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Downtown housing complex moves forward

DOWNEY – Construction of The View, the affordable housing project proposed for downtown, could begin this winter after the development was approved for more than \$8 million in federal tax credits, city officials announced this week.

The View was one of only 12 developments in Los Angeles County to have been selected by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee to receive \$8.8 million in federal income housing tax credits.

The tax credits were the final piece of financing necessary to move the project forward, city officials said.

The 50-unit complex will offer two- and three-bedroom apartments, a community center, gardens, computer lab and controlled access gates. It will be marketed to low- and moderate-income families.

If construction begins later this year as tentatively scheduled, it would open by summer 2014.

Housing applications will be available in 2014.

City leaders hope the housing development will place more people downtown to shop and eat, while providing affordable housing options.

"This new development will be a great addition to our city and will help further our commitment to revitalizing our Downtown area," Mayor Roger Brossmer said in a statement. "We are excited for this project to be underway as it will provide working families affordable rental homes with close proximity to Downtown Downey jobs and nearby services."

The View is slated to have 35 2-bedroom units with proposed rents from \$516 to \$895, according to an application filed with the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, and 14 3-bedroom units with rents from \$591 to \$1,030.

The development will generate about \$508,000 in annual rent, city officials estimated.

For project-related questions, call James Kim with developer National Community Renaissance at (909) 483-2444.

—Eric Pierce, city editor

Free admission at space center Aug. 26

DOWNEY – In honor of her foundation's 20th anniversary, philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer is sponsoring a free admission day at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Aug. 26.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., anyone can visit the space center at no charge.

The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation is a strong support of academics, having provided thousands of scholarships to students in the Downey Unified School District.

The foundation also funds numerous programs for local schools and community organizations.

For more information about the free event, call the space center at (562) 231-1200.

• The monthly art exhibit will mark its one-year anniversary with a gala Saturday night.

By Carol Kearns Contributor

DOWNEY – This Saturday, Mari's Wine Bar on Firestone Boulevard and the Downey Arts Coalition are inviting the public to attend the one-year anniversary celebration of the monthly art exhibits known as Art on the Vine.

A selection of work by earlier featured artists will be on display, and most of the artists will be available to answer questions. The festivities include complimentary food and live music with saxophonist Sergio de la Trinidad and others – no cover charge.

Conceived last summer with the goal of providing a regular venue for both established and emerging artists to showcase their work, Art on the Vine is spear-headed by a committed team of Downey artists and art lovers, with support from local businesses such as Mari's Wine Bar, Fresh & East and Gallery Frames.

Gala openings introduce each new exhibit and are often celebrated with live music. The art remains on display for patrons to enjoy for a month.

Andrew Wahlquist of the DAC views the exhibits as "transformative for our artists, some who have never shown their work locally, and others who are having their work displayed publicly for the first time."

Each new exhibit requires a tremendous amount of physical preparation in a short amount of time. Work from the prior show must be removed and new artwork hung without damaging the walls. Husbands and friends with ladders and tools are recruited to hang the large pieces.

Besides the heavy lifting, there is also the work of contacting and scheduling new artists, and being available at the venue for hours on opening night. It is a definite labor of love and a gift to the community by people who have day jobs.

Art on the Vine is the brainchild of Don Lamkin, member of the Downey Arts Coalition, who explains that when he first saw Mari's Wine Bar, he thought it would make a great place for a rotating art gallery. With a "Yes" from the manager, Lamkin formed a team with two other DAC members: Carolina Del Toro, photographer, and Pat Gil, arts activist. Eloisa "EJ" Ball later joined the team as well.

As more artists became involved, many were surprised to find out that there were so many like-minded people in Downey who were either creating art or enjoyed the opportunity to view and support original art. More than a few were surprised to discover that they were virtually neighbors.

Besides featuring local talent, such as Ricky Ostendi, Laura Sanchez, and Jorge Del Toro, coordinator Pat Gil explains the program also reaches out to artists from other areas and promotes Downey as a destination. People from all over the Los Angeles area came to see the paintings of musician Michael

Art on the Vine celebrating Year One



Downey sculpture Jorge Del Toro and his wife Carolina review the bust of an endangered rhino species to display at the one-year anniversary gala of Art on the Vine, this Saturday, August 4, at Mari's Wine Bar.

Photo by Carol Kearns

Tempo.

The team is amazed at how many people continue to contact them, and Lamkin says that they are booked through the end of the year, adding that the program has "become an event that even well-known artists are proud to list on their exhibit resumes!"

Encouraged by its growing success, Art on the Vine recruited artists and occupied three booths at the Downey Street Faire last April, where several artists presented demonstrations of their techniques for working with various mediums.

Impact at City Hall

The response from City Hall underscores the positive impact of this burgeoning art movement in Downey. Working with local art groups last September, the city included an outdoor art show as part of a Taste of Downey.

City councilmen, including the mayor, are among those purchasing the artwork, and Councilman Mario Guerra asserts that "our city is being transformed by the efforts of our art community."

"We are starting to see the community take ownership of the movement and drive it," added Mayor Roger Brossmer.

Brossmer views an active art community as a major component of a vibrant downtown, and he cites the consistency of Art on the Vine as a factor in the city's recent decision to lease a retail space on Downey Avenue to be used as a public art gallery.

Remarking that consistency is necessary for sustainability, Brossmer stated, "Without the Art on the Vine program, it is unlikely that the city would have sponsored the art studio on Downey Avenue." The mayor said he sees more partnerships in the future with other groups such as the Downey Museum of Art.

Local Artist and Volunteer

Local sculptor Jorge Del Toro is the quintessential example of a talented artist with a day job (he is also the husband of team member Carolina). He favors sculpting by hand rather than with a wheel, and he is presently intent on expanding his knowledge and use of pre-Hispanic



Photo courtesy Downey Arts Coalition

finishing techniques.

Del Toro is also a regular behind-the-scenes helper for Art on the Vine, and he is generous with his time in support of other artists.

Growing up in Chapala, Jalisco, Del Toro acquired an interest in sculpture at an early age. At that time, clay work and pottery were a major industry for the community, and every member of the family participated in the production. He said the artisans specialized in detailed, intricate hand work.

As a playmate of their children, Del Toro said that he would sometimes help burnish the pieces with a spoon or a stone. Making miniature figures of his own for fun, Del Toro feels he absorbed their techniques.

Coming to the United States when he was seventeen, Del Toro took ceramic classes at Huntington Park High School. Teachers bought his pieces and he won first prize in a school competition.

But after graduation, the art was set aside as Del Toro went to work. In time he earned a degree in auto mechanics, married, and raised three children. It was Carolina who encouraged him to return to his art.

Today, both Del Toro and his wife have shown their work in galleries from Oxnard to Long Beach. Mayor Brossmer is a fan of her

photography, having purchased two pieces at Downey events.

Ancient Techniques

To Del Toro, clay pieces formed by ancient methods feel more alive. Pre-Hispanic sculpture was fired at a lower temperature with wood, and polished by hand-rubbing.

Inspired by nature, Del Toro's creations are often detailed, realistic-looking animals and plants that invite touching. He wants to call attention to species that are in danger of extinction, and he says that each piece is a part of him.

Rising at 4:30 am every day to go to work, squeezing out time to work in his studio after a 10-hour day, Del Toro is just one example of the artists that the DAC seeks to encourage and support.

As Wahlquist explains, the DAC is committed to both art and the community of Downey, with the purpose of helping residents see and enjoy the profound talent that is in their city.

Art on the Vine will be this Saturday, August 4, 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., Mari's Wine Bar, 8222 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA 90241

Visit the website for the Downey Arts Coalition at downeyarts.org.

Brossmer to seek re-election

DOWNEY – Roger Brossmer, more than halfway through a term as Downey mayor that has seen the City Council balance its budget and approve the \$170 million Tierra Luna Marketplace development at Downey Studios, will seek reelection in November.

Brossmer officially kicked off his reelection campaign last Thursday with a party at the home of former mayor Kirk Cartozian.

"It's been a tough year as mayor," Brossmer said. "But in tough times we need leaders who are capable of making tough decisions."

Brossmer represents the northwest section of Downey known as District 3. He is eligible for a final 4-year term on the City Council.

There are no other announced candidates for District 3.

"Hopefully I'll run unopposed," Brossmer laughed. "But we will be fundraising, walking the neighborhood. We will be in full campaign mode...Hoping doesn't help."

The last year has seen a boom in economic development in Downey led by the 77-acre Tierra Luna project, which is expected to create 3,300 jobs and \$4.2 million in annual tax revenue.

There's also Downey Gateway, the food court at Firestone Boulevard and Downey Avenue expected to open before the end of the year; The View housing project downtown, construction of which could begin this winter; and Stay Gallery, a city-funded art house on Downey Avenue that celebrated a soft launch last week.

But Brossmer's term as mayor hasn't been without turmoil and controversy. Earlier this year the city laid off more than a dozen workers, and budget cuts forced the fire department to take a fire engine out of service, increasing firefighters' response times.

Two weeks ago, the City Council commissioned a study to consider contracting with L.A. County for fire protection services.

Such votes are at times unpopular but in the best interest of the city, Brossmer said.

"We're living in Seattle -- it's raining all the time now," Brossmer said. "But I've learned that just because you do the right thing, you can't ignore the consequences."

Golfers raising money for cancer research

DOWNEY – The sixth annual Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament takes place Aug. 15 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club with all proceeds benefitting the Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance for ovarian cancer awareness.

Cost is \$150 for 18 holes of golf, on-course contests and an awards dinner, or \$30 for dinner only.

Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$6,000.

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Precision cleaning company Astro Pak unveils new facilities

• Astro Pak celebrates its renovated multi-million dollar cleaning laboratory.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – After months of renovation, precision cleaning contractor Astro Pak, located at 12201 Pangborn Ave., officially unveiled its upgraded cleaning facility in Downey last Wednesday.

Before an eager crowd of city officials and longtime employees, company president Ken Verheyen jovially snapped a crystal blue ribbon extending across the entrance of the renovated facilities, drawing ecstatic cheers and fanfare.

In a warehouse filled with cardboard boxes, wooden slates, and high-powered hoses, Verheyen addressed the audience just before an open house tour that allowed guests, including the Downey City Council, to explore the company's new multi-million dollar cleaning laboratory.

"When we endeavored to do this project, people thought I was way in over my head," he said. "The largest expansion we've taken on has been in the worst economic times, but I had total confidence in making the investment because of our team."

During the ceremony, Verheyen praised the equipment suppliers, customers, and employees who have bolstered the small company through the years.

"Our supply base has served us for 53 years," said Verheyen, who took over the company in the early 1990s. "Our customers are the absolute top world technology leaders. You trusted us with your programs.



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Using high-tech equipment and chemical products, Astro Pak specializes in certified purity cleaning, disinfection, electropolishing, and passivation, which eliminates iron from the surface of a spacecraft to enhance corrosion resistance.

Founded on March 1, 1959, Astro Pak emerged during the escalating space race between the United States and the U.S.S.R. The great rivalry for space technology created a huge opportunity for small precision cleaning contractors and Astro Pak filled the void.

From Atlas missiles and the Apollo space program to Gemini and Saturn, the employees of Astro Pak have touched nearly every space program, Verheyen said.

In the early 70s, Astro Pak, now based in Costa Mesa, was contracted by the U.S. Navy to clean the oxygen systems on several of its rescue ships.

Speaking on behalf of the city, Mayor Roger Brossmer lauded the company, which opened its Downey location in 1974 to serve the 200-acre Rockwell NASA plant that designed and produced the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs.

