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Mark Vasquez wants to be the people's councilman

DOWNEY – Mark Vasquez has no intention of becoming a career politician – in fact, the longtime Downey resident and community volunteer says he already has a career.

"I'm a retired florist of 60 years," said Vasquez with a smile. "Downey has been good to us, I just want to fulfill my civic duties and help the city."

For the second time in eight years, Vasquez is running for the Downey City Council hoping to become the people's councilman that'll bring a resident's perspective to the dais this November.

Vasquez is just one of three contenders hoping to replace Councilman David Gafin, who will be termed out of office this year.

Former president of the Downey Rose Float Association and resident of Downey for more than 30 years, Vasquez owns Saywell Florist, located at 10235 Paramount Blvd., which he ran with his wife for 32 years.

In 2004, Vasquez ran against Gafin for the District 1 seat and lost, but has never stopped his volunteer work in the community.

"Gafin appointed me to the city's hospital board and later the Recreation and Community Services Commission," he said. "I'm civically-minded, a member of the Elks and the Downey Chamber of Commerce. I don't want to be left behind – I want to get involved."

In November, Vasquez, 74, will faceoff against Planning Commissioner Michael Murray, who owns Downey Used Cars on Lakewood Boulevard, and Councilman Luis Marquez who decided last month to vacate his District 5 city-wide seat in order to seek reelection in District 1.

"Marquez keeps running for the state and saying he's doing it for the community," Vasquez said. "If he's doing it for the community, why didn't he stay in District 5?"

While Vasquez did not offer much in terms of campaign promises, the San Antonio, Texas native did make a strong commitment to preserve the Downey Fire Department if elected.

Although the city lost a fire engine during recent budget concessions to prevent firefighter layoffs, Vasquez said switching to county fire service would be even worse for the city.

"It'll cost a fortune once they're out," said Vasquez. "Some of the guys think they'll make more [money], but the city would lose all the property. It would cost us a fortune to buy it back."

Even though Vasquez doesn't plan to collect any donations or seek any endorsements, he's hopeful his self-financed, low-key campaign will connect with local residents who want a councilman they can trust.

"I'm a concerned citizen dedicated for Downey," said Vasquez. "I've supported Downey, I'm all for Downey – I'm not running for state or county, I'm running in support for Downey."

–Christian Brown, staff writer



Marsha Moode, center, said the Downey Civic Light Opera could shut down if the city raises its rates and takes away control of its box office. City officials counter that they can no longer afford to subsidize the DCLO.

DCLO to continue for now, but future uncertain

• Downey Civic Light Opera, adamant about handling its own ticket sales, reaches compromise with city of Downey.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Light Opera will continue its 2012-13 season as scheduled after city officials on Monday agreed to let the 57-year-old theater company keep control of its own box office as long as the organization grants the city access to its patron list and ticket sales information.

The compromise comes after weeks of uncertainty surrounding the future of the DCLO, which threatened to close its doors after the city announced the group would have to forfeit the rights to its box office for the last two productions of the season.

Marsha Moode, executive director of the DCLO for 12 years, protested the policy change, which would have switched over control to VenueTech, the private theater group contracted in 2010 to manage the Downey Civic Theatre.

"They wanted to take away my tickets," said Moode, who argues she needs operating money to pay the costs associated with each production. "I need to control the tickets – there must be a fluidity of cash before [each production] to pay for the sets and costumes. There are payments on royalties and insurances, and after we pay the actors and musicians."

Moode says the theater company would not be able to survive if VenueTech took over the box office as it takes nearly two weeks for the city to issue checks for such payments.

During a theatre subcommittee meeting at City Hall on Monday, City Manager Gilbert Livas and

Mayor Roger Brossmer expressed a desire to keep the DCLO vital, but acknowledged the organization must become more transparent and less costly.

"We're concerned with the longevity of the DCLO, we would like to see it move forward," said Livas. "So we're willing to say, you can control the ticket sales, but we want to have the empirical data. How many tickets are you selling? How many are you comping?"

Brossmer agreed that the theater company is a valuable asset to the city, but he maintained the two entities must work closer together.

"We're asking to see the exchange, the patron list, ticket sales. No organization's survival should rest on one person," said Brossmer turning towards Moode. "What if you decide to retire after one or two seasons? If we want the legacy of the DCLO continued, we have to have something."

Moode, who has worked with the DCLO since 1986, said she has no desire to leave her post as executive director anytime soon, but just wanted to ensure her season could continue as scheduled.

"I'm here for the long run, I'll pick my own time to stop," she said. "I'm very happy – I felt an obligation to the subscribers who in good faith already purchased tickets. I've been doing this for 26 years, why change the policy now?"

Although city officials agreed to let Moode control the box office this season, Brossmer says everything including theatre fees and ticket sales will be on the table next fiscal year.

"We appreciate you agreeing to sharing your box office," he said. "But we have to realize that in the long-term there has to be some changes."

Currently, the city offers the DCLO nearly \$50,000 in subsidies, charging the organization discounted rates for staff costs and the use of the theatre.



While an average tenant would pay \$120 per hour to rent the theatre Monday through Friday, the DCLO pays just \$50 per hour, said Arlene Salazar, interim director of community services.

"The issue is dollars and cents... we're all big supporters of the arts, but arts is a cost drain to any community," said Councilman David Gafin. "As politicians we have to tell non-art-loving people why it's worth supporting the arts and to what extent."

"The slush account is not there anymore. We can't spend more, we have to work with what we have," added Gafin.

The DCLO and the city currently have a one-year contract, which keeps rental fees low until July 2013, but Brossmer maintains the "super subsidies" will have to end next year.

"We need to quantify these things," he said. "These are tough fiscal times...the reality is we have to pay the bills. We can't continue at this level of subsidy."

Every season the DCLO puts on three musicals at the Downey Civic Theatre, one in the fall and two in the spring. The theater company's next production, "Crazy for You," will open as scheduled on Sept. 28.

School board hires firm to help find new superintendent

• Illinois-based firm will help school board find replacement for Dr. Wendy Doty, who retires next March.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA), a national search firm based in Rosemont, Illinois that specializes in looking for suitable candidates to fill superintendent and other top-echelon school district positions, has won over four other competing search firms and will conduct the search for a replacement for Dr. Wendy Doty, who has announced her retirement effective the end of March next year.

The board's choice came after the five search firms made their presentations in a special morning board meeting Aug. 7 that lasted almost four hours.

The four other search firms, equally possessing lots of relevant experience and equally prestigious, were: Leadership Associates, which operates out of Mission Viejo and La Quinta; Ray and Associates, Inc., with corporate offices in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and a western office in Laguna Niguel; The Cosca Group, based in Fairfield, CA; and Dave Long & Associates, headquartered in Laguna Beach.

"What tipped the balance in HYA's favor," according to board member Willie Gutierrez, "was, one, the fact that HYA seemed to emphasize more the roles of unions, PTA groups, the city, and the like, in the information-gathering process aimed at identifying the desired characteristics in the superintendent. Also, HYA's consultants gave the impression that they were more knowledgeable about the goings-on in Downey, about the district, about its culture. They seemed to have done more homework than the others."

Because of time considerations and to offset factors that could cause unforeseen delays in the search process, it was agreed that the sooner the process begins, the better. The search process could get rolling as early as this Monday, as HYA and the board conduct its first planning session to customize the search strategy according to the district's particular needs and requirements.

The 1 p.m. special meeting on Monday will, among other things, touch on dovetailing district and consultant approaches to the search, the search timeline, the criteria in the choice of a superintendent, and the outlines of a communication plan designed to keep the board informed about the progress of the search every step of the way, and as a mechanism to alert the consultants in future to any issues that may arise.

HYA consultants assigned to the search are Dr. Pedro Garcia and Dr. Rudy Castruita, both currently professors of clinical education at USC's Rossier School of Education, and both experienced top-tier school district/county administrators. Garcia's most recent full-time assignment prior to USC was superintendent of the Metropolitan School District in Nashville, TN while Castruita's was superintendent of the San Diego County Office of Education.

After the initial planning session will follow selection criteria development, the recruitment phase, the selection phase, and the appointment phase. There's even a provision, if desired, for a transition plan for the new superintendent, who is slated to assume office on April 1, 2013.

Since the search will be open to inside candidates, Roger Brossmer, assistant superintendent of certificated human resources and concurrent mayor of Downey, said he will throw his hat in the ring.

"I have a great job," he said. "I'll be honored to be a candidate for superintendent."

Taste of Downey less than a week away

DOWNEY – More than two dozen local restaurants will participate in this year's Taste of Downey food festival, taking place Thursday, Sept. 20, in the civic center parking lot from 5:30-9 p.m.

In addition to food, there will also be live entertainment, an expanded art show and, for the first time, a beer and wine garden.

Nearly 40 artists responded to a call for artists, and 12 were chosen to participate at Taste of Downey, said Valentin Flores, executive director of Downey Art Vibe, which was hired to put on the event.

Local singer Amanda Brown will perform, along with a live pianist and classic rock group The Answer.

New to this year's Taste of Downey is a beer and wine garden, hosted by Soroptimist International of Downey.

The full line-up of participating restaurants 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

Tickets to Taste of Downey will be sold for \$25 on the day of the event, but Downey Art Vibe will be selling discounted tickets for \$18 Saturday morning at the farmers market. The booth will be set-up at 11027 Downey Avenue, in front of Cartozian & Associates.



Meredith Perkins, right, was presented a plaque last week for his soon-to-be-completed term as president of Optimist Club of Downey. Greg Waskul, left, is incoming president.

Perkins honored by Optimists

DOWNEY — Outgoing Optimist Club of Downey President Meredith Perkins was saluted for his leadership and commitment to the youth of the community at the club's annual installation dinner, which was held last week at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event was attended by members of the Optimist Club and board members of Soroptimist International of Downey.

Perkins, whose term ends September 30, is a former Downey mayor who has maintained a leadership role in community organizations such as the YMCA and The Arc of Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

"Meredith worked very hard this year, and as a result, it was a

very good year for the Optimist Club and the many programs we support that benefit Downey's youth," said incoming President Greg Waskul. He presented Perkins with a special plaque commemorating his highly successful year as president.

"We want everyone to know what an incredible job you did, Meredith," Waskul said. "We are all very thankful for the tremendous effort you made on behalf of our members and our community. You took a sincere interest in each of us, and that we will never forget."

Treasurer Steve Allen reported that the club's golf tournament made 30 percent more profit in 2012 than in the previous two years, a performance that Perkins said was

made possible because of the excellent work of golf chair Mark Sauter. "Mark and his committee brought in many new golfers this year. He spearheaded a most successful tournament which allowed us to fund activities for the youth of our community."

Club Board Member Roy Acker installed the new officers, who also included First Vice President Tom Burney, Second Vice President Bert Wootan, and the club's continuing board members.

Waskul was also honored as Optimist of the Year by Perkins and presented with a framed scroll signed by Optimist International President Jack Creswell.

