more than five times the median number of pediatric deaths that were reported in the five flu seasons prior to the pandemic. Sixty-eight percent of those deaths occurred in children with underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of serious flu complications.

Of the 336 children (defined as people younger than 18 years) with information available on underlying medical conditions who were reported to have died from 2009 H1N1 flu-associated causes, 227 had one or more underlying health conditions. One hundred forty-six children (64 percent) had a neurologic disorder such as cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, or epilepsy. Of the children with neurologic disorders for whom information on vaccination status was available, only 21 (23 percent) had received the seasonal influenza vaccine and 2 (3 percent) were fully vaccinated for 2009 H1N1.

"We've known for some time that certain neurologic conditions can put children at high risk for serious complications from influenza," said Dr. Lyn Finelli, chief of the surveillance and outbreak response team in CDC's Influenza Division. "However, the high percentage of pediatric deaths associated with neurologic disorders that occurred during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic was a

somber reminder of the harm that flu can cause to children with neurologic and neurodevelopmental disorders."

"Flu is particularly dangerous for people who may have trouble with muscle function, lung function or difficulty coughing, swallowing or clearing fluids from their airways," said study coauthor and pediatrician Dr. Georgina Peacock. "These problems are sometimes experienced by children with neurologic disorders," said Peacock, of CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

The most commonly reported complications for children with neurologic disorders in this study were influenza-associated pneumonia and acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). Seventy-five percent of children with a neurologic condition who died from 2009 H1N1 influenza-related infection also had an additional high risk condition that increased their risk for influenza complications, such as a pulmonary disorder, metabolic disorder, heart disease or a chromosomal abnormality.

CDC is partnering with the American Academy of Pediatrics and influenza advocacy groups to help promote awareness about the importance of influenza prevention and treatment in these high risk children. Since the H1N1 pandemic, children with neurologic conditions continue to represent a disproportionate number of influenza-associated pediatric deaths. CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Family Voices, and Families Fighting Flu recognize the need to communicate with care takers about the potential for severe outcomes in these children if they are infected with flu.

"Partnering with the American Academy of Pediatrics, influenza advocacy groups and family led-organizations CAN help prevent influenza in children at highest risk," said CDC Director Dr. Thomas R. Frieden.

The partnering organizations are working to coordinate communication activities with their constituents, which include parents and caregivers, primary care clinicians, developmental pediatricians and neurologists in hopes to increase awareness about flu prevention and treatment in children with neurologic disorders.

"The American Academy of Pediatrics, Families Fight-

ing Flu and Family Voices were all natural partners when we thought about how to reach as many key people as possible with this message," Dr. Peacock adds. "The collaboration and energy around this effort has been fabulous."

"Our network of physicians is committed to influenza prevention in all children, and especially in reducing complications in those children at higher risk for experiencing severe outcomes as a result of influenza-like illness," says Robert W. Block, M.D., president of the AAP. "This coalition can more broadly engage the entire community of child caregivers to express how serious flu can be for these children. These efforts emphasize why the medical home is so important for children and youth with special health care needs."

Family Voices is a national family-led organization supporting families and their children with special health care needs. Ruth Walden, a parent of a child with special needs and president of the Family Voices Board of Directors, says, "It's frightening to think that flu can potentially lead to so many complications or even death. We're pleased to see organizations working together to educate families and providers about the importance of prevention."

Families Fighting Flu, an advocacy group dedicated to preventing influenza, has a long history of reaching out to families who've lost loved ones to flu. "Throughout the years we've seen firsthand how flu can affect these kids and their families' lives. We understand that prevention is absolutely critical," explains Laura Scott, executive director of Families Fighting Flu. "Working with other groups only expands our mission of keeping kids safe throughout the flu season."

CDC recommends that everyone aged 6 months and older get an annual influenza vaccination, including people who are at high risk of developing serious complications. Flu vaccine is the best prevention method available. Antiviral drugs, which can treat flu illness, are a second line of defense against flu.

To learn more about influenza, visit cdc.gov/flu.

Make it Quick Bandit strikes again

GARDENA – The robbery suspect known as the Make it Quick Bandit has struck again, authorities say, striking a Gardena bank last Friday.

FBI officials said he robbed a U.S. Bank located inside a Vons supermarket. He allegedly handed a bank teller a note demanding cash.

It's the third time the Make it Quick Bandit has robbed the same bank, FBI officials said.

During other robberies, the suspect has been seen in bank surveillance photos wearing sunglasses and has indicated to bank tellers that one or more people are waiting outside the bank.

He is described as Hispanic with dark hair (possibly thinning on top) with a goatee. He is about 6 feet tall, 200-230 lbs. and between 25-35 years old.

He has been linked to nine bank robberies – all U.S. Banks – dating to 2009.

U.S. Bank is offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading the suspect's arrest and conviction.

Anyone with information about the identity or whereabouts of the Make it Quick Bandit should call 911.

Man shot and killed at South Gate house party

SOUTH GATE – A 22-year-old man was fatally shot outside a South Gate house party early Saturday.

Authorities believe the shooting was gang-related. The victim, who was not publicly identified, was standing outside a home on the 6100 block of Nevada Avenue at about 12:40 a.m. when he was approached by three male Hispanics.

An argument ensued and one of the suspects began firing at the victim, authorities with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

As the victim collapsed, the suspects ran from the scene.

The victim sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the torso area. He was taken to a local hospital where he died.

No description of the shooter was available. Anyone with information asked to call detectives at (323) 890-5500.

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Long Beach theater group releases new schedule

• International City Theatre announces 2012-13 season, which starts in January with "Around the World in 80 Days."

LONG BEACH – Long Beach-based International City Theatre announced five plays for 2013 with characters that are as passionate as they are intriguing.

ICT launches its 28th season in January with one of the greatest adventure stories of all time, Jules Verne's "Around the World in 80 Days," adapted for the stage by Mark Brown.

It's 1872 and Phileas Fogg has agreed to an outrageous wager that puts his fortune and his life at risk. With his resourceful servant Passepartout, Fogg sets out to circle the globe in an unheard-of 80 days. But his every step is dogged by a detective who thinks he's a robber on the run.

Danger, romance and comic surprises abound as five actors portraying 39 characters traverse seven continents.

The play runs Jan. 25 through Feb. 17, 2013.

Opening in March will be Terrence McNally's Tony Award-winning "Master Class."

Internationally renowned soprano Maria Callas had a legendary voice and an equally legendary life as one of the world's most celebrated (and gossiped-about) opera stars. In 1971, Callas taught a series of master classes at Juilliard.

Outspoken in her artistic beliefs and uncompromising in the musical understanding she sought to communicate to 25 fortunate students, Callas worked through her legendary arias from Mozart, Verdi, Rossini, Puccini and others.

McNally's play finds Callas near the end of her career, her voice almost gone, as she instructs a group of young singers aspiring to the heights of fame and fortune with wicked humor, unrelenting criticism and deeply personal stories.

"Master Class" plays March 22 through April 14.

"Dead Man's Cell Phone," Sarah Rush's quirky, Helen Hayes Award-winning comedy about mortality, redemption and the need to connect in a technologically obsessed world, opens in June.

