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## Culture advocates envision downtown as potential jewel

Residents, city officials seek common ground on art and culture in Downey.

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STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – With many changes afoot in Downey business and leadership, anticipation for the new, vibrant restaurants, grocery stores and upcoming city projects is mounting.

"You're never going to have a more aggressive City Council – that wants to get things done – than you have now," said Councilman Mario Guerra. "We just approved the Downtown specific plan. We're on the verge of revolutionizing the quality of life in Downey."

However, one particular group of residents wants to make sure arts and culture isn't forgotten as the City Council continues its ambitious march towards sustainable economic development.

Filmmaker Andrew Wahlquist is one such resident, hoping Downey will follow the lead of other cities who converted their humdrum downtowns into blustering meccas for art and entertainment enthusiasts.

"The character of an area creates a draw towards people wanting to come here – like the Pomona Arts Colony, for example," said Wahlquist, 32. "It's amazing; they have all these two-story buildings with a residence on top and a gallery underneath – basically someone's home."

Wahlquist, who started Downeyarts.org, a blog, which promotes local art, theatre, music and film, said he had a friend who lived in the thriving downtown arts colony, but didn't stay due to its uncompromising location.

"But here in Downey, we're the center of Orange County and Los Angeles," Wahlquist said. "In Pomona, there's something like 40 galleries now, coffee shops, monthly art walks...we need a transformation like that in Downey."

Last month, at the request of this newspaper, Guerra, along with Councilman Roger Brossmer, hosted nearly a dozen Downey arts, conservancy and culture advocates who pleaded with community leaders to preserve the city's history and architecture while offering more artistic and creative opportunities for Downey residents.

The conversation, while inclusive of all Downey, focused mainly on the downtown district, which advocates hope to make a popular destination for arts and entertainment in the region.

Brossmer began the discussion by touting the city's new contract with VenueTech as a positive first step in redefining the downtown as a space for cultural programs and entertainment options.

"I am very optimistic – this is a step in the right direction in getting the theater in play," said Brossmer.

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## New mayor Luis Marquez is not short on ambitious goals

Much of Marquez's goals aim to increase a sense of community in Downey.

BY HENRY VENERACION,  
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**DOWNEY** – Family looms large in Luis Marquez' world.

At his swearing-in as mayor on Dec. 14, with his 4-year-old twins Diego and Maya scurrying about and threatening to disrupt the ceremony, Marquez refused to be distracted as he proudly paid tribute to his parents who were in attendance, for their wise and steady guidance, not to mention their sacrifices, as the main reasons for his rise to the position of mayor of "this great city of Downey."

"We had humble beginnings," said the new mayor. "We were raised in the little Mexican town of Villanueva, Zacatecas that borders Jalisco. We had no electricity, no plumbing, no nothing."

He was 5 years old when, in search of a better life, the family pulled up roots and emigrated to the U.S. Left with few choices, they settled in an unincorporated area in the Florence-Graham neighborhood in South Central L.A. It was a tough, gang-infested neighborhood, he said, and they had to exercise extra care and caution in avoiding the dangers endemic to such an environment.

But survive unscathed they did. Heeding his parents' advice to value education, the importance of community service, and, above all, know right from wrong, Marquez studied hard, took part in sports and school activities, and eventually earned a bachelor's from Cal State Northridge in Chicano studies and film production.

"I've always been competitive and from the start I was able to focus, as a way to block out negative thoughts," he said.

If he harbored dreams of becoming a James Cameron or a Steven Spielberg, they were short-lived. A meeting not long after graduation with State Sen. Alan Lowenthal, courtesy of Assemblyman Hector de la Torre, proved decisive. He was de la Torre's campaign manager at the time, and when Lowenthal offered him a job in his district office, Marquez took it.

It was as senior deputy to Lowenthal that, especially on his wife's suggestion, he thought with his accumulated experience he



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Luis Marquez was sworn-in as mayor two weeks ago. He is pictured above with his family and Sen. Allan Lowenthal.

could render better service if he were to run for the Downey City Council. He said he was also egged on to run by colleagues Kirk Cartozian and Mario Guerra. Marquez, an aide to Lowenthal for close to seven years, said: "He has been my mentor, and I've learned much from him."

Married in 2001, the mayor and his wife, Alma, had chosen to reside in Downey because they liked its quality of life features: "it looked safe, it had nice parks and other community amenities, the school district stood out, etc." They had studied conditions in such cities as South Gate, Lynwood, Bellflower and Paramount, communities which fell within Marquez' work orbit anyway as they were in Lowenthal's district.

Thus, only 38 years of age, Marquez begins a journey of opportunity and service accorded to only a few. It was hard to determine who was prouder at the installation, the son, his parents Manuel and Maria, or wife Alma: they were all beaming with unadulterated pride. For Marquez, it was clearly a high point in his life, and definitely an unforgettable moment.

Announcing his policy directions, Marquez said his overarching goal is to champion the theme 'One Downey' or 'One City.'

"It doesn't matter whether one councilmember represents a particular district, and another represents another," he said. "We all belong to one and the same community, and

we should try to advance the interests of all."

This united image will be promoted through branding. He likes continuing such programs as Taste of Downey, the tree lighting ceremony, and the 4th of July celebration as a means of drawing the community together. He said he will make representations to consolidate the heretofore two districts that have defined Downey in the past into just one Assembly district, dictated by census population figures.

He has laid out an ambitious agenda, including espousing the six ongoing initiatives in the public safety, parks, economic/community development, infrastructure, environmental policy and administrative programs/initiatives areas.

With regard to public safety, he says he is behind the push for advanced technology and new equipment for the police and fire departments (budget permitting), and, among other things, greater awareness and encouragement of the work performed by Gangs Out of Downey. The new canine 'employee' named Duke, he said, was responsible for a major drug bust in his first week on the job.

"I support the aggressive pursuit of grants to enhance our parks," he said. "We do a good job now, but we must do better." He is also on record for creating a new Parks & Recreation Department, peeling it

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## Arc officials remain hopeful for the coming year

Funding is down and jobs are difficult to come by for Arc consumers, but optimism still reigns.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
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**DOWNEY** – Twenty five-year-old Laia Jreisat, a lifelong Downey resident and Warren High School alum, has been searching for a job since 2008.

"And she's still actively looking," said Luana Acuna, director of vocational services at Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County. "We're very optimistic. Right now, she's training and gaining new skills. She hopes to find a job here in Downey so she doesn't have to go far."

"I'm good with fashion – I really want to work at Ross," added Jreisat, a faithful participant of Arc, its nearly 55-year-old Downey organization that provides vital services and training for nearly 350 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Arc officials, as well as Jreisat, hope that 2011 proves to be a better year for Arc, its participants and programs, as a troubled economy continues to hamper the organization's resources and funding.

"What I go to bed with at night is this, 'did we give them one wonderful, quality day?'" said Kevin MacDonald, executive director of the Arc. "If we did...that's good. We've been doing this a long time...no matter what, we'll make it work."

As a part of the organization's annual appeal campaign, support letters soliciting the community to donate have already been mailed out to potential donors. When it comes to Arc's financial stability, MacDonald believes the most powerful resource is the community.

"We face an uncertain tomorrow," MacDonald wrote in the appeal letter. "The state of California cut our funding by over \$100,000 this year, school district support has decreased considerably...we believe that with your support, the mission will continue, the work will go on and people will have a better quality of life because of all of us."

Donald Earles, 62, knows firsthand what a difference Arc makes.

As a participant for nearly 40 years, Earles, once active in the Arc's food service training program, has witnessed many changes over the years. Today, he is retired with his own apartment in Downey, a feat made possible through independent living programs at Arc.

"He's not alone. We communicate with the property managers and give him plenty of support," said MacDonald. "He comes and sees the seniors during the day. The change is different, but he has family support around him."

Pasadena resident June Romero has worked with the senior consumers at Arc in Downey for the last two years and hopes to continue next year.



"I used to work at Mervyn's over at Stonewood [Center], but after they closed, I was out of work. I put in an application here," said Romero. "I've been learning ever since – they have a lot of love in their hearts."

In addition to Jreisat, MacDonald said there are nearly 30 Arc participants that have completed the vocational program, known as Fast Track, and are job ready right now. But, since the economic downturn, the organization has struggled to place these individuals.

Jorge Angulo, 29, however, managed to earn a job in the warehouse of Southeast Industries, the packaging and assembling company owned and operated by the Arc.

"He was looking for a while," said Acuna. "But even if it was for a janitorial job, Jorge dressed like it was a CEO position. He heard about the warehouse opportunity here and applied. He went through the application process like everyone else."

Currently, Angulo works Monday through Friday loading, unloading and shipping materials for Southeast Industries.

MacDonald hopes that next year more employers will be willing to hire their participants. SLS Hotel at Beverly Hills has already hired several Arc participants and has sponsored fundraisers for the organization.

"And they've requested more of our people – they know our consumers are good workers," said MacDonald with a smile. "We'd love for them to work here in Downey, but if not...there's a hotel in Beverly Hills that will hire them."

Nonetheless, MacDonald maintains that it takes the entire community's support to continue these programs that both educate and inspire people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We provide hope to people who live in your community," said MacDonald. "By helping us – we can help others succeed through Arc, they just happen to have a developmental disability."

While a new job in the clothing industry ranks high on Jreisat's Christmas wish list, the active young adult, who currently volunteers at the Columbia Memorial Space Center every Friday, is truly thinking about what she can give this year.

"I want to buy some notebooks for my brother," she said after being asked what she wanted for Christmas. "I'd like a cell phone, but I wish I could buy my sister a car...she works Monday through Friday. She needs one."

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away from the Community Services Department.

Acknowledging the praiseworthy progress made by the economic development department, he wants to keep the momentum moving forward. This includes emphasis on a higher level of customer service to better serve the needs of businesses and residents, while remaining alert to the development of more quality businesses.

He would like the city to take inventory of all city facilities and infrastructure and begin work on formulating a 50-year master strategic plan to upgrade such aging facilities as the fire stations, streets, the water system and the Civic Center, as well as study potential uses of open city spaces. He recognizes the work performed by the Green Task Force, including adoption of the 'green building standards', and said he will support and encourage such environmental projects as A Day Without a Bag and Earth Day River Clean-up, etc.

He's big on fiscal transparency and pension as well as local campaign finance reform (he will advocate a cap on campaign contributions of \$2,500 per candidate), and ethical standards (Character Counts reminders).

He says he strongly supports the Columbia Memorial Space Center's efforts to affiliate more closely with NASA, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the Smithsonian Institute, to benefit Downey's kids while preserving Downey's space legacy. He announced the city's intention to house the shuttle mock-up in a sep-



arate building and held up an actual piece of moon rock, to the delight of the audience. He also mentioned that to further the impact of the center, a new website will be established in January.

In addition to a public safety dialogue between residents and the police and fire departments in February, the 'Mayor presents' series will feature a mid-year state of the city review in May which will give an overview of the budget, operations and capital projects in the city, an informational program delivered by federal, state and county representatives in August, and an education summit with school district officials in October.

He said he intends to re-energize the Downey Sister Cities Association and update Downey's relationships with its sister cities, as well as revive the Mayor's Monthly Service Awards, in recognition of a worthy individual, family, business or organization. As a rallying cry to enhance a sense of

community among residents, he offers Kennedy's call, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

He also advocated a more active role for the city councilmembers' wives/spouses, starting with their involvement with True Lasting Connections "which can only need more help."

"Believe it or not, I go to the gym," he said, adding, "just not as often as I'd like." In high school, he said he played football (full-back/linebacker), softball, wrestling and some tennis.

"Like my parents, I want my kids [Diego is named after the Aztec ruler, Diego Cuauhtemoc; Maya is named for the Mayan civilization] to have a better life," he said. "I wish the same thing for the residents of Downey. If we work together and with a sense of purpose, there's no reason why we can't attain a better life for all of us."



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Councilman Mario Guerra addresses residents during a recent roundtable discussion regarding arts and culture in Downey.

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"What excited me was not only the programming that will be at the theater, but also the arts, the connection to the downtown. They're planning just as many things outside as they are inside. I'm super excited about this."

Guerra said he would love to see the Avenue Theater, purchased by the city in 2008 with housing funds, become a second venue for artistic events, but unless a buyer steps forward, he maintains that housing must be built on the property.

"Would our preference be to save the Avenue Theater? Absolutely," Guerra said. "Why wouldn't we? There's this perception that somebody wants to buy it - great, show us a plan. I'm willing to meet with anybody. It's just got to be feasible."

For years Downey conservancy groups have been trying to pitch proposals to the city, hoping to save elements of the structure from demolition. George Redfox, local historian and photo teacher at Warren High School, believes saving mid-century modern architecture in homes and buildings will only better help define Downey.

"The art and the preservation go together," he said during the round table discussion. "The facts show that historic preservation drives up neighborhood values, the value of a city, but there's always a reason why it can't be done. The architecture gives the city character, a place and a time, and artists are attracted to that."

Brossmer responded by questioning whether the Avenue Theater is relevant now that the Downey Theater's programming will be revamped to offer more arts and culture events.

"As far as the Avenue Theater - it may be nostalgic, but I don't see the history component of it," Brossmer said. "And I got a theater 100 yards away that is my responsibility so moving forward I'm much more energized on fully maximizing the potential of our existing theater - my money's on the Downey Theater."

"As a performer having been to the Downey Theater, even though it's a nice civic theater, it's really not an ideal place that I want to go to," said Jared Head, 22, founder of Caged Comedy and owner of Lazarus Works Film & Photo Studio. "From the standpoint of logistics backstage - it's absolutely horrendous."

Wahlquist agreed, insisting emerging artists need a smaller venue to hone their craft before taking on performances in the large, 738-seat Downey Theatre. "Artists need a place to start, to develop and be protected. The Downey Theatre is too big," he said. "One thing that is a civic duty...is asking, where are our artists, what are their needs, and how can we inspire them and help them along the way. We need a 99-seat venue, something smaller."

Matias Flores, co-founder of Downey Art Vibe, sponsor of several Downey art exhibits since 2007, believes the city will follow if community groups start working independently to bring more music, art shows, and theatre performances to the city.

"That's the main deal - we need a place for artists, and artists are everywhere in Downey," said Flores, 31, who helped organize a photo exhibit at the Downey Theater in February. "The last one we had there was about 700 peo-

ple. About 25 percent of the people came just for the arts, and the rest were there to hang out. It's something to do on a Thursday night."

Guerra acknowledged that there's more to be done in the downtown, but reminded residents that it takes time and money to initiate such changes.

"We can encourage, we can facilitate, we can beg - but you gotta have the money," said Guerra with a laugh. "I'm not afraid to take risks, I like where this is going. We're all saying the same thing. But we need to have more discussions like this. I want your ideas - I want to get things done."

In addition to the possibility of a future film series at Kirkorian Theatres, the group also requested that the city establish an arts and culture commission that could work with the downtown business district to help promote more artistic activities and cultural events.

"Something similar to the green task force - we just need an official excuse to talk monthly about theatre and arts events," said Wahlquist, who agreed a new, transformed downtown could get busy. "I'm okay with parking problems - as long as there's something to do."

## Farmers market closed 2 weeks

**DOWNEY** - The farmers market in Downey is closed for the holidays and will reopen Jan. 8.

The market had been open 139 consecutive Saturdays since it opened April 26, 2008, city officials said. It is normally open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Second Street in downtown Downey.

