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FOOD A14

## Brunch time

CHEF LEE BURTON SHARES TASTY BRUNCH RECIPES



### REDLANDS SEES UPTICK

# Market improves



A section of the concrete floor for a 616,000-square-foot industrial building in northwest Redlands is worked on Friday. The building is expected to be finished by the beginning of September, said Dave Harper, Millie and Severson Incorporated superintendent.

## Industrial buildings hold higher demand

By JOY JUDEES Staff Writer

REDLANDS — Activity has increased in the Redlands industrial market, according to developers, brokers and recent transactions.  
In March, a Carson-based industrial real estate developer broke ground on a 616,540-square foot industrial building on Pioneer Avenue. It was the first speculative industrial building to break ground in the Inland Empire since 2009, according to the corporation, Watson

Land Company.  
"The absorption rate for larger industrial buildings within the Inland Empire market has increased significantly in the past year," Watson vice president of marketing and leasing Lance Ryan said in a news release. "This has led to a supply-constrained market, for properties above 500,000 square feet, with continuing strong demand for new product among large corporate users and third-party logistics companies."  
On Thursday, BlackRidge Real Estate

Group announced its acquisition of a 147,677-square-foot industrial building in the Redlands Business Center on Research Drive. The warehouse, constructed in 2006, is 50 percent leased to NTP Distribution, a recreational vehicle parts and accessories distributor, BlackRidge principal Anthony Brent said.  
"The reason we bought it is because it's a state-of-the-art building, it's a well-located building within the Redlands market," he said.  
NTP leased part of the building in 2008, and about 74,000 square feet is available, he said.  
BlackRidge, which has offices in Los Angeles and Irvine, acquired the property from Bixby Land Company for \$7,380,000, or \$50 a square foot. The building is part of the Redlands Business

INDUSTRIAL A7

## Robbery suspect faces 17 charges

### Dawson pleads not guilty to all

By JESSE B. GILL Staff Writer

The man suspected in a string of recent armed robberies in San Bernardino and Riverside counties now faces 17 felony charges.  
The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office on Friday charged Nathaniel Dawson, 45, of Highland with 12 counts of second-degree robbery, three counts of kidnapping to commit another crime, one count of attempted second-degree robbery and one count of attempted murder.  
He was also charged with enhancements for allegedly being a habitual criminal and allegedly discharging a firearm in the commission of a felony.  
He pleaded not guilty to all charges and special enhancements Friday in San Bernardino Superior Court via video from West Valley Detention



Center in Rancho Cucamonga, said district attorney's spokeswoman Susan Mickey, Sheriff's details

Dawson was arrested in Highland on Wednesday. They say he was involved in at least 10 armed robberies in Highland, Loma Linda, Redlands, Riverside and Rialto since early March.  
Investigators are also examining possible links they say Dawson could have to armed robberies in Ontario, Upland, Montclair, Fullerton, Arroyo and Tustin.  
Sheriff Rod Hoops said Thursday that Dawson could be linked to as many as 30 armed robberies.  
Authorities say the same method of operation was used from West Valley Detention

ROBBERIES A7

## Green hosts 18th year of recipes for the Bowl

By CHANTAL M. LOVELL Staff Writer

REDLANDS — A summer full of performances free of charge to Redlands Summer Music Festival audiences does not come without countless hours of work and fundraising on the part of volunteers throughout the community.  
Thursday's annual cooking class sponsored by the Associates of the Redlands Bowl was one of their two major fundraisers of the year, this one to benefit the Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival and the Caroline S. Pike Scholarship for winners of the Young Artists' Auditions.

A total amount raised during the sold-out event will not be available for a couple days, but cooking class co-chairwoman Tracy Harber said it typically brings in between \$25,000 and \$30,000.  
"The Summer Music Festival is really important for our community," said co-chairwoman Myra Patterson. "The Bowl is rich with history and tradition and to continue that tradition we need to raise money to be able to provide music for everyone because that is the idea of the Bowl. We also do the children's workshops and the young artist scholarships."