When the man at the next cafe table refuses to answer his incessantly ringing phone, Jean discovers he's dead. Taking the phone, she becomes his self-appointed secretary and sets out to heal the rifts in his family – but on the way, finds that the real transformation may be within herself.

The play runs June 7-30.

August brings John Logan's multiple award-winning "Red" to Long Beach.

Winner of the Drama Desk, Drama League and six Tony Awards, "Red" is an intimate glimpse into the world of abstract expressionist painter Mark Rothko. After he lands the biggest commission in the history of modern art, Rothko begins work on a series of large murals with the help of a new young assistant.

What takes place between the two men reveals the dynamic relationship between an artist and his creations.

"Red" will be performed Aug. 23 through Sept. 15.

The season's final production opens in October 2013. "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti, translated by Robin Hawdon, is a sex farce in the true French tradition.

Bernard's plans for a romantic rendezvous with his chic Parisian mistress are complete with a gourmet caterer and an alibi courtesy of his friend, Robert.

But when Bernard's wife learns that Robert will be visiting for the weekend, she decides to stay in town for a surprise tryst of her own... setting the stage for a collision course of mistaken identities and outrageous infidelities, with more twists than a corkscrew.

The cook is Suzanne, the lover is Suzanne, the friend is bewildered, the wife is suspicious, the husband is losing his mind, and everyone is guaranteed a good time at this hilarious romp through the French countryside.

"Don't Dress for Dinner" plays Oct. 11 through Nov. 3.

ICT performances are held at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center. For more information, call (562) 436-4610 or go online to internationalcity-theatre.com.

FISH AND GAME Q&A

What are the rules when fishing outside of state waters?

Q: A group of friends and I are planning to take a trip on their yacht, basically sailing up and down the coast and visiting some of the small islands along the way. A couple of us like to fish but aren't sure of what regulations will apply to us if we were fishing outside of state waters. Do we have to have a fishing license if we are fishing more than three miles from shore? I've heard something about the coastal three nautical mile limit but want to be sure we have our ducks lined up before we launch. (Randi L.)

A: Yes. California sport fishing licenses are required even when fishing outside of California waters if the vessel you're fishing from is registered in California, or if your trip either begins or ends in California waters.

The only time you will not need a California license is if your boat is not registered in California and your trip originates in another state or country, and you never come into California waters to fish or to conduct commerce (e.g. purchase fuel, food or other goods.) This includes the offshore islands that are considered a part of California (e.g. Farallon Islands, Channel Islands, etc.)

In addition, species that are illegal to possess in California are also generally prohibited from being imported into California. Fish and wildlife cannot be imported into California unless legally taken and possessed outside of the state (Fish and Game Code, section 2353).

Q: What is the most responsible way to manage cat litter? Because of wildlife disease impacts from cat feces, biodegradable forms of cat litter disposal may be a bad idea if they are composted on site. Yet, loads of litter in plastic bags in our overburdened landfills is not a good thing either. We know that keeping cats indoors is the best thing to do for wildlife (the number of birds and lizards killed by house cats each year is staggering AND outdoor cats defecate where feces can enter the ecosystem), but it's hard to know how best to deal with litter. Any advice? (Becky S.)

A: The following information is provided by Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Veterinarian Melissa Miller from the Marine Wildlife Veterinary Care and Research Center in Santa Cruz:

First of all, thank you for being such a responsible pet owner. I do

agree that cats make wonderful pets, but their natural predatory behavior can significantly impact native wildlife. Animal feces, including cat feces, can also spread parasites, bacteria and other pathogens to sea otters, wildlife and humans. So what can you do to prevent this?

First, like you, I keep my cats indoors all of the time and provide sunny spots for them to hang out and watch the birds outside—they really enjoy that! It's good to know that indoor cats commonly live longer and are healthier overall, so this is a win-win!

Second, cats have very unique nutritional requirements, so I feed them a high quality commercial cat food and make sure that any special treats I give them are fully cooked, because raw meat can cause bacterial and parasite infection for your cats, and indirectly, you.

Third, I prevent access to rodents, wild birds and their fleas, which could also be a source of infection. As for the cat box issue: I agree that there is no "perfect" solution. However, based on what we know at present, our recommendation is to clean the cat box(es) every day, place the soiled litter in a plastic bag, seal it and place it in your regular trash where it will be disposed of in an approved landfill. We do not recommend composting of feline waste because of the potential human and wildlife health risks. Some of the pathogens that can be present in feline feces are extremely hardy and can survive for months to years in contaminated soil, and the infectious dose is very low.

For more information on this topic and to learn more about how improper disposal of kitty litter can be dangerous for sea otters, please see: <http://seaotterresearch.org/resources.shtml>

Q: Is a second rod stamp required to fish with two rods on the two free fishing days when no license is required? (Melana H., Sacramento)

A: Yes! Free Fishing Day allows fishing without a California sport fishing license, but other requirements for additional stamps and report cards still apply. Those items must be purchased and in anglers possession if they are required, even on Free Fishing Day.

The next free fishing day will be on Sept. 8.

Q: My wife and I both hunt deer during open season along with small game, preferably squirrels. We carry two rifles each (one for deer and the other for squirrel). After hours of hiking though, it gets tiring. So my question is if I was to carry a small caliber rifle to hunt squirrel and my wife carries a big caliber rifle to hunt deer, would it be legal for us to switch guns during the same trip? (John)

A: There is no problem with you and your wife sharing your rifles as long as the appropriate rifle is used for the appropriate species. Remember that rimfire rifles, such as the .22, are legal for squirrel but not for deer.

If you are deer hunting, you must carry a centerfire rifle. If you are hunting in the Condor Zone, the large caliber rifle must carry non-lead ammunition. This restriction would not apply to the take of small game including tree squirrel, jack-rabbit and cottontail.

Q: We love to camp at the Gerstle Cove Woodside Campground and eat abalone for dinner. Can we legally clean the abalone at the fish cleaning facility and then drive a mile back up to the campsite to cook them? I am sure the rangers would prefer the abalone guts to be at the cleaning station rather than to be put into the trash cans at the campsite to rot. However, it means driving a mile to the campsite in possession of abalone that are out of the shell. I am afraid the campground workers will not enjoy your answer. (Anonymous)

A: Abalone cannot be transported out of the shell. According to DFG Game Warden Tiffany Stinson, abalone should be cleaned at the campsite where they will be consumed. Place the trimmings and guts in a bag to throw away later. If you are stopped in transit with abalone removed from the shell, it will be a violation. The regulations state: "Abalone Possession and Transportation: Abalones shall not be removed from their shell, except when being prepared for immediate consumption" (CCR Title 14, section 29.15(g)).

Q: I understand that doves can be taken with airguns/spring guns with use of pellets. Does this mean I can take them while perched but not in flight? If yes, when I go dove hunting can I take both my shot-

gun and my airgun? And if this is alright, can I use my shotgun when the doves are in flight and my air gun when they land? Do the same regulations apply to quail? (Blong Y.)