For more information, call (562) 904-7285 or e-mail farmers-market@downeyca.org.

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### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses Friday Dec. 24th**  
 4:00 pm — Children's Mass  
 6:00 pm — Life Teen Family Mass  
 10:00 pm — Christmas Charols with Adult Choir  
 10:30 pm — Vigil Mass in English  
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## Medical student honored for leadership

**DOWNEY** – Marizabel Orellana, a student at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, was named a 2010 Herbert W. Nickens Scholar by the Association of American Colleges during the association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on Nov. 8.

The single mother of a 14-year-old daughter, Orellana, 35, was one of five third-year medical students recognized for demonstrating leadership in eliminating inequities in medical education and health care, and for addressing the educational, societal and health care needs of minorities.

Each recipient was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship.

"Receiving the Nickens Award is an incredible honor and a reminder of how important it is for me to serve my patients and advocate for their needs," Orellana said. "My patients inspire me to persevere, because each of them has the right to high-quality and affordable health care."

Orellana helped launch a mentoring program for low-income youth at the Renacimiento Community Center in Pomona. She did this as a member of the inaugural class of the David Geffen School of Medicine's Program in Medical Education, a dual-degree program that aims to train medical leaders who will address health policy, care and research for underserved populations.

The following year she expanded the program into a six-week summer program to engage children ages 11-18 in leadership development activities. The goal is to spark their interest in pursuing higher education and potential careers in health care.

This is not the first time that Orellana's initiative has been publicly acknowledged. In June, she was one of two medical students awarded the \$5,000 Oliver Goldsmith, M.D., Scholarship by Kaiser Permanente's Southern California region. In March, she was selected as one of 20 medical students nationwide to receive a leadership award from the American Medical Association Foundation.

On behalf of the city of Pomona, Mayor Elliott Rothman also presented Orellana with awards in 2009 and 2010 in appreciation of her efforts to mentor children of the city.

Orellana is pursuing a master's degree in public health in addition to her medical degree. Following residency training, she plans a career in primary care medicine.

Orellana's mother is from Mexico and her father is from Guatemala. Both of her parents immigrated in their teens to the United States.

## Prepare for new driving laws in 2011

■ Hybrid vehicles with proper stickers allowed to travel in carpool lanes until July 1.

**DOWNEY** – Jan. 1 will usher in a host of new laws for California drivers, including restrictions on mobile advertising, carpool restrictions for hybrid vehicles and the introduction of a new emergency alert system.

The following is a detailed explanation of new laws scheduled to go into effect in 2011.

**Instruction Permit: Motorcycle (AB 1952, Niello)** - This bill added Section 12509.5 to the Vehicle Code, which lays out the age-specific requirements drivers must fulfill to obtain a motorcycle instruction permit. Among those requirements for drivers younger than 21 years of age is the successful completion of the motorcycle safety course administered by the CHP.

**Motorcycle Theft (AB 1848, Garrick)** - This bill adds Section 466.65 to the Penal Code and makes it a misdemeanor to possess, give, or lend the following:

- Any device designed to bypass the factory-installed ignition of a motorcycle in order to start the engine without the manufacturer's key.
- Any motorcycle ignition or part of motorcycle ignition, with the intent to unlawfully take or drive, or to facilitate the unlawful taking or driving of a motorcycle, without the consent of the owner.

• Items of hardware, including bolt cutters, electrical tape, wire cutters, wire strippers, or allen wrenches, with the intent to aid in the unlawful taking or driving of a motorcycle without the consent of the owner.

**High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes (AB 1500, Lieu & SB 535, Yee)** - These bills extended the life of the yellow and white clean air stickers

for low emission vehicles. Vehicles bearing these valid stickers can continue to access HOV lanes regardless of vehicle occupancy. Hybrids with Yellow Clean Air Access stickers set to expire the beginning of January 2011 will be given a six-month extension until July 1, 2011. White Clean Air Access stickers will be valid until Jan. 1, 2015.

Additionally, SB 535 provides that starting in 2012, 40,000 HOV access stickers can be issued to early purchasers of Enhanced Advanced Technology Partial Zero Emission Vehicles.

**Windshield Video Event Recorder (AB 1942, Fletcher)** - This bill amended Section 26708 of the Vehicle Code to allow a video event recorder to be mounted in a 7-inch square in the lower corner of a vehicle windshield on the passenger side, or 5-inch square in the lower corner of the vehicle windshield on the driver's side, outside of an airbag deployment zone.

It also makes it legal to mount the video event recorder in a 5-inch square in the center uppermost portion of the interior of the windshield. The law also defines a video event recorder and requires a vehicle equipped with one to have a notice posted in a visible location which states that a passenger's conversation may be recorded.

In addition, this law lays out rules for recording events, notes who the rightful owner of the footage is, and who is entitled to a copy of the recording.

**Emergency Alert System: Law Enforcement Officers (Blue Alert) (SB 839, Runner)** - Much like an AMBER Alert, this bill added Section 8594.5 to the Government Code. Activation of the Emergency Alert System for a Blue Alert would occur if all of the following conditions are met:

- A law enforcement officer has been killed, suffers serious bodily

injury, or is assaulted with a deadly weapon, and the suspect has fled the scene of the offense.

• The investigating agency has determined that the suspect poses an imminent threat to the public or other law enforcement personnel.

• A detailed description of the suspect's vehicle or license plate is available for broadcast.

• Public dissemination of available information may help avert further harm or accelerate apprehension of the suspect.

**Mobile Billboard Advertising Displays (AB 2756, Blumenfeld)** - This bill created Section 395.5 of the Vehicle Code, which defines "mobile billboard advertising display" as an advertising display that is attached to a wheeled, mobile, non-motorized vehicle that carries, pulls or transports a sign or billboard and is for the primary purpose of advertising.

This bill also amended Section 21100 of the Vehicle Code to give local authorities the ability to adopt rules/regulations by ordinance/resolution to regulate mobile billboard advertising; this includes establishing penalties that could authorize removal of the mobile billboard advertising display.

In addition, VC Section 22651 was amended to say that the mobile billboard advertising display may be towed when left parked or standing in violation of a local ordinance. Warning citations

advising of the consequences, including towing of the mobile billboard display, are sufficient enough warning to the public.

**Miscellaneous Transportation (SB 1318, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee)**- This bill was responsible for the following new law, as well as the amendment of others:

• Section 667 of the Vehicle Code was added to define a "utility trailer" as a trailer or semitrailer used solely for the transportation of the user's personal property which cannot be used in commerce, cannot exceed gross weight of 10,000 pounds, but can be used for transportation of livestock.

• This bill also amended Section 5201 of the Vehicle Code to require license plates to be mounted parallel to the ground so the characters are upright and display from left to right.

• Section 21755 of the Vehicle Code which allows drivers of vehicles to pass on the right under specified conditions was amended to clarify that it does not prohibit a bicyclist from passing on the right in either a bicycle lane or on a shoulder.

• Section 22511.55 of the Vehicle Code has been amended to allow a disabled person or disabled veteran to display their distinguishing placard on a clip installed by the vehicle's manufacturer on the driver's side front windshield.

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## Rainy weather brings potential for flooding

■ Residents urged to prepare by purchasing sandbags at local retailers.

BY CAPT. BRAD VAN ERT,  
DOWNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

**DOWNEY** – The rainy season has begun, bringing with it an increase in flooding and other water-related problems.

Extended periods of heavy rain can overwhelm storm drains and pumps, resulting in areas of standing water that sometimes finds its way into houses. We advise residents to prepare ahead of time if they anticipate potential flooding in the neighborhood.

Downey residents who experience these types of problems can get sandbags at a number of places in the city. Sandbags may be purchased ahead of time at the following locations:

All American Home Center, 7201 Firestone Blvd. (50-lb. bags of sand)

Resource Building Materials, 8020 Phlox St., east of Paramount Blvd. (erosion control bags – empty or with sand)

The Home Depot, 7121 Firestone Blvd. (bags and sand).

In an emergency, sandbags may be available for Downey residents (no businesses) during severe stormy conditions only. See guidelines below:

- Available at the public works maintenance yard, 12324 Bellflower Blvd. (behind Independence Park) between 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Must show proof of residency
- 10 bags maximum per household per rainy season

- Residents must load them into their cars

Sandbags are also available at Downey fire stations between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. while supplies last:

- Station 1 – 12222 Paramount Blvd.

- Station 2 – 9556 Imperial Hwy.

- Station 3 – 9900 Paramount Blvd.

- Station 4 – 9349 Florence Ave.

Be prepared: winter months can bring heavy rain that may require extra protection for property.

For extreme emergencies, you may contact the Downey fire stations or fire dispatch at (562) 861-9221.



The YMCA after-school site after Price Elementary School went caroling at Riviera Healthcare Center on Dec. 11 “to share the joy of the season with residents.” The children and their parents sang Christmas carols, and also went caroling in neighborhood near Price.

## Iwo Jima veteran Jose Dominguez dies

**DOWNEY** – Jose A. “Alfred” Dominguez, a longtime Downey resident and U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in the 5th Marine Division during the invasion of Iwo Jima in 1945, passed away Dec. 11 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was born Sept. 30, 1925, in Alberhill, Calif., to Jose and Placida Dominguez. He dropped out of high school after the 10th grade and began working to help his parents support the family.

In December of 1943, Dominguez enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and went to boot camp in San Diego. After graduating from boot camp, he was assigned to the 5th Marine Division at Camp Pendleton to prepare for the Iwo Jima invasion.

He landed with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 26th Marine Regiment, on Feb. 19, 1945 and fought until he was severely wounded on March 14, 1945. He was evacuated from the island and spent many months in the hospital in Hawaii and later in San Diego.

He was honorably discharged – having attained the rank of corporal – in November, 1945.

After the war, Dominguez learned the trade of auto body repair at Lake Chevrolet in Lake Elsinore, Calif., and then worked for Harry C. Clark Buick in Compton and Simpson Buick in Downey before retiring in 1990.



He married the former Georgia L. Weir on May 23, 1950, in Yuma, Ariz., and together they raised four children.

Dominguez was a Christian and a member of the Imperial Highway Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Georgia; four children, Jose A.

(Fred) Dominguez Jr. and wife, Nyla, of Pecos, Tex.; Ramona M. Dominguez, of Downey, Charlotte A. Widdis, and husband, Lawrence, of Montrose, and Charles E. Dominguez, and wife, Anna, of Downey; grandchildren, David Dominguez, and wife, Kristi; Daniel Dominguez, and wife, Syndi; Samuel Dominguez, and wife, Arly; Laura Widdis and Alexander Dominguez; and seven great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Jonathan Dominguez; Ema, Eli, Elena and Everet Dominguez; and Nathan Dominguez.

Funeral services were conducted by his son, Fred Dominguez, on Dec. 15 at the Imperial Highway Church of Christ in Downey. Interment with full military honors was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

## Commerce councilman told to resign

**COMMERCE** – A city of Commerce councilman must resign and abstain from holding public office for the next three years after pleading guilty Monday to obstruction of justice, the district attorney’s office has announced.

Hugo Argumedo, 49, was placed on three years probation by Judge Henry Barela.

The case stems from a false affidavit that Argumedo certified as true, filed in a civil lawsuit between Commerce and the former city attorney, Francisco Leal.

The false affidavit, signed by Argumedo, was filed by Leal in an attempt to defend allegations that he failed to pay a settlement owed to the city of Commerce after a contractual dispute.

By filing a false affidavit, Argumedo caused the city to incur additional legal fees and resulted in a miscarriage of justice to the city, prosecutors said.

Argumedo pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor count of obstructing justice. A felony count of perjury by declaration was dismissed at sentencing.



## Fitness boot camp starts in January

**DOWNEY** – A fitness boot camp, appropriate for all ages and fitness levels, begins Jan. 5 at Downey Adult School.

The boot camp is fun and non-confrontational. It is led by Carl Causly, a certified personal trainer and group exercise instructor.

The class combines dumbbells, kickboxing, exercise bands, plyometrics, obstacle courses and group challenges.

Participants should bring a padded exercise mat, towel, 8-10 pound dumbbells and water.

Cost is \$32 for the 4-week class and meets Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. The Wednesday course begins Jan. 5 and the Saturday class Jan. 8.

Register online at [www.das.edu](http://www.das.edu) or in person at Downey Adult School during normal operating hours.

## LB council member to speak

**LAKESWOOD** – Long Beach Councilwoman Gerrie Schipske will be guest speaker at the Jan. 13 meeting of the Hearing Loss Association in Lakewood.

The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Weingart Center in Lakewood.

Schipske’s topic will be “The First Transcontinental Flight: Celebrating One Hundred Years!” The pilot who flew the plane was hard of hearing.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call (562) 438-0597.

## Trojan Horse Bandit wanted in bank robberies

**DOWNEY** – The FBI is asking the public’s help in identifying a man accused of robbing five local banks, including a Bank of America branch in Downey last month.

The man, dubbed by the FBI as the Trojan Horse Bandit due to his affinity for USC team apparel, is accused of robbing four Bellflower banks going back to September.

He is also suspected of robbing the Bank of America branch at 9330 Firestone Blvd. in Downey on Nov. 1. His latest heist was Dec. 13 when he robbed a Union Bank in Bellflower.

According to law enforcement officials, the suspect approaches a teller and threatens to shoot them with a firearm. No weapon has been seen during any of the robberies.

The man is described as Hispanic, between 20-30 years old, 120-160 pounds and standing between 5 foot 2 and 5 foot 9.

He has been spotted wearing USC team apparel during the robberies along with different hats, gloves and glasses.

Anyone with information on the identity of the Trojan Horse Bandit is asked to call (888) CANT-HIDE or 911.

## 3 killed in drunk driving collision

**VERNON** – An alleged drunk driver accused of causing a traffic collision in Vernon that killed three people was arraigned last week.

On Dec. 11, 31-year-old Isaac Bandt allegedly ran several red lights before t-boning a compact vehicle containing two women, a man and a child.

Immediately following the collision, Bandt, who was driving a pickup truck, allegedly ran from the scene. Police officers found him several blocks away, prosecutors said.

The only person to survive the crash was a 6-year-old boy. Those killed in the collision were identified as the boy’s mother, her boyfriend and the boy’s grandmother.

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## Making amends

By Eric Pierce

Dear Santa,  
It's been a while since I've written you – 23 years to be exact. I had asked for a limited edition Transformers action figure and instead you gave me a Care Bears doll and a little brother.

I had asked for neither.

The following year, after tracking you down at a mall, I climbed on your lap and specifically requested a G.I. Joe lunch pail. You replied, "Ho, ho, ho! I'll see what I can do!" or something to that effect. I took your jolly response as a "yes" and gleefully looked forward to December 25 (I was tired and embarrassed of carrying my lunch in a Ralphs grocery bag).

You lied to me, Fat Man. Instead, I unwrapped a Color Me Badd cassette tape and my first stick of deoderant. Something tells me Mom was whispering in your ear that Christmas.

From that point on, I lost faith. Suddenly the cynical playground allegations that Santa Claus was a fraud became more believable. According to the big, bad fifth graders, you were a figment of my imagination.

On my totem pole of favorite things about Christmas, you tumbled far below my mom's tamales and just above the itchy sweater I was forced to wear to my aunt's house. You were like the Tooth Fairy: I didn't really believe in you, but why not pretend if I could get a buck out of it?