"We're very honored that you chose the city of Downey and stayed in Downey," said Brossmer. "Let's shoot for 53 more (years)."

While touring the facility, Councilman Mario Guerra also reflected on the company's contributions to the city's aerospace history.

"This is part of the Downey legacy, innovative companies like

this," he said. "People always say let's bring back high tech industries, well, we already have high-tech industries."

Since 1991, every 10 years the company has seen its revenues and facilities double as more industries are in need of precision cleaning services, said Verheyen.

Today, the growing company cleans equipment for various industries, including biopharmaceutical, food and beverage, household and personal care, medical, and aerospace and defense.

"We've been growing since the day we started," said Verheyen, whose father, Carl, co-founded the company in 1959. "The message today is simple. Great companies are made of great people."

Time running out to apply for commission

DOWNEY – Local high school students have until Aug. 10 to apply to serve on the Downey Youth Commission, an advisory body to the City Council.

The commission meets monthly throughout the school year to learn about city projects, plan activities, discuss youth topics and participate in community events.

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

Applications are posted online at downeyca.org. They must be turned in no later than 4 p.m. on Aug. 10 to the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

For questions or more information, call (562) 904-7238.

DUSD releases income caps for free meals

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District this week released its income eligibility guidelines for children who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

To receive a free breakfast, lunch and milk, the student's household income cannot exceed \$29,965 for a family of four.

The income limit climbs to \$35,113 for a family of five, \$40,261 for a family of six and \$45,261 for a seven-member family.

Reduced-price breakfast and lunch is available to students whose household income does not exceed \$42,643 for a family of four, \$49,969 for a family of five or \$57,295 for a family of six.

Children who receive food stamps, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDIPIR benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of their household's income.

Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, parents must pick-up an application at their school's office and return it for processing. Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year.

The free and reduced-price meals are provided as part of the federal National School Lunch Program, established to provide nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals to students each day.

The program was established by President Harry Truman in 1946.

Chris & Pitts not closing

DOWNEY – Chris & Pitts, the family-owned barbecue restaurant at Lakewood Boulevard and Gallatin Road, has no plans to close despite rumors to the contrary, restaurant officials said this week.

The rumors started in April, when this newspaper reported plans for a townhouse development on the northwest corner of that intersection, restaurant representatives said.

Forty-six townhouses are tentatively scheduled to be built on the lot directly north of the restaurant, which was once occupied by Downey Ford.

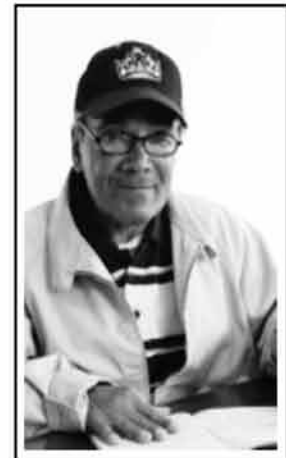
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Rosie Grier opens up about his life at Chamber awards ceremony

• NFL great is keynote speaker at event honoring Downey Chamber's businesses and volunteers of the year.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The trajectory of Rosie Grier's life has taken him from humble beginnings in Cuthbert, Georgia where he was born, to Penn State where he shone in football, to a legendary career first with the New York Giants then with the Los Angeles Rams where he was one of the Fearsome Foursome (along with Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen and Lamar Lundy), to megamedia exposure when he figured as a protective angel at the assassination of Bobby Kennedy in 1968, to a long-lasting celebrity career as a functioning movie/TV personality, and to his current roles as an ordained minister and inspirational speaker.

He touched on all these highlights, often with a dash of humor, as keynote speaker at the Chamber's Awards Luncheon on July 27, but, on a deeper level, he tried to impart a few serious messages to the group of distinguished people in attendance. He used the power of leadership to effect change as his main leitmotif.

"You plant the seeds that make your businesses grow and prosper," he said, adding, "You are in a unique position to meet the needs of people in the community."

Further, he said, "You have the ability to create better products,



Photo courtesy Downey Chamber of Commerce

come up with new ideas. This is in line with Kennedy's challenge, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.'

As a peroration on this theme, Grier said, "We are a great nation when we play according to the rules, and when we respect one another."

He spoke as well about the power of prayer and the need for forgiveness: "We should all fall on our knees and pray" and "If you really love someone, then you should know how to forgive."

Grier, who turned 80 on July 14, related what he told his son Leroy (to loud applause). He said he told Leroy how he wanted to spend the rest of his life: "I want to serve my

fellowman, and how I can serve my brother better."

He said, "If I can somehow impart my beliefs and best thoughts to people I leave behind, then perhaps I'll be leaving people who'll be able to change the course of events in their time."

He grew more serious, and more measured, when he talked about his wife: "I lost my wife on June 10, 2011, and I never realized how much time she spent in raising our son, making sure he went to the best school, and so on."

He also spoke about the power of one individual, if he believes strongly in himself and the multiplicative power of relationships: "What we need to do is work to-

gether, what we've got to realize is we can change the world by affirming: I'm precious; I'm unique; I'm one of a kind; there's nobody in the world like me. I'm a winner."

Then he gave his 'most important, most resounding' message: "Don't say it can't be done. Say instead how can it be done."

Honored were: Small Business of the Year – Gilbert Alarcon, Avenue Press Printing Co.; Mid-Size Business of the Year – Bob Ciatti, Efficient Lighting & Electric; Large Business of the Year – Coca-Cola Bottling Co. (accepting was George Garza); Director of the Year – Michael Murray, Downey Used Cars; and Volunteer of the Year – Mia Vasquez, Saywell Florist.

Also recognized/saluted were the Committee Persons of the Year: Ambassadors – Jeannie Wood, Albertsons; Christmas Parade – Lee Ann Sears, Downey Rose Float Association; Golf – Mia Vasquez, Saywell Florist; Legislative Advocacy – Steve Hoffman, Law Office of Steven J. Hoffman; Membership Events/Concert --

Rowena Dominguez, Century 21 My Real Estate Co.; and Street Faire – Rick Rodriguez, RMI International.

Chairman of the proceedings was Chamber president-elect Alex Saab.



Joan Frey was recently installed as president of the Assistance League of Downey – her second term of office. Serving on the board of directors are Adele Alexander, first vice president; Charlene McCluskey, second vice president; Charlene Roche, third vice president; Beverly Young, recording secretary; Jackie Vinckier, corresponding secretary; Judy Faust, treasurer; and Beverly Mathis, chapter liaison to auxiliary and Assisteens. Adele Alexander is pictured above (left) presenting Frey with a gift from her board of directors.

Family raising money for Avon Walk

DOWNEY – The sixth annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser, which raises money for the Avon Breast Cancer Walk in the memory of late Downey resident Sue Phillips, takes place this Saturday with dinner, bingo and a silent auction.

Phillips' family is trying to raise at least \$1,800 – the minimum required to participate in the walk.

The Avon Breast Cancer Walk is a two-day, 39-mile walk that is held in nine cities throughout the U.S.

Phillips' family is participating in the Santa Barbara walk.

To take part in the fundraiser or to make a donation, call (562) 577-2959 or e-mail SuesMemorial@hotmail.com.

Downey High class of '57 reuniting

DOWNEY – Downey High School's class of 1957 will hold its 55th reunion Oct. 13 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$60 per person if purchased before Sept. 13 or \$65 afterward, and includes a three-course dinner and no-host bar.

A campus tour will take place Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. and a section of the football stadium will be set aside for those wishing to attend the football game against Gahr High School. An informal "sports reunion" will be held at the Embassy Suites before and after the game.

In a departure from past reunions, rather than focus on the school's well-chronicled athletic achievements, the class will commemorate its scholastic achievements by honoring three classmates who perished in a tragic automobile accident a few months prior to graduation.

Mary Monroe, Pat Read and Rick Moore (class of 1956) were class leaders and scholars, all three planning to continue their educations through academic scholarships. Because of their deep shared interest in journalism, a one-time scholarship will be awarded to a Downey High student looking to pursue a career in journalism.

For more information on the reunion, contact Anne (Connor) Rank at rankac@cox.net or (949) 643-3970 or Kay (Wilde) Cofield at krcofield@gmail.com or (562) 594-4277.

Harbor Freight ribbon cutting

DOWNEY – Harbor Freight Tools at Downey Landing will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 15 at noon to celebrate its grand opening.

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Letters to the Editor:

Keep Downey Fire

Dear Editor:

Scrap the Downey Fire Department? Whoa! This is a move that should not be pursued without extensive discussions and community input. Has anyone asked if fire insurance rates might increase? Has anyone asked the opinion of residents who have experienced needing Fire Department services?

Here's mine. When I realized that the sudden unexplained exhaustion accompanied by profuse sweating were symptoms of a heart attack, I asked my wife to call 911. The professionalism and skills of the responding Downey paramedics along with their obvious attitude of caring were reassuring to my wife, while the communication capabilities with the hospital meant that I was prepped and in surgery less than a minute after arrival.

That was eight years ago, and the damage to my heart was minimal. My doctor says I was lucky. As far as I'm concerned, the luck was living in Downey.

It seems that some members of the City Council are looking only at costs and not considering benefits. The cost of our fire department needs to be considered only as it relates to its value to the community. And I encourage those in the community who have experienced this value to make their voices heard. It might also be enlightening to hear from some department members who provide this value.

Yes, cities are experiencing budget problems and contracting with the County could possibly save money. But the county has budget problems of its own, and if they decide to reduce the level of service there will be no opportunity for community input then.

Meanwhile, the city contracts to spend over \$40,000 for a lobbyist to look after city interests. I thought that was the responsibility of our elected officials. But speaking of those elected officials, if they try to shut down the fire department without extensive community input and approval, drop by and say hello. I'll be the guy holding the recall petitions.

David Mathews
Downey

Dear Editor:

What is the City Council thinking, jeopardizing the lives and property of Downey residents by considering transferring responsibilities of the Downey Fire Department to the Los Angeles County Fire Department? L.A. County Fire has enough to handle.

Have any of the council members ever had to depend on the fire department or paramedics for help? What will become of the fire trucks and equipment and buildings that house them? Will all this be torn down to make way for yet another shopping mall that is not needed? Will our property taxes go up?

Then what will be next? The police department? To leave us vulnerable to all elements of destruction? Without a lifeline to hang on to?

Come on people of Downey, wake up. Do not allow this or any council to dismantle Downey Fire or Downey Police. We do not need anymore trees, flowering plants, street lamps, shopping malls and/or expenditures for a golf course.

We do need lifelines.

Gertrude Suhy
Downey

Work towards compromises

Dear Editor:

Regurgitation of right wing (or left wing) talking points is not "research." Bathing oneself in the jingoistic blather of Fox News and Limbaugh is not an education.

Terms such as "welfare state" and "parasitic" have no place in an intelligent discussion of issues. The major problem facing this country is that all battles over issues of national importance are being waged by the zealots on both sides. Since neither side is going to win everything they want, it makes more sense to ignore the bomb-throwers on both sides, and work towards compromises that completely please no one.

That's how democracy is supposed to work.

Richard Henry
Downey

Shopping cart solution

Dear Editor:

Regarding Mr. Dan Chantre's letter ("Shopping Carts," 7/26/13): There IS a shopping cart hotline: (800) 252-4613. I've phoned it many times over the years.

And, while it's nice to think that a PSA in the Patriot might help, I tend to doubt it. I suspect that everyone who has ever taken a shopping cart from the store premises knows full well that they're really not supposed to do that; they just don't care.

I also wonder about those who unload their cart and then leave it blocking a parking space instead of pushing it 10 yards to the collector area (and it appears as if some of them could really use the walk, too!).