COOKING A7

## Tea Party takes on Tax Day

By MOLLY DAVIS Staff Writer

REDLANDS — Cheering and raising their signs, passionate community members were out Friday to voice their opinions and concerns about the country.  
Members of the Redlands Tea Party Patriots and the Townhall Patriots rallied for their third annual Tax Day Rally.  
About 20 people congregated on the four corners of Redlands Boulevard and Orange Street, between about 5 and 7 p.m.  
"This country is going to disappear if we don't get control of the

government," said Redlands resident April Harveys.  
The two groups encouraged people to come out and express their feelings about government issues and taxes.  
"It's important that people realize they're not alone in their anger and frustration," said Vicki Hargrove of the Townhall Patriots.  
"Clad in red, white and blue, and holding signs with phrases like, 'It's my money, not yours,' 'Cut big oil, not nurses,' 'Don't tread on me,' and 'Have guts, make a cut,' the patriots shared

their beliefs and concerns with each other."  
"I support limited government, and less intrusion in my life," said Priscilla Needleman of Colton.  
While some rallies were more passionate than others, some just came to see for themselves what the Tea Party is all about.  
Chuck Baker of Redlands came out to "support a pretty good cause." He said this was his first event with the Tea Party.  
"So far, I'm pleased," he said.

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Beverly Seitzinger, left, and Betty Wells from the Redlands Tea Party Patriots hold up a sign as they wave the American flag to motorists at the intersection of Redlands Boulevard and Orange Street in Redlands on Friday.

ERIC TOM Staff Photographer

## AROUND REDLANDS

### Youth to share artworks

Artists ages 5 through 21 will show and sell their art at the second Redlands Area Youth Spectacular, an art festival to be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday on State Street and in Daley Park in downtown Redlands.

State Street from Cajon Street to Sixth Street will be closed for the art show, sponsored by Redlands Cultural Arts Commission.

All public and private school artists in the Redlands area may show and sell up to four pieces of their art, including paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures and ceramics.

David Lawrence, a member of the Cultural Arts Commission, said the show will give young artists an opportunity to see other young people's art and to learn from each other.

The festival will also feature musical performances by a variety of young artists, including a show presented by the Sixth Street School of Music. Josiah Bruny of Music Changing Lives will coordinate the musical performances and serve as master of ceremonies.

### Music show

An Evening of Magic, presented by the International Brotherhood of Magic, Ring 254, will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Cope Middle School Multipurpose Room, 1000 W. Cypress Ave., Redlands.

Tickets are \$5. A snack bar serving popcorn, candy, snow cones, soda and water will be available.

Proceeds will support the Cope music department, providing funds for instrument repair, supplies and transportation. Tickets are available in advance at Cope Middle School and tickets will be sold at the door.

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Sunny.  
Moderate air quality.



Art by Isabella Arroyo, 7, Mrs. Walker's second-grade class, Franklin Elementary School.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ryan McCormac, 7

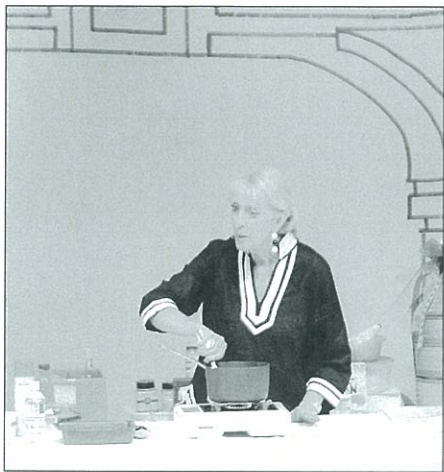
Ryan McCormac turns 7 today. Ryan is a great big brother to two wonderful sisters, his family said. He loves to build and use his imagination. He enjoys school, going to Legoland and swimming.  
"Ryan, today is your special day! We hope you have a wonderful birthday. We love you! Happy Birthday!" — Love, Mom, Dad, Alyssa and Hailey



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**ERIC TOM/Staff Photographer**  
Martha Green starts to make the first dish of the 18th annual Cooking Class with Martha Green at Trinity Church in Redlands on Thursday. This year's class was titled "Picnic Perfection: The Ultimate Portable Feast" and serves as a fundraiser for the Associates of the Redlands Bowl.