The thing is, I'm still a sucker for Christmas magic and all that you claim to represent. And I realize now that you serve as a global ambassador for joy, selflessness and hope, not G.I. Joes, Transformers and Barbie dolls. The mistake was mine.

So please look at this letter as an attempt at reconciliation. I promise to let go of my grudge and appreciate you for what you offer. Christmas is about family and togetherness, peace on earth, blah, blah, blah.

If you accept my apology, please leave the new Call of Duty video game (for the Playstation 3) under my tree. The ball is in your court, Santa, make a believer out of me.

## Bill targets foreign manufacturers who evade trade rules

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-39) helped introduce the Enforcing Orders and Reducing Customs Evasion (ENFORCE) Act last week, bipartisan legislation "intended to eliminate schemes by foreign producers to evade payment of antidumping and countervailing duties."

"Our U.S. producers are being undermined by foreign competitors whose fraudulent schemes enable them to avoid paying the duties they owe," Sanchez said. "In order to keep American producers and businesses strong, and keep Americans working, this bill ensures that Customs will aggressively enforce anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders – putting those who would break our laws on notice that flouting U.S. laws will no longer be tolerated."

Antidumping duties are imposed when it is established that foreign goods are being sold (or "dumped") in the U.S. at prices below the prices in the home market. Countervailing duties are imposed when foreign goods receive illegal subsidies that artificially hold down their prices.

The duties are meant to even out these illegal practices so that American and foreign goods are competing on a more level playing field when it comes to prices. Those who work to evade these duties are not only skirting the law, they are harming U.S. businesses and killing jobs, Sanchez said.

The ENFORCE Act establishes procedures for investigating claims of evasion by foreign manufacturers. Domestic producers, for the first time ever, will be able to petition U.S. Customs and Border Protection to investigate possible antidumping and countervailing duty evasions.

Once an investigation is initiated, Customs must make a preliminary and final determination about whether an importer is engaged in duty evasion. The legislation prescribes timelines, as well as enforcement and remedial measures for each determination.

"Trade cheats who illegally dump goods in the U.S. are going to extraordinary lengths to continue to avoid playing by the rules," said Rep. Walter B. Jones, who also helped author the bill. "This bill would give U.S. companies the ability to compel the U.S. government to take action to stop these practices. It is long overdue."

If passed, Customs will receive \$20 million to train employees and staff the ports.

## Congress keeps ceding power to the president

By Lee H. Hamilton

I've never been able to figure out why Congress seems so interested in giving up power. When you're sworn in as a member on Capitol Hill, you take an oath to uphold the Constitution, which places Congress first in the firmament of national governance and makes it coequal to the presidency. Yet over the years, members of Congress have repeatedly handed the executive branch more power, in everything from going to war to budget-making to designing the specifics of financial-industry reform.

Capitol Hill's latest exercise in self-shrinkage is its proposed ban on earmarks. These are the moves by individual legislators to direct federal dollars — usually in the form of spending or tax breaks — to specific projects, interests, or companies. The unsuccessful attempt to fund Alaska's infamous "Bridge to Nowhere" was through an earmark. On the other hand, earmarks were used to develop the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., the Human Genome Project, and the Predator drone missile. They also may well have helped fund the highway improvement you drive to work on, the flood control project that protects your home, or the federal contract that keeps some of your neighbors employed.

You would think, given the rhetoric we've been treated to recently on earmarks, that they're a significant part of federal spending. Not even close. As Daniel Inouye, the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, pointed out recently, earmarks make up less than one-half of one percent of total federal spending. We have a \$1.3 trillion deficit, he told fellow senators, and "if we accept this proposal to eliminate all earmarks and take the second necessary step of actually applying the savings to deficit reduction, the total deficit for the United States would still be \$1.3 trillion."

There is no question that the earmark process has been misused and abused over the years. Members have curried favor with powerful constituents, steered federal funds to prominent campaign contributors, and supported projects whose benefit to their districts, let alone their country, was dubious at best. All of this was usually done in total secrecy.

But any dispassionate look at earmarks would suggest that most of them have been useful and defensible. Over the last few years, moreover, Congress has made the earmark process more transparent, detailing members' requests so that the names of their sponsors are public information and readily available.

This trend toward transparency should be encouraged — indeed, I would argue that if you want to sponsor an earmark, you should also be willing to stand up in your chamber and defend it in the face of an up-or-down vote, rather than allow it to be slipped into some massive spending bill where it disappears from sight. Congress needs to make progress on this front, just as it could do a better job of figuring out where a particular project ought to fit in terms of national priorities — and not simply allow it to rise to the top because the member supporting it has seniority. Still, these ought not be fatal flaws.

The most important argument in favor of earmarks is that they give members of Congress — the people in the federal government who are most intimately familiar with the needs of their home districts and states — the ability to make sure that needed projects get attention. Because make no mistake: money on roads, bridges, transit projects, sewer lines, flood-control projects, and community centers is going to get spent. The only question is whether the decision on where it's spent gets made in at least some cases by our elected representatives, or exclusively by federal bureaucrats who may or may not be familiar with the communities they're affecting.

During a recent debate over the proposed earmarks ban, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin had this to say: "When a Federal agency announces that a facility should be built in Nebraska rather than Texas or Alabama or whether a defense contract should go to a company in Colorado or Arizona rather than Rhode Island or Ohio, there may be no accountability to voters for those decisions. The employees of Federal agencies are...good people, but they are not elected. They do not meet with constituents. They cannot possibly understand the needs of local communities as well as those who stand for election." He's right.

In the end, then, the debate over earmarks is not about improving the federal deficit, it's about power over the federal purse-strings and whether to give the President and the federal officials who work for him exclusive power to decide where money gets spent. If Congress yet again opts to diminish itself while strengthening the President, you've got to wonder how much further Congress will go in handing over more power to the President and rejecting its constitutional role as a coequal branch of government.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

## Economy worries most of the globe

The economy remains the number one priority on the global stage. More than half of participants in a new global survey by Survey Sampling International (SSI) cite "improving the economy" as the most important issue to tackle in 2011.

Members of SSI's online research panels in 8 countries chose the economy as their top concern from a list of eight issues, including reforming healthcare, preserving the environment, preventing terrorism, reforming education, monitoring the food industry, improving relations with other countries and preparing for natural disasters.

Respondents from Japan (71%) and the U.S. (70%) are most focused on today's economic challenges.

Germany is the only country where respondents do not see the economy as the primary issue for their government to address. More than a quarter of German respondents say that "reforming healthcare" should be the government's chief concern.

Australian respondents also are worried about healthcare, splitting their votes fairly evenly between the economy (34%) and healthcare (31%).

SSI's findings are based on an Internet study of 4,000+ adults on its online panels. Countries covered include the U.S., U.K., Germany, France, Japan, Australia, China, and Singapore.

Survey participants' economic fears are reflected in their New Year's resolutions. "Improving financial situation" is among the top-two resolutions globally.

Around the world, 40% of respondents are resolving to improve their financial situations in 2011. The sole exception is Japan, where only a quarter of panelists are focusing their resolutions on financial issues.

Although the economy is on almost everyone's mind, it is not the only concern driving New Year's resolutions. In the US, UK, Germany, France and Australia, "losing weight" is as likely to be the top resolution as "improving financial situation."



## Letters to the Editor:

### Ball house destruction

Dear Editor:

When I moved here to Downey 40 years ago, I fell in love with the people and with Downey's sense of pride and history.

The historic carriage roads and their giant palms. The crazy street names that went from Mr. Stewart's house to Mr. Gray's house, and of course, all the beautiful, historic homes. At that time it was all about pride and our rich history. If you owned one of these houses it was an honor. And you had a duty to care for it for our future children and grandchildren.

When Florence Avenue changed its zoning to Business Professional and Downey Savings wanted to build on the corner of Florence and Brookshire avenues, the two historic Spanish homes were moved to the street behind so they would not be lost.

And it isn't just Downey. All cities in California are preserving their history. I have seen homes in horrid condition that have been restored to gems.

One of my favorite Downey homes was the Ball house. I never thought we would lose it for many reasons: its rich history and the history of the family; its solid construction and the fact that I had knowledge of how well it was maintained.

When the house was sold we were told that it would be preserved — only remodeled. I'm sure many of you were as shocked as I was when we drove up Cherokee Drive to see it was gone.

A few weeks ago I spoke with one of our city councilmen. (I won't give you his name but I will say that if he is in the room you can always hear him.) I asked about the Ball house and he told me he felt if someone owns a property, they can tear it down if that is what they want to do.

He said he had the report and that the house could not be saved as it was eaten up by termites, which I knew just not true. Termites eat wood and wood can be replaced.

When the former owner purchased it 35 years ago, it was fumigated. When Mrs. Former Owner moved in she told me she found a sticky substance along the baseboards. Her 18-inch thick walls were full of bee hives. The contractors opened all the exterior walls, cleaned out the hives and replaced any wood damage. It was pristine.

Now I am a real estate broker and I sell a lot of homes and we might have had to do a few thousand dollars in repairs, but we have never had to tear a house down.

We need to take steps to protect the few historic homes we have left. If you agree, let the city or this newspaper know.

-- Gracie Eshilian,  
Downey

### Investing in youth

Dear Editor:

This is response to the letter to the editor titled "A Nightmare" (*The Downey Patriot*, 12-16-10)

The Dream Act lets the children of immigrants become naturalized citizens if they go to college or serve in the military here. The people who oppose this know nothing about our hard-working immigrant families.

As it has been said, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste." Most of the young people who would benefit from this act came to the U.S. so young that they don't remember or feel part of any other country. We have all invested in these kids education, many from kindergarten through the 12th grade, until they graduate from high school. Do we want to throw away that investment and make them work at menial jobs for the rest of their lives instead of letting them use their brains and talents to contribute to our society?

We are only hurting ourselves and our country by stifling the brightest minds of our young people just because their parents brought them here when they were too young to have a choice in the matter.

This is total stupidity, and if Republicans stand united against this, it will come back to haunt them for a very long time. I really think that the closed-minded citizens of this country need to learn about language and travel and live abroad for a few years so they can wake up their minds.

-- Anita Rivero,  
Downey

### Healthy competition

Dear Editor:

Mr. Greg Fuller, CEO of All American Home Center, stated that, "There were some customers who organized against the big box," meaning Home Depot. ("Downey 2010: A Year to Remember," 12/16/10). This is an interesting statement.

For many years All American Home Center was the only hardware store in the southwest area, serving South Gate, Bell, Bell Gardens, Maywood, Cudahy and Paramount. It was a convenient location to go there from any of these neighboring cities.

In the 1970s and '80s I shopped there for this reason, and none other. I never saw them as competitive in their pricing, but still went there because they did have what I needed at the time.

I always felt their service to be detached, not as warm or friendly as stated in the article.

As diversity changed Downey, I found that only after Home Depot opened in 1996 that there were a lot of changes done at All American. I feel that All American did not want to change, but with Home Depot right next door, a change in diverse population of the area and a need for their business made them change.

This change has been for the better. Thank you, Home Depot.

-- Vince Diaz,  
Downey

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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For December

Tues. Dec. 28: City Council meeting, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### City Meetings

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: American Legion Post #270, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
- 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 call Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.
- 6:00 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 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., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 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 Sonja 862-4347.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey AARP, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: Lions Club, at The Palms, for information call 803-4048.
- 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.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 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. (562) 622-3785.

#### Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: Farmers Market, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call (562) 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: AAUW, Los Amigos Country Club.

## On This Day...

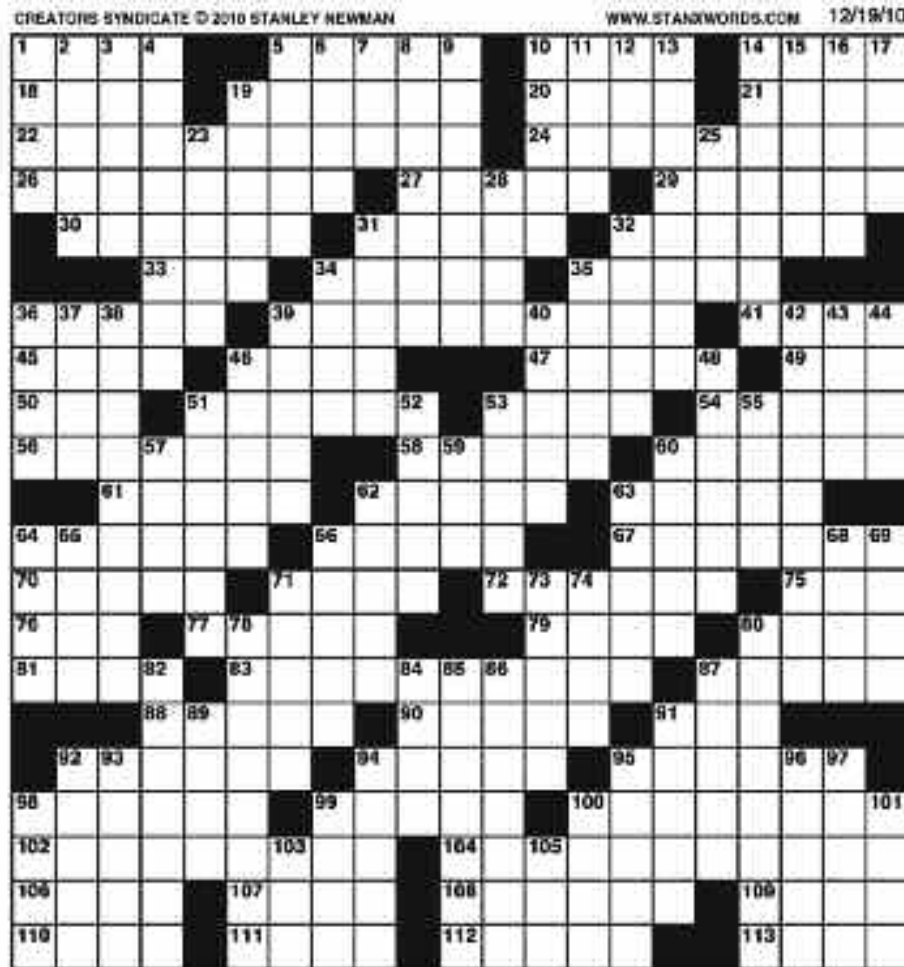
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- 1941:** American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese during World War II.
- 1972:** The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Oakland Raiders 13-7 in an NFL playoff game on a last-second touchdown catch by Franco Harris that was dubbed the "immaculate reception."
- 2003:** The government announced the first suspected case of mad cow disease in United States.
- Birthdays:** Actor and comedian Harry Shearer (67), actress Susan Lucci (64), rock singer Eddie Vedder (46) and Playboy playmate Holly Madison (31).