Gary Myers
Downey

Chick-Fil-A in Downey

Dear Editor:

Chick-Fil-A does not discriminate against gays. They hire gays, serve gays and treat them as they treat others.

The president of Chick-Fil-A believes what the Bible teaches about marriage – that it should be between one man and one woman. Chick-Fil-A is a Christian organization and has as much right to their beliefs as anyone else.

Just because a person disagrees with Bible teachings does not give them the right to boycott and damage those who do believe God's teachings in the Bible.

George Teats Sr.
Downey

Dear Editor:

The owner of a business, as much as any other individual in this land, may express his beliefs, and should be able to do so without the ridiculous "hate speech label."

I may not agree with some people, but I do believe in our Bill of Rights, and that it applies to each citizen. If we can have a local bar with a name meaningful to the owner but offensive to others, because of the owner's right to freedom of speech, then everyone else gets to have the same privilege. And it is a privilege: make no mistake. Do not abuse it by defaming someone who sincerely believe differently than you do.

We don't need a homogenized society, with so-called political correctness coloring in the lines. And we don't need to bring any exclusionist establishments into this community. Frankly, two hookah bars is about enough exoticism for our small town! There are plenty of cities with exotic entertainment.

Downey has long been a good city in which to raise a family. It is full of local restaurants, and even bars, which welcome everyone. Try supporting families who have had businesses in Downey for years. If you need special treatment, other than the good service you can already get, sure, go somewhere else.

As for bringing Chick-Fil-A to town: it's about time something perked up that section of Firestone, and Chick-Fil-A is a good new chain for our town. I trust our City Council will resist doing anything foolish under pressure.

In response to the hostile and "hateful" attitude to a man's remarks in a private interview, my family will be patronizing Chick-Fil-A, and my husband doesn't even like chicken.

We need to encourage businesses and create jobs, not stifle them. We need to work to have and keep Downey a family-friendly and safe city.

Glory Derryberry
Downey

Dear Editor:

As I read the letter concerning Chick-Fil-A from Carlos Rangel, I realized that he is exactly what he claims the restaurant chain is all about – promoting hate and discriminating against a select group of Americans...in this case a restaurant chain.

Because we live in a country that gives freedoms in many areas, he has the freedom to believe what he chooses. However, just because someone disagrees with him does not mean they promote hate and inequality.

As a Christian I stand with Chick-Fil-A in their standards and applaud their courage. As a privately-owned company they have the right to take a stand on whatever they choose. There are many companies that support gay rights...why is it any different when one chooses to not support gay rights?

They will bring an excellent restaurant to our city, and I, for one, will definitely eat there often. And by the way – they also choose to not open on Sunday so their employees can worship and have a day of rest with their families. I applaud that decision.

Joyce Beach
Downey

Dear Editor:

Mr. Rangel has decided we should not have Chick-Fil-A in Downey. Where is his tolerance for other people and their beliefs?

If someone doesn't wish to eat there, that's fine. But if I choose to eat there, it's my business.

If someone wants a gay bar in Downey, just pony up the money.

Nothing in our world is one-dimensional; there are many sides to everything. There are some places I will not patronize because I don't agree with what they do. I would never presume to speak for the whole city.

The patrons of Downey will make up their own minds.

Helen Burns
Downey

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately for Mr. Rangel, the only people espousing hatred are those trying to ban Chick-Fil-A from opening restaurants.

How dare he suggest that standing up for traditional marriage is equal to promoting hate. Does he not remember how the majority of Californians have voted twice now to reaffirm traditional marriage? And there is zero evidence that Chick-Fil-A discriminates against anybody. I reject Mr. Rangel's definitions. He clearly does not understand these concepts.

It is absolutely chilling to the bone to hear Democratic politicians use the power of their office to discriminate against a business because of a political stand. Is this not America anymore?

Citizens are free to boycott businesses that take a public position on divisive issues. Government officials are not free to discriminate against businesses for those same public positions. They are blatantly violating Chick-Fil-A CEO Dan Cathy's Constitutional rights and will hopefully be sued.

I am stunned to read that Mr. Rangel believes Downey should become the next San Francisco so he can be proud of the city in which he chooses to raise his kids. Seriously? I, for one, would love to see a Downey Chick-Fil-A and whether or not you agree with their position on same-sex marriage, everyone who believes in the freedom of speech should be decrying Boston and Chicago for their egregious abuse of power.

Alaina Niemann
Downey

Dear Editor:

Mr. Rangel does not reflect my opinion nor the opinion of many in Downey. We do want a Chick-Fil-A restaurant.

No one dares to disparage those who want the Muslim Sharia law because of fear. However, they feel free to put down Christians, who biblically believe that homosexuality is wrong. I consider that discrimination.

Those who wish not to patronize a business for any reason – feel free, but don't prevent those who want to from doing so. It's called freedom of choice. I choose to support Chick-Fil-A, so my tax money will go to the city where they do business.

Who has Chick-Fil-A discriminated against? They serve anyone. This company will generate jobs and taxes. Chick-Fil-A's CEO just supports marriage between a man and a woman.

Betty Logan

Downey

Dear Editor:

Ignorance is a lack of knowledge, and Mr. Rangel's letter is full of it.

First, it is irresponsible and false to say Chick-Fil-A "promotes hate and inequality." During my visits and personal experience at the restaurant, all I am told is "What would you like, sir?" That's it. Nowhere (and never) in conversation or in print material is it stated that the restaurant has a position on same-sex marriage vs. traditional marriage, nor do they make any public statements on gay issues.

It's a wholesome business selling good food to hungry customers. Their interest is to make money and by doing so they bring in needed tax dollars.

Second, if we as a society begin to litmus test business owners on political issues then freedom in America will end for all. Dan Cathy's opposition to same-sex marriage is his personal view, much like you have yours and I have mine. If he uses his resources to promote his views then wonderful; we all have the same liberty.

As a conservative Catholic, Carl Karcher, founder of Carl's Jr., contributed \$1 million to California's Prop 6 initiative in 1978, seeking to ban gays and lesbians, and possibly anyone who supports gay rights, from working in California's public schools. How about the Snyder family? Esther and Harry Snyder, the founders of In & Out burgers, were conservative Christians and morally supported traditional marriage.

In Mr. Rangel's ignorance he mentioned JC Penney. James Cash Penny was a Baptist and a believer in Jesus, and if traditional marriage were under attack during his time as it is today, he would have fought against the position of same-sex marriage, both morally and financially.

We live in a free society. Let's keep it that way and allow the public to vote with their dollars.

Samuel Bettencourt

Standing up for NRA

Dear Editor:

As an NRA member, I felt it was my duty to inform you that changing the law wouldn't change what happened in Colorado. ("Stand up to NRA," Letters to the Editor, 7/26/12) Nor would the dismantling of the NRA.

Of course it is human nature to point fingers after a horrific act of violence like this but the person to point at is James Holmes. We would not blame the AAA for a drunk driver that kills innocent people, would we?

The NRA is a nonprofit group to "protect" our rights to the Second Amendment and "promote firearm ownership rights as well as marksmanship, firearm safety and the protection of hunting and self-defense in the United States." It is not some evil organization that we should fear as the letter writer promoted.

As Americans we should stand up for the NRA to help preserve this right that most country's shall never have.

The best way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Just knowing there is a good guy with a gun around – a cop, guard or, yes, a law-abiding citizen – makes us feel safer because we are indeed safer.

Matthew Santisteven
Downey

Dear Editor:

The issue is not the gun or any organization, but it is an issue of society and of our Constitutional rights.

The Asian world has always been baffled at the western world, especially the United States. Why? If we here in the western world have a headache, we take an aspirin. We never address the actual reason as to what caused the headache. In not knowing what caused the headache, we will certainly experience another headache.

At least 95 percent of all TV shows, cable, satellite, movies and video games involve some type of violence. Unspeakable scenes of killing using everything from knives, axes to guns. We as parents see nothing wrong by letting our children buy all these games and watch all the shows containing violence. Imagine how that affects our future society?

Unless the teaching against violence to all people is enforced, these acts of violence will continue into the generations to come.

The 2nd Amendment is a Constitutional right. We began this country by a set of rights and laws. Slowly these rights are being taken away from us in plain sight.

Not only the NRA but other organizations which protect our constitutional right are right now fighting for you and me in Washington, D.C. If you do not want any of your rights taken away, get involved.

A representative on the Senate floor after this terrible incident in Colorado stated "according to Scripture, the rain falls on the good and the bad." It is life.

The NRA, being an organization of human beings, feels the loss also. I mourn also, but also mourn for the lost family members killed by the drunk driver, the families who lose loved ones from the use of illegal narcotics, the families who lose their loved ones to cancer from tobacco.

These are daily losses. Much more loss than what any firearm could do.

Vince Diaz
Downey

Mural's destruction

Dear Editor:

This letter is addressed to Roger Brossmer, mayor of the city of Downey and assistant superintendent of the Downey Unified School District.

Mr. Brossmer:

Shame on you for not stepping up and doing what you could have to preserve the student-created mural at Downey High School. What purpose was served in allowing a piece of Downey's history to be so wantonly destroyed? It is common knowledge that there are many Downey residents who not only pled for the preservation of that mural, they offered the financial means by which to do so.

You are an educator, Mr. Brossmer. Have you been out of the classroom so long you have forgotten the looks on your students' faces when they successfully completed a Herculean task? How do you think the students who donated countless hours to create that piece of art will feel, as they witness the calloused disregard for their mural which resulted in its now laying in broken pieces in a bed of dirt?

How sad to see another piece of Downey's history fall by the proverbial wayside.

Aaron Ross
Downey

Dear Editor:

This is so sad!

I loved passing by that mural. Why did they do that? The murals are designed to stand the test of time. In 1975-76, I worked alongside many other art students under Mrs. Troesch (loved her!) designing and building another set of mosaic murals that also were demolished (I noticed they went missing in recent years) to my horror.

Sometimes you can't go home again...this is a shame; a part of unique 20th century history associated with this old high school was destroyed. I don't even recognize the school anymore while driving by.

What stupidity – the movers and shakers of Downey don't seem to care.