Service academy workshop Oct. 13

DOWNEY — Local students are invited to an information workshop Oct. 13 where they can learn about our nation's five military service academies and how to obtain a congressional nomination.

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard will lead the workshop, which starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Downey City Library.

Academy representatives and current students will be on-hand to answer questions about eligibility requirements, cadet life, academics, athletics and career opportunities after graduation.

Service academies offer a free college education in exchange for five years of military service as a commissioned officer.

The workshop is open to students, parents and the public.

For more information, call (323) 721-8790.

Battle of the bands at Downey High

DOWNEY — Downey High School will host its first annual battle of the bands Oct. 4 pitting the band and color guard units from Downey and Warren.

Both schools' respective drumlines and color guards will perform, with audience members voting for the best band.

The competition is from 5-9 p.m. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public.

CERT training starts next month

DOWNEY — The Downey Fire Department will begin training the next class of the Community Emergency Response Team starting Oct. 6.

CERT team members are trained in emergency preparedness and respond after a disaster strikes their neighborhood.

Residents will learn how to increase their neighborhood's disaster readiness; assess damage after a disaster; extinguish small fires and teach fire safety; perform light search and rescue operations; perform triage and provide medical services to the injured; and organize procurement of supplies.

The training program was developed by the Downey Fire Department and is designed to help neighborhoods respond to disasters such as earthquakes and floods.

The city of Downey is part of a national network of CERT communities.

CERT training is free and open to residents ages 18 and older. Training takes place Oct. 6, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sign-up for training by sending an e-mail to ready@downeyca.org.

Woman gives birth in parking lot

DOWNEY — A pregnant woman gave birth in the parking lot at Downey Regional Medical Center on Saturday morning, fire officials said.

Both mother and child are doing fine.

Downey firefighters from Engine 62 and paramedics from Squad 641 responded to the hospital's parking lot Saturday at about 10:30 a.m. where they found the woman inside a car.

The woman, 31, was in labor. In fact, by the time firefighters arrived, the baby's head had already presented.

Downey Fire Paramedic James Hayes helped deliver the child. Mother and child were then transported to the emergency room just a few feet away.

School taking donations for student's funeral

DOWNEY — Lewis Elementary is accepting cash donations to help the family of a deceased student pay for funeral expenses.

Two children, ages 2 and 6, were killed in a single-vehicle accident on the 710 Freeway on Labor Day. The older child was a student at Lewis Elementary.

Two other children, ages 5 and 8, survived the crash, along with the 26-year-old mother, who is facing criminal charges.

School officials are helping family members raise money to offset funeral expenses, said Principal Robin Martin.

Cash donations can be made in the school office through next Friday, Sept. 21. The school is located at 13220 Bellflower Blvd.

Woman's Club schedules holiday sale

DOWNEY — The Woman's Club of Downey is holding their annual holiday boutique Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its clubhouse.

For information on how to become a vendor, contact Marie at mariefashion@aol.com or call (562) 884-5799.

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Meal on Wheels hosting yard sale

DOWNEY – Downey Meals on Wheels is holding a yard sale this Saturday at 9715 Mel Dar Ave., off Charloma Drive.

The yard sale starts at 8 a.m. and all proceeds will go to the local Meals on Wheels and their day-to-day operations.

Downey Meals on Wheels provides daily meals to homebound residents and also raises money for residents who can not pay for the service.

Downey branch of AAUW folds

DOWNEY – The Downey branch of the American Association of University Women held its final meeting Saturday, shutting down after 55 years due to declining membership.

The chapter launched in 1957, providing scholarships to Cerritos College female graduates who transferred to a four-year college or university. For many years Dr. Mary Stauffer would match the scholarships.

The club, however, struggled to attract new, younger members and funding the annual scholarships became difficult. Membership this year was at 20.

Before they officially folded Saturday, the chapter handed out seven scholarships to local women, including Phung Duong (Cal State Long Beach), Oralia Ojeda (UCLA), Sun Kim (UCLA), Nicole Gonzalez (UCLA), Danielle Horseman (UC Riverside), Anne Kelemen (Cal State Long Beach) and Elizabeth Azubuike (UC Riverside).

"In 1957 the AAUW Downey branch was organized to promote equity for women and girls, and life-long education and positive societal change," the chapter said in a statement. "It is very disappointing to report that after 55 years the awarding of the scholarships and goals cannot continue due to the lack of new membership. No young ones seem to want to get enrolled."

New church donates backpacks

DOWNEY – Life Church, a newly-established church in Downey, recently made a donation to the TLC Family Resource Center to benefit needy students.

Church member Alicia Edquist contacted the center and said the church wanted to help children in the community.

Church members were asked to donate a backpack and school supplies at a recent Sunday service. The turnout was "amazing" as 100 backpacks were donated to the TLC Center, along with school supplies.

TLC is a program of the Downey Unified School District that offers a variety of social services to local children. For more information, call (562) 904-3577.



Chrisoula Tatsios, a competitive diver and member of the St. George Greek Church in Downey, competed July 27 in the Junior Olympics at the AAU National Championships in Huntisville, N.C. She placed 25th in a field of over 600 divers competing in some 50 teams. Chrisoula, 15, has only been diving competitively the last three years, training at the Pacific Diving Academy of Santa Fe Springs. "Diving in the Nationals taught me so much," said Chrisoula, a student at Troy High School in Fullerton. "I got to drive with some of the best girls in the country." Chrisoula says she is now working extra hard – practicing 18 hours each week – to catch up to the girls who have been diving years longer than she has. "We expect to see great things from her," said Fr. John Constantine of St. George.

OLPH annual meeting

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will hold its annual general meeting Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the OLPH School auditorium.

Cost is \$10 and includes a salad lunch and bingo.

Parking is available on the south side of the school.

DJAA sign-ups Saturday

DOWNEY – The Downey Junior Athletic Association is holding flag football sign-ups Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at Apollo Park.

The league is open to kids in grades K-8.

Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate and report card when registering. The registration fee is \$75.

All players must be registered by Sept. 15.

For more details, go online to djaasports.org.

Bellflower resident wins Alaskan cruise

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower resident Barbara Winkler is departing for an eight-day Alaskan cruise today after winning a national contest for volunteer work.

The Cabot Creamery Cooperative chose Winkler as one of its 40 winners after learning about her work with Quilts of Valor, a nationwide group of quilters who create quilts for military veterans.

In addition to quilting, Winkler often purchased fabric and paid for shipping out of her own pocket.

The cruise departs from the Port of Seattle today and returns Sept. 21. On-board the cruise will be 20 "community celebrities" as chosen by local radio stations.



Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis' general meeting was "taken over" by Cal State Long Beach Circle K students Wednesday to help raise money for the campus organization. Circle K is a college club that serves the community by delivering lunch to seniors, hosting mentorship programs and helping needy children. Kiwanis president Alex Saab is pictured above with Circle K students.

Norwalk Toyota to expand sales area

NORWALK – Norwalk Toyota received approval from the Norwalk Planning Commission this week to begin work on extensive upgrades, including an expanded showroom and sales area, facade improvements and new signs.

According to plans submitted to the city for review, the dealership plans to construct a new office and car delivery area, a new patio and canopy, and a renovated showroom.

Norwalk Toyota, which actually sits on three properties and has 14 total buildings, will expand its main sales building from 13,975 square feet to more than 21,000 square feet.

Grass along the northwest corner of the property – near Imperial Highway and Orr & Day Road – will be replaced with concrete pavers so the dealer can park display vehicles near the intersection. Four 12-ft. light poles will be installed, plans show.

The dealership's exterior will also be remodeled to comply with Toyota's new image program. The main Toyota entry area will be 24 feet tall with glass panels featuring red and white trim.

The Scion entryway measures nearly 21 feet tall with black composite panels.

The Toyota brand name, Toyota logo, "Norwalk" dealer name and "service" sign will each be illuminated.

To guard against graffiti, wall and building surfaces will be treated with graffiti resistant product.

Planning commissioners followed the advice of city planners and unanimously approved the construction plans.

"Overall, staff believes that the proposed improvements will be an enhancement to the intersection and will provide an aesthetic improvement to the existing site by upgrading the building facade and signs while allowing for additional vehicle display and sales area," community development director Kurt Anderson wrote in a staff report.

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Downey resident Brittany M. Fields has been selected for membership into the National Society of High School Scholars. The society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved academic excellence. "Brittany is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future," said Claes Nobel, founder and chairman of the society. Brittany is a student at La Serna High School.

Educator to speak in Downey

DOWNEY - Noted author and educator Alan Lawrence Sitomer will speak and sign books in Downey on Monday.

Sitomer, California's "Teacher of the Year" in 2008 and "Innovative Teacher of the Year" in 2008, will discuss how to get children and teens excited about reading.

Sitomer has taught English at Lynwood High School and is on the faculty of Loyola Marymount University. His book, "Teaching Teens and Reaping Results," gives strategies for motivating reluctant readers and teaching them the value of education.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

The event is sponsored by the Downey City Library and starts at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall.

Admission is free but registration is requested by calling the adult information desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.



Girl Scout earns top award

DOWNEY - Downey resident Andrea Gamboz has been awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award for 2012, the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Gamboz, a sophomore at Cal State Long Beach, joined the Girl Scouts while a student at OLPH School in 2003.

To earn the Gold Award, Gamboz launched a project to provide homeless men in Los Angeles with warm scarves. She taught friends and family how to knit, hosted knitting parties and taught a group of children at OLPH daycare how to knit scarves.

The scarves were donated to a homeless ministry organization last year. Gamboz previously earned the Bronze and Silver awards, as well as the Catholic faith and I Live My Faith medals, and the Marian Medal.

Town hall meeting next month

DOWNEY - Councilman Mario Guerra will host his annual town hall meeting Oct. 17 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center starting at 6:30 p.m.

Members of the public will be given time to ask questions or share their thoughts and concerns.

For more information, call (562) 904-7274 or e-mail mguerra@downeyca.org.

Funeral services held for Maria Perez

DOWNEY - Maria Ruvalcaba Perez, born Nov. 23, 1922 in Clovis, Calif., passed away Sept. 7 in her home surrounded by her sisters, children and grandchildren.

A Downey resident for 17 years, she was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and a member of Apostolado de la Cruz and the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit.

She was preceded in death by her father, Francisco Villavicencio Ruvalcaba; mother, Petra Garcia; husband of 49 years, Jose Perez; and brothers, Jesus, Amado and Venancio.

She is survived by her sisters, Maria Patrocino, Romana and Zenida; brothers, Calixto, Pio and Francisco; daughters, Carmen, Rosa, Herminia, Estela and Nancy; sons, Jesse, Felix, Gonzalo, Frank and Michael; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Vigil services were held in her honor last Thursday at OLPH, with a funeral Mass Friday. Burial was at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.



Shelby Walker passes away at 74

DOWNEY - Shelby Anne Walker, born Aug. 7, 1938 in Bradford, Tenn., to Henry Clay and Dovie Estelle Lloyd, passed away on the morning of Aug. 26 at her home in Downey. She was 74.