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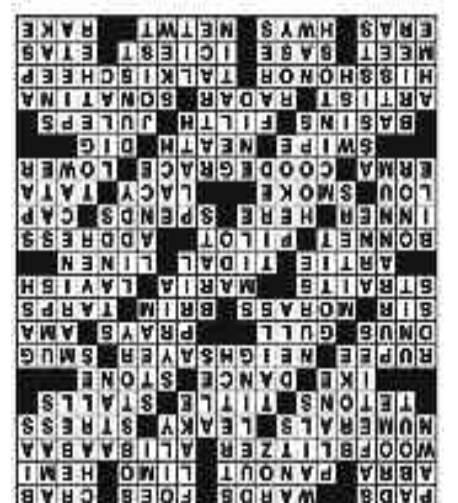
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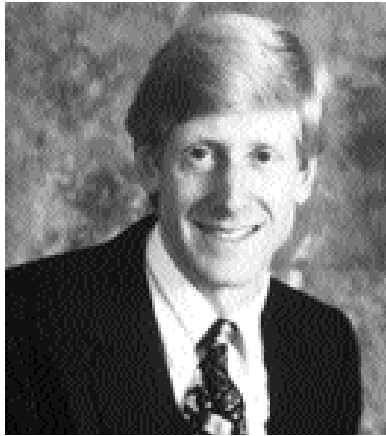
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Formerly used for weighing crops in the U.K., the 14-pound STONE (35 Across) remains in use primarily as a unit of human body weight. JULEP (95 Across) is derived from Persian words meaning "rose water." British record label EMI (12 Down) was formed in 1931 as Electric and Musical Industries.



## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



harmful effect from laughter. It's cheap, and available.

So, it is highly likely that laughter boosts immunity, lowers stress hormones, decreases pain, relaxes muscles and lowers blood pressure. Laughter adds joy and zest to life, eases anxiety and fear, relieves stress, improves mood, strengthens relationships, enhances teamwork, helps to defuse conflict, promotes bonding, and likely attracts others to us.

Here are some strategies for all of us to work on during this upcoming year:

- Don't avoid dealing with your stress. Stress is a major impediment to humor and laughter.

- Laugh at yourself. Share embarrassing moments and take yourself less seriously.

- Laugh more at situations rather than bemoan them. There is often humor to be found even in bad situations. See the irony and absurdity of life!

- Surround yourself with reminders to lighten up. Put up a funny poster, or keep toys on your desk. Choose a computer saver that makes you smile.

- Pay attention to children and emulate them. They are truly the experts of play, taking life lightly, and laughing.

- Keep things in perspective. Many things in life are beyond your control. Remember the Serenity Prayer, and that you do not control the behavior of others. I always appreciate my patients' willingness to carry the weight of the world on their shoulders. It is admirable but unrealistic, unhealthy, and perhaps even egotistical!

Good health and humor to you all, and have a very happy New Year!

I wish you the best of health.

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As the cliché goes, laughter is the best medicine. But is it really? Is there evidence to support such a claim?

It turns out that the research is full of good hard evidence that too much stress results in increased levels of ACTH, cortisol, epinephrine, and norepinephrine; the so-called "stress hormones". This is not normally a good thing. The question remains as to whether humor can decrease stress, positively impact the stress hormones, diminish pain, improve the strength of the immune system, and consequently improve quality of life. This has been a persistent topic of discussion for decades in both the lay and professional medical literature. Certainly, laughing is more affordable than medication, herbs, massage, or lengthy therapy!

Unfortunately there is little conclusive evidence that laughter specifically changes these body chemistries. However, the data is encouraging:

Laughter has been shown to reduce pain, in at least two ways. It serves as a distraction, and causes the release of endorphins, which reduce the sensation of pain.

Laughter may boost the immune system. There appears to be an increase in "killer" antibodies and t-cells – both of which fight infection.

Laughter relaxes the muscles and even tones the facial muscles.

Blood pressure has been shown to decline following bouts of laughter.

Finally, apparently no researcher has found a single

## Health information technology needs direction

A new study that reviews more than four decades of medical journal articles about the impact of health information technology (HIT) and electronic communications on medication adherence concludes that while there is evidence to suggest that simple electronic reminders are an effective and low-cost means to improve adherence, there are few studies that show how HIT can be leveraged to more thoughtfully engage or motivate patients to take medications as prescribed.

The study was published this week in the American Journal of Managed Care and is the result of a research partnership between Harvard University, Brigham and Women's Hospital and CVS Caremark – a three-year collaboration focused on developing a better understanding of patient behavior, particularly around medication adherence.

According to the researchers, the study findings "highlight the disappointing state of evidence on a topic of substantial health importance." The researchers concluded that as the U.S. "invests substantially in the broad implementation of HIT, innovative adherence interventions built on the capabilities of HIT are essential and must be rigorously tested to identify applicable best practices."

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## Health reform policies going into effect

Starting on Jan. 1, a number of important new benefits will go into effect under the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress earlier this year.

As the new year begins, insurance companies will have to abide by new requirements on how premium dollars are spent, Medicare enrollees will get free preventive care and access to drug discounts, community health centers will receive more funding, and all hospitals will begin reporting certain patient infection rates.

"These benefits are important new building blocks of the new health law that will ultimately help ensure that more Americans have greater access to affordable, high-quality care," said DeAnn Friedholm, director of Consumers Union's health reform campaign.

"Starting in 2011, more insurance premium dollars will go towards medical care instead of profits, seniors will have better access to preventive care, and all hospitals will begin to disclose their infection rates to the public."

Starting Jan. 1, the Affordable Care Act will require:

**More Premium Dollars Going to Medical Care:** If you are covered by an individual or small group policy, your insurer must spend 80 percent of the premiums it collects on medical care or activities that improve the quality of care.

For those covered by large group policies, insurers must spend an even higher amount -- 85 percent. Beginning in 2012, insurers who fail to meet this "medical loss ratio" must provide policyholders with a rebate instead of pocketing those excessive premiums.

**New Medicare Preventive Health Benefits:** If you are covered by Medicare, you can get an annual wellness visit and a personalized prevention plan at no cost. Medicare beneficiaries will also be able to get immunizations and screenings for cancer and diabetes without co-pays.

**Drug Discounts for Medicare Recipients:** If you have Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D), you will be eligible for a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs and a 7 percent discount on generic drugs if you have a coverage gap (also known as the "donut hole"). These discounts will increase each year until the donut hole is completely eliminated by 2020.

**Increased Funding for Community Health Centers:** If you rely on Community Health

Centers for free or low cost care, you'll benefit from new federal funding to support these centers.

**Hospitals Must Report Certain Patient Infections:** Hospitals will now have to track and report to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network when patients get central line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) in intensive care units. HHS plans to issue a public report on hospital-specific CLABSI infection rates later in the year.

By requiring public reporting of infection rates, HHS aims to help patients learn more about their hospital's infection control track record and put pressure on hospitals to improve their care.

## HIV study named 2010 'breakthrough'

On Dec 17, Science Magazine recognized a promising HIV study as one of the top ten achievements of 2010.

The groundbreaking research provided the first-ever proof of concept that a microbicide can effectively and safely reduce HIV transmission in women. Ninety percent of the study was funded by USAID as part of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

The HIV prevention trials were conducted by the Center for the AIDS Program of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA) with assistance from two USAID-funded implementing partners, Family

Health International (FHI) and CONRAD.

Researchers of the study tested the use of a vaginal gel containing 1% of the anti-HIV drug tenofovir. The drug was administered over a 30-month period to 889 South African women and was proven to reduce HIV infections by 39 percent.

The microbicide trial exemplifies USAID's commitment to supporting game-changing breakthroughs in global health, and also to focus on women and gender equality, both of which will expand under President Obama's Global Health Initiative, officials said.

Further, USAID is committed

to building a solid foundation of robust science and new technologies, enabling innovation to refine and strengthen U.S. development assistance globally.

Notably, the microbicide study was one of two breakthroughs in HIV/AIDS prevention recognized in the Top 10 list. Science Magazine also recognized the Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Initiative (iPrEx) study, which confirmed that daily oral use of a combination antiretroviral (ARV), Truvada reduced the risk of HIV infection by 44 percent among men who have sex with men. This historic iPrEx trial provides the first proof

of concept that oral PrEP of an ARV can prevent HIV transmission.

USAID is looking to complement the iPrEx results with a similar study for women. The FemPrEP clinical trial — led by FHI with support from USAID — is designed to test the safety and effectiveness of a daily dose of Truvada for HIV prevention. Finding a woman-controlled method of prevention is critical in the fight against HIV/AIDS, according to health officials.

For more information about USAID and the agency's HIV/AIDS work, visit [www.usaid.gov](http://www.usaid.gov).

## Bacteria may combat allergies, study finds

Scientists at the University of Tokyo have discovered that specific gut-dwelling bacteria control key immune cells that combat allergies and autoimmune diseases. The paper describing these findings was published in Thursday's issue of the journal Science, and technology originating from the work is being advanced by start-up Vedanta Biosciences.

Dr. Kenya Honda and colleagues initially showed that mice raised in sterile conditions had deficient levels of regulatory T cells in their colon compared to mice colonized with microbes.

"Regulatory T cells are the peace-keepers of the immune system," says Dr. Alexander Rudensky, tri-institutional Professor at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute, the Rockefeller University, and Cornell University, whose previous work helped describe this specialized subset of T cells. "When these cells are missing, the body has trouble putting the brakes on excessive immune responses."

The team of researchers led by Honda then zeroed in on a subset of gut microbes belonging to the Clostridia class that were responsi-

ble for triggering production of regulatory T cells. Feeding these "Good Clostridia" to mice prevented the development of allergies and inflammatory bowel disease.

"For millions of years, we have co-evolved with our gut microbes, communicating in an ancient language that may hold critical clues about how autoimmune and infectious diseases develop," said Dr. Ruslan Medzhitov, Professor of Immunobiology at Yale, who authored pioneering studies of the innate immune system. "Researchers like Dr. Honda are making important strides to begin decoding this complex language."

This newly understood beneficial role of certain species of Clostridia may be reminiscent of the opposite effects on health of "good" and "bad" cholesterol. While some species are harmful pathogens, such as *C. difficile*, many other Clostridia species are harmless or even beneficial as illustrated by Honda's work. "These surprising findings suggest we should revisit how we view this class of microbes," said Dr. Dan Littman, Professor of Molecular Immunology at NYU, whose previous work shed light on the development of Th17 cells in response


to microbial signals. Dr. Littman added that Honda's findings "open up new treatment options for preventing and treating a number of immune-related disorders."

Honda's paper is the latest of a series of recent high profile publications that have followed the launch of the Human Microbiome Project by the NIH, and of similar

international efforts aimed at exploring the roles of the human microbiome in health and disease.

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## Baseball team collects 900 toys

**DOWNEY** – The Oakley Stingrays, an 8u baseball team based out of Downey, collected nearly 900 toys during its third annual Toys for Toys toy drive last weekend.

The toys were donated to underprivileged youth in Downey, Norwalk and Maywood.

In an e-mail sent to *The Downey Patriot* the team said it would “like to thank everyone” who participated in the toy drive.

“Even in a depressed economy, these boys and their families really came together, as it is known to do, and made a difference in people’s lives,” the team said. “It is not necessarily our circumstance that dictates our lot in life, or how it will turn out, but how we think about that circumstance, and to persist with positive hope, knowing that things will get better.”

The toy drive was organized by Sergio Palos and Rudy Casillas. The team also thanked Downey Fire Station No. 1, Dr. Jose Flores DDS and Oakley.



The 12U Saints Downey AYSO team finished their season undefeated, 15-0, including a perfect 4-0 in tournament games. The all-girl team will represent Downey in a Long Beach tournament in January. Pictured above, bottom row, left to right: Jose Flores, Coach Randy Headley, Savannah Headley, Ingrid Acosta, Sarah Cantu, Jezzaly Morales, Jasmin Flores and Coach Alex Vargas. Top row: Valerie Ortega, Team Mom Veronica Headley, Tiffany Vargas, Alexandra Gresl, Sara Flores, Johnny Rodriguez, Caitlin Headley, Edson Rodriguez, Rigil Rodriguez and Cessy Luna.

## Depth helps Bears roll to victory

■ **GIRLS WATER POLO:** Warren has no trouble with Bell Gardens, Pacifica.

By **JOSEPH APODACA**, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – The Warren girls’ water polo team claimed two victories last week, bringing in wins against a young Bell Gardens team and a Division VI Pacifica team.

The Bears defeated Bell Gardens by 6 points with a final score of 19-13 and overwhelmingly defeated Pacifica with a final score of 16-8. The Warren girls are now 8-2 for their overall record.

According to head coach Josie Cordero, the match up between Warren and Bell Gardens was perfect as many of girls from Bell Gardens are members of the same club water polo team off campus as the Warren girls. Cordero hoped to see how the girls would handle that kind of pressure and they prevailed after suffering a few early setbacks.

“The girls struggled a little to find their stride,” said Cordero. “They suffered four ejections, including a penalty shot, but thankfully Bell Gardens did not materialize on every man-up advantage.”

After a rough start in the first period against a “tough, up tempo, and coached well” Bell Gardens, the Warren girls picked up their games in the second period, avoiding ejections and penalties completely. They managed to bring the score up to 4-2 by the end of the second period. The third period saw the Bears sore well ahead of Bell Gardens, gaining a 7-point lead with a score of 15-8 by peri-

od’s end and taking in only two ejections. The last period saw the Warren girls claim victory with a final score of 19-13.

After the tough win against Bell Gardens, the Bears were more than ready to face off against Pacifica. The ladies left their opponents scoreless throughout the entire first period, ending the period with a 4-0 lead. The Bears continued solid ball handling and defense into the second period, outscoring their competition 8-4, closing out the first half of the game with a score of 12-4. After half time, Pacifica/Garden Grove managed to get easy goals in on the Warren side, bringing them higher on the scoreboard but still behind the Bears at 15-8 to close the third period. The lady Bears scored one more goal in the final period to claim victory with a final score of 16-8.

With every game that passes, both the team and Cordero learn a new lesson. The team learns how to perfect their craft for the next match and what to improve on, while Cordero is reminded how amazingly her team is adapting and learning as they go along. Going into a well deserved winter break, the team has a lot to be happy about.

“This team has depth and has so much potential,” said Cordero. “I keep referring to the “energy they give”: when these girls get hot, they’re unstoppable, they’re fun to watch, and you can see that each girl understands (and executes) their job. Overall, the team is doing a good job.”

## Vikings overcome nerves to top Lakewood

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Downey is a bit nervous at Staples Center game.

By **SCOTT COBOS**, STAFF WRITER

**LOS ANGELES** – After selling 300 Clipper tickets, Downey boys’ basketball found themselves coming out with a win on the Staples Center floor after a slow start against Lakewood, 49-38.

The two teams combined for 12 points in the first quarter and scored a combined 6 points in the first 5:32 of the game. It wasn’t turnovers that hurt either team, rather it was missed layups, easy missed jump shots, and perhaps the bright lights of the arena that might have freaked both teams a little.

“This is a lot different than a high school gym,” said Vikings head coach Larry Shelton laughing at the affects a pro arena could have on a team. “I’ve been to many CIF championship games at the [Honda Center] and have seen teams shoot awful because they’re not used to the experience.

“The depth perception, everything is different. The sound

echoes in here. The lighting is fantastic and I think there were some nerves on both teams’ part. It was an ugly first quarter.”

Both teams came out very tentative, not really attacking the basket with confidence and badly missing jump shots from the perimeter. Lakewood and Downey both started to settle down in the final minutes of the quarter though.

Downey forward Dami Adefeso had the best quarter with 5 points and 5 rebounds to help give the Vikings a 7-5 lead after the first eight minutes. But still, the only real sign of aggression in the quarter was Downey guard Anthony Jack going strong to the basket, but missing the layup in the final minute.