Laura Hoffman (Altman)
Downey

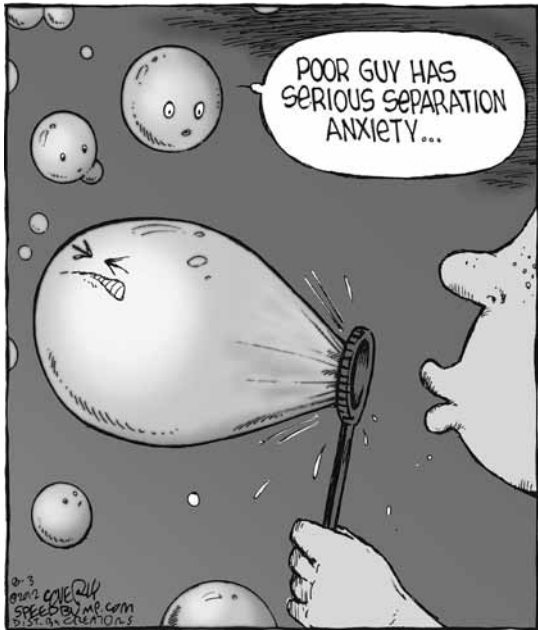
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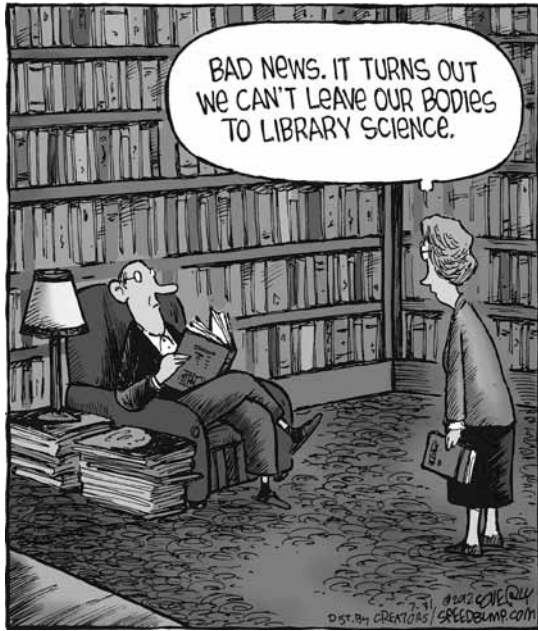
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

Sun. Aug. 5: **Mars rover landing party**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 9:30 p.m.
 Wed. Aug. 8: **Downey Symphony concert**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

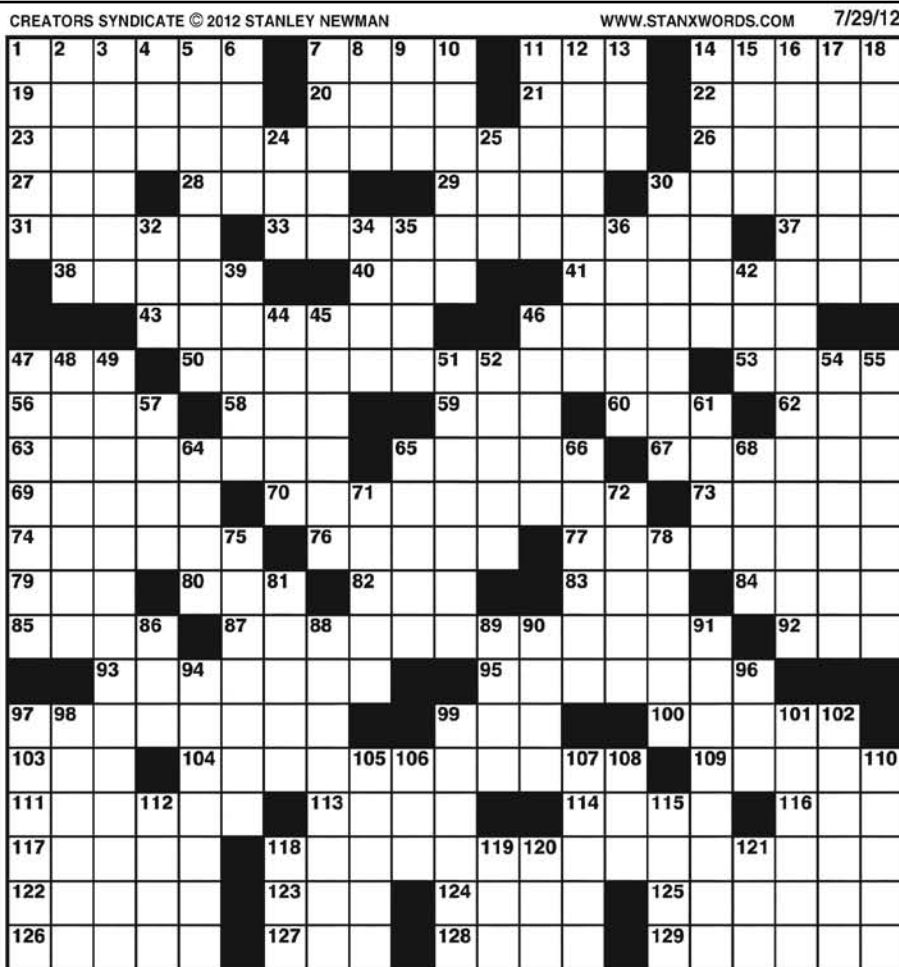
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1923: President Warren G. Harding died of a heart attack in San Francisco at age 57.
1939: Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.
2000: Republicans nominated Texas Gov. George W. Bush for president and Dick Cheney for vice president at the party's convention in Philadelphia.
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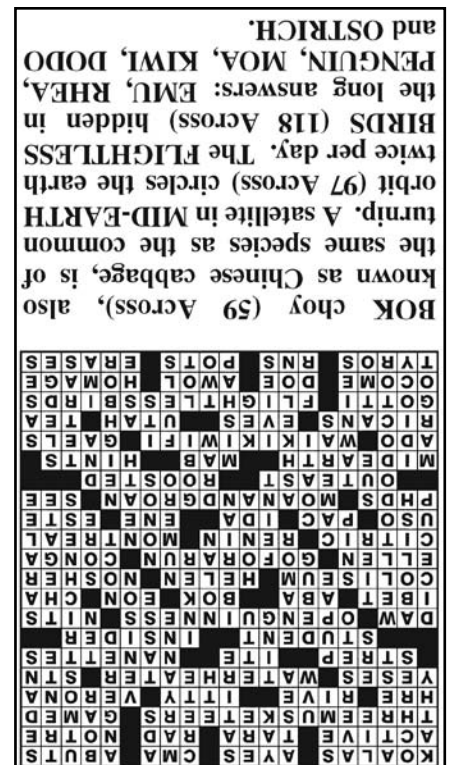


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Downtown art gallery is 'here to stay'

• Stay Gallery will open Saturday for farmers market shoppers.

By Tina Vasquez
Contributor

DOWNEY – In order to show their appreciation for their many donors, supporters, friends, family members, and the Downey artists who have made their dream a possibility, Downey Art Vibe (DAV) threw a private party at their Downtown gallery space on Friday, July 27. The night also marked another important milestone: the official release of the gallery's name. The space, located at 11140 Downey Avenue, will be called Stay Gallery, symbolizing DAV's commitment to getting young professionals and artists to stay in Downey and contribute to the cultural renaissance the group is leading.

Despite its unfinished floors and gutted ceiling, Stay Gallery impressed the party's over 100 attendees, many of which donated \$10 or a bottle of wine for future occasions. As is often the case with DAV events, the thumping music, mostly young, well-dressed crowd, and vibrant atmosphere makes you forget you're in Downey, a city that seems fully asleep by 10 p.m. each night. The DAV party lasted late into the night and according to Stay Gallery director, Valentin Flores, the party's late start was intentional.

"We wanted this event to feel intimate and private because it really was about thanking everyone who has shown us love over the past year," Flores said. "We intentionally started late and put caution tape over the front door and requested that our guests enter through the back. A lot of curious people were peeking in to see what was going on because they weren't used to seeing that much activity or foot traffic at that hour Downtown. It was our way of showing the community how future events would go and

the potential Stay Gallery has for reinvigorating the city's nightlife."

Those inside the event, such as Mayor Roger Brossmer and Councilmember Fernando Vasquez, who donated the gallery's lighting, were able to view original pieces by local Downey artists who spent the previous day – and in some cases, night – working on murals that were painted directly onto the Gallery's white walls. DAV member and local artist Jamie Lennon Rowland was responsible for one of the most popular pieces at the gallery, which featured a series of iPhone screens displaying fictitious text message exchanges between two unknown sources. The conversations touched on the social impact of 'everywhere' technology, which is resulting in our inability to connect with art – or other people – in a sincere way.

Rowland, a Downey native, is in no way shocked by the early success of the unfinished Stay Gallery. "Some people might think it's out of the blue, but other artists in town that I know are saying, 'Finally!'" Rowland said. "I'm anxious for the official opening. It's going to be a beehive of activity and a true cultural center."

Another local artist, 'Cheese' had an explosively colorful mural in the center of the gallery. In graffiti-style lettering using splashes of magenta and mustard yellow, the word "Stay" was the focal point of the piece. Cheese, who met Flores in photography class, was also celebrating his 23rd birthday the day of the event and the young artist was thrilled by the changes DAV is bringing to the city.

"What they're doing is amazing. I never thought this scene would be possible in Downey," Cheese said.

According to Councilman Vasquez, 15 years ago the scene on Friday night wouldn't have been possible. In many ways what's happening is the perfect storm: the presence of a young, ambitious, and energetic non-profit, the city's desire for cultural change, and the quickly shifting demographics in the city of Downey. Not only is there more diversity than



Photo by Ramiro Rubio

Graffiti artist Cheese with Valentin Flores.

ever before, but according to the 2010 United States Census, almost 40 percent of the city is under the age of 24. As the name of their gallery suggests, these are the young people DAV is trying to convince to stay in the city, contribute to its renaissance, and help build Downey's tomorrow. Artist Alina Wilson is a DAV member who has showcased her work at many of the non-profit's local shows. She grew up in Downey, but moved to Huntington Beach partly because of the city's lack of an arts scene. With the opening of the gallery and the increased interest in cultural programming, Brown is now seriously considering moving back.

DAV isn't trying to create a youth movement, however; they're trying to create a cultural movement.

"This isn't just about being young; it's about bringing real change to the city. We're very sensitive to what the people of Downey think and when we were testing our brand's name, it was 50/50: 50 percent loved it and 50 percent were unsure of it. When they came to the event, however, they got it. It clicked. It's about getting people

to stay and give back to our community in a more meaningful way," Flores said.

Downey Arts Coalition member Carlos Durazo, who has an MFA in fine arts, has been painting longer than some attendees at the event have been alive. For 35 years the painter has been working on his craft and after spending the last decade in Downey he was hungry for an arts scene that didn't require a drive to Downtown Los Angeles.

"I've been trying to get more involved in the community and I'm always looking for opportunities to contribute to the cultural aspects of the city. Downey Art Vibe and their gallery are providing that opportunity to me and many other local artists. I'm very excited for the potential here," Durazo said.

DAV still plans to officially open Stay Gallery's doors sometime in September, but in the coming weeks the gallery will be a flurry of activity. The floors will be finished and the floor area near the gallery's entrance will be emblazoned with the Stay logo, the loft space will be built, track light-

ing will be installed, and ivy will be planted outside, among many other improvements. Gabriel Enamorado, who is responsible for all of the gallery's visuals and logos, is currently working on t-shirt designs for the gallery that will be sold both online and inside Stay. Enamorado feels that having transparency with the local community is important, which is part of the reason the office space that will be above the gallery will feature glass doors.

"When we're all finished I want people to be able to walk into the gallery and see what we're doing, see what we're working on," Enamorado said. "That kind of transparency is very important because we're here for the community and we always want to be available to them."

This willingness to invite the public in will also be reflected in on Aug. 4 when the Downey Farmers' Market will move from its current location to Downey Avenue, between 2nd and 3rd Streets. DAV is inviting shoppers to visit the gallery and take a look at the progress that's been made in the eight weeks since Flores was handed the keys in early June.

"Things are obviously still coming together, but we want to invite the community in and let them see firsthand what we've been up to," Flores said. "We might as well because like our front window now says, 'We're here to stay.'"

Space center to host party for Mars rover

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host a "landing party" this Sunday for the Mars rover Curiosity.

Launched in November, Curiosity has been traveling 142 million miles to Mars where it will complete a series of research missions. These missions will investigate whether the conditions on Mars have been favorable for microbial life.

Curiosity will also examine rocks to search for signs of past life.

The landing party starts at 9:30 p.m. and admission is \$5. In addition to watching the landing, there will be a scientific presentation about Curiosity and star gazing.

For more information, call the space center at (562) 231-1200 or e-mail info@downeyspacecenter.org.

PSAT/SAT classes for Downey students

DOWNEY – The Assistance League of Downey is again offering classes this fall for DUSD students preparing for the PSAT and SAT.