A: It is legal to take perched doves and other resident small game (including quail) with air rifles powered by compressed air or gas, as prescribed in the regulations. However, only the following dove species are classified as Resident Small Game and may be taken with pellet guns: Chinese spotted doves, Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle-doves of the family Columbidae. Western mourning dove and all other migratory game birds may not be taken by pellet gun (California Code of Regulations Title 14, section 300(b)). You may carry both the pellet gun and shotgun while hunting.

Q: Can you please define bait for me? Some rivers have a no bait restriction. Can I use rubber egg imitations? And if so, can I also add some scent to the rubber eggs? (Ken H., Santa Rosa)

A: Bait is not specifically defined in California Fish and Game fishing regulations, but rubber eggs or any similar item is covered by the definition for "Artificial Lure" in section 1.11 in the Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. An artificial lure is a manmade lure or fly designed to attract fish. This definition does not include scented or flavored artificial baits. Often these regulations also state barbless hooks.

Bait that is authorized for use is defined in section 4.00 of the fishing regulations as: "Legally acquired and possessed invertebrates, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians (except salamanders), fish eggs and treated and processed foods..."

Rubber egg imitations without scent would qualify as an "artificial lure" and may be used in waters where artificial lure restrictions are in effect.

Carrie Wilson is a marine biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. While she cannot personally answer everyone's questions, she will select a few to answer each week. Please contact her at CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov.

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Bears open season in South Gate

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football team kicked off its season Thursday night (score unavailable at press time) by traveling to South East High School in South Gate.

The South East High School Jaguars football team is the reigning C.I.F. L.A. City Division II champions and are led by returning senior quarterback Jonathan Santos. The Bears are looking forward to improving upon last year's finish and feel they have the weapons and experience necessary to do so.

The Bears fielded many underclassmen last year. This year many of those same players have returned and have a chip on their shoulder. The Bears offense is led by junior quarterback Zabib Summerville. Daryl Donerson is the tailback and Jonathan Vauulu is the fullback. The receivers are Michael San Angelo and Keenan Brooks while Oscar Herrera is the tight end. The offensive line will feature tackles Ricky Vichot and Christian Farran and guards Mike Avila and Andres Rojas. Clay Mitchell will direct the offensive line at center.

Many of the Bear offensive players will see double duty on defense as well. The defensive line will include Clay Mitchell, Mike Avila, Ricky Vichot, George Wickens, David Zepeda and Christian Farran. The linebacking corps will be led by inside linebackers Jonathan Vauulu and Oscar Herrera while the outside linebackers will include Simon Figueroa and Alan Hernandez. The defensive backs will include Daryl Donerson and Keenan Brooks at cornerback while Michael San Angelo will play strong safety and hard hitting Moses Alaniz will play free safety.

If the Bear special teams can provide solid play and win the field position game, the Bears will have an excellent chance to score points on a short field. If the Bears can cover on kick-offs and punts, they can limit opposing offenses to a long field and potentially give up less points. Coach Jimenez, his staff and players are excited that football season is finally here.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Huff scores 4 TDs to lead Vikings

• Sophomore running back finds the endzone four times as Downey beats Mayfair, 30-20, in season opener.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Mayfair on the road last week, 30-20, to earn their first win of the season.

The Vikings were led by two quarterbacks and two running backs. Junior Conor Hill and sophomore Jorge Reyna both played quarterback for the Vikings and junior Eric Carillo and sophomore Justin Huff both carried the ball from the running back position.

While Carillo took the majority of the handoffs in the first half, Huff wore down the Monsoon defense in the second half by finishing with 20

carries for 125 yards and all four Viking rushing touchdowns.

The game was close for three quarters until the Vikings finally pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Mayfair took an early lead at 7-0 on a 6 yard touchdown pass from Christian Woo to Aaron Minor and the extra point was good. Downey answered right back on a six yard run by Huff, converted the extra point attempt and the score was tied 7-7.

Mayfair took a 14-7 lead in the second quarter after Woo found Alex Ploum for a 23 yard score and the extra point was good. Downey closed the margin to 14-9 when the Vikings earned a safety after Woo tried to avoid an endzone sack with an intentional grounding call. The score at halftime was 14-9.

Downey scored first in the third quarter and pulled ahead 16-14 on a 39 yard run by Huff. The extra point was good. Mayfair answered the

Viking score on an 83 yard strike from Woo to Minor. The two point conversion was unsuccessful and Mayfair took the lead back 20-16 at the 4:23 mark of the third quarter. Mayfair held this same lead as the third quarter came to a close.

Downey did not waste any time scoring as the fourth quarter began. Huff scored his third touchdown of the evening with a three yard run on the fourth play from scrimmage. The extra point was good and the score now stood at 23-20.

The Vikings put the game away after a Mayfair long field goal attempt was missed. Downey then proceeded to chew on the clock for several minutes as Huff scored his fourth and final touchdown on a 2 yard run. The extra point was good and Downey sealed the 30-20 win.

Downey (1-0) will play La Serena (1-0), who also won their season opener, Friday at Downey.

Warren water polo is ready to go

• Bears will play in alumni game Friday night before taking part in the El Rancho Tournament next week.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' water polo team is gearing up for their fall season.

The Bears have had a busy summer which included a daily summer camp June 25 through July 26. The Bears competed at several different sites over the summer in addition to having an intense practice schedule.

The Bears had games at Kennedy, Garden Grove, El Rancho and Orange High Schools, in addition to Cerritos College. The Bears had their C.I.F. mandated "dead period" from July 28 through August 17 in which no practices were scheduled or held. The Bears fall

practices resumed on Monday, August 20, in preparation for their first preseason game.

Warren will take part in their annual "alumni game" on Friday, August 31, followed by their first official games at the El Rancho Tournament from September 6-8. The El Rancho Tournament will be followed by hosting Santa Fe on September 11 and participating in the Los Altos Tournament September 14-15.

Warren will open league play at cross-town rival Downey on October 2.

Warren is looking to build off of their 9-16 overall record and 3-2 league record from last season. Warren has several key players returning. Goalie Bernabe Perez, leading goal scorer Jonathan Iglesias and drivers David Romero, Oscar Orozco, Micah Lopez and Diego Lucas all return with more experience and skill.

Coach Nichols and his play-

ers are certainly looking forward to the start of the season. Nichols had a young squad last year and made the C.I.F. playoffs from the San Gabriel Valley League as the number three team. Coach Nichols is confident his team will be more competitive and make a strong run at the San Gabriel Valley League title and perhaps, a longer run in the C.I.F. playoffs. Nichols maintains that Cerritos and cross-town rival Downey will provide tough competition as league games get underway.

Lady Viking look to build off last season's success

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' volleyball team is the reigning C.I.F. Division 2A champion.

The Lady Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 28-6, including an undefeated San Gabriel Valley League record of 10-0.

After defeating Whittier Christian for the C.I.F. Division 2A title on November 19, the Lady Vikings played in two state tournament games. Downey defeated Madera on November 22 three sets to one, then fell to St. Lucy's three sets to one on November 26.

The state tournament loss to St. Lucy's marked the end of a championship season for the Lady Vikings.