About 1946, Shelby, her younger sister Betty and their parents moved to California. Shelby attended Huntington Park High School and Downey High.

In 1955 she married and the couple had two children, Anna and Ray. Shelby was of a Protestant Christian background and attended church virtually her entire life until she fell ill.

She is survived by her younger sister, Betty; daughter, Anna; son, Ray; two grandsons, Matthew and Paul; son-in-law, Steve; and granddaughter-in-law, Nicole.

A private memorial service was held Sept. 7 at Praise Chapel in Huntington Park.

Doctor to discuss colon cancer

CERRITOS - Colon cancer - something that health officials say most people don't want to think about, much less talk about - is the topic of a workshop Sept. 26 at the Cerritos Senior Center.

Although it may be an uncomfortable topic, learning to prevent this type of cancer may also help to save a life, said Dr. Sanat Patel of Pioneer Medical Group, who is leading the workshop.

Patel will discuss colon cancer and offer the best ways to prevent the disease.

The workshop is free but limited to adults ages 50 and older. The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

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Letters to the Editor:

Freedom of speech

Dear Editor:

I have lived in California for my entire 55 years. My political beliefs are conservative and recently I put a Mitt Romney bumper sticker on my vehicle.

Now to be sure I know the majority of citizens in this state vote progressive and our state's legislature affirms this. I have political conversations with others who disagree with my beliefs and I don't really have a problem with it.

I do get offended when I constantly hear that the Republican party spews racism, hatred and the like. However, I also hear the hatred they feel when describing all these unsupported issues.

Well, last week I parked in a large parking structure that was occupied by maybe 10 vehicles (capacity was probably 200) and was gone for two hours. When I returned I found a soiled diaper next to the driver's side door. Maybe just a coincidence? I didn't give too much thought to connecting the diaper to the bumper sticker, but it did cross my mind.

Well now someone took the Romney sticker off my vehicle. This, to me, is something that I find absolutely disgusting! Who could be so unpatriotic and bold to actually do something like this? Someone must really, really hate Romney for the Republicans.

I liken it to someone defacing or removing a political lawn sign. Our country was born and has been built by freedom. Now I know that this is a small incident and some might think I'm being trivial...that's their right. We must maintain a proud and positive decorum when dealing with all the issues our great country faces right now.

I just needed to vent...and by the way, I'm replacing the one sticker with two and one will be displayed from the inside. I hope I don't find a broken window some day soon when I go to get in my vehicle.

Paul Granata
Downey

Utility markings

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the Letter to the Editor published in The Downey Patriot on Sept. 7 from Mr. Al Rangel.

Mr. Rangel brings up a very good point about the unsightly nature of colored utility markings. These markings are a necessary "evil" (and required by state law) to protecting the City's, as well as other governmental and private utility agencies' pipelines/conduits. These agencies include oil and gas companies (BP, Exxon-Mobile and The Gas Company), electrical/telephone (So Cal Edison, Verizon, AT&T) and water agencies (Metropolitan Water District and Central Basin Water District).

Per California State law (CALIFORNIA CODES, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4216-4216.9), colored utility markings (paint or a similar coating) are required to indicate the locations and route of buried pipelines and electrical conduits in areas where subsurface excavation will occur. All markings are highly visible and indicate the name, initials or logo of the company that owns or operates the line. These markings assist the contractor that is doing work in the area to be aware of where he/she can cut the pavement and excavate in a safe manner. Without these markings, pipelines could be compromised, thereby jeopardizing the health and welfare of the public.

On Imperial Highway, specifically, there are several construction projects that are either ongoing or will begin construction shortly. These projects include: the Imperial Highway/Bellflower Boulevard Intersection Project, Kaiser Hospital Improvements, BP Oil Pipeline Integrity Inspection and the Columbia Way Waterline Project. The City also requires, in its permit process, that all utility markings associated with the permitted project be removed prior to final inspection or project closeout.

Numerous locations of graffiti "tagging" along the sidewalk and pavement on Imperial Highway were also present; City maintenance crews have since removed those markings.

Residents concerned with graffiti markings (on walls, sidewalks and pavement) are encouraged to contact the City of Downey "Graffiti Hotline" at (562) 923-4484 or on the City of Downey home web page, www.downeyca.org Homepage>City Services> Online Services> Report Graffiti or downeyca.org/services/online/graffiti.asp

Louis A. Atwell, P.E.
Deputy Director of Public Works
City of Downey

Catching up

Dear Editor:

In July I left Downey for 11 days. When I got home and was catching up, I saw that the City Council, department heads and others had been busy.

The demolition at Downey High had started just before I left but they were on to other things now. I read that some part of Brookshire, the other side of Imperial, needed renovation; they stopped parking on Firestone Boulevard, and would fill Firestone with medians and trees; and the old Downey Ford lot would become a condo. Did I miss anything?

For a very long time Lakewood Boulevard has needed and been promised renovation between Florence and Telegraph. Funny that was not mentioned in being done any time soon. What century do we have to wait for?

As for Sgt. Manuel Villalpando being happy with the police crime reports. Don't be too happy, sir. They do not report everything. Someone broke into and robbed the home of one of my neighbors a couple of months ago. It has never been listed in the crime reports. I have always wondered why.

Doris Hannon
Downey

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A child, not a choice

Dear Editor:

Ms. Vasquez talked a lot about her life, her body and her rights. What about the life, body and rights of the baby in the womb? ("Defending a Woman's Right to Choose," 9/6/12)

Taking the life of an innocent human being is wrong. Abortion takes the life of an innocent human being. Therefore, abortion is wrong.

The abortion issue really comes down to answering the question, "What is it?" If it is just a blob of tissue, who cares what you do with it. Any reason is good for taking it's life. But if it is a human being, no reason is good enough.

The baby in the womb differs from a toddler or an adult in four ways: size, level of development, environment and degree of dependency. None of these disqualifies the baby in the womb from being a human being. For example, Kareem Abdul Jabbar is much bigger than most gymnasts. Are gymnasts any less human beings because they are smaller? A five year old girl is less developed than a 30-year-old woman. Is the five year old any less a human being?

As far as environment goes am I any less a human being whether I am in a submarine or on dry land? Is a baby any less a human being because it is still in the womb? Of course the baby in the womb is very dependent on his or her mother for survival. Is a person in a coma or in an ICU hooked up to machines any less a human being because it is dependent on people or machines for survival? The baby in the womb is smaller, less developed, in the womb and more dependent. None of these disqualify it from being a human being.

You can't just say it is an embryo or a fetus. Those aren't species, they are stages of development. It is an embryo or a fetus of what? A human being. Planned Parenthood does not want their clients seeing an ultrasound because they know it will show the mother the life that is in her.

When did you become you? If you really want to identify somebody you use their DNA. When was your DNA formed? At conception! All of the programming necessary to make you what you are was there at conception. Aren't we glad that our mothers did not abort our embryos?

Is it OK to kill our children when they get too expensive? Is it OK to take the life of a child for the sin of the father? Is it OK to take the life of a child to make Mommy feel better? Is it OK to beat our children as long as it is in the privacy of our own homes? So why is abortion OK when we can't afford another child? Why is abortion OK in the case of rape? Why is abortion OK because of a woman's right to privacy?

As you can see the issue boils down to "What is it?" It is a child not a choice.

Russ Johnson
Downey

Dear Editor:

Regarding the editorial not entitled "Defending a Baby's Right to Choose," Ms. Vasquez wrote, "A baby is a very young child, one that is newly or recently born." I dare you to tell that to a mother who has had a miscarriage.

Just as she doesn't know the definition of a baby, she doesn't know the definition of a committed relationship, which is marriage. Don't ask me to pay for someone to have sex outside of marriage.

If you don't want your baby or you don't want to raise your children, give them up for adoption.

El Bee
Downey

Dear Editor:

Tina Vasquez was right in one of her sentences about the American political landscape scaring "many of us into choosing a side, even when that side stopped serving our best interests a long time ago." The side she got scared into choosing did stop serving our best interests, and that is the left side.

The left's propaganda machine has convinced her that she is a victim just because she's a woman. How sad!

Ms. Vasquez states she will make less than her male colleagues "just by virtue of being born female." If she means unequal pay for equal jobs she needs to research the facts that all of the states have laws against this, especially here in California. She also needs to research how many doctors, lawyers, judges, CEOs, professors, scientists, business owners, politicians, aviators, actresses, nurses, teachers, principals, etc. are prosperous, hard-working women.

The real "war on women" is the Democratic party's obsessive drive to support - with our tax dollars - abortion on demand at all stages of pregnancy.

Ms. Vasquez's line "I don't respect the dissemination of opinion as fact" is quite astounding in light of her whole two-column opinion article. Some scientific facts about human beings were summed up by a genetics professor at the University of Descartes in Paris, Dr. Jerome LeJeune, who stated, "After fertilization has taken place a new human being has come into being...this is no longer a matter of taste or opinion, Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception." Ms. Vasquez's entire fifth paragraph describing what a baby is not defies all logic and displays ignorance about the development of a human being.

To quote Lennart Nilsson, intrauterine photographer and author of the famous book "A Child is Born," speaking of the life of a pre-born child at 45 days after conception: "though the embryo now weighs only 1/30 of an ounce, it has all the internal organs of the adult in various stages of development. It already has a little mouth with lips, an early tongue and buds for 20 milk teeth. Its sex and reproductive organs have begun to sprout." By eight weeks the hands and feet are clearly formed and by nine weeks "a child will bend fingers around an object placed in the palm. Fingernails are forming and the child is sucking her thumb. At nine weeks "the unborn responds to stimulus and may already be capable of feeling pain." Surgical abortion stops a beating heart and stops already measurable brain waves. Fact.

But for those who don't care about taking an "unseen" human life, consider the many harmful side effects on the mother who has aborted her child. There are more and more post-abortive women speaking out about their problems which include depression, anxiety, nervous disorders, sleep disturbances, sexual dysfunction, aversion to sex, loss of intimacy, unexpected guilt, extramarital affairs, grief response, child abuse and neglect, increase in alcohol and drug abuse, not to mention post-abortion miscarriages and infertility. If one needs more proof that abortion harms women, look up these post-abortion support and recovery groups online: Victims of Choice, Project Rachel, Women of Ramah, American Victims of Abortion, Former Women of Choice, Silent NO More Awareness and Abortion Recovery International, to name a few.

All of the women, and men, like Ms. Vasquez who have bought the deception that abortion is good for women should research the facts. Half the humans being put to death in the womb (and there's been over 51 million since Roe vs. Wade) are females. Our society's slogans "right to choose," "freedom of choice," when linked with death and destruc-

tion are euphemisms from hell, intended to disguise the fact that abortion is truly the sneaky, ultimate weapon in the real "war on women."

Patti Sharpe
Director
40 Days for Life/Downey

Dear Editor:

How strange that Tina Vasquez would choose to use labels to identify herself: liberal, Democrat, Latina and female. I choose not to see her through such labels but rather by whom she is, the choices she makes and how she presents herself to the world.