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The seminar will consist of five sessions on the following Saturdays: Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. The classes prepare students for the PSAT administration on Oct. 20 and the SAT on Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Cost is \$50 for the five sessions (including textbook) if paid before Sept. 1. The cost increases to \$70 on Sept. 2.

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Downey residents Tamara Butler and Jazmyn Canody pose with *The Downey Patriot* while at the Junior Olympics track and field competition held July 23-29 at Morgan State University in Baltimore. Jazmyn, 13, qualified for the Junior Olympics for the third year in a row and finished 11th in the pentathlon.

Lady Bears get in their hoops while they can

DOWNEY – The Lady Bears basketball team recently returned from San Diego where they competed in the San Diego Classic July 19-22.

The Lady Bears followed that up with a trip to Las Vegas from July 22-29. The Lady Bears performed well and were challenged by playing some of the best teams locally, as well as teams from other states.

Warren also went 4-0 in the Cal Swish College Viewing Showcase from July 11-13. The Lady Bears have had a busy Summer thus far and are gelling together as a team as they continue to improve.

The beginning of August marks the mandated C.I.F. "Dead Period" where there will be no basketball scheduled or played. This "dead period" represents a nice break for coaches and players to recharge their batteries in preparation for the Fall – both in the classroom and on the court. As the last week in August approaches, teams will be back in full swing and practices will resume along with the start of the new school year.

Coach Palmer is very pleased with how well her players are competing and improving from tournament to tournament. Coach Palmer said that she is continuing to receive excellent play from junior guard Priscilla Gaxiola, sophomore guard Vivian Hernandez, junior Jacinda Reyes and freshman Janeane Hernandez. Other Lady Bears receiving more minutes and stepping up are senior Michelle Navarro, senior Justene Reyes and junior Halleasha Williams.

– Mark Fetter, contributor

USC players take part in Downey High football camp

DOWNEY – Head Coach Jack Williams and the Downey High School football staff hosted a skills camp this past Sunday, July 29, at Allan Layne Stadium on the campus of Downey High School.

The camp focused on speed training, tackling techniques, and offensive and defensive drills.

The camp cost was \$35.00 and lasted from noon to 4 p.m. The skills camp was open to all youngsters ages 6-14 years who wanted to learn more about football.

Coach Williams was very pleased with the turnout and mentioned that there were around "80 young athletes at our camp."

Coach Williams said that the camp consisted of current and past Downey players. The current players included Conor Hill, Mark Kozhaya, Jason Thomas, Marlon Duenas and Robert Salazar. Past players were Willie Bobbit, Anthony Gonzalez and Jabari Ruffin.

Bobbit will be leaving for New Mexico on Tuesday on a football scholarship, Gonzalez will be leaving for Illinois on Monday on a football scholarship and Ruffin is 20 minutes away on a football scholarship at USC.

Past players talked about the importance of school and all take great pride in representing Downey. Ruffin and Bobbit also mentioned how their success was due in large part to the people in the community who helped them in some aspect get where they are now.

In addition to Ruffin, USC was also represented by freshman offensive tackle Zach Banner and senior safety T.J. McDonald.

Coach Williams concluded by saying, "I wanted to thank all the participants and their parents for coming out for the day. The campers did a great job all day hustling from drill to drill and stayed focused."

– Mark Fetter, contributor

More than 90 kids take part in Warren football camp

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football program recently hosted the 3rd annual Gil Jimenez football camp.

The three day camp took place Friday, July 20, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch was served on Saturday and Sunday and young athletes were given a Gil Jimenez Youth Camp T-shirt for participating in the camp. The camp was open to all kids ages 7-14 years of age who wanted to participate and the cost was a very reasonable \$45.

The football camp was run by head football coach Gil Jimenez, his varsity staff and senior athletes. Freshmen head coach Eric Gonzales and his staff, as well as strength and conditioning coach Anthony Briebesca, were all on hand to share their football expertise with the young athletes.

The camp featured over 90 young people participating over the three days. The camp focused on teaching young athletes the aspects of strength and conditioning, running mechanics, agility and flexibility, position coaching, football fundamentals and tackling progression.

Coach Jimenez was very pleased with the turnout and would like to thank all the parents and volunteers for their continued support of the Warren High School football staff and program. Certainly running a football camp is hard work and requires dedicated people working behind the scenes to make it all happen.

– Mark Fetter, contributor

Downey will count on defense to help them win games

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team continues to work hard and get better this summer, with many young players competing for positions and playing time, both on offense and on defense.

Downey's offense was explosive last year while their defense struggled to stay consistent. Head Coach Jack Williams has addressed this issue and has continued to keep that a focus from Spring practice through Summer camp.

Coach Williams has senior defensive returners whom he is relying on to step up, make plays and provide leadership.

Coach Williams maintains that a lot will be determined when pads come on and that there is still a lot of competition going on for starting spots. However, if the Fall season were to start today the Viking defense would feature the following players. At defensive back, returning starter sophomore Jason Thomas, returning starter senior Brandon Davis and junior J.V. starter from last year Charles Early would get the call. Sophomore Ivan Gausin, junior Michael Rochin and sophomore Miguel Esquitin are all battling to see time as well.

The linebacking corps will be led by seniors and returning starters Robert Salazar and Jeremy Villa. Returning junior starter Tristin Esparza will return to linebacker and junior Patrick Smith, who started for the J.V. team last year, will see time as well. Guys that are pushing for a starting job are junior Nick Robles, senior Josh Gonzalez, Raymond Soto and Anthony Mendez.

The defensive line will feature junior Anthony Florido, a J.V. starter from last year, returning Varsity starter senior Marlon Duenas, senior and J.V. starter from last year Rodolfo Cervantes and senior Patrick Blevins, who was a Varsity reserve from last year. Players who are battling for time are sophomores Chris Blanton and Gio DeLoara. Coach Williams' defensive captains will be Robert Salazar, Jeremy Villa and Brandon Davis.

Coach Williams has been impressed with the whole defensive unit and how they have made it a goal to get better from last year. These young players have put in extra time in the weight room and the film room and it is paying off with their performances and understanding of the game.

Coach Williams believes that the mood of his team is up-beat and high energy. The defensive staff is stressing to be physical and running to the ball. Williams said that many players have a chip on their shoulder from last year and are excited to put the pads on and walk out to the "Friday night lights."

Coach Williams concluded by saying that his team will have a little more experience and speed than it had last year and is excited to see what the end product looks like.

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Furman Park is on Rives Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and Florence Avenue. The music starts at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8, so bring along a picnic, and a blanket or lawn chair, and find a good spot on the grass. Food and beverages will be on sale as well.

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– Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony

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Symphony preview in Whittier

WHITTIER – The Rio Hondo Symphony Guild will present its first concert preview of the season on Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at First Friends Church in Whittier.

Maestro Kimo Furumoto, conductor and music director of the Rio Hondo Symphony, is guest speaker.

"American Classics" is the title of the program that the symphony will perform on Sept. 30. The maestro will talk about the music of American composers Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin and Duke Ellington.

The guild helps support the Rio Hondo Symphony concerts and music programs for local schools through fundraisers such as the Annual Garden Tours and selling refreshments at each concert.

The preview and concert are both free.

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Rancho Golf Classic to feature Katy Sullivan and debut of Paragolf carts

• Sullivan will appear at the Golf Classic before departing for London and the Paralympics.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation's 22nd Annual Rancho Golf Classic will feature a special appearance by Rancho patient and Paralympian Katy Sullivan and the debut of Rancho's new Paragolf carts which will allow paralyzed patients to stand and golf.

The tournament will be held Monday, August 13, at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe is the honorary chair, with Matt Knabe of Englander, Knabe and Allen and Mike Silacci of AT&T co-chairing the tourney.

Katy will be attending the tournament dinner just a few days before she leaves to represent the United States in the 2012 Paralympic Games in London. She recently made a stirring comeback in the 100 meter event in her classification at the Paralympic Trials in Indianapolis, as she came from 10 yards behind to win the race and a berth on the U.S. team for the Paralympic Games. Katy, whose singing earned a two-minute standing ovation at the Rancho Foundation's Amistad Gala this spring, will kick off the tournament dinner by singing our national anthem.

"This incredible young woman has captured our hearts with her talent, her hard work, and her determination," Supervisor Knabe said. "We are all part of Team Katy and we are thrilled that she'll be singing The Star Spangled Banner at the tournament. It is going to be a magical moment," he said.

A special edition T-shirt commemorating Katy's Paralympic run will be available for the first time at the tournament. The shirt was created by world-renowned fashion designer Zandra Rhodes and underwritten by Rancho Chief Medical Officer Mindy Aisen.

The tournament will also mark the coming-out party for Rancho's new state-of-the-art Paragolf carts. Supervisor Knabe recently donated

five of the carts to the hospital so that Rancho patients with paralysis could experience the joy of playing golf while standing up, rather than trying to play out of their wheelchairs.

"This is the official start of Rancho's new patient golf program, and our patients and staff are very excited to have these state-of-the-art devices not only to play golf, but to stand and do activities of daily living," said Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the patient programs of the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation.

"We wish to thank all our sponsors, including the Annenberg Foundation, Supervisor Knabe, Sodexo, A-Med Health Care, Reimbursement Services Group, Lunday-Thagard, Care Ambulance, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH) McCormick Ambulance, Hunt Construction and Chevrolet of Montebello," said Rancho Los Amigos Foundation President Connie Martinez.

"The contributions of our sponsors and players will make it possible for the Foundation to continue to provide world-class, cutting edge programs, such as our new ReWalk Exoskeleton robots which will allow many patients with paralysis to walk again," she said.

"The bottom line of this tournament is that is all about the patients," co-chair Matt Knabe said. "When you see someone who is normally wheelchair bound standing in his or her Paragolf carts and hitting the ball, it is a real-life example of the innovation that has made Rancho one of America's Best Hospitals for 23 years in a row."

"This will not only be a great day of golf, it will be a day when we will get to meet a number of Rancho patients with disabilities who will amaze us with what they can accomplish, thanks to Rancho," co-chair Mike Silacci said.

After the golf is done, tourney participants will be treated to Katy's special performance. "Patients like Katy are the reason we work so hard to make this tournament a success each year," Connie said. "Her story is like those of many of her fellow Rancho patients, who overcome significant challenges to realize the power of their dreams."

Here, is Katy's story of her personal journey, in her own words:

"I was born without legs and

have worn prosthetic legs all of my life. I was raised in Alabama and spent my early years trying to be just like my siblings, flipping around in gymnastics and practicing three times a week with the local swim team. Sports became frustrating because it was hard for me to keep up with the other kids so I turned all of my energy into becoming an actor.

"My performing career has taken me all over the country. I have worked on stage in Chicago, in movies in New York, on different television series in Los Angeles, and even had the opportunity to sing at the 1996 Olympic opening ceremonies in Atlanta.

"Moving to Los Angeles in 2004 brought me not only tremendous opportunity with acting but it also brought me the blessing of meeting Will Yule at Hanger Prosthetics. I was gifted a pair of running legs from Hanger, and a new chapter in my life was created. With the help of Rancho therapist Julie Kasayama, and my prosthetist, I learned how to run with my new legs. This has opened a whole new world for me.

As I began to run faster, through the generous support of Hanger Prosthetics and Ossur, I received custom made running legs built especially for my body. In my new carbon fiber sprinting legs, I began to compete at a higher level and started to excel in the competitive world of physically challenged track and field.

"When I was a child I saw a production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at a local theatre in Alabama. One of the girls in the play attended my school, and before the play was over I decided that I was going to be an actor.