According to maxpreps.com, the Lady Vikings are currently ranked number one in the C.I.F. Division 2A preseason poll, 13th in all of Division 2 and 26th in the C.I.F. Southern Section, respectively. The Lady Vikings are looking to reload on another successful season but must do so without All Southern Section Division 2A Player of the Year middle blocker Heather Schnars, who will be playing for the Bears at Central Arkansas University on a volleyball scholarship this fall.

The Lady Vikings do welcome back Makayla Taylor, Joy Miley, Michelle Barba, Kimberly Schnars and Rachel Rodriguez. A player who has also caught the attention of Coach Sims is Melody Burdette.

The success of Coach Sims' and the Lady Vikings season will certainly rest on how quickly this team can gel together and compete at a high level. Coach Sims said that Warren, Paramount and Gahr will all provide tougher competition due to the quality of athletes and coaching staffs each school has.

The Lady Vikings will start their 2012-13 season at the Molten-Gahr Invitational. The Lady Vikings played their first game on August 30 against Millikan at Mayfair High School (score unavailable at press time).

Los Alamitos is the number one seeded team going into this tournament which will conclude on September 5. Other local schools competing include: St. Joseph's, Moore league teams Lakewood and Millikan, Suburban league teams Cerritos and Mayfair and San Gabriel Valley League teams Downey, Gahr and Warren.

Games will be held daily at the host sites of Gahr, Lakewood, Mayfair and St. Joseph's. This tournament will provide an early look as to the talent level each participating school has.

The Lady Vikings will open league play on September 27th against Warren at home. This game against cross-town rival Warren will be the 3rd annual Dig Pink Breast Cancer Fundraiser.

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Political science student spending fall in D.C.

• Cal State Long Beach student chosen to intern in Congressional program in Washington, D.C.

LONG BEACH – John Sellers, a senior political science major at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), is spending the fall semester in Washington, D.C. as the campus' 2012 representative in the Congressional Internship Program, which is sponsored by the Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

Sellers was one of 25 California students (one each from the 23 CSU campuses and two others from Santa Clara and Dominican universities) selected for the program. Each intern will spend 11 weeks in the nation's capital working full-time in the office of a California member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sellers and his fellow interns left

for Washington today (Monday, Aug. 27) and will work for their respective legislators through Nov. 9.

The Congressional Internship Program has been recognized as one of the best in the country because of the training opportunities provided to participants as well as the full scholarship covering all program costs. Participants are nominated by their respective campus presidents and are selected based on their scholastic achievements as well as their interest in politics.

Program applicants undergo a rigorous review and interview process. Each campus nominee meets with the university's president and undergoes a background investigation prior to nomination to the Panetta Institute. Selection of the campus nominee is based on academic standing, student leadership experience, commitment to community and public service, communication skills and overall demeanor as well as his/her interest in politics.

Final selection of Congressional Internship Program participants is made by the Panetta Institute interview team and a representative from the CSU Chancellor's Office.

"I first noticed a flyer about the internship program at school two years ago. I discussed it with my academic adviser and she thought it would be a good fit for me," Sellers recalled. "When the time came, I applied, attended the interviews, first with several school officials, then with President Alexander, and then in Monterey Bay with the institute. When I received notice that I had been accepted, it was a bit surreal—I had been waiting so long, and it was actually happening. I was ecstatic."

Sellers just completed a two-week training session at the Panetta Institute, which is located on the campus of CSU Monterey Bay. The intensive orientation helps prepare participants by giving them the necessary tools and skills

they need to succeed during their time in Washington.

The training session, which ran from Aug. 12-25, included elected officials, seasoned government staff, policy experts and Panetta Institute professors explaining how the legislative process works and providing synthesized information on the key issues facing the nation. Near the end of the orientation, each intern is assigned to work for two-and-a-half months with a member of the California congressional delegation.

Sellers has been assigned to work with Congressman Brian Bilbray, a Republican from San Diego who represents California's 50th Congressional District. He says Bilbray's primary legislative efforts are focused on improving the economy vis-a-vis the military, alternative energy sources and immigration. Sellers anticipates that his participation in his office will include answering phone calls and letters from constituents, giving tours, performing

general office tasks and attending legislative hearings.

While in Washington, Sellers will also be attending regular weekly seminars with key administration personnel on different aspects of government policy, ranging from economics to the environment and foreign affairs to defense resources. Speakers participating in these seminars include former and current cabinet secretaries, ambassadors, U.S. senators and U.S. representatives.

The Congressional Internship Program was founded by the Panetta Institute to give students hands-on experience on how the nation's democracy operates. "This program is an important part of the Panetta Institute's mission to increase civic engagement," said Institute Director Sylvia M. Panetta. "These young people get to see firsthand the challenges and opportunities of working in government and serving our democracy."

"There's just no substitute for this kind of first-hand experience to promote public service," Panetta continued, "and we've had tremendous cooperation from our members of Congress – both Republicans and Democrats – in work-

ing with our students."

The Panetta Institute pays for the entire program, in part to ensure that students of all economic backgrounds have the opportunity to participate. Costs covered during the program include academic fees and tuition, CSUMB campus services during orientation, food and housing, a living stipend during their stay in Washington, course materials and air and ground transportation.

Additionally, each student receives 20 academic credits upon successful completion of the internship program, which includes submission of an experiential journal and a 20-page research paper.

When Sellers returns from Washington, there will be no rest. Life will continue to be busy.

"I will finish the internship in November and will marry the love of my life in December," Sellers explained. "After that, I will start my last semester at CSULB and finish working on my thesis for the Political Science Honors Program. I will graduate with a B.A. in political science and a minor in Spanish in spring 2013."



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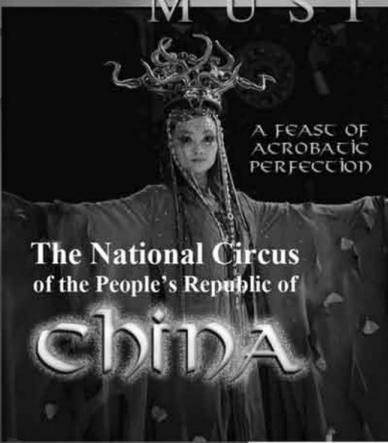
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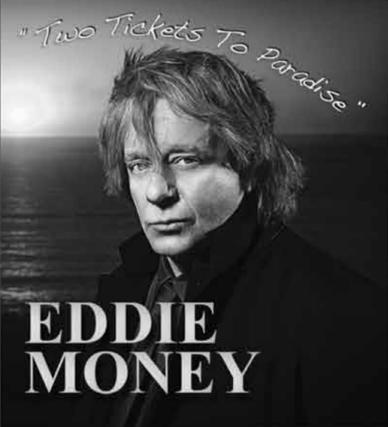
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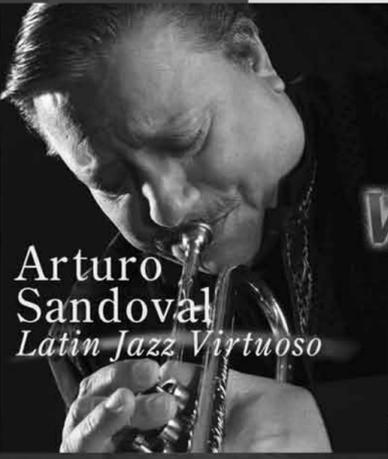
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Homeowner rights topic of seminar

• Housing officials to offer details of new legislation aimed at helping distressed homeowners keep their properties.