She states so many disadvantages to being a female, where I see so many advantages. Many would argue women are the better sex; they can carry a life within themselves, what an amazing thing that is. No man gets to do that.

I have spoken with a number of women who believe they are at a disadvantage and they want to be more like a man. Many become mothers and participate in raising our future generations. I do not see it as being saddled with a majority of domestic and caretaking responsibilities. I do believe you have a choice in what role you want to take in your life and what role you want to take in your own family if you decide to have one.

In regards to abortion, it's a very divisive issue for many, even religious for some. Ms. Vasquez believes that life does not start until after birth and she states that the neocortex does not even form until after the third trimester. So based upon what she believes, when does life start? Is it her opinion life begins after the third trimester (starting the seventh month of pregnancy)? Some babies have survived premature births 4-5 weeks before this. I guess they were alive and a baby (not an embryo) at week 23.

I don't pretend to know when life starts. I choose to side with the baby; they did not choose to get pregnant. Because I don't know when life starts, nor does anyone else, I choose after conception. Before that it's pretty obvious there is no life, after that it's not so clear.

Ms. Vasquez speaks a lot about what is fair to her and how unfair it is that others (men) make decisions for you. How easy it is for her to make a choice about an unborn child.

Now my belief is a little different than others. I do believe that in cases of rape, incest and danger to the mother's life, a mother should be able to choose. I believe this because the mother had no choice.

Having a child is an amazing thing, and too many people use abortion as failsafe birth control. I am a full believer in taking responsibility for your actions - having intercourse can produce a baby. If you are not prepared to be a parent, don't get pregnant. It is a choice and a risk depending on choices you make. The choice you want and advocate for, you already have, and it's the choice to engage or not engage in activities that can lead to pregnancy.

What Ms. Vasquez really wants is no responsibility for her actions. Her choice would be to allow women to impose their will to kill a child before it is born because they don't want their lives inconvenienced.

I agree with choice, but not the same choice she wants.

Edwin Huber
Downey

Dear Editor:

I am amazed at people's capacity to rationalize even the gravest of sins.

I have one burning question for Tina: is she glad she wasn't aborted?

Kevin Myers
Downey

Dear Editor:

First, I would like to point out that I am a woman. I have the same reproductive parts as Tina Vasquez but a very different viewpoint about them.

Vasquez stated that abortions do not "kill babies because medically speaking, we're not even talking about a human being." Medically speaking, we are talking about an entity with 46 chromosomes. Medically, speaking, we are talking about something with human DNA. Yes, this embryo cannot speak, cannot feel, cannot live outside of the mother's womb, and does not have the use of all of the organs - in other words, the embryo is not conscious, the embryo cannot feel you killing it.

However, let's look at a person who is in a coma. She cannot speak, cannot live away from machines that prolong life, does not have the use of most organs, and is not conscious. Should we kill this comatose individual? The pain wouldn't be felt. Why not? She has the same symptoms as a human embryo that people kill because it is convenient for them; because they don't want to deal with another human being.

The answer is that neither should be killed. They are both life.

Why is an embryo life? I will tell you. The Mars rover landed a few weeks ago and is roaming around the planet taking samples and testing substances. Now if there were a single living cell on that entire planet there is no doubt in my mind that scientists would be screaming at the top of their lungs, "We found life!" Why is that not the same for human beings?

I'm a Christian. I believe that life starts at conception. I believe in Jeremiah 1:5 where it says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." But Vasquez states that "religious beliefs should play no part in law." To this I say look at your country's laws. Look at the Constitution, at the Bill of Rights, at the Declaration of Independence. When our wise Founding Fathers wrote these documents, religion was the main foundation in our laws. Morality had to have come from somewhere. Without religion, what laws would we have? Great evidence exists on the importance of religion in our justice and governmental system but that's an argument for another time.

Finally, Vasquez's statement of "unspeakable cruelty of forcing a woman to have a child that she not only doesn't want, but isn't prepared to care for financially, emotionally or otherwise" is the last point on my pro-life list. Cruelty? You're killing an innocent life. If you do not have the resources to care for the child then give her up for adoption. My older brother and older sister are adopted. Their parents could not care for them so they did the responsible and humane thing and gave them to a family that would. Had they been aborted I would not be planning a beautiful wedding for my older sister, and I would be without one protective older brother. They wouldn't be here.

I don't think pro-choice individuals are looking at the big picture when they decide to abort a child. They don't look at the possibilities that are being scraped away. All anyone ever looks at is the convenience for the mother. Well you aren't the only human being concerned anymore. You should not have the right to kill a human whether it is in the outside world or inside you.

This discussion isn't about women's rights and men making decisions for them. This isn't about gender discrimination and how men make more money than women. This isn't about women's reproductive rights either. This is about human rights and the right to live.

Heather Adamson
Downey

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Recently, I visited the Two Harbors area of Catalina Island - our family calls it Paradise. USC has a marine biology center there, where graduate students from all over the United States conduct research. We were given a fascinating tour. The Center has the only 24/7 hyperbaric oxygen chamber in the area. Traditionally, hyperbaric chambers have existed for the sole purpose of treating decompression sickness and air embolism - that is, removing gas bubbles from the blood of deep-sea divers. This condition, known as the bends, can occur after long periods of time deep under water. Lately, I've been following the medical literature about a variety of uses for hyperbaric chambers, and I find it intriguing.

What is a hyperbaric chamber? HBOT (HyperBaric Oxygen Therapy) is the medical use of oxygen at a higher concentration than that which normally exists in the atmosphere. It requires a pressure chamber and a means of delivering 100% oxygen, and is operated by personnel who monitor the timing and amount of pressure required. The tissues and cells are saturated with oxygen, ensuring an even distribution in the blood. As a result, damaged tissues and cells are quickly replaced and the healing period is shortened.

Why would some non-deep sea divers find themselves in a hyperbaric chamber?

- It increases oxygen concentration in the whole body, so it is especially useful where there is decreased or limited blood flow

- It energizes the production of fresh blood vessels in locations of the body experiencing low blood circulation, and increases blood circulation where there is arterial blockage

- It causes arterial dilation - in other words, the size of the blood vessels are increased more than normal, which increases the flow of oxygen to organs

- Stem cells, responsible for cell rejuvenation, are carried much faster around the body to injured areas, ensuring that injury time is minimized.

Hyperbaric oxygen has been used for athletes, cutting back on their downtime after injury. In fact, the rapidly growing list of conditions now being treated or being considered for treatment by HBOT include air or gas embolism, carbon monoxide poisoning, gas gangrene, crush injuries, compartment syndrome, decompression sickness, problem wounds, diabetic foot ulcers, diabetic retinopathy and neuropathy, blood loss anemia, intracranial abscesses, various skin infections, osteomyelitis (bone infections), radiation injuries, skin grafts, thermal burns, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis,

psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease, traumatic brain injury, acute exhaustion, and even autism. (A small 2009 study of autistic children found that 40 hourly treatments provided significant improvement in the children's behavior immediately following treatment sessions. More studies, of course, are being conducted.)

The typical treatment lasts from one to two hours at a time. The number of treatments depends on the condition; for example, a typical candidate for wound healing may receive one treatment per day, five days/week, for 20 to 30 days. The risks of HBOT are related to being in a high pressure chamber. Pressure changes can cause a "squeeze" or barotrauma in the tissues surrounding trapped air inside the body, including in the lungs, behind the eardrums, inside the sinus spaces, or underneath dental fillings. Breathing high pressure oxygen may cause oxygen toxicity. Temporary blurred vision can be the result of the swelling of the lens of the eye, and rarely, cataracts can be worsened.

And the cost of these treatments? In clinics, it may range between \$100 to \$250 per hour, and in hospitals, perhaps as much as \$1,000 for that hour. In order to use the chamber on Catalina Island, you would likely also incur the cost of an emergency helicopter ride to get there. This is one of those cases where the price may get you before the disease does!

I hope you found my trip to Catalina Island as interesting as I did. Good health to you all.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Dr. Brown named best LASIK surgeon

DOWNEY - Brian M. Brown, M.D., a 25 year veteran ophthalmologist and LASIK surgeon in Downey, was nominated and awarded "Best of Downey 2012-LASIK Surgeon Honor."

In 2011 the U.S. Commerce began their evaluation of LASIK surgeons in California and selected Dr. Brown on several different levels including; best in surgical outcomes, pre-operative and post-operative care and overall service to his patients.

Practice Administrator, Angel Misenhelter said "The award is a result of his years of perfecting his surgical techniques and continuously staying up to date in the latest advancements in refractive procedures and treatments."

"Dr. Brown, our staff and I are delighted to be a part of such life changes events in our patient's lives," she added.

For more information about Dr. Brian M. Brown go online to brianbrownmd.com

High blood pressure out of control for too many Americans

- New CDC report says nearly 1 in 3 Americans have high blood pressure, yet more than half don't have it under control.

The majority of people with high blood pressure are being treated with medicine and have seen a doctor at least twice in the past year, yet their condition is still not under control, according to a new Vital Signs report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Millions more are either aware they have high blood pressure but aren't getting treated with medicine or don't even know they have it, the report says.

Nearly 1 in 3 American adults (67 million) has high blood pressure, and more than half (36 million) don't have it under control, according to the report.

"We have to roll up our sleeves and make blood pressure control a priority every day, with every patient, at every doctor's visit," said CDC Director Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "With increased focus and collaboration among patients, health care providers and health care systems, we can help 10 million Americans' blood pressure come into control in the next five years."

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke, the first and fourth leading causes of death in the United States, leading to nearly 1,000 deaths a day.

High blood pressure is defined as blood pressure greater than or equal to 140/90 mm-Hg. High blood pressure's direct health care cost is almost \$131 billion annually.

Pharmacists, nurses, dietitians, and community health workers can support doctors in identifying and treating patients with high blood pressure. This team-based approach is a way to provide patient support and follow-up care, manage medicines, and help patients stick to a blood pressure control plan.

In addition, patients should be counseled to make important lifestyle changes that affect blood pressure, including eating a healthy, low sodium diet, exercising, maintaining a healthy weight and not smoking, health officials said.

Key facts in the Vital Signs report about those affected:

- About 67 million adults have high blood pressure.

- More than half (36 million) have uncontrolled high blood pressure.

- Nearly 22 million know they have high blood pressure, but don't have it under control.

- 16 million take medicine, but still don't have their blood pressure under control.

To learn more about blood pressure, visit cdc.gov/bloodpressure/. For more information on heart disease and stroke, visit cdc.gov/heart-disease/.

High blood pressure increases your chance (or risk) for getting heart disease and/or kidney disease, and for having a stroke. It is especially dangerous because it often has no warning signs or symptoms.

Regardless of race, age, or gender, anyone can develop high blood pressure. Once high blood pressure develops, it usually lasts a lifetime.

You can prevent and control high blood pressure by taking action.