"I spent the next 10 years doing anything in the theatre from building sets to stage management – just to be involved in the process. I was cast in numerous plays and even in a singing group that performed at the opening ceremonies at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia. I decided to get my degree in theatre and I went to a fantastic conservatory in the Midwest where I blossomed as an actress. My favorite time at school was when I was cast in the starring role in Hedda Gabler. Upon graduating, I was given a job at the prestigious Goodman Theatre in Chicago. I worked in theatres throughout the Windy City before deciding to relocate to Los Angeles.

"Working in television, movies and independent films in Los Angeles keeps me very busy. A few years ago, I appeared on the television series "My Name Is Earl" on NBC, and starred in an independent film, which played on the film festival circuit.

"When I was young my parents were very worried about me when I told them I was going to be an actor, however, I set my mind to it and became successful at what I love doing. Now I have also conquered the world of track and field, having set a world record for 200 meters in my classification and qualifying for the Paralympic Games."

"My motto is and always will be 'If you believe in what you are doing and you want to do it, go for it, and don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it.'"

"It is a great honor that Katy and several other Rancho patients will be participating in our tournament, because they represent the miracles that happen at Rancho each and ev-



Katy Sullivan

ery day," Supervisor Knabe said. "No matter what happens in London, Katy has already shown us that she is winner in life, and that she has the heart of a true champion."

"We want Katy to know that she won't be alone as she runs her Paralympic 100 meters in the Olympic Stadium in London," he said. "Because as she carries the hopes and dreams of America down the track, we will be with her every step of the way."

For more information on the Rancho Golf Classic, call the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at (562) 401-7053.

Plain Jane Bandit strikes in Downey

DOWNEY – The Plain Jane Bandit, suspected of robbing or attempting to rob seven local banks this month alone, struck in Downey Monday, FBI officials said.

Authorities say the woman attempted to rob the Bank of America at 10010 Paramount Blvd. at about 2:15 p.m. Downey Police and the FBI responded.

She is also suspected of robbing a Chase bank in Cerritos on Tuesday.

The FBI dubbed the woman the Plain Jane Bandit after a witness described her appearance as that of a "plain Jane."

During the robberies, she uses written and verbal demands and indicates that someone, possibly an accomplice, is waiting outside the bank.

Witnesses have described the suspect as a Hispanic female, 35-40 years old, about 5 ft. 5 inches tall and 150-170 pounds. She may have a scar below her right eye, and a tattoo on her right shoulder.

She may be driving a four-door silver vehicle with a sunroof.

A \$10,000 reward is being offered for her arrest and conviction.

If you see the Plain Jane Bandit, or know her identity, call 911.

After-school program taking sign-ups

DOWNEY – Registration for the fall semester of Kids Konnection, an after-school tutoring and enrichment program for kids in grades 1-8, is now open.

Applications are available in the First Presbyterian Church of Downey's office. The first day of the new semester is Sept. 17.

Volunteer tutors for academics, music and sports are needed. If interested, contact Alfredo Delgado at (562) 861-6752.

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City switching to CalPERS medical plan

DOWNEY – From Downey firefighters and police officers to city executives and mid-level managers, all Downey employees will soon see profound changes to their medical benefits as the city prepares to dissolve its costly, self-funded medical plan in favor of a healthcare program sponsored by CalPERS.

Approved by the City Council during a special council meeting last Thursday, the latest agreement includes renegotiated medical contracts between the city and the associations representing the city's current employees.

In an effort to reduce city spending and balance the 2012-13 fiscal year budget, employees conceded several medical benefits and agreed to contribute more to their healthcare coverage over the next couple of months under the city's self-funded medical plan.

Effective Oct. 1, the city will contract with CalPERS and offer all personnel their medical plan, saving the city more than \$1.5 million this fiscal year.

For the last 15 years, the city has provided its own medical benefit program consisting of a self-funded preferred provider option (PPO) medical plan and a fully insured health maintenance organization (HMO) plan through Kaiser Permanente.

With coverage available under both plans to current payroll employees and retirees with 10 or more years of continuous service, the city currently pays 100 percent of the cost for employees and their qualified dependents and provides a contribution towards retiree medical premiums.

By the end of the 2011-12 fiscal year, citywide costs for medical insurance benefits was approximately \$7.8 million with 67 percent of the costs attributed to the city's self-funded medical plan.

As a cost-saving measure, the council and city staff proposed terminating the self-funded plan in favor of CalPERS medical insurance program governed under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA).

Under its contract with CalPERS, the largest health purchaser in the state, the city will continue to provide medical benefits for active employees and retirees, but according to the agreement, the city will pay the lowest premium contribution possible to retirees – one dollar a month.

"The retiree will remain responsible for payment of the balance of the monthly premium under a CalPERS plan including any additional cost for dependent coverage," said Irma Youssefieh, the city's human resources director.

According to a cost analysis ordered by the city, the switch from a self-funded medical plan to the CalPERS program will decrease the city's liabilities associated with other post employment benefits from \$22.4 million to \$9.2 million.

Last week, the council also approved a two-year memorandum of understanding with the Downey Fire Management Association, which represents the city's four battalion chiefs.

In addition to accepting the changes to the medical benefits, the battalion chiefs also agreed to pay more towards their retirement costs.

Starting next year, the fire administration will be responsible for contributing 4 percent compensation towards their pension costs. In July 2014, they will be required to pay an additional 1.5 percent for a total of 5.5 percent.

The savings in personnel costs are expected to exceed \$35,000 over the next two years.

—Christian Brown, staff writer



The 14u Downey United girls team finished their travel season at Hearst Castle in San Luis Obispo. They ended their season with seven first place, two second place and one third place finish. From left: Theresa, Giselle, Juliza, Eliana, Catherine, Brittany, Rebecca, Alyssa, Julianne, Sabrina, Natalie, Brinda, Amaris, Leslie, Mary, Sussan and Amanda. Not pictured is Caitlin.



Boys soccer team wins title

DOWNEY – The Downey United 14U boys soccer team won the national championship last month, the first boys team to bring the title to Downey.

The team traveled to Knoxville, Tenn., where they competed against teams from around the country.

Downey was in a division that included 24 other teams.

In addition to winning the championship, the Downey team earned praised from competitors for their sportsmanship.

During a game against Knoxville – which Downey won 7-1 – a Knoxville player was seriously hurt and transported to a hospital. After the game, the entire Downey team showed up at the hospital to wish the boy well.

"What an amazing bunch of kids and coaches," the Knoxville coach said. "(Downey) should be very proud of the players and coaches and the way they present and represent themselves."

The Downey team was coached by Phillip Caro, Humberto Luna, Andres Esparza, Jonathan Pasaye and Johnny Lemucchi. Players included Saul De Alba, Humberto Luna, Kevin Chavez, Peter Torres, Phillip Caro, Alex Reveles, Jaden Andalon, David Lemucchi, David Gonzalez, Joseph Rodriguez, Brandon Melendez, Anthony Casillas and Cristian Chavez.

Downey resident wins pageant

DOWNEY – Downey resident Jessica Aguirre, 21, was recently crowned Miss Golden State 2012 at a state pageant in Modesto.

Along with the title of Miss Golden State 2012, Aguirre also won overall photogenic in her division and a scholarship to continue her education.

She is currently a student at Cal State Fullerton. She hopes to become a community services director.

As Miss Golden State 2012, Aguirre will attend charity events, award banquets and speak to audiences about her platform: the American Heart Association.

She will also attend the National Pageant in Florida during the week of Thanksgiving. She will compete for the title of Miss American Coed and thousands of dollars in cash awards, prizes and scholarships.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Teresa Aguirre, of Downey.

Olive Garden GM wins award

DOWNEY – Patty Maneerod, general manager of the Olive Garden in Downey, has been presented with Darden Restaurants' top honor – the Joe R. Lee diamond Club Award, named after the company's retired chairman and CEO.

Now in its 15th year, the award is presented annually to general managers throughout North America who demonstrate "outstanding results by delighting guests with a genuine Italian dining experience while also achieving top financial performance in the company's previous fiscal year."

This is the second time Maneerod has received the recognition.

This year, Maneerod joins a group of 39 general managers selected from the more than 750 Olive Garden restaurants in North America.

"Patty is a passionate leader who values everyone as family and friends. She is a great role model for her team," said John Caron, president of Olive Garden. "As a result, she ensures the Downey restaurant is committed to 100 percent guest delight and to making meaningful connections with guests and others in the local community."

Food trucks stopping at church

DOWNEY – Four food trucks will be at La Vina Christian Center in Downey on Aug. 10 from 6-10 p.m.

There will also be live music and performances.

Confirmed food trucks include Flippin' Yolk, El Burger Luchador, Rancho A Go Go Barbecue and Haleiwa Shave Ice.

The church is at 9625 Lakewood Blvd.

Golf Classic in Montebello

BELL GARDENS – The 2012 Charity Golf Classic benefiting the Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce will take place Aug. 23 at the Montebello Country Club.

Cost is \$175 per player and includes lunch, libations and dinner.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by breakfast, time on the driving range and a putting contest.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 11 a.m., with lunch served on the course.

The dinner and awards banquet is at 4 p.m.

To sign-up, or participate as a sponsor, call the Bell Gardens chamber at (562) 806-2355.

Downey residents earn college scholarships

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Foundation awarded two sets of scholarships at its board meeting on July 19.

The Bellflower Rotary Club Scholarship was presented to Isela Cuahutle and Stephanie Marsano.

The \$1,000 scholarship was presented by club president Jean Seruntine and recognizes outstanding students enrolled in a career technical education program.

Marsano, of Downey, has always loved science and is pursuing a career in dentistry. She has completed the Cerritos College Dental Assisting Program and is now pursuing a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene.

She hopes to obtain her DDS degree and attend post-graduate school to specialize in oral surgery.

Cuahutle, of La Mirada, returned to school in the spring of 2010 to pursue her associate degree in paralegal studies. She is a single mother of six and "is determined to provide a better life for her children," college officials said.

She has volunteered at the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for the last two years as well as the Angel Step Inn, a domestic violence shelter.

Students Jose De la Cruz and Christian Coleman received the Anthony J. Franklin Automotive Scholarship, established by Kimberly and James Corbitt in memory of their son, Anthony J. Franklin.

Anthony had been pursuing his education in automotive technology when a fatal car accident cut his dream short on June 3, 2010.

The \$500 scholarship recognizes outstanding students enrolled in an automotive program at Cerritos College. Anthony's grandparents, Arthur and Dora Jackson, and his uncle Raymond Jackson, were in attendance for the scholarship presentation.

De la Cruz, of Downey, is currently enrolled in the Automotive Collision Repair Program. He plans on completing his certificate and associate degree to begin working in the field of collision repair.

Coleman, of Paramount, is enrolled in the Ford ASSET program and is set to graduate in October. He works at South Bay Ford in Hawthorne.

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Measure R Projects Moving Forward

Metro continues to make progress on more than 70 transportation improvement projects throughout LA County funded by voter-approved Measure R. Included in those projects are 48 for highway and traffic reduction, 16 for rail and rapid transit and nine for public transit. Follow their progress at metro.net/measurer.

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Janeen Marie Milton, 39 was born to Jim and Julie Hood, September 21, 1972 in Downey, California. Janeen lived the first eighteen years of her life in Downey and graduated from Downey High School. Janeen eventually moved to Apple Valley to make her life. Janeen loved singing for the Lord. On July 25th, 2012 Janeen lost her battle to breast cancer and went home to be with her Lord. Janeen is survived by her father, Jim Hood and Mother, Julie Hood, her brothers, Jason Hood and Jeff Hood, her husband, Robert Milton, Jr. and their son, Spencer. A celebration of life will be Saturday, August 4, 2012, 11:00 AM, at Victorville First Assembly, 15260 Nisqualli Rd. Victorville. Services entrusted to High Desert Funeral Chapel and Cremation. 760-244-1400. Please sign Janeen's online guestbook at highdesertfuneral.com.