A 5-0 run in the second quarter sparked by a 3-point shot from Garrett Neilan and a steal and layup by Dakari Archer off the immediate inbounds play got the Vikings going offensively and helped them pull away to a 12-point first half lead.

The Vikings scored 18 points in the second quarter and turned the ball over only two times while forcing five Lakewood giveaways,

leading to some easy transition points.

“The second quarter we played much better,” Shelton said. “We shot the ball better. We attacked better. We seemed so tentative in the first quarter and I think a lot of it had to do with the surroundings.”

To put an exclamation mark on Downey finally settling in, to end the half, Neilan was able to rebound a miss and quickly lay the ball back up and score at the buzzer.

Calls seemed to be going the Vikings’ way in the first half, but the 12 point lead quickly started to disintegrate when Lakewood finally started to get to the foul line.

“I think the first half we got the benefit of the calls and in the second half that reversed,” Shelton said. “We got into some early foul trouble and we struggled with their zone defense. They’re long and athletic and it’s not easy to play

against that with small guards. We made enough plays in the second half down the stretch to win the game.”

Lakewood went on an 11-3 run to started the second half to trim the lead to 4 points, but the Vikings finished the quarter with a mini 4-point run to keep Lakewood at bay.

Adefeso came alive defensively in the second half blocking four shots and making sure that any points in the paint were contested. He finished his night with 15 points, 14 rebounds, and seven blocked shots.

In the fourth quarter, with Lakewood still looming around, point guard Dakari Archer was able to stick the dagger in the Lancers with under two minutes to go by completing a 3-point play after getting hit in the body while scoring on a layup drive from the wing.

## Turnovers costly as Downey falls

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Vikings let fourth quarter lead get away in loss to Canyon.

By **SCOTT COBOS**, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Turnovers finally got the best of Downey boys’ basketball team last Wednesday with No. 5 ranked Canyon escaping with a home victory, 66-64.

The Vikings had an 8 point lead going into the final six minutes of the game, but their season-high 26 turnovers transformed a game that should have had them winning by double-digits into their first loss of the season.

“The turnovers are just a reflection of young guards not quite being used to pressure that

[Canyon] can put on,” said Vikings head coach Larry Shelton. “I have to give Canyon credit. They’re one of the best in Orange County and some of the best guards we’re going to see.”

One of those guards is senior Chris Anderson who scored a game-high 26 points, time and time again finding ways into the paint and making Downey chase him around all night long instead of forcing the ball out of his hands.

Anderson had 18 of his points in the first half doing more than just scoring. He also shot 10 of Canyon’s 26 free throws in the game, putting a lot of Downey’s players in foul trouble.

But the odd thing about the game was that Downey was only 2 points behind Canyon after the first

quarter and even took a brief 28-27 lead with under two minutes to go in the second half.

Downey point guard Dakari Archer kept his team in the game even with the Vikings turning the ball over 17 times in the first half. Archer scored 13 points in the first half and 12 in the second half.

Compared to a young Anderson by Shelton and Canyon coaches, Archer willed his team to a 45-44 lead in the third quarter with 1:32 left by helping spread the floor and opening up shots for Garrett Neilan and Dami Adefeso, two players that Downey relies heavily on for scoring.

Adefeso was quiet the entire first half, not scoring until 4:55 in the second quarter. He came alive in the second half scoring 9 points He

finished with 16 points and 8 rebounds.

It was Neilan though that quickly closed the 31-28 deficit and pushed the Vikings into that brief lead but kept the Vikings knotted up with Canyon after three quarters at 47 points each. Neilan scored 11 of his 18 points in the third quarter knocking down three 3-point shots.

Not only did the offense pick up, turnovers were down with the Vikings giving the ball away only four times in the first eight minutes of the second half.

“I think the first half they were a little bit intimidated because everyone has been telling them how good Canyon was,” Shelton said. “It took us a little time to settle down.”

With a clutch 3-pointer by Downey’s Vincent Quigg and Archer still guiding the Vikings with his steady offensive hand, Downey found themselves up 8 points with 5:30 to go.

But a 4-point play by Canyon’s JoJo Ballesterero and Anderson’s offense, and a missed last second jump shot by Archer was too much to overcome the turnover issues by Downey.

“We should’ve [won the game],” Shelton said. “We gave the game away. No doubt about it. Even their coach said we outplayed them and deserved to win the game. You cannot turn the ball over down the stretch and miss wide open layups and win games like this.”

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Before placing trees curbside, residents should remove the stand and all decorations. Trees over four feet tall should be cut in half.

CalMet will pick-up trees until Jan. 14.

Commercial accounts, including businesses and apartments, should call CalMet at (562) 259-1239 to schedule a free pick-up.

Christmas trees can also be dropped off at the city's public works yard behind Independence Park.

## Pay library fines with canned food

**DOWNEY** – During the month of December, the Downey City Library will accept canned and packaged staple goods as payment for overdue fines on returned library materials.

Volunteers from Downey Council PTA HELPS will distribute the goods to needy local families.

"Even if you don't owe library fines, we encourage everyone to bring in food items to the library to help local families," said circulation supervisor Josephine de la Dingco.

The donated value of each item will be 50 cents. Goods will be accepted until Dec. 31 at the Circulation desk.

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# To fly or not to fly: that is the question

BY DR. DOUGLAS A. LONNSTROM, SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

Commercial flying has seen some rough turbulence lately. Not like the good old days – last century – when flying was fun.

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Now you need to arrive at the airport 2-3 hours before your flight. You spend more time waiting than flying. Then there are the lines to check in, go thru security and get on the plane. To get thru security you have to remove your belt, shoes and jacket and maybe get a full body scan or a pat down.

You may have to pay fees for bags or extra weight. You also have to worry about overbooking, delays, cancelled flights and missing connections.

Once on the plane, small seats, no free drinks or meals. And, of course, you may sit on the taxi way for hours. Not a lot of fun. But wait. It's not that bad. Here are five reasons to fly:

**It's Fast.** Certainly if you are traveling over 500 miles it's not even a close call. It is far better to be flying along at 550 miles an hour at 30,000 than driving on the highway at 60 mph.

The plane also goes in a straight line to its destination whereas the car has many twists and turns and must follow the road which was determined by terrain. The plane goes non-stop from airport to airport but the auto has to make many stops for lights, tolls, fuel, rest

areas, traffic and accidents, which sometimes ties you up for hours. Nothing is worse than sitting in a long line of cars, moving at 1 mph, waiting for an accident to clear. Buses are subject to the same problems as autos.

Of course, there is the train, but on long trips not nearly as fast or efficient as the plane. However, on shorter trips, downtown to downtown, the train is a better alternative than the plane. France and Japan have bullet trains that do better than 200 MPH, unfortunately we do not have that luxury.

**It's Safe.** Despite some high profile plane accidents air is still the safest way to travel. A plane crash that kills over a 100 people makes worldwide news and scares people. Even a small private plane accident that kills two makes the local news.

Not only are planes the safest form of travel they are getting safer. Out of almost 11 million departures in recent years there were only 28 accidents involving large commercial planes. The death rate per million departures is only 0.2 while about 40,000 in the United States die in car crashes each year. And car accidents are up due to mobile phone distraction and drinking.

Even train safety has declined. There have been more derailments, human errors, explosions and collapsed bridges. Interesting to note that as trains go faster they have more accidents.

**It's Cheap.** People are moaning about the high cost of flying but when compared to cars and trains for long distance the plane is actually much cheaper. A 1000+ mile trip on a plane might cost you several hundred dollars for the ticket but that is your main expense. If you go by car it will take several days and you need to factor in lodging, meals, tolls, fuel as well as the stress of driving. Even a train trip of that length will be more expensive. Of course, expense will vary

with the number of people on the trip. A plane ticket for one is a lot less than tickets for four.

**The Alternatives.** If you do not go by plane your choices are car, bus, train, or boat. Each has its advantages and disadvantages. For short trips planes do not offer many advantages but for overseas trips there really is no other option, you cannot drive or take a train. You could go by boat and that would be great fun if you have the time. Generally speaking airports are clean and safe whereas bus and train stations are often dirty and in some cases not in the best section of town. For longer trips your best option is the plane.

**It's Relaxing.** This may sound like a strange reason to fly but think about it. The greatest stress is worrying about all the things that could go wrong and they generally don't. If you expect everything to be perfect you are sure to be disappointed. The best advice is to expect the worst and then if something good happens you will feel good. So bring a good book or your laptop and relax, you will get there. Focus on how happy you will be when you get to your destination whether it is for business or pleasure.

Despite all the stress of flying and there is considerable, it certainly beats the other choices for trips of long distance. Ideally, you'll be able to fly non-stop since many of the stresses, delays and maintenance problems occur at the hubs - that is where you make connections and the airlines make repairs. Just remember: when your plane is late, it is better to be waiting in a nice warm terminal than sitting for hours in traffic behind an accident or stuck in a snow storm.

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Despite its negative reputation, flying on airplanes is still safer than the alternatives.

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## Subaru donates to auto program

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College received a \$2,500 donation toward student scholarship funds from Subaru and five area dealers on Dec. 6.

Car dealerships Sierra Subaru, Timmons Subaru, Renick Subaru, Shaver Subaru and Subaru of Glendale each contributed \$250, and Subaru of America matched with \$1,250 to bring the total donation to the school's Southeast ROP Automotive Youth Education Systems Program to \$2,500.

The program prepares students for entry-level career positions or advanced studies in automotive technology. Since its inception, it has sent nearly 11,000 interns to the auto industry nationwide.

Subaru has supported the program since 2001 and is looking for more dealers to participate and contribute.

"We are pleased to support dedicated students advancing their automotive education," said Dan Page, district parts and service manager for Subaru. "They are the future of our industry."

## Cities get anti-gang funds

**SACRAMENTO** – Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced \$9.2 million in competitive grants have been awarded to 24 California cities to combat gang violence.

Local grant recipients include the cities of Los Angeles (\$1 million), and Long Beach, Hawthorne and Pasadena (\$369,309 each).

"My administration is committed to fighting gang violence with a comprehensive approach that will keep our youth on the right track with early intervention and coordinated anti-gang efforts," Schwarzenegger said. "These grants will help support California's local communities to prevent and fight gang violence, making our streets safer."

The funds will be used to "implement programs proven to reduce recidivism among high-risk youth" and "implement proven evidence-based practices," the governor said.



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## Rancho athletes put on a show

**DOWNEY** – The Rancho Renegades, an accomplished wheelchair basketball team comprised of former patients of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, conducted an on-court demonstration during halftime of the USC-Cal State Fullerton basketball game at the Galen Center on Nov. 24.

After an impressive display, including a number of three-point

baskets, the team received a standing ovation from the crowd.

"This was an awesome experience for our athletes," said Rancho Wheelchair Sports Director Lisa Hilborn. "Many of our athletes will play wheelchair sports at Division I schools, so it was a great incentive for them to continue to work hard in school and prepare themselves to be successful in college."

The wheelchair team has distin-

guished itself on the court, with the Renegades Junior team finishing second in the nation this year. The athletes have also proven to be excellent scholars, graduating from college with both Bachelor and Masters degrees at a rate higher than the general population and 3.5 times higher than the graduation rate of persons with disabilities throughout the nation.

## Audit company rubberstamped Bell finances, state says

**BELL** – State Controller John Chiang on Tuesday published the results of a quality-control review of the city of Bell and the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency's audits, which found that the city's audit firm, Mayer Hoffman McCann (MHM) failed to follow the majority of applicable generally accepted fieldwork audit standards.



"MHM appears to have been a rubberstamp rather than a responsible auditor committed to providing the public with the transparency and accountability that could have prevented the mismanagement of the City's finances by Bell officials," said Chiang. "Had MHM fully complied with the 17 applicable fieldwork standards, it would have led them to identify some – if not all – of the problems my office has uncovered since August."

Cities – like counties and other local governments – must produce annual financial statements and use outside auditors to review those statements. These reports are used to determine the city's financial position, its ability to meet its obligations, and the performance of the city's management and governing board.

The purpose of any quality-control review is to ensure the city's contracted auditors followed generally accepted government audit standards, performed adequate testing and fieldwork, and were able to support their conclusions. This review of MHM's work found that the firm failed to fully comply with 13 of the 17 applicable fieldwork auditing standards. In particular, the firm's auditors complied in varying degrees with fieldwork standards regarding audit documentation and evidence, risk of fraud, and litigation, and their conclusions were not supported by their working papers.

MHM has worked as Bell's independent auditor since 2006, when it bought the City's previous audit firm, Conrad and Associates LLP. Conrad and Associates had performed audits for the City since 1994.

This review focused on the working papers behind MHM's latest audit of the City and redevelopment agency's 2008-09 financial statements. A copy of the review has been submitted to the California State Board of Accountancy.

At the firm's request, nearly all communications during the course of the review went through MHM's attorneys.

The Controller's review found that the firm did not adequately look for documentation and evidence to support the city's records, did not document the reason for deficit balances, management's plans for dealing with the financial conditions, or the adverse effect of deficit balances.

Instead the firm relied primarily on comparisons to prior year financial statements, requesting information on variances in excess of \$200,000 and 15 percent from the prior year.

For example, a \$300,000 loan to a local business was not flagged for additional review because the same loan with the same value appeared in prior year statements. Instead, auditors should have reviewed the age and collectability of a loan that showed no repayment. An audit released by the State Controller earlier this year found the now-defaulted loan was made without the City Council's knowledge.

The firm's review of Bell's payroll was also limited to comparisons against prior years, and only looked at the City's General Fund, although salaries were charged to

other funds. Had the firm reviewed the records for key employees, it should have noted that the Chief Administrative Officer had salary agreements with five other City funds. It should also have noted that the CAO's basic salary would increase if the General Fund maintained a positive balance, providing an incentive and risk for misappropriation of public dollars.

Additions to the City's assets, including a \$4.8 million land purchase from a former mayor, were not adequately reviewed. The firm's audit only looked at journal entries surrounding the purchase, but should have analyzed the valuation and existence of the building, which the City undervalued in its asset report by \$200,000. MHM should also have found that the appraisal supporting the land's value was more than a year old, and noted the potential conflict in such a large purchase from a former City official.

The firm did not document its consideration or evaluation of the City's ability to meet its obligations. The City had planned on leasing a parcel of land to a railroad and using those revenues to make payments on \$35 million of lease-revenue bonds. However, a 2008 ruling from the Los Angeles County Superior court blocked the lease because the City had not obtained an environmental review. The firm's working papers did not show any analysis or record of this issue and its financial effects, nor did they note the reason why the City had recently extended the maturity date of its bonds.

The review also found problems in the firm's audit of federal program compliance. The firm's auditors used outdated compliance guidelines and failed to adequately evaluate the City's controls over major federal programs or test all applicable requirements for those federal programs.

In a separate review of the City's Redevelopment Agency, the firm did not disclose that the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency had been sanctioned by the State for failure to make mandatory payments to local education agencies. There was no evidence in the firm's working papers that the auditor identified or considered the impact of this sanction. Sanctioned redevelopment agencies face several prohibitions – one is that their monthly administrative expenses may not exceed 75 percent of the average monthly amount spent for those purposes in the prior year. The Controller's review found that the City's Redevelopment Agency violated the sanction by increasing its yearly administrative expenses by 31 percent.