You can take steps to prevent high blood pressure by adopting a healthy lifestyle. These steps include maintaining a healthy weight; being physically active; following a healthy eating plan, that emphasizes fruits, vegetables, and lowfat dairy foods; choosing and preparing foods with less salt and sodium; and, if you drink alcoholic beverages, drinking in moderation.

The causes of high blood pressure vary. Causes may include narrowing of the arteries, a greater than normal volume of blood, or the heart beating faster or more forcefully than it should. Any of these conditions will cause increased pressure against the artery walls.

High blood pressure might also be caused by another medical problem. Most of the time, the cause is not known. Although high blood pressure usually cannot be cured, in most cases it can be prevented and controlled.

Team Up program

Customers at drugstores around the nation can get help to improve blood pressure control, through a collaboration among pharmacists, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and other partners. The program, "Team Up. Pressure Down," includes educational videos, a blood pressure control journal, and wallet card to track medication use.

The blood pressure initiative, part of the Million Hearts health education program and supported by the Affordable Care Act, was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with practicing pharmacists and national pharmacist groups. The initiative's tools will help pharmacists talk about current medications and ways in which patients can use the medications most effectively. The goal of Million Hearts is to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes by 2017.

"This valuable Million Hearts initiative will prevent heart attacks and strokes by bringing pharmacists into the care team to help patients control their blood pressure. Pharmacists are able to talk to patients and families about using medication to manage, high blood pressure, and they can also help patients address barriers to taking their medication," said Surgeon General, Regina M. Benjamin, MD.

In May, the Community Preventive Services Task Force, an independent, nonfederal, uncompensated body of public health and



prevention experts, whose members are appointed by the Director of CDC, recommended team-based care—uniting the efforts of physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other health care professionals—to improve blood pressure control. Its recommendation followed a review of evidence from more than 70 scientific publications.

"More than 36 million Americans, or more than half of those with hypertension, don't have their blood pressure under control and every single day, more than one thousand Americans have a heart attack or stroke," said Janet Wright, M.D., a board-certified cardiologist and executive director of Million Hearts.

"Through the "Team Up. Pressure Down." educational program for pharmacists, we are taking the first step in helping many more Americans achieve blood pressure control."

"Our organization trains the next wave of young pharmacists who are committed to making a difference in patients' lives," said William Lang, M.P.H., vice president for policy and advocacy, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. "Team Up. Pressure Down." recognizes and supports the critical role of pharmacists in improving blood pressure control through team-based care."

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Metal companies fined for hazardous waste

• All three facilities located near the 710 Freeway are fined by the EPA.

COMPTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday announced the conclusion of three recent investigations of Southern California metal finishing companies which will collectively spend more than \$196,650 for hazardous waste and Clean Water Act violations.

All three facilities are located along the I-710 freeway corridor where the effects of pollution are disproportionately higher than in other areas of Los Angeles County.

AAA Plating and Inspection, located in Compton, has agreed to pay \$74,000 in fines for failure to treat their industrial wastewater to federal standards before discharge into the Los Angeles County sewer system.

Morrell's Electro Plating, also located in Compton, will pay \$19,500 in fines for the improper management and treatment of hazardous waste. In addition, Morrell's will spend at least \$100,000 on the purchase and installation of a sludge dryer, reducing hazardous waste generated at the facility by 336 pounds a day.

Service Plating Co. Inc., located in Los Angeles, will pay \$3,150 for failure to properly label hazardous waste containers at its facility.

"The violation of federal regulations at metal finishing compa-

nies poses a risk to workers, as well as surrounding residents," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "EPA will continue to rigorously enforce against facilities like these especially those located in the I-710 corridor, a priority area for the agency."

AAA Plating is a metal finishing company that cleans, plates, coats, paints, and tests various parts for the aerospace industry. In March, 2010, an EPA investigation discovered that the facility had discharged industrial wastewater to the Los Angeles County sewer system above federal limits for toxics such as chromium, cadmium, nickel and cyanide—a violation of the Clean Water Act.

EPA's standards are designed to protect municipal sewer systems and wastewater treatment plants from adverse effects of toxic discharges, including the potential pass through of toxic metals to the Pacific Ocean.

AAA Plating has installed equipment to reduce liquid from the wastewater, leaving only solids which are hauled away for proper disposal off site. This will result in the facility becoming a zero-discharge permitted facility.

Morrell's is a metal finishing/chemical processing company which does work primarily for the aerospace industry. In an October 27, 2010 inspection, EPA found several violations including failure to properly label and cover hazard-



ous waste and conducting treatment of hazardous waste without a permit.

In addition, Morrell's failed to properly identify waste generated at its facility as federally regulated hazardous waste -- resulting in its mismanagement.

Morrell's will also spend at least \$100,000 to purchase and install a sludge dryer at its facility. Used to remove water and reduce volume, the sludge dryer will improve efficiency and reduce the amount of hazardous waste that must be disposed.

The addition of the sludge dryer will result in the reduction of hazardous waste generated at Morrell's by 336 pounds a day, approximately 85% of the facility's daily production — reducing the potential for similar violations in the future.

Service Plating is a metal finishing company. During a routine inspection in October 4, 2011, EPA investigators discovered federal violations including failure to properly close and label hazardous waste containers.

In addition, the company failed to properly label, contain and date discarded fluorescent lamps, a violation of federal regulations for universal waste.

Southern California's I-710 freeway passes through 15 cities and unincorporated areas where the effects of pollution are disproportionately higher than in other areas of Los Angeles County. Approximately 1 million people, about 70% of whom are minority and low-income households, are severely impacted by industrial activities and goods movement in the area. In a multi-year effort, federal, state, and local governments and nonprofit organizations are working together to improve the environmental and public health conditions for residents along this corridor.

Deputies shoot man after hit-and-run, car chase

COMPTON – A man accused of a hit-and-run at a Compton gas station was shot after he ran from sheriff's deputies and allegedly reached for his waistband.

The incident began Saturday at about 7:19 p.m. Sheriff's deputies were stopped at a red light at Rosecrans and Santa Fe avenues when they spotted a male Hispanic adult driving a white pick-up truck collide with another car in a gas station parking lot.

The suspect drove off and deputies gave chase. The suspect refused to pull over and drove north on Long Beach Boulevard in the south-bound lanes, authorities said.

The suspect allegedly ran several red lights before losing control of the pick-up and crashing into a tree on the west side of Long Beach Boulevard.

Authorities say the man got out of the car and ran, crossing all lanes of traffic before he turned back toward the deputies while grabbing his waistband. Thinking he was reaching for a gun, a deputy fired one round, striking the suspect.

The suspect, who was unarmed, was taken into custody without further incident and transported to a local hospital where he underwent surgery for a gunshot wound. He is expected to survive.

The victims of the hit-and-run were not hurt. The pick-up the suspect was driving had been reported stolen on Sept. 7.

Authorities said the suspect is a confirmed local gang member and on probation for a narcotics violation.

Gang member caught tagging sheriff's training center

WHITTIER – A self-proclaimed gang member was arrested last week after a sheriff's lieutenant caught him writing graffiti inside a bathroom at the Sheriff's Academy in Whittier.

The lieutenant went into the men's room and heard a "scratching sound" coming from the stall.

When he looked to see what was causing the sounds, he saw the suspect writing letters on the stall door with a black marker.

The lieutenant detained the suspect while deputies from the Norwalk Sheriff's Station were called to the academy. The lieutenant was wearing a green uniform jacket with the word "SHERIFF" on the front and back.

The suspect was identified as 31-year-old Jordan Trevor Lucas, of Whittier.

Lucas told deputies that he had taken a short-cut across the academy grounds and didn't notice there was someone else in the bathroom when he vandalized the stall door, authorities said.

Lucas was booked at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station for one count of misdemeanor vandalism. He has a court appearance Nov. 29 at Whittier Superior Court.

Ex firefighter pleads guilty to fraud

LOS ANGELES – A former Los Angeles City firefighter and mixed martial arts fighter known as "The Noodle" pleaded guilty last week to filing a false workers' compensation insurance claim, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Raphael Davis, 36, entered his plea before Superior Court Judge David Horwitz, said Deputy District Attorney Angela Brunson with the Healthcare Fraud Division.

He paid \$30,000 in restitution and will return on March 6, 2013, for sentencing.

As part of a negotiated settlement, Davis agreed to complete 200 hours of community service before he returns in March for sentencing. At that time, the remaining three counts of filing a false workers' compensation insurance claim will be dismissed.

The Lomita resident was charged in April with filing false claims between Dec. 2, 2008, and May 20, 2011. During the same period, prosecutors alleged he was participating in mixed martial arts fights as "The Noodle."

Feast to benefit Downey church

DOWNEY – St. Mark's Episcopal Church is hosting a fundraising dinner Sept. 22 where visitors can choose between tri-tip and lobster – or both.

Cost is \$40 for a barbecue tri-tip and lobster dinner, or \$30 for tri-tip or lobster.

Residents can also purchase a lobster to take home for \$25.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Take-home lobsters will be distributed between 1-4 p.m.

Reservations are due by Sept. 14 by calling (562) 862-3268 or e-mail church@stmarksdowney.org.

Long Beach Symphony opens social lounge

LONG BEACH – The Long Beach Symphony Orchestra is poised to debut next month the Balcony Club, a new social lounge at the Long Beach Terrace Theater marketed as "a new take on the classical music experience."

The club opens Oct. 6. Tickets went on sale Monday.

The lounge features drink specials, modern decor and other amenities.

Balcony Club ticket holders are allowed to bring drinks into the concert hall, enter and exit during performances, and use their smart phones.

The Balcony Club will debut on opening night, Oct. 6, when music director Enrique Arturo Diemecke will conduct Prokofiev's Piano Concerto No. 3 featuring young sensation Haochen Zhang, plus Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5.

Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased by calling (562) 436-3203, ext. 1, or through ticketmaster.com.

Black licorice recalled for lead amounts

LOS ANGELES – State health officials are warning the public not to eat Red Vines black licorice because the candy may contain elevated levels of lead.

The state Department of Public Health recalled the licorice, which was sold in different types of sizes and packaging.

A complete list of affected product can be found online at cdph.ca.gov.

Red flavor licorice and sugar-free black licorice is not affected by the recall.

Pregnant women and parents of children who may have eaten the candy should consult their physician or healthcare provider to determine if medical testing is needed.

Window cleaning business pays restitution

LOS ANGELES – The owner of a window cleaning company who earlier pleaded to workers' compensation fraud and failure to pay taxes was ordered last week to pay \$321,350 in restitution.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Clifford Klein sentenced Emmett Timothy Kennedy III, the president of WWC Window Cleaning, who pleaded no contest on March 8 to three felony counts.

The 48-year-old Kennedy paid the full restitution amount with cashier's checks, said Deputy District Attorney John Morris, head deputy of the Healthcare Fraud Division.

The case arose when one of Kennedy's workers informed the Maintenance Cooperation Trust Fund, a support group for custodial workers, that the company was paying its workers in cash and refused to provide the workers paychecks with normal deductions for disability, Social Security and payroll taxes.