Vasile and Lidia Preda have announced the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Preda, to Gregory Peter Burkhardt, son of Peter and Ann Burkhardt. Greg is a 2005 graduate of Valley Christian and is currently attending Cal State L.A. pursuing a degree in Industrial Technology. He is currently employed at R.O.A. Tool as a machinist. Jennifer is a 2007 graduate of Warren High School and a recent graduate of Chapman University with honors, earning a BA in Integrated Educational Studies with an emphasis in Special Disabilities. She plans on going back to school to obtain her masters. The couple first met in 2004 and, after an almost year-long engagement, exchanged vows on July 7 in Huntington Beach.

Paul Williams performing benefit concert

LONG BEACH – Academy Award-winning songwriter Paul Williams will perform a one-night only benefit concert at the Long Beach Playhouse on Sept. 8.

The performance will take place in the theater's mainstage and proceeds will benefit the playhouse.

"We feel incredibly fortunate and honored to have Paul Williams performing on our own stage," said Andrew Vonderschmitt, producing artistic director for the playhouse. "Williams is a musical genius and comedic wit. Our theater seats 200 so it will be a very intimate evening. I'm stilling having a hard time believing it's true."

The theater's long stage will feature 10 small tables creating an intimate concert experience. Twenty people will literally share the stage with Williams, while all the seats surrounding the three sides provide an excellent view of the show, organizers said.

"There is not a seat more than 30 feet from the stage," Vonderschmitt said.

Williams was a student at Wilson High School and soon after graduation joined Studio 58, a local touring repertory company, so it is no surprise he is now a supporter of the Long Beach Playhouse, the oldest theater west of the Mississippi.

"Like many non-profits, particularly those in arts and culture, the past few years have been financially tough," Vonderschmitt asserted. "This performance will make a world of difference to us."

Along with providing the musical backdrop to daily life in the 1970s and 80s, Williams has provided song scores for the film musicals "A Star is Born," "Bugsy Malone," "Phantom of the Paradise," "The Muppet Movie," "The Muppet Christmas Carol" and, more recently, for the stage: "Happy Days" and "A New Musical with Garry Marshall."

In 2009, he wrote the story and songs for the Emmy nominated "A Muppet Christmas – Letters to Santa."

Pop classics include "We've Only Just Begun," "Rainy Days and Mondays," "You and Me Against the World," "An Old Fashioned Love Song," "I Won't Last a Day Without You" and "Let Me Be the One."

"The Rainbow Connection," from the children's classic "The Muppet Movie," and "Evergreen" from "A Star is Born," are two of his songs that grace the American Film Institute's list of the top 100 movie songs of all times.

With more than 40 appearances on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show," Williams has delighted audiences with his quirky humor and spontaneous ad-libs. His live show is a tapestry of musical memories and comedy.

Currently, "Paul Williams Still Alive," the feature-length documentary by Stephen Kestler, is receiving rave reviews around the country. The New York Times, Los Angeles Times and Daily Variety are among the newspapers proclaiming the film "a triumph." In 2009, Williams was elected president of ASCAP, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

"Last year Paul's wife, Mariana, hosted a storytelling competition here at the Playhouse," Vonderschmitt said. "When the idea of a benefit concert came up, we were blown away. We're a community theater, in the best sense of the word, so a star of Mr. Williams' magnitude on our stage is just incredible."

Tickets are \$75, \$125 for regular seating and a VIP reception with Williams after the show, and \$150 for stage seating and VIP reception.

Tickets go on sale Aug. 12 and can be purchased online at lbplayhouse.org or by calling (562) 494-1014.

Seventh graders need to be immunized

LOS ANGELES – As students head back to school, the California Department of Public Health is urging parents to ensure their 11- and 12-year-old children have been immunized against pertussis, also known as whooping cough, and other dangerous diseases to keep them healthy during the new school year.

In 2010, a new law was signed by the governor requires a whooping cough booster before middle and high school students can re-enter school. All incoming seventh graders must provide proof that they have met the Tdap requirement before starting school.

"Immunizations create a shield at school and home," said Dr. Ron Chapman, director of the state's department of public health. "Given recent outbreaks and epidemics nationwide, it is important that children be protected against these dangerous and highly contagious diseases, like whooping cough."

If a child does not have health insurance, or is only partially insured, a doctor or local health department can provide information about the Vaccines for Children Program, which provides free or low-cost vaccines.

"I encourage parents to check-in with their medical provider now to make sure that their kids are caught up on immunizations and can start school on time," Chapman said.

Pastor launches effort to thank 1 million vets

DOWNEY – Candie Blankman, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Downey and author of "Forged By War: A Daughter Shaped By a World War II POW Story," a vivid account of her dad's tribulations during the Bataan Death March and after, is calling on everybody to say "Thanks" to the dwindling number of WWII veterans as well as all service personnel she estimates at 1 million, in the period between July 4 and Veterans Day.

"It only takes 30 seconds to walk up to a person and ask their name and say, 'Thank you for your service'," she says. The next thing one should do, she stresses, is go to her website, thankamillion.org and register that you said 'Thank you' to so-and-so, preferably with their e-mail address.

There is a place on her website, she points out, to even tell a brief account of one's encounter and these she also posts on the website.

"We've got to get people to understand what these veterans had been through," Blankman explains. "They went through a lot."

This grass roots initiative, "Thankamillion", is an original idea of hers, she says, because "We are losing 1,000 WWII veterans every day, and time is slipping away to tell them how much we appreciate their service."

"I am a hopeless optimist and an idealist," Blankman goes on. "That's why, I'll be honest, although I've had only ten takers to this point, I'm not giving up. I am speaking about it and passing out flyers and cards wherever I go to speak or encounter people. I know that once it gets started it will take off."

For Pastor Blankman, who came to First Presbyterian Church of Downey in 2003, the initiative is nothing less than a crusade. It's clear she cares deeply and strongly about the veterans and service personnel who will be honored on Veterans' Day. And it's evident it's her way of honoring the memory of her dad.

– Henry Veneracion, staff writer

Festival features best of local food

CERRITOS – A food festival and business expo will be held Sept. 20 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts with proceeds benefiting the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Admission is \$5 and includes a wristband for all-access restaurant tastings. Children under 5 are free with a paying adults.

Restaurant samples will be available from more than 20 restaurants and caterers.

There will also be live music, raffles, auto displays, business networking and more than 80 exhibitor booths.

For more information, or to reserve a booth space, call (562) 467-0800.

Seminar for nonprofits

LOS ANGELES – State controller John Chiang will host a free seminar Aug. 14 where nonprofits and faith-based organizations can learn about new tax regulations and other topics that can affect their ability to remain in state and federal compliance.

The seminar is from 9 a.m. to noon at USC.

For details, call (213) 833-6025.

Former Lynwood council members convicted

LYNWOOD – A jury Tuesday found two former Lynwood City Council members guilty of misappropriating nearly \$500,000 under several different schemes, including charging personal expenses on city credit cards, the District Attorney's office announced.

A jury of 10 women and two men deliberated about four days before finding Louis Byrd, 80, and Fernando Pedroza, 47, guilty of one count each of misappropriation of public money and an allegation of taking in excess of \$65,000, said Deputy District Attorneys Ed Miller and Sean Hassett, who prosecuted the case.

The two were taken into custody immediately after the verdict was read. They return for sentencing Aug. 27 before Compton Superior Court Judge Eleanor Hunter.

Byrd is facing six years in state prison. Pedroza is facing five years in state prison.

The D.A.'s Public Integrity Division discovered the crimes through a four-year investigation launched on April 15, 2003, following a tip by a former Lynwood city manager.

Five current and former council members were charged in May 2007. Charges against two, Armando Rea and Ricardo Sanchez, were later dismissed. Another former councilman, Arturo Reyes, pleaded guilty to grand theft and is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 5.

Prosecutors argued that Byrd took about \$330,000 for personal use and Pedroza took more than \$160,000.

Under one scheme, they paid themselves up to \$40,000 a year in addition to their council pay for participating on two city agencies, the Lynwood Public Finance Authority and Lynwood Information Inc. Prosecutors argued that the work council members performed in connection with these agencies was nothing beyond the normal responsibilities for a council member and they were not entitled to additional pay.

They also charged personal expenses on city credit cards. For example, during a May 2002 trip to Guadalajara, Mexico to attend a sister-city conference, Pedroza charged \$1,500 on a city credit card to pay for an evening at a gentleman's club that included a dancer and private room.

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Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4271255 08/02/2012, 08/09/2012, 08/16/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20110134001999 Title Order No. : 110275857 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/27/2004, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 08/29/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2315497 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: EDGAR MORATAYA, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by state and federal law, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 the Notice of Sale is \$424,116.81. 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 public records where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.ipsasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20110134001999. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENT/SALER POSSESSION: 2-3210 ELLAMIN REA SUITE 200 1RST 202 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, LLC, as Trustee Dated: 07/25/2012 A-4277310 08/02/2012, 08/09/2012, 08/16/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0034790 Doc ID #0001851917832005N Title Order No. 12-0064771 Investor/Insurer No. 200642466 APN No. 6266-016-037 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/01/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JUAN G MARTINEZ AND XOCHIL G MARTINEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND MARIA A DE GOMEZ, A WIDOW, as Grantors, and RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Grantee, on this certain deed of trust recorded 8/15/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-1473931, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/27/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or other form of payment, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 87724 MCCALLUM ST, DOWNEY, California, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$406,844.74. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0034790. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Quality Loan Service Corporation TS No. CA-11-4526161-AL Order No. 1740919 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/12/2006. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): LADETH T. ESPIRITU, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND MILGRQS T. STEET, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN'S Records, 10/23/2006 as Instrument No. 06-2344447 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/9/2012 at 9:00 AM. Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom. The total amount of the unpaid balance and other charges: \$310,153.38. The purported property address is: 15509 Gard Ave., NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8223-034-121 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 11-4526161-AL. foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-11-4526161-AL. Information about postponements that are very