**COOKING**

From A1  
"The Bowl Associates" make a significant dent in the Redlands Community Music Association's budget every year," Patterson said. "I believe one-third of their budget comes from our organization."

Green, who has taught the class for 18 years and promised to teach at least two more, shared 13 recipes with the audience that packed Trinity Church. The more than 450 attendees learned how to prepare "Picnic Perfection: The Ultimate Portable Feast," fit to take with them to the Summer Music Festival.

"The artichoke, salami and mozzarella sandwich is perfect because the longer it sits, the better it is so it's a perfect one to take to the Bowl," Harber said. "The salads are good and we have them here in containers to show how you can take them to the Bowl. The snacks are great and perfect for kids to munch on at the Bowl."

Green said one of her favorite things on the menu this year was Rita's Mexican Rolls, sourdough rolls filled with a Southwestern-style mix of mayonnaise, Tabasco sauce, cheddar and Monterey Jack cheese, green chilis and more.

"Rita's rolls are probably one of the tastiest things I've served," Green said.

She joked that the Sticky Oat and Peanut Bars, dipped in white chocolate, were "her" version of a health bar.

Other favorites among the audience were the Tomato Tortellini Soup, Mixed Berry Butter Crunch Parfaits, Lemon Tiramisu and Fluffy Raspberry Pie.

In between recipes, Green asked the audience questions and awarded prizes for those who could tell her what fish sauce is or the state where Tabasco sauce originates.

Freightlifters, husbands of Bowl Associates, community leaders and other male volunteers served the dishes prepared by Bowl Associates. The servers unofficially competed to see who could receive the most tips, which will go to the Bowl along with money raised from ticket sales and the raffles.

"It's a lot of fun and the money goes to a great cause and it really helps the community," said Redlands Fire Engineer Matt Ley, who served along with about 10 others from the department, including Chief Jeff Frazier.

**ROBBERIES**

From A1  
in the robberies Dawson is linked to. The robber rushed into a business, brandished a handgun and demanded cash. He wore a black hooded sweatshirt and a black bandana over his face. The attempted-murder charge stems from a March 23 robbery of a Redlands Dairy Queen when the robber shot an employee in the leg.

Dawson could face at least 120 years in prison if convicted of all charges, District Attorney Michael Ramos said Thursday. Hoops said Thursday that investigators would examine any possible connections Dawson might have to the Sunday shooting death of 20-year-old Rialto resident Joshua Michael Hoizar at a Taco Bell in that city.

Rialto police are looking at the evidence in that shooting but say it isn't likely Dawson was involved. "There's no evidence to support that as of yet," said Rialto police Lt. Joe Cirillo.

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**ERIC TOM/Staff Photographer**  
Marina Parke scoops tortellini into containers in preparation for the cooking class.

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**TRACY HARBER**  
Fundraiser co-chairwoman



Guest choose which prizes to put their raffle tickets towards including the "Be Ready to Entertain" tea table donated by Karin Wilson.

"One thing I always think when I do this cooking class is, it takes a village," Green said. "There are so, so many people who contribute to make this happen every year."

Prior to the dinner, the Bowl Associates took shifts preparing enough of the 13 dishes to go around.

"The Associates of the Redlands Bowl have proudly been serving the Summer Music Festival for 61 years," said Associates President Susan Sojopira. "We provide financial support as well as assist in the children's workshops. You will also see us at every Bowl performance manning the information booth and we proudly support the young artist scholarship program."

The Summer Music Festival begins June 24 with the open-

ing symphony concert, featuring soloist James Darren and conductor Frank Paul Petta. Among the other performances that last through mid-August is Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" Broadway musical.

"The Bowl is such a good thing to have in this community," said Ben Hartnell, who has been a server at the class for four years. "To have a community theater that you can come to for free is really a great thing. There's a lot of families that can't afford to go see this and the fact that they get to come out and be involved is the reason I volunteer at the class. The Bowl is a great place to be in the summer time and we could always use more patrons."