The firm also failed to determine whether expenditures made from the agency's Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund were related to the production, improvement or preservation of low and moderate income housing. An audit that fully followed the Redevelopment Agency audit guidelines should have questioned the validity of these expenses.

The full report is available on the State Controller's website at [www.sco.ca.gov](http://www.sco.ca.gov).

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## Gertrude Stein musical makes West Coast premiere

**LONG BEACH** – “Loving Repeating: A Musical of Gertrude Stein,” a musical about “loving life, loving thinking, loving making art and loving love,” will make its West Coast premiere Jan. 21 when it opens at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

The musical, produced by International City Theatre, follows writer and poet Gertrude Stein from her student days in the late 19th century to the height of her artistic era in Paris as one of the “lost generation,” a term she coined referring to those who came of age between the two world wars.

She and her celebrated circle of artists, writers and thinkers, including Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, T.S. Eliot, Ernest Hemingway and her beloved “wife” Alice B. Toklas, changed the way contemporary artists see the world and express themselves.

“This is not your ordinary, linear story,” said director Caryn Desai [sic]. “It’s all poetry, words and music. Stein was so fortunate that Alice did everything for her and allowed her to just create, think and write. Her influence on so many well-known artists was profound.”

First workshopped at Northwestern University in 2003, “Love Repeating” went on to win the 2006 Joseph Jefferson Award for Best New Work (Musical), for the world premiere production at Chicago’s MCA Theater.

“Love Repeating” opens Jan. 21 and closes Feb. 13, with performances on Thursdays – Sundays. Tickets start at \$37 for Thursday showings.

For tickets and information, call (562) 436-4610 or go to [www.InternationalCityTheatre.org](http://www.InternationalCityTheatre.org).

## No street sweeping tickets this weekend

**DOWNEY** – In an effort to accommodate the extra visitors expected in Downey during the holiday season, citations will not be issued for street sweeping parking violations Dec. 23-26.

Other types of parking tickets may still be issued.

Enforcement will start again on Dec. 27.

## Museum opens late for science discussion

**LOS ANGELES** – First Fridays, the provocative series in which live music, discussion and curatorial tours converge in an after-hours event, returns to the National History Museum on Jan. 7.

The new season, “The Nostradamus Edition,” includes a slate of speakers exploring the ways that science will affect our future: will be able to harness the power of our brain to be more creative? Is climate change causing us to evolve? Will we live in a building designed by termites? Are we doomed to go the way of the dinosaur? Or will we live forever?

The speakers will not be discussing science fiction, but rather the real science that is shaping our life today, and will change our lives in the future.

Jonah Lehrer, a contributing editor at Wired, will lead a discussion at 6:30 p.m. titled “The Science of Creativity.” Dr. Michael W. Quick, head of the Department of Biological Sciences at USC, will moderate.

Anthropologists Dr. Margaret Hardin and KT Hajeian will lead tours through “What on Earth?” starting at 5:30 p.m. “What on Earth?” is a new installation featured in the historic Haaga Family Rotunda. Each architectural case presents enigmatic and visually arresting specimens from the museum’s collection, and the objects’ “identities” unfold through a playful dialogue as visitors wander around the installation.

Swedish quartet Little Drag will perform their high-energy electro-synth pop at 8 p.m. The group, which played at Coachella last year, fuses electronica and R&B to create “a rich, danceable sound that can’t be ignored.”

Admission to First Fridays is \$9 for adults and \$6.50 for children and includes full access to open museum galleries. Access to the concert is guaranteed only with the purchase of a concert pass, which start at \$40.

For more information, call (213) 763-DINO or go to [www.nhm.org](http://www.nhm.org).

## DCLO discounting remaining shows

**DOWNEY** – Discount seats have been made available for the remaining two productions of the Downey Civic Light Opera’s current season, “The Melody Lingers On” and “Funny Girl.”

“The Melody Lingers On,” opening Feb. 17, features the music of Irving Berlin, described as “America’s most prolific and beloved songwriter.”

Songs featured in the production include “White Christmas,” “What’ll I Do,” “Easter Parade,” “Puttin’ On the Ritz,” “Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning” and “God Bless America.”

The show runs Feb. 17 to March 6 at the Downey Theatre.

“Funny Girl” is the musical that captured the greatness of one Broadway legend, Fanny Brice, and created another in Barbra Streisand. “People” and “Don’t Rain On My Parade” are just two of the production’s songs that have become part of musical lore.

The backdrop of the Zeigfeld Follies “adds a look that dazzles the eye.”

“Funny Girl” runs June 2-19.

Discount seats are available to DCLO subscribers only, but “special holiday offers” are available to general audiences as well, said executive director Marsha Moode.

For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.

## ‘Cats’ paws its way to Long Beach

**LONG BEACH** – “Cats,” winner of several Tony Awards including Best Musical, will be at the Carpenter Performing Center in Long Beach in February.

Based on T.S. Eliot’s “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats,” “Cats” is set at the annual reunion of the Jellicle cats at the Jellicle Ball.

The eldest of this special breed, Old Deuteronomy, seeks to select which of the many cats in the neighborhood will be reborn to begin another life. Potential candidates named Rum Tum Tugger and Bustopher Jones plead their case but ultimately it is Grizabella’s plea for a new life that wins the old cat over.

“Cats” features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s melodies, including the hit song, “Memory.”

The original production opened at the New London Theatre in the West End on May 11, 1981. It opened on Broadway in 1982 and ran until 2000. On June 19, 1997, “Cats” became the longest-running musical on Broadway.

Dana Solimando directs and choreographs Musical Theatre West’s production of “Cats” with musical direction by Dennis Castellano.

“Cats” will play Feb. 12-27. Tickets start at \$30.

For tickets and information, call (562) 856-1999, ext. 4, or go online to [www.musical.org](http://www.musical.org).



Downey High School’s Viking Club got into the holiday spirit by adopting a family in need at the TLC Family Resource Center. Club members and advisor Mr. Thompkins spent \$140 they had raised during a Harvest Festival to buy Christmas gifts for needy children. They were able to provide every requested gift on the children’s wish list. “This group definitely exemplifies the meaning of Character Counts in the community,” the TLC Center said in an e-mail.

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# Legal to have loaded gun in parked car?

By CARRIE WILSON,  
CA DEPT. OF FISH & GAME

**Q:** Is it legal to have a loaded firearm in a parked vehicle while hunting?

**A:** No. Possessing a loaded rifle or shotgun (live round in the chamber) in a vehicle, even when parked and you are away from your vehicle for any purpose, is still prohibited.

This law applies when you are on a public roadway or other way open to the public. This means any place the public can go, including roadless or "off road" areas.

**Q:** I just went through the validation part of the Department of Fish and Game site and can't locate the following requirement. What happened was a friend stopped Saturday at a California Highway Patrol office to have his deer tag validated. The carcass was in the truck in a deer bag and the horns were cut off. The officer told him he was in violation of the law as the head must be attached to the deer until dropped off at a butcher shop or cut up at home.

I've never heard of this before in California. Is this the case? If so, it's a severe imposition on successful hunters. The book says the head must be retained in case a warden asks to see it after the fact, but what if you want it mounted and must skin it as soon as possible? I cannot locate anything referring to the horns attached issue. Why not require proof of sex be left on the carcass instead?

**A:** For hunters who backpack into roadless areas, they are required to pack out of the field all edible meat and the portion of the head which normally bears the antlers (skull cap) with the tag attached. The remainder of the skull may be discarded at the kill site. The tag must be validated prior to transportation to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag.

Hunters are then required to maintain the portion of the head which normally bears the antlers with the tag attached during the open season and for 15 days thereafter, and it must be produced upon demand to any officer authorized to enforce the regulations.

**Q:** I see on many websites that you cannot take female Dungeness, but I see in the regulations no comment about females. Have the rules changed now allowing females can be kept?

**A:** Recreational fisherman may keep the female Dungeness crab - commercial fishermen must throw them back. Since the females are often so much smaller and less meaty than the males, many fishermen toss them back so they can reproduce more young for future generations.

The larger females that meet the minimum size requirements also carry the most eggs and produce the most young, so it makes sense to let females go as a matter of course. However, there is no law that compels you to do so.

**Q:** Can you tell me the reason why anglers are not required to display their fishing licenses anymore? How are wardens supposed to catch poachers and unlicensed people? I know we have fewer wardens than needed, but this just makes their job harder and decreases revenue for the state in the form of fines.

**A:** The Fish and Game Commission agreed to do away with the required display law this year because fishermen have been asking for it to be overturned for a number of years. People were constantly complaining about losing their licenses or finding it to be a big hassle. Our enforcement staff too said this law didn't help them that much because they still had to walk up to the person to see the license to make sure it was valid. Many people were making copies of licenses and displaying the ille-

gal license while fishing.

The theory that more people would purchase a license due to peer pressure did not prove to be true. Many people would be upset when a game warden asked to see the license because it was already visible, yet the only way to check if it was valid was to have it removed from the case.

While it may cause a decline in fine revenue, it was the predominant voice of the anglers in California to not have to display their licenses above their waist anymore, and so the Commission finally agreed. Although it's no longer the law, many anglers do still choose to proudly display their licenses.

**Q:** I understand the baiting issue, but I would like clarification on deer and elk attractant scents, like "Tink's" or "BuckBombs". There are also scents for bears, hogs and predators and I want to be in full compliance for whatever I'm hunting for.

**A:** California Fish and Game Commission regulations do not specifically prohibit using the products you mention. However, the regulations do prohibit taking resident game birds and mammals within 400 yards of any baited area.

The definition of baited area is, "... any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt or other feed."

According to retired Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Captain Phil Nelms, scents sprayed into the air and allowed to disperse over a wide area in the wind generally do not fall within the definition of bait. Scent prod-

ucts that have to be applied directly to a surface such as a rock, tree or bush generally cause the game to come to that specific place, and if they feed on it, it is bait.

So, if the product you use causes the game to chew on, nibble at, lick, etc. the surface it is applied to, it is "feed" and as such falls within the definition of bait. In that case, you are prohibited from taking (e.g., hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill or attempt any of those actions) game within 400 yards of that area.

**Q:** Can I use motorized decoy ducks which have paddle feet to kick up water? They don't simulate moving wings, but simply cause ripples in the water with the use of paddles. Please advise.

**A:** Yes, starting this year, it is legal to use duck decoys that have battery powered feet that cause ripples in water before Dec. 1. The restriction only limits decoys with electronic or mechanically operated spinning blade devices or spinning wing decoys.

**Q:** Is it legal to use bonito carcasses for lobster bait? Since bonito have a size limit, the fish carcasses cannot be measured and so there's no way for DFG to know how many or how large the fish actually is. Is there some way to legally use these carcasses to bait our lobster hoop nets?

**A:** You can take/have up to five undersized bonito in possession. When fishing from a boat with bonito for bait, use no more than five bonito for the maximum of 10 hoop nets allowed on a vessel (assuming there is more than one lobster fisherman). Use half of a bonito for each hoop net, and keep each half whole. That way the game warden can count how many you have total by inspecting each net. If there are less than five bonito, there is no need to worry about the size.

**Q:** Last fall while hunting with a guide in the D6 Zone for deer and bear, I shot a nice 300-pound black bear. While getting my bear tag from my backpack, one of the guides saw that I had both my D5 and D6 deer tags as well as my bear tag. He told me it was illegal to be hunting in one zone (D6), while having a different zone tag (D5) in your possession. Is this true? If I have a legal tag for the zone in which I'm hunting, I can't see any reason why it would be illegal to have a legal tag with me for another zone. I always keep all of my tags together in my backpack and I'm sure most all hunters do, too. Would you please see if it is a judgment call on the part of the game warden or if there actually is a law that says it's illegal?

**A:** Regulations require only that hunters must have in their possession a current tag valid for the species and the zone in which they are hunting. Possession of another tag, issued to the same hunter but valid for another zone or species, is not prohibited. A more common problem in this area is when one of the tags belongs to a friend or relative. It is against the law to possess a tag belonging to someone else.

**Q:** I would like to hunt sea ducks and target surf scoters this waterfowl season. Is this legal? If so, how does one know where it is legal to hunt from shore? Also, if hunting from a boat, I know the motor must not be utilized except to retrieve birds. What other guidelines are there for hunting from a boat?

**A:** Surf scoters and other sea ducks are found along the entire coast but hunting for them is more popular north of the Golden Gate Bridge in northern California (such as Humboldt Bay) and in Oregon and Washington. According to Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Northern California District Chief Mike Carion, hunting from shore is legal provided that the shoreline is not private (unless you have permission to be there). It also must not be in an area covered by one of the numerous ecological reserves, marine reserves, state parks, etc. along the California coast.

## Auto dealer sentenced for tax evasion

**LOS ANGELES** - The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) announced Wednesday that Jose Gregorio Hernandez was sentenced by Judge Charlene Olmedo of Los Angeles County Superior Court to one year in county jail and five years formal probation for felony sales tax evasion.

In addition, Hernandez was ordered to pay \$362,711 in restitution to the BOE.

Hernandez previously pled guilty to three felony counts of sales tax evasion and one felony count of grand theft on June 3, 2010. The case was prosecuted by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Major Fraud Division.

Hernandez was sentenced Dec 20.

Hernandez was the owner and operator of Pepe's Auto Sales, a used car dealership in the Arleta area of the City of Los Angeles.

Hernandez failed to provide adequate records to a BOE auditor for examination during a sales tax audit, officials said. Further investigation by BOE indicated that a potential large understatement of sales tax was due.

A BOE search warrant subsequently revealed that Hernandez had intentionally prepared and submitted fraudulent sales tax returns between 2003 and 2006.

As a result, Hernandez failed to pay the State of California over \$360,000 in sales taxes due.

Tax evasion creates an unlawful competitive price advantage against legitimate taxpaying retailers selling used cars. Sales tax revenues fund various programs across the state, officials said.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board.

The BOE collects more than \$48 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

## Input solicited from seniors

**LOS ANGELES** - Members of the older population - 60 and older - are invited to a series of public hearings to give input on potential programs and services for aging residents.

The results of the hearings will be included in the county's 2011-12 update on senior services.

In addition to seniors, caregivers and family members are also invited to the workshops, which begin in January.

Public hearings will be held at various locations throughout the Los Angeles region. For more information, call Gwen Johnson at (213) 351-7798.

## Dark comedy takes LB stage

**LONG BEACH** - "The Lieutenant of Inishmore," a dark comedy described as "an unapologetically bloody festival of carnage, torture and flying body parts," opens Jan. 8 at the Long Beach Playhouse.

"We have talked a great length about the process of killing and dissecting bodies," said director Patrick Williams. "This production requires many effects that are naturally exciting to develop. The cast has had a great time playing bad guys and shooting guns."

Tickets to see "The Lieutenant of Inishmore" start at \$22 for adults and \$12 for students. They are available by calling (562) 494-1014 or online at [www.lbplayhouse.org](http://www.lbplayhouse.org).

## Thieves targeting people wearing gold

**DOWNEY** - The Downey Police Department would like to make the public aware of a recent trend that thieves are employing to steal gold from unsuspecting citizens.

Because the price of gold has dramatically increased, coupled with the growth of businesses that give cash for gold, thieves are looking for people wearing gold jewelry.

Thieves will generally look for people wearing expensive watches, gold chains and other jewelry. The thieves will wait until you let your guard down and then steal your valuables.