The Employment Development Department investigated the allegations. Prosecutors charged Kennedy in May 2011, with 51 counts of workers' compensation fraud and failure to pay payroll taxes.

The remaining 48 counts were dismissed.

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Downey tennis opens league vs. Warren

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' tennis team has gotten off to a 1-1 start after defeating Lakewood, 13-5, on Sept. 6, and a loss to Santa Fe on Sept. 7, 5-13.

The Lady Vikings ended last season with a 6-6 league record and third place finish. The Lady Vikings were defeated by Marlborough High School in the first round of the C.I.F. playoffs.

The Lady Vikings return several key players this year. Singles players Alejandra Roque, Amy Lee and Dimitra Loumiotis all return with more experience and skill. Doubles players Nicole Sibal and Michelle Morales return as do Toni Salgado, Milanny Vazquez and Marina Sourial.

Key losses to graduation from last year include singles player Caroline Tran and doubles player Sophia Loumiotis. Lady Vikings stepping up from the Junior Varsity ranks include Jessica Angel and Elizabeth Aceves.

Former Warren High School standout and reigning S.G.V.L. champion Erin Freeman is also a student-athlete now at Downey High School and will be eligible to compete on Oct. 1.

Coach Diego maintains that San Gabriel Valley League champion Paramount and cross-town rival Warren will be the toughest league competition this year. League play starts for the Lady Vikings on Friday, Sept. 14, against Warren at Downey.

The Lady Vikings have high hopes for this season and are looking forward to a strong showing in league play and a nice run in the C.I.F. playoffs.

–Mark Fetter, contributor



Warren High water polo off to fast start

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' water polo team has gotten off to a fast start and currently has a 3-1 record.

The Bears hosted their annual alumni game on Aug. 30 and welcomed back former Bears John and David Adams, two collegiate water polo players. The two put on a clinic and managed to show this year's Bear squad the difference between collegiate and high school "polo."

Coach Nichols was very pleased to welcome back former Bear players and, in the process, challenge this year's squad in a spirited competition. It is safe to say that the Bears won this game.

The Bears recently competed in the El Rancho Tournament from Sept. 6-8. The Bears finished second in this tournament and brought home a nice sized trophy in the process. The Bears defeated Pioneer 26-3, Cal High 13-11, Montclair 17-12 and lost to tournament champion and host school El Rancho 20-16 in the championship match.

Standout goalie Bernabe Perez suffered a dislocated shoulder in the first game against Pioneer and is out for several weeks. Field player Juan Sixtos stepped in for Perez and collected 27 saves in three games.

Jonathan Iglesias led the Bear scoring attack with 24 goals and Diego Lucas led the defense with 13 steals. Leon Yao won all 15 sprints and helped the Bears control the possession game.

Coach Nichols was very pleased with his team's effort and stated that "everyone on the team scored a goal in this tournament." Nichols is excited about this year's team and concluded by saying that "our goal this season is getting to the Division IV C.I.F. Finals." Warren will begin league play on Oct. 2 when they travel to cross-town rival Downey.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

No. 6-ranked Downey beats Schurr

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Schurr last Friday night 24-14.

The Vikings are now 2-1 and are a yard and a two point conversion away from being 3-0.

Interestingly, the team that Downey lost to 28-27 two weeks ago in overtime, La Serna, is now the number one ranked team in the C.I.F. Southeast Division poll as of Sept. 10. With their victory at Schurr, Downey is now ranked 6th in

that same poll.

Downey finished this game with an impressive 223 yards rushing. Viking quarterback Jorge Reyna rushed six times for 38 yards, running back Eric Carrillo rushed four times for 18 yards and Viking workhorse Justin Huff rushed twenty times for 167 yards and two touchdowns. Reyna completed 7 of 15 passes to five different Viking receivers for 103 yards.

Justin Huff caught two passes for

27 yards, Jeremy Villa caught two passes for 24 yards, Tristan Esparza caught one pass for 35 yards, Jacob Cook caught one pass for 12 yards and Anthony Mendez caught one pass for 4 yards and a touchdown.

Downey was led on defense by Tristan Esparza's four solo tackles and 5 assists as well as Chris Blanton's 2 solo tackles and six assists.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Norwalk too much for Bears

• Warren defense gives up 48 points as Bears lose second game of the season.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football team hosted the 2-0 Norwalk Lancers last Friday night at Justice Stadium and suffered their second loss of the season 48-13.

Warren kicked off to Norwalk to start the game. The Lancers scored first on a 31 yard run at the 8:00 mark of the first quarter. The extra point was good and Norwalk led 7-0.

Warren struggled to move the ball on their ensuing possession and punted the ball back to Norwalk. The Lancers scored again at the 4:00 mark of the first quarter. The extra point was good and the Lancers were ahead 14-0. The Lancers appeared to go up 20-0 when a Warren pass was intercepted at the Bear 47 yard line and returned for a touchdown. The Bears caught a break when a defensive holding penalty was called and the touchdown was nullified. The first quarter ended with Warren down 14-0.

Norwalk struck first in the second quarter on a 27 yard run at the 9:51 mark. The extra point was good and Norwalk led 21-0. Warren returned the ensuing kickoff to the 38 yard line. The return appeared to spark the Warren offense because the Bears had a 40 yard touchdown run that followed. The extra point was good and the Bears were down 21-7 at the 8:02 mark of the second quarter. The Bears and Lancers exchanged the ball and field position for several

minutes until Norwalk scored a touchdown on a 74 yard run at the 2:04 mark. The extra point was no good and Norwalk was ahead 27-7 at halftime.

The third quarter started with Norwalk kicking off to Warren. Warren had a huge play to start the third quarter on an 80 yard run by Darwin Walker. Bear quarterback Mike Vega then completed an eleven yard touchdown pass to Michael SanAngelo at the 9:52 mark. The extra point was no good but Warren closed Norwalk's lead to 27-13. As Warren closed the gap, the Bears recovered a Norwalk fumble on the 37 yard line at the 9:42 mark. Things looked up for the Bears. The Bears could not take advantage of the fumble, however, and the ball went back to Norwalk. The Lancers scored a touchdown on a 45 yard run at the 2:43 mark of the third quarter. The extra point was good and Norwalk led 34-13 as the third quarter came to a close.

The Bears started the fourth

quarter with the ball on the Norwalk 43 yard line. The Bears could not keep the chains moving and were forced to give the ball back to Norwalk. The Lancers wasted little time and scored on a 61 yard pass play at the 11:26 mark. The extra point was good and Norwalk now led 41-13.

Warren and Norwalk exchanged the ball and field position for most of the fourth quarter. The Bears appeared to catch a break when Clay Mitchell recovered a fumble at the Norwalk 15 yard line at the 9:02 mark. The Bears struggled to move the ball and attempted a 35 yard field goal. The kick was no good because the ball hit the crossbar and bounced back. Norwalk took possession and added a late touchdown. The extra point was good and the Lancers came away with a 48-13 win.

Warren will play an 0-2 Rosemead team at Rosemead on Friday.

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Rancho celebrates Pediatric Carnival Day

DOWNEY – A sea of happy kids filled Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's Jacquelin Perry Institute backlot with the sounds of laughter Saturday at the hospital's annual Pediatric Carnival Day.

The event featured wheelchair basketball matches between the Downey Firefighters and Rancho Wheelchair Sports teams, face painting, games, food, pet therapy animals, exotic animals and a variety of other special experiences.

"The kids had a great time," said Rancho Recreation Therapist and Carnival Day Chair Julie Helgren. "We want to thank the parents for bringing their kids out, the many Downey service clubs and the Miss Downey courts that supported the event, and all the other Rancho and community volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time and talents to make the Carnival Day so much fun for the children."

The major sponsors of the event were Sam & Beverly Mathis and Coloplast.

Photos by Diane & Greg Waskul.

Downey skaters place fourth in competition

DOWNEY – Nine local skateboarders represented Downey at the 7 City Hustle, a skateboard competition held Aug. 25 at Salt Lake Park in Huntington Park.

Downey finished fourth overall but Andrea Marino placed first in the flat bar obstacle.

The Downey team included Alan Figueroa, Jorge Gonzalez, Boris Kortscheff, Jamie Lopez, Alec Marino, Andre Marino, Rafael Moratoya, Chris Rogers and Miguel Villagomez.

"Congratulations to all the Downey skaters who competed in this year's event," said Teri Akloff, recreation supervisor for the city of Downey. "Shred the nar!"

Hospital auxiliary taking new members

DOWNEY – The Downey Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is accepting men and women over the age of 21 to join its ranks of volunteers.

"Over the years members have shared their time, talents and gifts in so many ways," hospital officials said. "We are grateful for their willingness to assist patients, visitors, staff and the community."

Auxiliary hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call the Auxiliary office at (562) 904-5465 and leave a message with your name and telephone number, or go online to drmc.org.

Downey High cheer camp Saturday

DOWNEY – Downey High School cheerleaders will host a cheer camp on Saturday 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.

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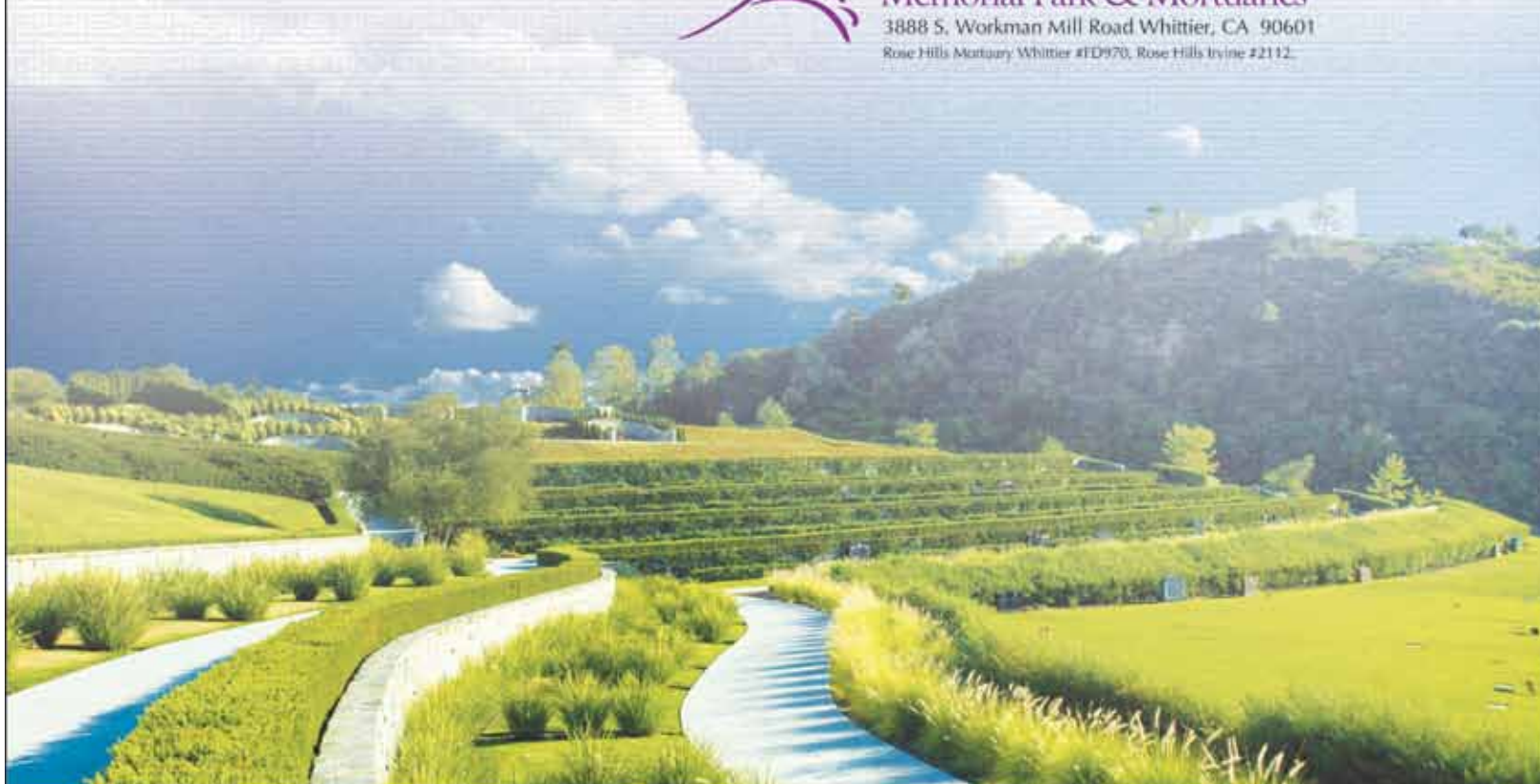
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Halloween Carnival returns to St. Raymond's