WHITTIER – A seminar on the “Homeowner Bill of Rights” will be held Sept. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Whittier Community Center in Whittier.

Representatives from the California Department of Justice, Keep Your Home California and the California Independent Monitor Program will be on-hand to provide up-to-date information about new legislation and the mortgage crisis that could help homeowners save their property from foreclosure.

The Homeowner Bill of Rights (AB 278) was signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown in July and prohibits a series of “inherently unfair bank practices that have needlessly forced thousands of Californians into foreclosure,” said attorney general Kamala Harris.

The law restricts dual-track foreclosures, where a lender forecloses on a borrower despite being in discussions over a loan modification to save the home. It also guarantees struggling homeowners a single point of contact at their lender with knowledge of their loan and direct access to decision makers, and imposes civil penalties on fraudulently signed mortgage documents.

In addition, homeowners may require loan servicers to document their right to foreclose.

The laws will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2013, and borrowers can access courts to enforce their rights under this legislation.

The Homeowner Bill of Rights builds upon and extends reforms first negotiated in the recent national mortgage settlement between



49 states and leading lenders. Harris secured up to \$18 billion for California homeowners in that agreement, and has also built a Mortgage Fraud Strike Force to investigate crime and fraud associated with mortgages and foreclosures.

“The California Homeowner Bill of Rights will give struggling homeowners a fighting shot to keep their home,” said Harris. “This legislation will make the mortgage and foreclosure process more fair and transparent, which will benefit homeowners, their community, and the housing market as a whole.”

Brown said California residents “should not have to suffer the abu-

sive tactics of those who would push foreclosure behind the back of an unsuspecting homeowner.”

“These new rules make the foreclosure process more transparent so that loan servicers cannot promise one thing while doing the exact opposite,” he added.

The California Homeowner Bill of Rights also contains a variety of bills outside of the conference committee process. These will enhance law enforcement responses to mortgage and foreclosure-related crime, in part by empowering the Attorney General to call a grand jury in response to financial crimes spanning multiple jurisdictions, officials said.

Additional elements are intended to help communities fight blight related to foreclosure, and provide enhanced protections for tenants in foreclosed homes.

The California Homeowner Bill of Rights was introduced February 29, 2012 at a press conference featuring Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez and Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and bill authors from the Assembly and Senate.

The Whittier Community Center is at 7630 Washington Ave. in Whittier.



Students celebrate smoking prohibitions

DOWNEY – A sign at the entrance of Furman Park clearly spells out Downey’s prohibition of smoking in Downey’s 12 public parks. Even so, Steven Duran says smoking is a common occurrence there.

“I see it all the time,” the 16-year-old said. Although the outdoor smoking ordinance passed a year ago, there’s an ongoing need to raise public awareness of the smoking prohibition as well as the cigarette litter problem, said Alexander Gaytan, advisor of the Kiwanis Green Team environmental club.

On Aug. 15, youth representatives of the Kiwanis Green Team, Downey High KIWIN’S and Downey High Key Club joined forces with Councilmen Fernando Vasquez and Luis Marquez to host a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the unveiling of the first sign smoke-free parks sign. The celebration took place before the concerts at the park performance and included an educational booth about cigarette litter found at the 12 parks.

Members of the Green Team celebrated by cutting a cake shaped like a no smoking sign and invited residents to join in and have a piece.

Laura Garcia, a member of the Green Team, said many teens view smoking as “not that big of a deal.

“But it is a big deal,” she said. “It kills so many people. I want to educate people about the dangers of tobacco and maybe convince those who won’t quit to not drop their cigarette litter at our parks.”

Another Green Team member, Margarita Hernandez of East Middle School, said she has a personal connection to the issue.

“I’ve had relatives who have died from smoking. I felt I had to be a part of getting the word out.”

As a parent, Gloria Hernandez said she is grateful for the smoking prohibition in public parks and greater public awareness of the health risks of tobacco.

“I wouldn’t come here if I saw smoking. It’s just not safe for her,” said Hernandez, referring to her 7-year-old daughter, Gabriela.

Vasquez and Marquez applauded the youth and said the Green Team, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Downey, played a major role in the passage of the smoking ban in parks.

The youth group has now set its sights on the spreading awareness to all park goers that smoking is no longer allowed and encouraging smokers to drop their cigarette litter at the designated areas set for them. They plan to follow up by conducting monthly cigarette litter removals at all 12 parks.

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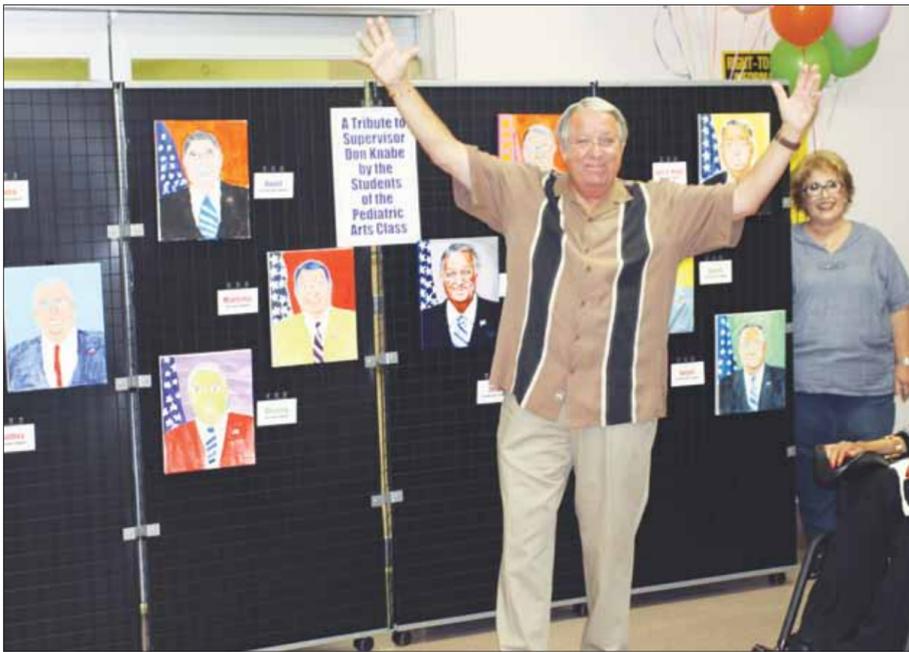
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Art students surprise Don Knabe with portraits

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The reception was held in the first floor Physical Therapy Gym of the Jacquelin Perry Institute at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

The Supervisor was visibly moved by the 15 paintings, which were displayed during the reception and also turned into a poster called "The Many Faces of Don Knabe." His voice was filled with emotion as he thanked the young artists for the tribute.

"You are my inspiration and my motivation," he said. "I am so proud of each of you and everything you

are accomplishing, not just in this class, but in life."

Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco praised the Supervisor for his "incredible support, without which this program would not be possible".

The students who have completed the 2012 Pediatric Arts Program include Zinthia Alvarado, Jasmin Amador, Jonathan Alvarenga, Destiny Barajas, Johanna Calderon,

Joel Castro, Bryan Juarez, Deisy Mendez, Jesus and Luis Morales, Maira Morales, Alexis Pule, Angel Pule, David Ramos, Jose Ramos, Charlie Uribe, Daisy Varela, Mari-cruz Varela and Jose Zendejas.

Each of the students completed eight art sessions in the Pediatric Arts program.

"This is our largest Pediatric Arts class yet, and we're amazed

and pleased at the work these students have done," said instructor and renowned artist Steve Clay.

His fellow instructor and noted artist Robert Thome said, "These young artists have worked so hard to produce the work you see today, and it is just tremendous. We salute each of these young people for having the courage to push the envelope and create such powerful

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—Greg Waskul, Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

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This Garden Party scene is brought to you by Downey's Symphony Board as a delightful fundraiser for the orchestra's 55th season, ta-da, and its Music in the Schools outreach program.

The date is Sunday afternoon, Sept. 16, from 4-8 p.m., and includes a live auction of many goodies, from membership in the Downey YMCA to a vacation package in Las Vegas.

ICing on the cake, literally, are 15 lusciously varied desserts, made by Symphony board members, to enjoy with coffee before you head home.

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– Joyce Sherwin

Caregivers have chance to win Caribbean cruise

DOWNEY – Local caregivers are invited to enter a contest to win a Caribbean cruise for two set to sail next spring.

The contest is sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, which provides caregiver services to Downey, Norwalk, Bellflower and Paramount.

To enter, applicants should write in 500 words or less why the nominated caregiver deserves to win. Nominations can be submitted online at homeinsteadcaregivercruise.com or e-mail to homeinsteadgivercruise@gmail.com.

"We certainly do understand the burden of providing quality care for a loved one, which is why we are very pleased to sponsor this contest that will give a hardworking family caregiver an opportunity to take a break from daily responsibilities," said Leslie Cabral, owner of Home Instead Senior Care.

Entry deadline is Oct. 31, with winners scheduled to be announced Nov. 15.

The Caregiver Stress Management Cruise on the Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas is scheduled to set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Feb. 25 and return to dock on March 2. Stops will be made in Labadee, Haiti and Falmouth, Jamaica.

In addition to the cruise, winners and guest will receive airfare to Fort Lauderdale and an overnight stay. Home Instead will provide a professional caregiver for the winner's loved one for the duration of the cruise.

For more information, call (562) 401-0010 or go to homeinstead.com/516.

Free car show Sept. 8

NORWALK – A summertime car show will be held at Keystone Ford, 12000 E. Firestone Blvd., on Sept. 8.

Roll-in time is 8-10:30 a.m. The show is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All car clubs and solo riders are welcome. There is no entry fee or spectator admission charge.

Trophies will be handed out for best lowrider, best bomb, best vicla, best Euro and People's Choice.

The car show is a family-friendly event with jumpers, free food, snow cones and more.

For more information, call Larry at (562) 645-2555.

Pharaohs Car Club hosting car show

NORWALK – Pharaohs Car Club will host its 20th annual car show Sept. 16 at Excelsior High School.

There will be live performances by MC Magic and Rocky Padilla, along with food, prizes, raffles and fun for the kids.

General admission is \$10 with proceeds going to the NLMAA scholarship fund.

The car show is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workshop to offer details on Obama's deferred action program

NORWALK – Cerritos College will host a workshop Tuesday to offer more information on President Obama's deferred action immigration policy, which allows undocumented immigrants who meet certain criteria to stay legally in the country.

Attorney Joseph Weiner will lead the presentation, which is free and open to the public. Parking is \$2.

For more information on the workshop, call Daryabuth Martinez at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2518.

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Isaac Dan progressing well on Cal track & field

• Downey High grad is entering sophomore year with Golden Bears.

By James Williams
Contributor

DOWNEY – Class of 2011 Downey High graduate Isaac Dan reflects on his first season as a member of the University of California, Berkeley track and field team.

Dan capped his first season with the Cal Golden Bears after finishing in 19th place in the hammer throw at the 2012 USA Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Bloomington, Indiana.

"I was happy that I hit the mark I needed to qualify because it was my first year ever throwing hammer," Dan said. "I was pleased -- I could say I was top 20 in the country for my age group."

Dan feels that his first season at Cal is "definitely" something he can build off of coming into his second season as he will likely compete in both the indoor and outdoor track sea-

sons. "The two seasons take a lot out of you," Dan said. "Last year I redshirted indoor and competed in outdoor."

Dan originally planned to redshirt both indoor and outdoor track and field seasons.

"I was going to redshirt both but I started doing well halfway through outdoor, so they pulled my redshirt," Dan added.

Despite only competing in the outdoor meets during his first season he has taken note of a few differences between the indoor and outdoor seasons.

"With preparation, indoor is different because there is no discus, and instead of hammer they have the 35 pound weight throw," he said. "We throw a lot of weight during the fall and early winter to prepare for indoor on top of the other events."

Cal was his dream school and a place in which he could reach his full potential especially with two seasons to participate in per year, instead of the single spring track season that high school athletes are custom too.

"Once I started looking at where I wanted to go to school, Cal became

one of my dream schools," he said.

"When they began recruiting me it was a dream come true to have the opportunity," he added.

Dan feels that since his arrival to Cal, he has discovered a "whole new world of track and field, with people who are crazy for the sport."

"(Dan) is really committed to being a teammate before anything else," Cal teammate Evan Barr said. "I notice the effort he makes."

Dan and his teammates feel that his technique is "night and day" compared to how it was in high school and entering his first season with Cal.

"(Dan) has been a great training partner, and his skills in the hammer throw have greatly improved," said Cal athlete Sullivan Parker.

After spending his high school track and field career as a discus thrower, Dan now considers himself as a hammer thrower over a discus thrower.

"I like the hammer because it's a technical event. I feel like I'm naturally better at hammer as well," Dan explained.

Aside from his current track and field journey at Cal, Dan has a few goals set for the future which includes graduating with a degree in public health, which is a biological science.

Dan also is working on a few goals to help continue his athletics career after Cal.

"I am currently in the process of getting my dual citizenship for Argentina, so I can have the opportunity to compete for their national team in the future if I get good enough," Dan said.

Downey High hosting cheer camp

DOWNEY – Downey High School cheerleaders will host a cheer camp on Sept. 15 for boys and girls ages 5-13.

Participants will learn game action cheers and perform during half-time of the varsity football game on Sept. 21 at Allen Layne Stadium.

Cost of the clinic is \$30 and includes a T-shirt, snacks and two admission tickets to the football game. The clinic is from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the Downey High gym.

To register call Jan Guastella at (562) 923-8675 or Janet Minnig at (562) 923-5883. Registration will also be taken the day of camp.

Food trucks at St. John of God

NORWALK – St. John of God School will host a food truck festival Friday night from 5-9 p.m. in the school parking lot.