These criminals have been known to work alone; however, they will work in groups of two or more. They will sometimes have a look-out nearby to alert them of police or potential witnesses.

In these times of economic turmoil, try not to wear expensive jewelry when engaged in routine activities. Taking this precaution will make you less attractive to potential thieves and reduce the risk of becoming a victim.

Additionally, when in public places such as shopping malls, parking lots or walking alone, always be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.

Crime prevention is a community responsibility that requires everyone to work together. You truly are the eyes and ears of the police department and we encourage you to report any suspicious individuals and/or activity.

For additional crime safety tips, please go to the Downey Police Department's website at [www.downeypd.org](http://www.downeypd.org) and look for "Crime Tips" under the investigation tab.

-Contributed by the Downey Police Department

## Man convicted in movie theater stabbing

**LANCASTER** - A Lancaster jury last week convicted a 40-year-old man accused of stabbing a moviegoer last winter during a screening of the horror film "Shutter Island."

Landry Boullard was convicted of attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a felon. He faces a potential life term when sentenced Jan. 21.

Boullard stabbed the male victim in the neck with a thermometer on Feb. 27 at a Lancaster movie theater. The attack came after the victim asked a female companion of Boullard's to stop talking on her cell phone, prosecutors said.

Two Good Samaritans who intervened in the attack suffered minor injuries.

Boullard fled after the stabbing but was located through an anonymous tip. Several witnesses identified him after his arrest, officials said.

Boullard had four prior felony convictions in Los Angeles County, including convictions for illegal possession of a firearm, robbery and drug sales.

## Quilt expert to speak

**WHITTIER** - Francis Holt, an expert quilter and collector of quilts, will be the guest speaker at the Jan. 15 meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society.

The meeting begins at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge.

Holt will speak on the topic, "Quilts and Their Historical Contribution throughout the American Pioneer Days."

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## Angel Tree Downey ensures Christmas for local needy children



**HENRY VENERACION**

**DOWNEY** – Twelve years ago, current councilman Mario Guerra and his wife, Ann, came up with the idea of plugging a gap in the lives of children whose parents are incarcerated during the holidays.

At a “big” annual Christmas party held at St. Raymond’s, the kids are given toys, clothing specific to the individual kid, and two or three unwrapped pres-

ents. The gifts, donated anonymously, are said to be the only presents the kids ever receive at Christmas.

To enrich the experience and achieve some sort of personal connection with a child, the parishioners would adopt him or her and otherwise make every effort to gladden their hearts.

With Ann Guerra as coordinator and Mario acting as ‘cheerleader’, and assisted by 30 permanent team leaders composed mostly of Downey High and Warren High students as well as parishioners, the special project known as Angel Tree Downey hosted some 300 kids last year, including some 50 kids sent over by the TLC Family Resource Center.

Members of the Downey Express baseball team also help, as well as volunteers from dif-

ferent organizations. This year they are expecting more children.

Among other party highlights, a choir sings carols while a photo-op with Santa allows parents in prison to see pictures of their kids (they send letters of thanks to Angel Tree, of course).

“The whole purpose,” said Mario, “is to let the children know that they are loved by someone. We’d rather err on the side of giving too much. We want them to leave the party with a smile.” Actually, a bigger purpose, he said, is to stop the cycle of hurt caused by the “sins” of the parents.

The inspiration for the project, he added, came from the Christian Detention Ministry started by Charles Colson.

Twelve years of ministering

to the kids with Christmas surprises, says Mario, have made him realize more fully what a generous community Downey is.

In tribute to the good Angel Tree Downey does, Ann issued this Christmas message: “Angel Tree has been a labor of love for so many in our community. We are blessed to live in a city where so many reach out to others who otherwise would be forgotten. From our great Angel Tree committee to our parishioners, to all our volunteers and community groups that help with toys and clothes for these children, we thank them all with all our heart. We truly are Christmas Angels to these families and little ones. We know we are making a difference, however small it may be, and it is done with great love.”



**Nubia Aguirre, a licensed realtor for nearly 30 years and currently at Century 21 My Real Estate, has been named president of the Downey Association of Realtors for 2011. It will be Aguirre’s second time serving as president of the association.**

# LEGAL NOTICES

### BULK SALES

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

**Escrow No. 10469-HY**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: ROLAND GARZA AND GEORGINA GARZA, 9447 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Doing business as: FIESTA COIN LAUNDRY. All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: RICARDO CHAVEZ, C/O PWS, INC, 6500 FLOTTILLA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90040. The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, SUPPLIES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS and is located at: 9447 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90241. The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 17800 CASTLETON ST, STE 660, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 10, 2011. The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: NEW CENTURY ESCROW, INC, 17800 CASTLETON ST, STE 660, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91748 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be JANUARY 7, 2011, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.

Dated: 12/16/10  
RICARDO CHAVEZ, Buyer(s)  
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### FICT. BUSINESS NAME

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 20101699880**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) Bob's Big Boy #1071, 7447 Firestone Boulevard, Downey, CA 90241, County of Los Angeles. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) J.K.B.B.D. Inc., 3 Williamsburg Ln, Rolling Hills, CA 90274, A California Corporation. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/10. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ Jim Lauder, President, J.K.B.B.D. Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/23/10. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 20101645967**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) Keeperz, 8639 Meadow Road, Downey, CA 90242, County of Los Angeles. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3314805. REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) Keeperz Corporation, 8639 Meadow Road, Downey, CA 90242, A California Corporation. This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/L. Brisco, President, Keeperz Corporation. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/16/10. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be

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### GOVERNMENT

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT & SIGN PLAN REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 5th day of January, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-10-08129 (CUP & SPR), a request to convert a 7,386 square foot tenant space within the Stonewood Shopping Center (formerly FYE Music) into a restaurant (Buffalo Wild Wings) with an outdoor seating/patio area and to operate the restaurant with an Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 47 (On-Sale General, Eating Place) license on property zoned SP 89-1 (Stonewood Specific Plan).

#### LOCATED AT: 193 Stonewood Street

At that time and place all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed case. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Planning Division, Downey, California, Telephone # 562-904-7154.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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### TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0102793 Title Order No. 10-8-395068 Investor/Insurer No. 1697133907 APN No. 6258-012-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/15/2004. 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.** Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by TAHMEDUR RAHMAN, dated 10/15/2004 and recorded 10/25/04, as Instrument No. 04 2739718, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8627 CAVEL STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 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 \$292,644.20. 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. DATED: 12/09/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3825353 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

#### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-08-173776-TC Order #: E830415 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/22/2007. 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 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 PURCHASE THE TOTAL UNPAID DUE. Trustor(s): LAURA ORENDANI, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 4/2/2007 as Instrument No. 20070772247 in book -, page - of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/3/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$606,379.79 The purported property address is: 11962 POMERING ROAD DOWNEY, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6246-015-031 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to OneWest Bank, FSB 2900 Esperanza Crossing Austin TX 78758. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.5 (c), the beneficiary or authorized agent declares as follows: DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CAL. CIV. CODE SECTION 2923.5 The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent hereby declares under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, as follows: The mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent has tried with due diligence to contact the borrower to discuss the borrower's financial situation and to explore options for the borrower to avoid foreclosure as required by Cal. Civ. Code Section 2923.5. Thirty days or more have elapsed since these due diligence efforts were completed. The real property is not an owner-occupied single family residence. Date: 11/03/08 1.) The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; 2.) The timeframe for giving notice of sale as specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. 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 Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelitysap.com Reinstatement Line: (877) 908-4357 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 trust 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. ASAP# 3837372 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0119691 Title Order No. 10-8-439657 Investor/Insurer No. 1699402819 APN No. 8082-018-011 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/19/2007. 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.** Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ-ROJAS, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 11/19/2007 and recorded 11/28/07, as Instrument No. 20072613020, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13931 DILLWORTH STREET, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$370,750.37. 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. DATED: 12/09/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt.

#### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0109476 Title Order No. 10-8-413350 Investor/Insurer No. 1705811448 APN No. 8059-010-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/19/2007. 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.** Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ-ROJAS, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 11/19/2007 and recorded 11/28/07, as Instrument No. 20072613020, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13931 DILLWORTH STREET, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$370,750.37. 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. DATED: 12/09/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt.

**UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/13/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by TOM CHOI, dated 08/13/2005 and recorded 08/22/05, as Instrument No. 05 2004774, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/20/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12225 CHESHIRE STREET, NORWALK, CA, 90650. 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 \$232,344.65. 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. DATED: 12/21/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3835579 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

#### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0109476 Title Order No. 10-8-413350 Investor/Insurer No. 1705811448 APN No. 8059-010-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/19/2007. 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.** Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ-ROJAS, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 11/19/2007 and recorded 11/28/07, as Instrument No. 20072613020, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13931 DILLWORTH STREET, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$370,750.37. 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. DATED: 12/09/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt.

**Deed of Trust, DATED: 12/08/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3821915 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010**

#### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0112925 Title Order No. 10-8-418836 Investor/Insurer No. 1704703041 APN No. 8070-016-001 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/29/2007. 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 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 JOSE A PALACIOS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS CO COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, dated 08/29/2007 and recorded 09/05/07, as Instrument No. 20072058470, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/20/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14302 DINARD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650105. 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 \$394,643.75. 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. DATED: 12/22/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219. Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA38316275 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

#### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0118644 Title Order No. 10-8-437219 Investor/Insurer No. 4005856813 APN No. 6245-029-023 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/12/2007. 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.** Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SCOTT D SHIELDS AND ZALYNDA K SHIELDS, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, dated 02/12/2007 and recorded 04/09/07, as Instrument No. 20070834373, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/20/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14302 DINARD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650105. 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 \$392,761.91. 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. DATED: 12/22/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 28

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sell on 01/20/2011 at 10:30 AM. At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14713 MADRIS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. 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 and other charges 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 \$228,115.79. 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 by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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. DATED: 12/23/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3831672 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/29/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-01862-US-CA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/08/2007, 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 or check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the trustee on the date shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The 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 the sum of the notes(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JAMES M. LESZCZYNSKI, A SINGLE MAN AND LOTTIE J. LESZCZYNSKI, A WIDOW Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 02/21/2007 as Instrument No. 20070370533 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 12/30/2010 at 10:30 AM. Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$235,725.76 Street Address and other common designation of the real property: 1517 THORNLAKE AVE., NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8082-021-015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned Trustee, as beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code Section 2923.5(a) and that the property that is the subject of this Notice of Sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in California Civil Code Section 2923.53 (k) (3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this Notice of Sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (a) Section 2923.52 does not apply to this Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 12/08/2010 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 6th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85024 phone: 602-264-6101 Sales Line: 714-730-2727. Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE ASAP# FNMA3830649 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 741366CA Loan No. 3018359053 Title Order No. 100214288-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10-04-2007. 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 12-30-2010 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 10-15-2007, Book Page , Instrument 2007234661, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ADRIANA VALLE DE LOPEZ, A MARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 184, OF TRACT NO. 13441, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 370, PAGE 5 THROUGH 13 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$755,639.73 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9615 QUINN ST DOWNEY, CA 90241 APN Number: 6287-015-024 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-03-2010 DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3837076 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 244590CA Loan No. 3013214469 Title Order No. 569989 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-15-2007, 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 12-30-2010 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 02-23-2007, Book Page , Instrument 20070395005, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: EUGENE DUBOIS AND, VICKIE DUBOIS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: ALL THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: PARCEL 1: THAT PORTION OF LOT 1 OF THE RANCHO SANTA GERTRUDES, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1 PAGE 502 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE POINT OF THE WESTLY BOUNDARY OF DOWNEY AVENUE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SOUTH CRAWFORD STREET) WHICH POINT OF BEGINNING IS SITUATED SOUTH 32 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 236.00 FEET FROM THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED ON FEBRUARY 11, 1920 BY CLARENCE W. BROWN AND WINIFRED A. BROWN, GRANTORS TO NORA E. REFIELD, GRANTEE, BY DEED RECORDED MARCH 24, 1920 IN BOOK 7142 PAGE 214 IF DEEDS, RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 57 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 72.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 32 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 127.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 57 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 72.50 FEET; THENCE NORTH 32 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 127.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION. PARCEL 2: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THAT PORTION OF LOT "F" OF THE RANCHO SANTA GERTRUDES, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1 PAGE 502 OF MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, INCLUDED WITHIN A STRIP OF LAND 27.00 FEET WIDE, RUNNING FROM THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID HEREINBEFORE DESCRIBED PARCEL 1, TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF A 40.00 FOOT STRIP OF LAND CONDEMNED FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BY FINAL DECREE RECORDED IN BOOK 35651 PAGE 330 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY, THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID EASEMENT BEING THE SOUTHEASTERLY PROLONGATION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY PROLONGATION OF PARCEL NO. 1 HEREBEFORE MENTIONED. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$551,580.31 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 2541 DOWNEY AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6259-021-037 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-08-2010 DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section

2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT ASAP# 3836321 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 740658CA Loan No. 0674739065 Title Order No. 100149826-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05-10-2004. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-30-2010 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 05-26-2004, Book Page , Instrument 04-1346860, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: JAMES A. GUTIERREZ, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 7 OF TRACT NO. 22939, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 630, PAGE 69 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$356,796.82 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 2541 DOWNEY AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6363-004-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-06-2010 DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3840221 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 098CA Loan No. 06934466 Title Order No. 354252 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03-12-2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-30-2010 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03-18-2005, Book Page , Instrument 05 0625039, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: MARTHA C TASSARI, AS TRUSTEE OF THE MARTHA C TASSARI LIVING TRUST, ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 18, 2002, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 61 OF TRACT NO. 23692, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 629, PAGES 1 AND 2, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$328,301.22 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 12943 BELCHER STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8045-014-020 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-07-2010 DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section

2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3840515 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-0109379 Title Order No. 10-08-413277 RECONTRUST COMPANY N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3830525 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 241442CA Loan No. 0689688984 Title Order No. 380271 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03-22-2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-13-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03-22-2005, Book Page , Instrument 05-0715952, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: CARLOS HUMBERTO HUAYANCA AND JUANA ANA MARIA HUAYANCA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 10 OF TRACT NO. 16175, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 368 PAGE(S) 33 TO 34 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$392,816.26 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 12323 LAKEWOOD BLVD DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6261-018-036 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-07-2010 DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: 1. It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. DATE: 12-20-2010 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N110612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3856103 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 10-514748 INC Title Order No. 100504445 APN 6285-009-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/22/05. 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 12/29/10 at 10:30 a.m., Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/01/05 in Instrument No. 05 1559835 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by Michael Sucas, an unmarried man, as Trustor, ONEWEST BANK, FSB AS PURCHASER OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF CALIFORNIA FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, AS RECEIVER, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as follows: 1. The undersigned Trustee hereby gives that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BLANCHE FERRIELLO, A WIDOW AND WILLIAM MILANO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 07/21/2006 and recorded 03/17/06, as Instrument No. 06 1666354, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/20/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 151703 HALLON AVENUE, Norwalk, CA, 90650. 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 \$401,103.99. 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 in said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/18/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3830525 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S.#: CA-09-29813-P Order #: 0901868180-CA-# YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the trustee on the date shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said 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): ANTONIO R. SERRANO A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 7/26/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1947872 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/3/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$495,033.13 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 within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 7301 Bay Meadows Way Jacksonville, FL 32256 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. 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 against the Trustee or the Creditor. 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 Mortgageor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sales Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 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 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. ASAP# 3832294 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S.#: CA-09-319552-C Order #: 090718895-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/18/2006. 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. On 12/29/10 at 10:30 a.m., Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/01/05 in Instrument No. 05 1559835 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by Michael Sucas, an unmarried man, as Trustor, ONEWEST BANK, FSB AS PURCHASER OF CERTAIN ASSETS OF FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF CALIFORNIA FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, AS RECEIVER, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 12/29/2010 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUST







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CA 92614 949-252-8300 Clarisa Gastelum, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: www.lpsasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-259-7850 Compliance with California Civil Code Section 2924f: The Beneficiary or Beneficiary's agent has indicated that the requirements of California Civil Code Section 2924f have been met. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code Section 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded or the time frame to give a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52. Subsequent to the date of first publication of this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections 2923.52, TRUSTEE CORP IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# FNMA3837222 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-323763-RM Order #: 090767324-CA-GT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/16/2006, 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 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): VANESSA HUERTA , A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 8/23/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1879656 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/02/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,091,348.55 The purported property address is: 8810 SMALLWOOD AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 Assessor's Parcel No. 6305-001-000 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 2780 Lake Vista Drive Lewisville TX 75067 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 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. ASAP# 3848024 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-323763-RM Order #: 090767324-CA-GT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/16/2006, 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 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): VANESSA HUERTA , A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 8/23/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1879656 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/02/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,091,348.55 The purported property address is: 8810 SMALLWOOD AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 Assessor's Parcel No. 6305-001-000 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 2780 Lake Vista Drive Lewisville TX 75067 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 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. ASAP# 3848024 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-1107500 Title Order No. 10-1107500 Investor/Insurer No. 200963132 APN No. 8023-004-026 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/24/2008, 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 CHARLES BRISCO, A SINGLE MAN, JENNIFER HENDERSON, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 06/24/2008 and recorded 07/07/08, as Instrument No. 200819629, in Book 0624/2008 and recorded 07/07/08, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12117 MAIDSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 906502327. 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 \$398,776.97. 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, or 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 the note(s) created by said Deed of Trust, 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. DATED: 12/09/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Avenue Rd., CA-91401-9145 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale 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. ASAP# 3824553 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-382115-CL Order #: 100506085-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/24/2006, 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 a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RAFAEL CRUZ , A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 7/31/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1683806 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/01/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$391,442.75 The purported property address is: 12728 DALWOOD AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8050-029-011 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Aurora Loan Services LLC 10350 Park Meadows Dr. Littleton CO 80124 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 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. ASAP# 3846264 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-362678 Title Order #: 33-80138422 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/5/2005, 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. 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 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): JOSE OMAR RAMIREZ AND WIFES, HILDA V. RAMIREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AND JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 12/15/2005 as Instrument No. 05 3089295 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/01/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$315,179.32 The purported property address is: 11574 BELCHER STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8049-020-021 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Midland Mortgage Co, 999 N.W. Grand Blvd., Ste. 100 Oklahoma City, OK 73118-6116. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does apply to this notice of sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 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. ASAP# 3844210 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-380843-AL Order #: 100494664-CA-GT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/13/2007, 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 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): HILDA V. RAMIREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 7/25/2007 as Instrument No. 0007461 Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: JESUS LARIOS AND MARIA THOMAZA LARIOS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h)), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 12/29/2010 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. STREET ADDRESS AND OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION, IF ANY, OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PURPORTED TO BE: 13915 BORA DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638 APN#: 8059-019-022 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 \$263,422.28. 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 Election to Sell. Pursuant to Section 2924f, the undersigned caused said Notice of Default and

BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): HILDA V. RAMIREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 7/25/2007 as Instrument No. 20071755741 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/01/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$449,872.43 The purported property address is: 12052 HERMOSA ST NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 7009-018-016 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 7301 Baymeadows Way Jacksonville FL 32256 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 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. ASAP# 3846638 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20080025303580 Title Order No.: 20858408 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/12/06, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/22/06, as Instrument No. 06 1369078 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: WENDY FRANCO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h)), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) DATE OF SALE: January 12, 2011 TIME OF SALE: 11:30 AM PLACE OF SALE: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd. Pomona, CA. STREET ADDRESS AND OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION, IF ANY, OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PURPORTED TO BE: 7445 4TH PLACE, DOWNEY, CA 90241. APN# 6249 020 008 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 plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$617,261.06. 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 Election to Sell. Pursuant to Section 2924f, the undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMA-TION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION, INC. 5005 WINDPLAY DRIVE, SUITE 1, EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762-9334 916-939-0772. 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 Trustee, BY: Ric Juarez Dated: 12/14/10 NPP0171881 12/23/10, 12/30/10, 01/06/11

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20100134004224 Title Order No.: 100522184 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/02/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 01/02/2006, as Instrument No. 0006041 Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: JESUS LARIOS AND MARIA THOMAZA LARIOS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h)), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 12/29/2010 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. STREET ADDRESS AND OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION, IF ANY, OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PURPORTED TO BE: 13915 BORA DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638 APN#: 8059-019-022 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 \$263,422.28. 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. Pursuant to Section 2924f, the undersigned caused said Notice of Default and

Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com 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. as Trustee Dated: 12/03/2010 NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3821596 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-22001-F-Invstor No. 201818245 Loan No. 62602198345 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/16/2009, 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 a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: JOSE RUIZ, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 12/3/2009 as Instrument No. 20090413134 in Book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/6/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California Property Address is purported to be: 1038 N. BURNBANK AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241 APN #: 8059-024-016 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$334,674.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 12/10/2010 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3836158 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-22001-F-Invstor No. 170263782 Loan No. 0471152819 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/28/2006, 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 a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): JOSE SERNA AND ALEJANDRA SERNA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 11/1/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2420430 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/01/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$340,614.00 The purported property address is: 8634 MORY ST DOWNEY, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6261-019-058 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or 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 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): JOSE SERNA AND ALEJANDRA SERNA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 11/1/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2420430 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 11/01/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 906

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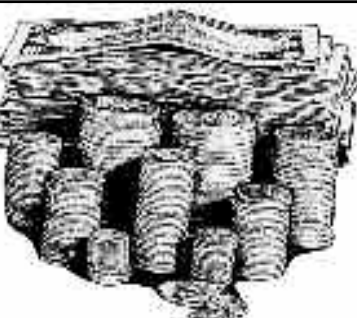
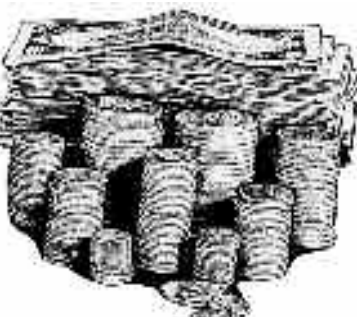
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-267060-RM Order #: 090227202-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/28/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE 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 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): ANA ROMERO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 1/9/2007 as Instrument No. 20070042472 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 1/10/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$615,771.38 The purported property address is: 7675 SHADYOAK DRIVE DOWNEY, CA 90240 Assessor's Parcel No. 6365-031-024 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, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 2780 Lake Vista Drive Lewisville TX 75067 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey the property to 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 Mortgage, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: [www.fidelityasap.com](http://www.fidelityasap.com) Reinstatement

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Line: 619-645-7711 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 holder's right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTION OF 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. ASAP# 3839070 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251**  
**12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-242327-C Investor No. 1705110746 Loan No. 0475628723 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/25/2007. 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 national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: GERARDO TAPIA, A SINGLE MAN AND JOSE J. TAPIA, A SINGLE MAN AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 10/3/2007 as Instrument No. 20072265813 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 12/30/2010 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California Property Address is purported to be: 12125 NORWALK BOULEVARD NORWALK, California 90650 APN #: 8024-005-018 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$254,865.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 11/24/2010 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileanna Petersen,

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TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# FNMA3828808 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251**  
**12/9/10, 12/16/10, 12/23/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0109636 Title Order No. 10-8-413472 Investor/Insurer No. 1705261968 APN No. 6261-012-034 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/14/2007. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JUDY GUITRON, A SINGLE WOMAN AND JOSE T. GUITRON, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 09/14/2007 and recorded 09/28/07, as Instrument No. 20072241254, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/06/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8541 EUCALYPTUS STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 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 \$397,631.60. 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 obligation 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. DATED: 12/06/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 2119, Sale 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. ASAP# FNMA3827785 12/09/2010, 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251**  
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**Crime Report**

**Thursday, Dec. 16**

At 7:30 a.m., a commercial burglary occurred at the butcher shop located in the 12100 block of Paramount Blvd. The thieves forced entry into an adjacent business and then entered the butcher shop through a common wall.

**Friday, Dec. 17**

At about 1:00 p.m., an unknown suspect fired several shots from a handgun into a residence located in the 10900 block of Dalwood Avenue. Nobody was struck by the gunfire. Detectives are looking into the motive for the shooting.

Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., unknown suspects burglarized a residence in the 11000 block of Benfield Avenue.

At 10:30 p.m., a robbery occurred in the 8800 block of Imperial Highway. Three suspects attacked the victim with a baseball bat then fled on foot. The victim was treated for moderate injuries at St. Francis Hospital.

**Saturday, Dec. 18**

At 5:45 p.m., two suspects entered the Verizon Wireless store located in the 12000 block of Lakewood Blvd. The suspects removed two Samsung Galaxy Tablet devices then fled the location. Police searched the area and apprehended one of the suspects a short distance away. Police recovered one of the stolen devices.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

At 1:00 p.m., two juveniles were arrested for a burglary they committed at the Stonewood Center. The suspects had stolen items from the store and were apprehended by officers.

**Tuesday, Dec. 21**

At 10:50 a.m., a suspect committed a robbery at the PCS Metro store located at 7814 Florence Avenue. The suspect brandished a handgun at the clerk and demanded money and phones. The victim complied and the suspect fled a blue compact vehicle.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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**Peppermint Ribbon Cookies**

Makes about 1 dozen cookies

- 3 eggs all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 egg (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2 to 4 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring
- Christmas Red Icing Color, as desired
- package (14 cookies) Candy Cane Colored Candy Melts, melted

In medium bowl, combine flour, salt and baking powder. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and creamy. Add eggs, vanilla and peppermint candy flavoring; mix well. Add flour mixture, one cup at a time, stirring well after each addition.

Remove 1/2 of dough; reserve. To remaining 1/2 dough in mixer bowl, beat in red icing color. Roll and shape dough between parchment paper into two 6 x 8-inch disks. Roll and shape red-tinted dough between parchment paper to a 6 x 8-inch disk. Chill all dough rectangles at least 1 hour.

Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Peel parchment from dough pieces. Stack dough rectangles with red-tinted dough rectangle between the two red pieces. Using firm up as evenly as possible, gently press pieces together. Gently roll with rolling pin to seal layers; trim uneven edges with sharp knife. Cut dough lengthwise into three 2-inch-wide slices; cut each slice crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick pieces. Arrange 2 inches apart on parchment-lined cookie pans. Chill 1/2 hour.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until bottoms are light golden brown. Remove cookies to cooling grids; cool completely.

Dip cooled cookies into melted Candy Melts; set on parchment-lined cookie pans. Chill until candy is set. Store in airtight containers.

**Candy Cane Cookies**

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1 egg granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 teaspoon Peppermint Candy Flavoring
- or 1/2 teaspoon imitation Almond Extract
- 3 eggs all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon Red Icing Color
- White Sparkling Sugar

Preheat oven to 375°F. In large bowl, cream butter with sugar with mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in egg, vanilla and peppermint candy flavoring. Add flour 1 cup at a time or butter mixture, mixing well after each addition. If dough becomes too stiff, add water, a teaspoon at a time. Do not chill dough.

Divide dough into 2 balls. Color one ball of dough red with icing color. Place on a 1-inch ball of each color dough. On flat surface with ball tool, shape dough strips. Place red and white strips side-by-side; roll them together until the two colors have wrapped around one another and are twisted together. Curve the strip at the top to the shape of a candy cane and place on greased cookie sheet; gently press sparkling sugar into dough.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on pan 2 minutes; remove to cooling grid and cool completely.



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**Roll-Out Cookie Recipe**

- 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 teaspoon imitation Almond Extract
- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400°F. In mixing bowl, cream butter with sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt; add to batter mixture 1 cup at a time, mixing after each addition. Do not chill dough.

**Evergreen Treats**  
 Makes about 3 dozen cookies

**Roll-Out Cookie Recipe**

- 1 to 3 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring or 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 plain Telex Cutter Set
- Cookie Sheet
- Cooling Grid
- Royal Icing\*
- Buttercream Icing\*
- Leaf Green Icing Color
- Round Decorating Tip #3
- Candy Cane Sprinkles
- Yellow Colored Sugars
- Jimbo Nonpareils

Prepare Roll-Out Cookie Recipe following instructions, adding peppermint candy flavoring. Roll out dough 2/8 inch thick; cut into shapes and arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling grid and cool completely.

Prepare icings. For portions of each icing (omit remaining some white).

With royal icing, with tip #1, outline tree with green; fill in with thinned icing. Lay tiny pine trees with stars; fill in tree with white icing; add yellow colored sugars and let dry. Add white icing garland using tip 3 outline, swirl or zigzag; arrange candy cane sprinkles, cookie ornaments or favor cookies with tip 3 piping "tree boughs." For trees with stars, ice tree with white icing; add yellow sugars, pressing lightly into the icing. If desired, add white icing garlands to trees. Arrange candy cane sprinkles and Jimbo nonpareils.

\*\*Alternate: roll cookie dough, press with Leaf Green Icing Color. Cut cookies as above. Decorate as desired with white icing, sprinkles and sugars.

**Candy Cane Chain**  
 Makes about 2 dozen cookies

**Roll-Out Cookie Recipe**

- 2 to 3 drops Peppermint Candy Flavoring or 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract
- Candy Cane
- Candy-Cane Cutter
- Cookie Sheet
- Cooling Grid
- Red and White Cookie Icing
- Red and White Candy Melts, melted
- White and White Candy Melts, melted
- Paired Sugar
- Red and White Nonpareils
- Buttercream Icing\*

Prepare Roll-Out Cookie Recipe following instructions, adding peppermint candy flavoring. Roll out dough 1/8 inch thick; cut candy cane shapes and arrange on cookie sheet. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until cookies are lightly browned. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute; remove to cooling grid and cool completely.

To decorate with Cookie Icing, or melted Candy Melts, arrange in zigzag pattern or completely fill in strips.

To decorate with Sugars and Nonpareils, apply to cookies smooth. Arrange sugars or nonpareils in stripe pattern\*\* lightly press into icing.

\*\*To make it easier to place sugars and nonpareils, press into Disposable Decorating Bag. Cut small hole in tip of bag and move the bag over the area to be covered.

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B's Dance Place participated in the city of Downey's holiday toy drive by collecting toys from students and staff. Cpl. J. Gomez and Officer J. Llamas of the Downey Police Department picked up the toys, which will be distributed to children in the community.



The Downey Assiteens and Santa Claus brought holiday cheer to patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center on Dec. 6. Santa spoke to each patient in the hospital's Jacquelin Perry Institute and the Assiteens serenaded the patients with a bevy of holiday music. "It was a wonderful evening of music and holiday spirit!" Rancho officials said.

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