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.

La Barca to host mixer

DOWNEY – La Barca Grill & Cantina on Paramount Boulevard will host a business mixer presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 27.

Festivities begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 5 p.m., followed by the mixer.

Admission is \$3

Restaurant Spotlight:



La Barca Grill and Cantina to Celebrate Official Grand Opening September 27, 2012.

DOWNEY - La Barca Grill and Cantina opened at the beginning of 2012 and, after several months has begun to build a strong following within the Downey community. The family-owned restaurant serves up traditional regional dishes seldom found in typical Mexican restaurants.

The building is made up of an intimate cantina-like sports bar, a spacious indoor dining room where a live mariachi band often entertains patrons, and an amazing outdoor patio that proves to be the greatest feature of the large restaurant.

In addition to being a great place for a family dinner or casual lunch, La Barca is also the newest hotspot for the best Taco Tuesday deals. The restaurant recently launched its first Taco Tuesday with a "Happy Hour on the Patio" event.

With the fire pit ablaze and a live band playing softly in the background, the outdoor seating area was transformed into a mellow, lounge-like atmosphere where locals, including board members of



Downey's Chamber of Commerce, were able to eat, drink, and mingle.

The gourmet street tacos were served a la carte and a bountiful self-serve condiment station allowed guests to load up on their favorite taco toppings and sauces.

The event really is unlike anything Downey has ever seen!

The restaurant promises to host Happy Hour on the Patio one Tuesday

every month so make sure to keep an eye on La Barca Grill and Cantina's Facebook page for information!

The official grand opening of La Barca Grill and Cantina will be September 27, 2012!

Location:
11010 Paramount Blvd.
Downey, CA 90241

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★ THE COLD LIGHT OF DAY (11:25), 7:20

★ THE WORDS (12:00, 2:25, 4:50), 7:15, 9:40

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★ LAWLESS (11:20, 2:05, 4:50), 7:35, 10:20

★ PREMIUM RUSH (2:15, 4:30), 10:30

★ THE EXPENDABLES 2 (1:50, 4:25), 9:45

★ PARANORMAN (11:25, 2:00, 4:35), 7:10, 9:45

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BUSINESS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Severage Control
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(626) 256-3241
 Date of Filing Application: **August 23, 2012**
 To Whom It May Concern:
 The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: **ISAC GOMEZ SANCHEZ, NAURA ALICIA SANCHEZ, YSAAC GOMEZ VASQUEZ**. The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: **12631 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90242-4519**
 Type of license(s) Applied for: **20 - Off-Sale Beer And Wine**

The Downey Patriot
8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012166160
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) QUEST INSURANCE & INCOME TAX INC, 3655 S. GRAND AVE SUITE # A-10, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) PO BOX 70691, PASADENA, CA 91117**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) QUEST INSURANCE & INCOME TAX INC, 3655 S. GRAND AVE SUITE # A-10, LOS ANGELES, CA 90007**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JILB SANCHEZ, C.E.O., QUEST INSURANCE & INCOME TAX INC
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 17, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

The Downey Patriot
9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012176441
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) 24-HOUR STUDENTS, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) KRISTEN ROSE ANNA, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713 (2) SAM SHABOT, 4154 OCANA AVENUE, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by Copartners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/KRISTEN ROSE ANNA, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 31, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012159780
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) A&W RESTAURANT, 10951 E ALONDRA BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) BENTON M JOE, 22050 ROUNDUP DRIVE, WALNUT, CA 91789 (2) YAN JIE ZHANG, 22050 ROUNDUP DRIVE, WALNUT, CA 91789**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by Husband and Wife

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/23/07**
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/BENTON M JOE, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 08, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012179091
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) DANNY'S JUMPERS, 12001 WOODRUFF AVE UNIT E, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) RAMON VASQUEZ, 8359 GALLATIN RD, DOWNEY, CA 90240**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/RAMON VASQUEZ
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of

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

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The Downey Patriot
9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012167334
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) HOT GRILL ON WHEELS, 7017 SCOTT AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 6873 DELTA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) JAY A. MARTINEZ, 6873 DELTA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805 (2) JOSEFA G. MARTINEZ, 6873 DELTA AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by Husband and Wife

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JAY A. MARTINEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 20, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
8/23/12, 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012179484
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) THE SHOP AUTOWERKS, 12117 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK, CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) RAFAEL HERNANDEZ, 12117 HIGHDALE ST, NORWALK, CA 90650**
 State of Incorporation: **CA**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/RAFAEL HERNANDEZ, OWNER, RAFAEL HERNANDEZ
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012147793
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) THE CONCRETE DOCTOR, 8032 PURITAN ST, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) CONCRETE DOCTOR**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) ALEJANDRO S GOMEZ, 8032 PURITAN ST, DOWNEY, CA, 90242**
 State of Incorporation: **CA**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **5/23/07**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ALEJANDRO S GOMEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **JULY 23, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
8/23/12, 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012170082
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) REXTHEBULLY, 4207 ASHWORTH ST., LAKEWOOD, CA 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) KENNETH JENKINS, 4207 ASHWORTH ST, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/KENNETH JENKINS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 23, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012178973
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) NATSUME USA, 46 E PENINSULA CENTER DR, #130, ROLLING HILLS, CA 90274, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) NATSUME NAKAMURA STEADLY, 30615 CALLE DE SUEÑOS, RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/NATSUME NAKAMURA STEADLY, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012153554
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) FIT CAMP LA, 13450 PARAMOUNT BLVD, SUITE A, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) JONATHAN T. COPPELL, 8360 CHARLOMA DR, DOWNEY, CA 90240 (2) ERIC ESCOBAR, 10940 SAN VINCENTE AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90262**
 State of Incorporation: **CA**
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ERIC ESCOBAR, CO OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **JULY 31, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012151008
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) LC STAR WASH COIN LAUNDRY, 6009 GREENLEAF AVE, WAIN LAUNDRY, CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) HUYNH INVESTMENTS, INC., 1 SOLISTICE DR., LADERA RANCH, CA 91294**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **03/21/2012**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/STEVEN HUYNH, PRESIDENT, HUYNH INVESTMENTS, INC.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **JULY 27, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012163619
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) DINE HOSPITALITY, 11715 ROCKWALL STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) JESSICA BEGAY, 11715 ROCKWALL STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715**
 State of Incorporation: **CA**
 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JESSICA BEGAY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 14, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
8/23/12, 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012179040
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) BRASS KEY LOCKSMITH, 8368 ROMAINE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069, COUNTY OF LOS**

ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) DIMITRI PAUL SCHLESINGER, 8368 ROMAINE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90069**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/DIMITRI PAUL SCHLESINGER, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

The Downey Patriot
9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012166002
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) PATRON PAINTING, 4126 TWEEDEY BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) MOSE PATRON, 4126 TWEEDEY BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280**
 State of Incorporation: **CA**
 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/MOSE PATRON, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 17, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

The Downey Patriot
8/23/12, 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012175938
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) DSK TRANSPORT, 1021 PINEHURST AVE, #5, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) SANTOS HERNANDEZ, 1021 PINEHURST AVE, #5, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280**
 State of Incorporation: **CA**
 This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/SANTOS HERNANDEZ, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 30, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

The Downey Patriot
9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012157283
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: **(1) MR. BIKES INC, 2207 E FLORENCE AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) MR BIKES**
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): **AI #ON: N/A**
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): **(1) MR. BIKES INC, 2207 E FLORENCE AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255**
 State of Incorporation: **N/A**
 This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on **N/A**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/MARYA C. MENDOZA, PRESIDENT, MR. BIKES INC.
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on **AUGUST 06, 2012**
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

The filing of this statement

DESIGN, 7546 STEWART AND GRAY, APT. #218, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARKIE MEGAN RUDOLPH, 7546 STEWART AND GRAY, APT #218, DOWNEY, CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/MARKIE MEGAN RUDOLPH, PRESIDENT DESIGNER, MARKIE MEGAN RUDOLPH THE REGISTRANT COMMENCED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS UNDER THE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES ON AUGUST 01, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012153658**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RH FANTASY, 7255 DINWIDDIE ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FREEBIRD SCOOTERS, INC., 7255 DINWIDDIE ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/FREEBIRD SCOOTERS, INC. PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 22, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012173548**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HONEST LOCKSMITH, 10553 SHELLYFIELD RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMUEL MORALES, 10553 SHELLYFIELD RD., DOWNEY, CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SAMUEL MORALES, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 28, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012180421**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRUGS OF 8223 S. SUVA, DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IAN SMITH, 8223 SUVA, DOWNEY, CA 90240 (2) JOSEY TORREZ, 9714 PARROT AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by Copartners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/07/2012 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/IAN SMITH This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012152522**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELITE TRAVEL AND TOURISM, 5502 LAKEWOOD BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIANNA SMITH, 5502 LAKEWOOD BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ADRIANNA SMITH, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 14, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days

after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012169699**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MADEB DESIGN, 11424 186TH, ARTESIA, CA 90701, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 677 LIDFORD AVE., LA PUENTE, CA 91744 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LAWRENCE MA, 677 LIDFORD AVE. LA PUENTE, CA 91744 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/22/2012 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/LAWRENCE MA, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 22, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012159689**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TWO HATS GAMES, 10360 BROOKSHIRE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRIAN FATTORINI, 10360 BROOKSHIRE AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241 (2) CHRIS TODD WRIGHT, 12617 2ND AVE #3, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94122 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/BRIAN FATTORINI This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 08, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/23/12, 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012183110**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) G GRADING AND MARKING, 8341 GALLATIN RD., DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERTO GONZALEZ, 8341 GALLATIN RD., DOWNEY, CA 90240 (2) TATIA GONZALEZ, 8341 GALLATIN RD., DOWNEY, CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ROBERTO GONZALEZ, CO OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012152522**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLDG ENTERTAINMENT, 8224 DIENIR STREET UNIT B, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NATALI CARLOS HERRADOR, 8224 DIENIR STREET UNIT B, DOWNEY, CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/25/2012 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/NATALI CARLOS HERRADOR, REGISTRANT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 30, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/30/12, 9/6/12, 9/13/12, 9/20/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number **2012163648**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELITE TRAVEL AND TOURISM, 5502 LAKEWOOD BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIANNA SMITH, 5502 LAKEWOOD BLVD, LAKEWOOD, CA 90712 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ADRIANNA SMITH, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 14, 2012 NOTICE-in accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

On September 11, 2012, the City Council introduced an ordinance rezoning property located at 8605 Gallatin Road, commercial to medium density residential to rezone the property from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential).