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# Yucaipa schools may cut health technicians

By MOLLY DAVIS Staff Writer

YUCAIPA — Several health technicians and concerned parents spoke passionately to the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District about its proposed layoffs of up to six health technicians.

At its April 11 meeting, the YCJUSD board of education discussed laying off half of its 12 health technician positions, and floating the remaining six, and the district's nurse, around from school to school.

In addition, yard duty aides would be trained to take over some of the responsibilities of the technicians, as a way to negate the extreme budget cuts handed down from the state.

"I'm concerned the person taking my place may be a yard duty," said Kathryn Challis, a health technician at Wildwood Elementary School facing layoffs.

"I see an average of 35 students per day. The difference between us and a yard duty is huge."

A long line of health technicians and concerned parents were ready to speak to the board during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Hridi Gibson, the health technician at Chapman Heights Elementary School, said she was "deeply concerned about putting yard duties in place (of a health technician)."

"We know when to call 9-1-1," she said. "Emergencies are never planned."

According to the district's website, the job description for the yard duty aide position says yard duties "may provide medical assistance as needed."

The position requires a high school diploma or equivalent and knowledge of first aid and standard safety practices.

The website's description of a health technician says the technician "performs a variety of medical treatments and procedures necessary in providing specialized health care services to meet the medical and physical needs of all students including those with exceptional needs in accordance with state law and district policy; administers basic first aid where such practices is indicated by the nature of the injury to pupils or staff; assists in the screen-

ing of pupils for vision and hearing deficiencies; and does other appropriate work as required."

In addition, the position requires a high school diploma or equivalent and a licensed vocational nurse certificate, as well as a hearing test certificate.

First aid and CPR certificates are also required for the health technician position.

A number of parents spoke to the board about the importance of having a health technician on-site.

Shavay Parr's son Ethan attends CHS, and sometimes has seizures as a result of his hyper-insulin condition, "the opposite of diabetes," Parr said.

"His medicine is given to him at school. There is no margin for error," Parr said. "It's so important to have a nurse on campus ... it's said for me to believe someone without medical experience would stay calm (in an emergency situation)."

She asked the board how they would feel in her position.

"What if (it was) one of your children? Would you feel comfortable with a yard duty?"

The board was not allowed to address the concerns and questions, because they were said during public comment. The agenda clearly states that public comment is not a debate period.

However, the issue was brought up later in the meeting as an action item.

"(I want) to relook at the health position, and maybe look at doing yard duty layoffs, and have the option either way," said board member Patricia Ingram.

Patty Methany, the director of student services, told the board that having health technicians do legally meet the students' needs.

In the meantime, the board unanimously approved Ingram's motion to add yard duties to the layoff list, as a way to add options regarding future cuts, for the school district, its employees, and parents and students.

"At least one board member thought there was a better solution," said Jane Smith, another board member. "I'd like to see us try."

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**ERIC TOM/Staff Photographer**  
Steven Gomez, left, and Jaime Barba Vargas lay out rebar for a 616,000-square-foot industrial building in northwest Redlands on Friday.

**INDUSTRIAL**

From A1  
Center, a master planned business park.

The Watson building, which is in Watson Commerce Center Redlands, is slated for completion in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Brent, who works in Los Angeles, said the local industrial real estate market seems to be picking up.

"It quit for awhile but the market seems to be absorbing pretty rapidly," he said.

There has been a rise in lease activity in the past few weeks, he said.

"A lot of these deals went so cheaply and they can offer a really good rate," said Rick Lazar, president of Coldwell Banker Commercial Lazar & Associates, said companies from Los Angeles and Orange County have "snatched up" Redlands buildings because they could buy them at "record low prices."

"It's tough to beat the price these guys offer," he said.

They are now repositioned to offer great lease rates, he said. And more buildings are likely to be built because there is still a need. "I think there'll be a lot of

news to report in the next quarter, a lot of absorption," Brent said.

"There is more to come," Lazar said.

"(I) has been the one to charge back the last two to five months," Brent said.

The most activity has involved buildings 300,000 square feet and above, he said.

"If you want 400,000 square feet in the Inland Empire, you have one or two choices right now," he said.

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