The school is at 13819 S. Pioneer Blvd. in Norwalk.

Picnic at Heritage Park

CERRITOS – Assemblyman Tony Mendoza is sponsoring a Labor Day family picnic this Saturday at Heritage Park in Cerritos.

The picnic is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be free food, drinks and "an informative good time."

Former teacher speaking to club

DOWNEY – Former Warren High School teacher Sharon Simonian will be guest speaker at the Sept. 12 meeting of the Downey Christian Women's Club.

The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country. All are invited, including men.

Simonian's topic is "What is a Category 3 gift?"

Gerald Blackburn, president of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation, will also give a presentation.

Admission is \$14 and includes a buffet lunch. Reservations are requested by calling Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Norwalk Walmart robbed by man with a knife

NORWALK – Authorities are searching for the person who brandished a knife while robbing the Walmart in Norwalk earlier this month.

The man entered Walmart at 2:10 p.m. on Aug. 10 and began opening packages inside the store, stuffing the merchandise inside his clothes.

He left the store without paying for the merchandise and was confronted by store's loss prevention associates, said Sgt. Michael Mendoza of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

When confronted, the man pulled a knife and brandished it to the store workers, officials said. He then walked away.

He is described as white, about 30 years old, 6 feet 2 inches tall, 185-200 lbs. with blonde hair.

The same Walmart was robbed May 17 when a local transient allegedly used a handgun to hold up a store cashier.

Andrew Alexander Ramirez, 25, is suspected of approaching a cashier and lifting his shirt to show a black handgun.

After taking the money, Ramirez allegedly fled in a car south on Pioneer Boulevard.

Ramirez is described as Hispanic, 5 feet 8 inches tall and 200 pounds. Surveillance cameras showed him wearing a Los Angeles Dodgers cap with a navy blue shirt and shorts.

Authorities say Ramirez may be homeless and in the Norwalk, Whittier, Santa Fe Springs area.

Anyone with information on either incident is asked to call the Norwalk Sheriff's Station at (562) 863-8711.

4-year-old robbed of gold chain

LYNWOOD – Law enforcement officials released a composite sketch this week of a man suspected of robbing a 4-year-old boy of his gold chain.

The boy and his sister were reportedly in the front of a laundry facility in Lynwood on Aug. 20 when the suspect walked up to the boy, grabbed the chain and pushed him to the ground, causing the chain to break.

The boy sustained a scratch on the bottom of his chin as a result of the attack.

The boy's mother, who was inside the laundry facility when the attack occurred, said the chain was a gift he received at his baptism.

The suspect was described as black, 25-30 years old, about 6 feet tall, 160-180 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and a thin mustache. He was wearing black pants, a black short-sleeved shirt and black hat.

He was last seen running south on the 11400 block of Atlantic Avenue.

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

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CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Adria Jimenez, CMC
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8/30/12, 9/6/12

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CASH CONTRACT NO. 692/693 COLUMBIA WAY/BROOKSHIRE AVENUE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 20, 2012, at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California. **Cash Contract No. 692/693 Columbia Way/Brookshire Avenue Water Improvement Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consist of potable water improvements including the installation of new 12-inch water main, installation of new fire hydrant assemblies, water meters and meter boxes, combination air release and vacuum valve assemblies, blow-off assembly, hot tapping of existing water mains, installation of gate valves, tees, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of the existing water mains, removal and salvaging of the existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters and boxes, traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specifications entitled as Cash Contract No. 692/693.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$35.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, SOUTHEAST ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: V5022909

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: Continued to 9-12-12, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER**, February 29, 2012
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On this date, August 02, 2012, I, the undersigned Owner, do hereby formally make public notice that I have acknowledged the below described deed, taking possession of the land described herein and do, in fact, occupy said land. I, the Owner have updated the Land Patent for this land and do hereby declare notice of our homestead of this land. I hold this land in Fee Simple/ Allodium, by Land Grant/Patent, including all appurtenances and hereditaments. To the best of my knowledge there is no lawful claim against this land and I believe there is no evidence to the contrary.

If any party, by deed, mortgage or other claims an interest in below described land, the party must come forward within ninety (90) calendar days and state your claim or forever hold your peace. Your claim must be lawfully documented by providing the wet ink signature documents that prove your claim against this land. Failure to state your claim within (90) ninety calendar days from the date of the posting of this Public Notice will forever bar any and all claims. Failure to state a claim within (90) calendar days will be final judgment by default and estoppel. Herein fail Not. This Notice will be posted in a conspicuous public place for no less than (30) consecutive days. This Notice will be posted in a conspicuous public place for no less than the incorporated state statutory requirements. Land description is included in the above referenced Land Grant/Patent and as commonly known as: **Address: 6445 Dos Rios Road Downey California 90240.**

All claimants must deliver all claims to the Owner, by mail, at the following location within the (90) ninety calendar days or default. Default will be entered on the date of filing of this notice. **Mail Claims To: Mariabeth Momville Dante 9868 Carlo Ave. Fontana California 92335** Non-Domestic without the US

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL C. STEPHENSON aka MICHAEL STEPHENSON
Case No. VP013237

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate of MICHAEL C. STEPHENSON aka MICHAEL STEPHENSON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Joe Carrillo in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Joe Carrillo be appointed as personal administrator to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 16, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. L located at 12720 Norwalk Bl., Norwalk, CA 90650.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: JEFFREY A COLEMAN ESQ LAW OFFICES OF JEFFREY A COLEMAN 195 S C ST STE 250 TUSTIN CA 92780

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TRUSTEE Sale No. 248151CA Loan No. 0730068897 Title Order No. 754237 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03-08-2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY. **NOTICE TO BIDDER: 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 09-14-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03-16-2007, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 2007058952, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California, executed by: JOEL HARNIN CASTILLO CORONADO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, 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 at the Internet Web Site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales information: (800)280-2832. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Date: August 16, 2012. (R-417051 08/30/12, 09/06/12, 09/13/12)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-1355099-02. Information about postpositions 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. For sales information: (800)280-2832. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Date: August 16, 2012. (R-417051 08/30/12, 09/06/12, 09/13/12)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-MS1 AND 2012 DEED OF TRUST UNDER DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/26/2010 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 federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or 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 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. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMOONA, CA 91766. **43 BLOCK "R" OF PETROLEUM CENTER, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 1 AND 2 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$368,049.24 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 12029 LOWEMOUNT STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8080-029-031 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 as is, where is, with all liens against it as of the date of recording of this deed. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4513653 TS No.: CA100208472 FHA/VA... 6503 RIVERGROVE DRIVE DOWNEY, CA 90240 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/02/06. 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...

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 Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4074474 Doc ID #0001052773452005N Title Order No. 12-0086105 Investor/Insurer No. 1699820583 APN No. 6286-024-065 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/15/2005. 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...

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CRIME REPORT

Saturday, Aug. 25

At 5:30 a.m., Downey Police were contacted and advised that a male victim had been transported to a local hospital from 8803 Imperial Hwy (La Perla Del Mar). Officers discovered the victim had been involved in a fight at the location and during the assault he fell to the ground striking his head. The victim suffered facial fractures and a fractured skull as a result of the assault. He was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit for treatment, where he remained in a coma overnight. Detectives are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Downey Police Department.