On September 11, 2012, the City Council introduced an ordinance amending Article VI of the Downey Municipal Code to establish procedures to deny and to suspend or revoke business licenses.

Copies of the full texts are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC, City Clerk
Dated: September 13, 2012

The Downey Patriot 9/13/12

CITY OF DOWNEY
PUBLIC NOTICE
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Notice is hereby given that the City of Downey has prepared a draft of the required Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is an assessment of the City's performance in relation to the priorities and goals proposed in the City's 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan, and provides a financial summary of the program year with specific project information. The report is specific to the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds received by the City. This report covers the period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The CAPER will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by October 1, 2012.

The public is invited to review the report. Those interested in commenting on the CAPER are encouraged to do so. A copy of the draft report will be available for review on Friday, September 14 at the Office of the Downey City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue during regular business hours, and on the City's website at www.downeyca.org. Comments may be delivered or mailed to the attention of the Community Development Department, Housing Division.

For further information, call Edward Velasco at (562) 904-7152.

The Downey Patriot 9/13/12

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK COURT HOUSE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS023703
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AVINASH NUKALA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: AVINASH NUKALA to Proposed name: PARIKSHIT NUKALA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 10-24-12, Time: 1:30 p.m.,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**
This copy of the Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER**, September 12, 2012.
Yvonne T. Sanchez
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner in Pro Per
Avinash Nukala,
18946 Vickie Ave, Apt 244,
Cerritos, CA 90703
(562) 608-8560

The Downey Patriot 9/13/12, 9/20/12, 9/27/12, 10/4/12

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GERALDINE ELIZABETH GAMBLE
Case No. VP014499

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GERALDINE ELIZABETH GAMBLE: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Dorice Kimbrough in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Dorice Kimbrough be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. 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 9/25/2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. L located at 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.

THE COURT Clerk of the printing 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 to 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.
IF 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 9100. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner:
DORICE KIMBROUGH - In Pro Per
16276 BLOSSOM TIME CT
RIVERSIDE, CA 92503
(951) 220-4019
(951) 687-8484 Fax
Email: DoriceKimbrough@yahoo.com

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BARBARA RAE AU
Case No. BP136445

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BARBARA RAE AU: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Annie M. Clark in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE re-quests that Annie M. Clark be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (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 Sept. 27, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the 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.
IF 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:
TEDDIE J RANDALL ESQ SBN 91433
RANDALL & ASSOCIATES
3681 CRENSHAW BLVD
LOS ANGELES CA 90016-4849

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20110003501295 Title Order No: 110439420 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 01/08/2007 as Instrument No. 2007001925 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: EDWARD RAMEAU AND ANASTASIA RAMEAU, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 10/03/2012 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, PHOENIX, AZ 85066. STREET ADDRESS AND other information regarding this sale of the real property described above is purported to be: 10543 DOWNEY AVE UNIT I, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6252-025-028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$39,475.41. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. You should consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. 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CRIME REPORT

Saturday, Sept. 8

At 7:30 a.m., officers arrested a female transient for trespassing at the Care More Medical facility (10000 Lakewood) after she refused to vacate the premises. Officers took her to a local hospital to get medical attention and issued her a citation.

Sunday, Sept. 9

At 8:30 a.m., officers were called to McDonald's at Lakewood/Florence after the same female transient that was arrested the previous day at the CareMore facility threw a trash can lid at a customer. Officers found the woman acting irrational and took her to a local hospital for an evaluation. Representatives from People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), a non-profit organization that helps homeless individuals become self-sufficient, were contacted and are attempting to help the woman as well.

At 9:30 a.m., officers arrested a male adult after officers observed him spray painting graffiti on a wall in the Rio Hondo River Channel at Florence Avenue. He was booked for misdemeanor vandalism. Two other subjects were questioned, identified, and released.

At 9:40 p.m., a verbal argument between two customers in the drive-thru of In-N-Out resulted in a 31-year-old male being arrested for threatening the other customer with a machete. The suspect drove away from the scene after the argument, but officers stopped him a short time later. Officers found the machete in the suspect's truck and arrested him for brandishing the machete in a threatening manner. Nobody was injured.

Information provided by the Downey Police Department

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.

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

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.

To purchase a ticket, call Sally at (562) 861-8370.

Species extinction: the human touch

Lars Clutterham

In the Bible, God gives humans "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth." In fact the King James translation uses the term fifty-six times between its initial appearance in the first chapter of Genesis, quoted here, and its last appearance in the first chapter of Revelation, the final book of the New Testament, in which the writer dedicates human effort to God and offers God "glory and dominion for ever and ever."

The term "dominion" is not often used today. Its meaning, even in the biblical tradition, is a bit slippery. But always strongly inferred is great power and domination—exactly the kind of control humans have exercised over all other living things as the dominant species of the holocene epoch, the current geological era, spanning the last 12,000 years. Twelve thousand years, by the way, is little more than the blink of an eye in geologic history, given that, as we mentioned last week, the lifetime of a single species on Planet Earth is typically about ten million years.

Humankind is also universally viewed in the scientific community as accountable for what's now being called the "holocene extinction," estimated to be somewhere between 100 and 1,000 times all previous extinction rates. And it strains the imagination to think that this kind of wholesale destruction of other living species could be what God meant when giving humans "dominion . . . over all the earth."

There's another reason beyond this theistic perspective why humans should be concerned about current extinctions: because in a fundamental way they can be viewed as the "canary in the coal mine" for Planet Earth. The significance of this old mining practice could not be more appropriate to humankind. If we care about our responsibility to what theistic believers would call "God's creation," or alternatively what public figures might describe as our legacy to our grandchildren, then we humans need to be concerned about what we're doing to our planet.

So how is that concern being exercised? At this moment the International Union for Conservation of Nature is in the midst of its quadrennial World Conservation Congress in Jeju, Korea. The IUCN, as we've men-



Illustration by Gennie Prochazka

tioned before, maintains and publishes the "Red List of Endangered Species," widely viewed as the definitive source for extinction data. The agenda for the IUCN's 2012 WCC, in progress now through September 15, includes 146 "motions," or agenda actions, dealing with issues threatening the earth's environment.

Motion 15 specifically addresses species extinction, noting that "humans are currently causing the greatest mass extinction of species since the extinction of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago, and that if present trends continue one-half of all living species on Earth will be extinct within 100 years, as a result of habitat destruction, pollution, invasive species and climate change; further noting that the Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) engages 75 non-governmental biodiversity conservation organizations working to prevent species extinctions by identifying and safeguarding the places where species evaluated to be Endangered or Critically Endangered under IUCN Red List criteria are restricted to single remaining sites; taking into account that AZE has so far identified 920 globally highly threatened species confined to some 587 single sites, and that loss of any of these sites, to habitat degradation or other threats, would precipitate final extinction events, at least in the wild; concerned that just one-third of the sites are known to have legal protection, and most are surrounded by human population densities that are approximately three times the global average." The motion concludes with a recommendation for

concrete action to help preserve these sites among several international environmental groups.

Despite whatever comfort may be found in the knowledge that several agencies most of us have never heard of are trying to preserve the other living species around us, these circumstances and these gestures may seem remote and out of our control. The question arises, "what can an individual do?" "What can I do in Downey, where I'm just trying to get the kids to school, hold down a job, provide for groceries, make payments on the car, and take care of the rent or the mortgage?"

There are things you can do. We've already mentioned some of them in this space over the past year. Some of them are easy and obvious, but some of them are difficult. We'll talk about a few of the harder ones next time.

After all, as a human, you've got "dominion," but you've also got responsibility.



Downey residents John and Josie Rangel traveled to Sequoia National Park and took a copy of *The Downey Patriot*.

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FEATURED PROPERTY

JUST LISTED

A Must See!
This is a beautiful remodeled home with ample space. It features 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and sits on a 10,000 sq. ft. lot. The kitchen has granite counters, beautiful cabinets, built in stove, dishwasher and microwave. The fireplace in the family room and the central air and heat finalize this masterpiece. Priced at \$515,000!

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Spectacular Downey Home
One of Downey's nicest areas! This spacious 4 bedroom and 2 bathroom home has over 3000 sqft. It features a newly remodeled kitchen, bathrooms and recently painted interior. The kitchen features modern cabinets with quartz countertops, a fire place in the living room and a upstairs loft. Call today for more information!

Luxury
This is an IMMACULATE Gallery Collection Home! It features polished marble flooring, a marble fireplace, plantation shutters, granite counters throughout and crown molding. This home also has newer interior & exterior paint, an island in the kitchen, built in book case in the family room and a formal dining room. Call today for more information on this fantastic property.

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

Another Downey Sale
This is a beautiful North Downey home with a remodeled kitchen, upgraded windows, central air & heat. It features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, a brick fireplace and a long driveway with a gate. The large 8500 sq ft lot has a covered patio, pond with a waterfall and planter boxes for flowers or vegetables. This one won't last at \$379,000!

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.

IN ESCROW

Nobody Sell's Downey Better!
This is an excellent opportunity. This spacious 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home features a family room that can be used as a third bedroom. Located in North Downey, this home also has a 2 car garage, 1,037 sq. ft. of living space on a 5,505 sq. ft. lot. Best of all it is priced at an amazing \$272,000!

IN ESCROW

Another Satisfied Downey Client!
This is a beautiful, remodeled home on a quiet tree-lined residential neighborhood. The home offers newer windows, newer paint and carpet. The living rooms and bedrooms have vaulted ceilings and the kitchen features quartz counter tops. The back yard is great for entertaining and features a nice pool. Priced at \$519,888!

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