short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.** If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, or the Trustee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2832 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. **THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. TS No.: CA-11-4526161-AL IDSPub #0032484 7/19/2012 7/26/2012 8/2/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-11-488273-CL Order No.: 6340437 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/16/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): RICARDO HERNANDEZ AND PATRICIA GONZALEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Records, 12/29/2009 as Instrument No. 20091976297 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 6/28/2011 as Instrument No. 20110870330, in Book, on Page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/9/2012 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$317,976.11 The purported property address is: 15509 Gard Ave., NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8079-030-007 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.ipsasap.com or information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20110134001999. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENT/SALER POSSESSION: 2-3210 ELLAMIN REA SUITE 200 1RST 202 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, LLC, as Trustee Dated: 07/25/2012 A-4277310 08/02/2012, 08/09/2012, 08/16/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 435393CA Loan No. 30125400757 Title Order No. 602130469 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/29/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08-09-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed trustee pursuant to said Deed of Trust recorded 07-11-2007, Book , Page , Instrument 20070059900, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: MARYLIN ALBERTO AND JULIO C ALBERTO WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as Trustee, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, all right, title, and interest conveyed and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **PLACING THE HIGHEST BID AT A PUBLIC AUCTION DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLE YOU TO FREE AND CLEAR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE LIEN BEING AUCTIONED OFF MAY BE A JUNIOR LIEN. IF YOU ARE THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE AUCTION, YOU ARE OR MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING OFF ALL LIENS SENIOR TO THE LIEN BEING AUCTIONED OFF, BEFORE YOU CAN RECEIVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY.** You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0065232 Doc ID #0001820001292005N Title Order No. 09-8-191191 Investor/Insurer No. 182000129 APN No. 6251-014-002 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/21/2001. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust recorded by MELUJINE RODRIGUEZ, SINGLE WOMAN Records, 12/11/2007 and recorded 12/14/2007, as Instrument No. 20072749645, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/27/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or other form of payment, as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 87724 MCCALLUM ST, DOWNEY, CA, 902413219. 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Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JUAN G MARTINEZ AND XOCHIL G MARTINEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AND MARIA A DE GOMEZ, A WIDOW, as Grantors, and RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as Grantee, on this certain deed of trust recorded 8/15/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-1473931, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/27/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or other form of payment, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 87724 MCCALLUM ST, DOWNEY, California, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$406,844.74. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MARIO ESTRADA, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 10/31/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2413940 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/23/2012 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$390,770.74 The purported property address is: 15409 HALCOURT AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8078-04-031 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. 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. 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If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE Information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Quality Loan Service Corporation TS No. CA-10-390718-VF Order No.: 100590275-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MARIO ESTRADA, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 10/31/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2413940 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/23/2012 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$390,770.74 The purported property address is: 15409 HALCOURT AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8078-04-031 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. 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. 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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 714-573-1965 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site http://www.qualityloan.com , using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-10-398938-VF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE Information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. 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AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): GUILIBALDO VALLES JR, AND NANCY VALLES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 1/13/2007 as Instrument No. 200725287 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/23/2012 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$364,495.50 The purported property address is: 1317 MARKDALE AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8047-008-004 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. 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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0033188 Doc ID #00058501262005N Title Order No. 12-0060056 Investor/Insurer No. 1688758955 APN No. 6245-031-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/21/1998, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SAMUEL VILECCAS, A SINGLE MAN AND MARIA CARPENTERO, A SINGLE WOMAN, ALL AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 07/21/1998 and recorded 8/3/1998, as Instrument No. 98 1341254, in Book / Page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/20/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 and other charges as shown below for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is: none; (800) 281 8219. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus the estimated above expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$143,766.93. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the deed recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0033188 Doc ID #00058501262005N Title Order No. 12-0060056 Investor/Insurer No. 1688758955 APN No. 6245-031-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/21/1998, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee

Sale No.: 20090134001016 Title Order No.: 400017217 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/30/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 01/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0089545 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: VICTORIA RIOS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 08/02/2012 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7936 3RD ST., DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6251-019-038 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 the Notice of Sale is \$952,316.71. 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, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.ipsasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property. 20090134001016. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 23210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92620 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 07/12/2012 NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 A-4271553 07/19/2012, 07/26/2012, 08/02/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Quality Loan Service Corporation TS No. CA-11-490290-LL Order No.: 110603242-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/20/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ AND NORMA RODRIGUEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY Recorded:

Global warming: a skeptic's point of view

By Lars Clutterham

Last week this column summarized author Bill McKibben's perspective on global warming expressed in a recent article for Rolling Stone magazine, a gloomy view of humanity's future on a planet heating up due to an unprecedented amount of atmospheric CO2.

James Taylor, senior fellow for environment policy at the Heartland Institute, has an opposing view. Like McKibben, Taylor obtained an Ivy League education, as well as a law degree from Syracuse University. Widely interviewed by the major media, he's also managing editor of the Heartland Institute's "Environment & Climate News."

In a July 18 editorial for Forbes Magazine, Taylor lampoons statements by what he calls "global warming alarmists" who describe recent Western U.S. wildfires, drought conditions, and current crop conditions as "what global warming looks like."

Taylor references two recent studies demonstrating that U.S. wildfires are currently at a 3,000 year low and on a 35-year downward trend. Likewise, Taylor quotes a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) report which, according to Taylor, states that "a number of tree-ring records exist for the last two millennia which suggest that 20th century droughts may be mild when evaluated in the context of this longer time frame." Finally, Taylor disagrees with opinions assessing adverse crop conditions, stating in the article that "global warming is creating ideal weather that is producing record crop yields."

One feature of Taylor's article is that he provides links to several of the academic studies referenced therein. The first link, for example, is to a report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences—certainly an unassailable source—entitled "Long-term perspective on wildfires in the western USA."

Sure enough, the opening paragraph mentions "a slight decline in burning over the past 3,000 years." However, as the reader

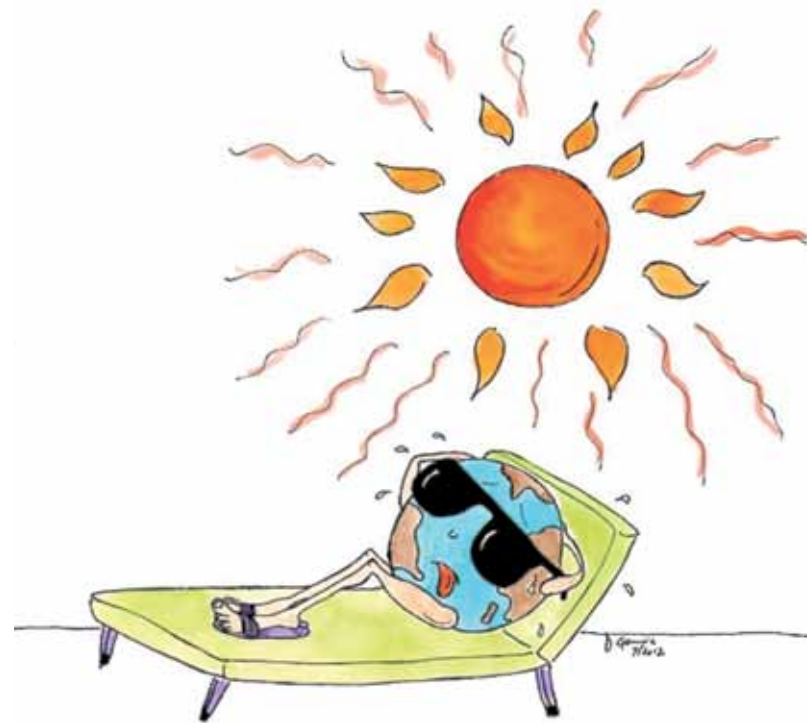


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plows through the scientific jargon of the entire study, concluding remarks contain the following statement: "The divergence in fire and climate since the mid 1800s CE [Common Era] has created a fire deficit in the West that is jointly attributable to human activities and climate change and unsustainable given the current trajectory of climate change." Instead of reinforcing Mr. Taylor's statement, the study projects a future that actually contradicts his fundamental assertion.

Regarding drought, a 1999 NOAA Paleoclimatology study entitled "2000 Years of Drought Variability in the Central United States" confirms that some droughts over the last 2,000 years were in fact more severe than the 20th-century droughts in the 1930's and 1950's. But the study abstract concludes with this statement: "The authors' assessment of the full range of past natural drought variability, deduced from a comprehensive review of the paleoclimatic literature, suggests that droughts more severe than those of the 1930s and 1950s are likely to occur in the future, a likeli-

hood that might be exacerbated by greenhouse warming in the next century." Here we have a second instance in which the actual conclusions of an NOAA study contradict Taylor's assertions referencing such a study.

Finally, with respect to crop conditions, Taylor faults Al Gore for mistakenly labeling current crop conditions as adverse. But in the linked article Taylor refers to, the statement comes not from Al Gore, but from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has "named 1,000 counties in 26 states as disaster areas--the largest declaration in history--as a result of the recent drought, wildfires and other extreme weather events threatening agriculture and many other industries across the entire country." (This USDA declaration is confirmed by numerous other websites.)

In summary, it appears that Mr. Taylor either did not read the entire articles he was referencing, or that he willfully misrepresented their actual conclusions. Dereliction or deception? In either case, his biased viewpoints do not serve the public interest.

Man convicted for role in drug ring

LOS ANGELES – A top lieutenant in a multimillion dollar drug distribution operation that moved narcotics from Mexico through Los Angeles to the Midwest and Atlantic Coast was convicted Monday of conspiracy and other counts.

A jury deliberated less than four hours before finding Derwin Lashun Webster guilty of all six felony counts, including conspiracy to transport cocaine, possession of marijuana for sale, transportation of cocaine for sale, transportation of cocaine, and possession of a false compartment "with the intent to store, conceal, smuggle and transport" a controlled substance.

The jury also found true an allegation that the amount of cocaine was more than 80 kilos.

Webster, 38, is facing 32 years in county jail when he is sentenced Aug. 24 by Judge Bob Bowers Jr.


Webster, of Moreno Valley, was the last of seven people convicted of being part of a sophisticated drug smuggling and distribution ring.

When the ring was busted in May 2006, authorities seized \$28 million worth of cocaine, along with 657 pounds of marijuana, more than \$1 million in cash, six handguns, two tractor-trailer rigs and other vehicles.

The alleged head of the operation, Steven Montes, of West Covina, is serving 25 years in prison after pleading and being sentenced in 2009.

Three additional defendants – Agustin Alvarez, Omar Cruz and Rufino Acevedo – are serving 16 years in prison after pleading and being sentenced in October 2009.

Two defendants – Samuel Viveros Murrillo, 49, and Joel Huerta Nunez, 46 – are fugitives.



CRIME REPORT

Saturday, July 28

At 11:45 p.m., officers responded to 9559 Imperial Highway (Hully Gully Bar) regarding an intoxicated female who had broken a window at the location and cut her hand in the process. When an officer attempted to restrain her, she swatted his hand away. She was arrested for resisting/obstructing an officer and was medically treated for the cut to her hand.

Sunday, July 29

At 10:00 a.m., a resident of South Gate reported finding several band instruments, as well as several empty instrument cases near a dumpster in the City of South Gate. Officers recovered three clarinets, which were marked as property of Griffith's Middle School. Officers and school officials responded to Griffith's and found the music building had been burglarized. The suspect(s) also vandalized the interior of the building. Detectives are investigating.

Monday, July 30

Officers responded to the Bank of America located at 10010 Paramount Boulevard in regards to an attempted bank robbery. Officers contacted bank employees who reported a female suspect had entered the bank and demanded money. The suspect was scared off and ran out of the bank. She was unable to obtain any loss. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by the Downey Police Department

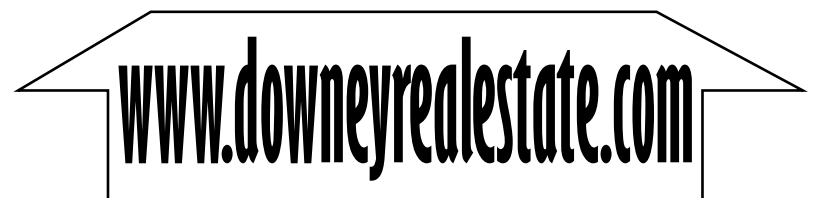
Festival at the Pike

LONG BEACH – The Pike in Long Beach will host a classic car show competition and art festival this weekend.

Admission is free. There will also be live music, booths, arts and crafts, food and more.

The event is open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The car show is Sunday from 3-6 p.m.

The Pike is at Pine Avenue and Shoreline Drive.



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This is a beautifully upgraded home. The home features 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. The kitchen has been upgraded with new cabinets, counters, and tile floors. The house has also been painted inside and out and has new light fixtures as well as re-finished hardwood floors. Wow! Priced to sell at \$334,900.



Fantastic Downey Opportunity

This very nice Downey home features 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. It also has an open kitchen, dining area and a two car garage. The backyard is perfect for entertaining. Don't let this one pass you by. Priced at \$160,000.


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Great Downey Home

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


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