Sunday, Aug. 26

At 3:41 a.m., officers responded to the 7300 block of Quill St regarding a vehicle burglary in progress. Officers located one suspect inside of the victim's vehicle as another ran from the scene. Officers were ultimately unable to locate the second suspect following a search of the area. Ultimately two vehicles were found to have been burglarized at the location. Detectives are investigating.

Monday, Aug. 27

At 2:13 a.m., officers stopped a vehicle in the area of Firestone Blvd and Woodruff Ave that was possibly involved in an assault with a deadly weapon incident. Officers detained 2 suspects and after being interviewed by detectives, the suspects admitted being involved in the assault incident as well as a robbery which had occurred a few days prior. A third suspect was also identified and the case will be presented to the District Attorney's office for filing.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

At 9:30 a.m., the mother of a 2 year old girl reported her daughter missing. The evening prior a person known to the mother told her she was going to take the girl to the store and would return shortly. When the suspect did not return the mother notified the police department. Officers began searching for the child and suspect. Detectives also interviewed family members of the suspect and after some investigating they were able to convince the woman to respond to a nearby location with the child. The child was returned home safely and the suspect was arrested pending further investigation.

Wednesday, Aug. 29

At 12:50 p.m., officers were sent to the bank located at 11101 La Reina regarding a possible access card theft. Officers met with bank employees who reported finding a "skimming" device and additional camera mounted on the ATM machine. Detectives were advised and are investigating.

Information provided by the Downey Police Department

Asian gang leader gets 218 years for murders

LOS ANGELES – The Asian Boyz bloody murder spree in 1995 and 1996 came to a conclusion last Friday when a Los Angeles Superior Court judge sentenced the final defendant to 218 years to life in state prison.

Pierre Mercado, 38, who holed up in the Philippines for a decade before being caught and extradited to Los Angeles, was sentenced by Judge Curtis Rappe.

Judge Rappe presided over Mercado's jury trial that ended early this month with four first-degree murder convictions, along with five attempted premeditated murders and two aggravated kidnappings. Jurors also found true gun and gang allegations.

The defendant was the last Asian Boyz member to be convicted of a series of gang-motivated shootings in the San Gabriel and San Fernando valleys, as well as near Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Deputy District Attorney Eugene Hanrahan, who with Deputy District Attorney Hoon Chun prosecuted the case, said the gang launched a killing spree to instill fear in rival gang members.

Pierre Mercado, known on the street as "Boo Boo," and his older brother, Marvin, fled to the Philippines after the murders and were returned to Los Angeles in 2007. Marvin Mercado was convicted of eight gang murders at an earlier separate trial and is serving multiple life prison terms.

Seven other Asian Boyz were tried and convicted in 1999. All are serving life terms in state prison.

The murders for which Pierre Mercado was convicted included three young men who were gunned down near the San Bernardino Freeway in El Monte in August 1995 when they were mistaken as members of a Chinese-based gang, two Marines who were fired upon in July 1995 while in an open-air jeep near LAX and the March 1996 murder of one young man and the wounding of another at a San Fernando Valley party.

Police make arrests in bank fraud case

LOS ANGELES – Seven people have been arrested and charged using phony driver's licenses and Social Security cards to drain the bank accounts of unsuspecting victims.

The arrests occurred last week as a federal task force served search and arrest warrants throughout L.A. County.

The task force included Secret Service agents and officers from the Huntington Beach Police Department, in conjunction with local police agencies at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The suspects allegedly used phony identification to remove cash from the victims' checking and savings accounts.

They were able to withdraw up to \$9,000 in a single transaction, but as much as \$35,000 in a single day, authorities said.

The scam had been ongoing over the last several years. The total take was estimated to be "in the multiple tens of millions" of dollars, law enforcement officials said.

Victims are scattered throughout the United States but a large majority are from California and Washington state.

Law enforcement officials said they confiscated several hundred thousand dollars in cash, jewelry and "high-end cars" while serving last week's search warrants.

Anyone with additional information on the case is asked call Detective Smith at (714) 960-8848 or Sgt. Shields at (714) 536-5948.

DUI checkpoint in Bellflower

BELLFLOWER – Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies will conduct a DUI and driver's license checkpoint tonight at an undisclosed location in Bellflower.

Anyone caught driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be arrested, authorities said.

The public is encouraged to report drunk drivers by calling 911.

3 people stabbed in separate Norwalk attacks

NORWALK – A Norwalk man used a knife to slash his girlfriend in the neck during a domestic dispute last weekend, Norwalk Sheriff's officials said.

Detectives began investigating after a woman went to a local hospital Sunday with wounds to her neck and hand, authorities said.

The woman is expected to survive. Deputies arrested Marco Antonio Ruiz, 27, and charged him with assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence.

Ruiz reportedly attacked the woman at a home on the 12100 block of Beaty Avenue.

He was held in lieu of \$50,000 bail and was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday at Bellflower Superior Court.

Meanwhile, a pregnant woman was in custody after she allegedly stabbed her boyfriend in the back Monday night.

Karina Soto, 31, allegedly got into an argument with her boyfriend at the 12000 block of Ringwood Avenue.

Authorities said she stabbed the man in the back more than once. The victim, who was not identified, was taken to a hospital where his condition was not known.

Authorities did not say what sparked the stabbing.

Finally, a man was stabbed numerous times as he walked near the 14300 block of Pontlavoy Avenue last Saturday.

The victim, described only as a male Hispanic, was stabbed multiple times in the chest and arms, said Lt. Josie Woolum of the Norwalk Sheriff's Station. He was able to stagger to Marquez Restaurant on Rosecrans Avenue for help.

He was transported to UC Irvine Medical Center where he was listed in stable condition.

No description of the suspect was available. The suspect's car was described only as a gray-colored vehicle.

Investigators have not determined if the stabbing was gang-related, Woolum said.

–Eric Pierce, editor

Festival pays tribute to 60s icons

LONG BEACH – The Purple Revolver music festival celebrating 60s and 70s pop culture "with a 21st century slant" takes place Sept. 15 at the Rainbow Lagoon near Shoreline Village in Long Beach.

The festival will feature live performances by Beatles, Queen and Led Zeppelin tribute bands, and prizes will be awarded to the best Marilyn Monroe, Elvis, Elton John and Jackson 5 lookalikes.

A car show will feature classic muscle cars from the 60s and 70s, along with hot rods, custom roadsters and movie cars.

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Great Downey Home
Regular Sale! This cozy home in Downey features 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and a 2 car garage. This property is located less than a mile away from the Downey Landing shopping center. Also, this home is walking distance to the Columbia Memorial Space Center and Park. Priced to sell at \$285,000.



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Another Satisfied Downey Client!
This is a very clean property! This cute and cozy Downey home features a formal dining room for entertaining, fresh interior paint and central air & heat. The updated bathroom has a separate shower and tub. This home also includes copper plumbing, new carpet in the bedrooms and dual pane windows. Priced to sell at \$329,000



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