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Former Downey police chief Roy Campos expects to be interim chief in Signal Hill for 5-6 months. He plans to teach part-time at the Orange County Sheriff's Academy afterwards.

Ex-top cop Campos didn't stay retired for long

■ Former Downey police chief Roy Campos is interim chief in Signal Hill.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – In contented retirement for just eleven months, former Downey police chief Roy Campos one day received a call “out of the blue” from the city manager of Signal Hill. Would he, Campos, be interested in serving Signal Hill as interim police chief? They had lunch the following day.

The Signal Hill city chief executive explained the situation: their police chief had accepted an offer from La Habra; the interim job would be for a period of five to six months; Signal Hill, although much, much smaller in size than Downey, is in its demographics and acculturation very similar to it; etc.

Campos, who has a master's in public administration from Cal State Long Beach, had in the meantime been gearing up for a part-time teaching stint at the Orange County Sheriff's Academy in Tustin. He was told he could teach community & police relations “at an opportune time.” He had in fact already obtained his instructor's credential for this purpose.

Feeling “honored” by the city executive's offer, and after discussing the unexpected development with Academy officials, he was told it was perfectly alright to take the Signal Hill deal. The teaching assignment could be put on hold. He started last Nov. 8.

He says he worked 12 to 14-hour days during his first two months on the job to get a clear picture of the new gig. One of the very first things he did was to call every one of the 50 members of the police department – 37 sworn officers and 13 civilian staff – to his office “for a one-on-one talk so I can know them and they me, and to

let them know that though my title may say interim, they're getting a full-time, hands-on chief who's got an interest in them and the department.”

The response was heartening, he said: “They were honest with me, and they gave me a lot of ideas and helpful suggestions.”

Signal Hill is a city consisting of a mere 2.2 square miles, and completely surrounded by the city of Long Beach. Its history is streaked with oil. Its crime rate is low, with auto theft causing the major headache (“There was zero homicide in all of 2010”). Nevertheless, Campos says, public safety demands constant surveillance by the police force. Great relations and cooperation with Long Beach's police units exist and this is a definite plus, he says.

“I also found out later that Signal Hill is indeed well-run, has a good city manager and provides excellent services. It's a solid, very service-oriented city like Downey. This is the kind of city I enjoy working for,” he said.

Looking back at his tour of duty here in Downey, he says he's glad his retirement opened up opportunities for Chief Rick Esteves and his other talented associates to move up to positions of greater responsibility and opportunity. Anyway, he said: “One of the biggest obligations of a chief is to prepare his associates to take over when he departs.”

“Also,” he went on, “what makes me even prouder of my profession is to see the members here in Signal Hill working hard at their jobs, face the same dangers and challenges, and always rising to the occasion in the same way the Downey police operates. I'm convinced that the key to success in this job is showing respect to everybody, to our fellow workers, and ultimately, to the members of the community. If we do this we'll get the best out of everyone.”

He has in the meantime, early in his retirement, made trips to Pasa Robles up north and Victorville to visit his older bothers. His other siblings are within easy driving distance from his home in Walnut, making for their often enjoying weekends together. A source of delight, he says, is his contact with his triplet-nieces who reside in La Habra.

He hasn't stopped his regimen for physical fitness—long walks and calisthenics—and his basic interests still embrace sports and history. A trip with the wife to Washington, D.C. is planned in May.

“Because I've always emphasized the themes of respect, interpersonal relations and good relations with the community, I've always looked for the best ideas, the best practices, in these fields. I want people and situations to improve. I want to leave Signal Hill a healthier city than when I arrived,” he said.

He plans to attend the upcoming Police Chiefs Conference scheduled in Anaheim in early March. There is a perception, he says, that a city with an interim police chief can become stagnant or out of touch. He wants to dispel this notion.

“Contact with other police chiefs, information about the latest trends and solutions to problems in the profession, and having a dialogue with my colleagues is one of the best ways to inject new energy into my department,” he said.

“Seeing how much the police here cares about the Signal Hill community is wonderful to behold, and this reinforces my love for the profession. I realize also how grateful I am to have served as police chief in Downey, which has always enjoyed a supportive and caring community. We can't do our job without the community's support.”

City clerk placed on paid leave

■ Council members give no details on reason for city clerk's removal.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Despite objections from former mayors Dianne Boggs and Anne Bayer, the City Council voted unanimously last Thursday to remove Kathleen Midstokke as city clerk, placing her on paid administrative leave until her pending retirement this June.

During the special meeting, the Council gave no formal reason for Midstokke's sudden departure, but quickly approved a six-month separation agreement with Midstokke, who will retire on June 30, 2011.

Upon retirement, she will receive a lump sum payment of \$9,792, equal to one month's pay, and accrued benefits.

Emerging from closed session following the vote, the Council named former chief deputy city clerk Joyce Doyle as interim city clerk. Doyle retired from the city last September after working in the city clerk's office for more than 20 years. Over the next several months, city officials will begin reviewing candidates to replace Midstokke who was hired in 2001. Doyle says she has no plans of seeking the position and returned simply on an interim basis.

Prior to the vote on Thursday night, Boggs questioned the Council's decision.

“I'm concerned at the appearance of this,” she said. “I receive phone calls from residents who are worried. The Council is changing and we see it coming...we're starting to look like Bell.”

Bayer echoed Boggs' nervous sentiments, surprised at the Council's abrupt timing.

“I've known Kathleen the last eight years and there was never



anything written in her portfolio that was bad,” said Bayer who was termed out of office last November. “I don't understand what the big rush is and why you had to call a big meeting...this is not a good way to do business.”

Along with the city manager and city attorney, the city clerk reports directly to the City Council and can be released, if agreed upon by the council members.

Midstokke could not be reached for comment regarding the separation agreement.

Council has some explaining to do

ERIC PIERCE

By all indications, Kathleen Midstokke was more than competent in her duties as city clerk.

At no time had she denied this newspaper access to public records, including commission minutes, campaign finance statements, agenda memorandums, council member travel expenses, salary information and all the other documents newspapers rely on to accurately report on City Hall. If she didn't have the information we

sought immediately at hand, she most certainly had it before we checked out for lunch.

Former Mayor Anne Bayer, a Downey council member from 2002-10, similarly gave Midstokke high marks, noting that nothing in her personnel file warranted her abrupt dismissal last week.

So why did the City Council fire Kathleen Midstokke? And why was it necessary to terminate her employment at a hastily-called Thursday afternoon council meeting (after this newspaper had gone to press)?

Why did the City Council agree to continue paying her full salary while she stays home and does nothing, pending her retirement in June?

Council members are not talking.

“With personnel issues, it's one of those things we can't comment on,” said Mayor Luis Marquez. “We can't comment on that.”

What about the timing? Why not take it up at a regular council meeting?

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Father Boyle keynote speaker at GOOD luncheon

DOWNEY – Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries and author of the best-selling book “Tattoos on the Heart,” will be the featured speaker April 13 when Gangs Out of Downey holds its annual fundraising luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Reservations are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table and includes lunch and speaker. Reservations are not yet available but will be taken soon.

Boyle, best known as Father Greg, was born in Los Angeles, one of eight children. His father, a third-generation Irish-American, worked in the family-owned dairy in Los Angeles County and his mother worked to keep track of the large family.

As a youth, Boyle and several of his siblings worked side-by-side with their father in the dairy. After graduating from Loyola High School in 1972, he entered the order of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and was ordained a priest in 1984.

He received his BA in English from Gonzaga University, an MA in English from Loyola Marymount University, a Master of Divinity from the Weston School



of Theology, and a Sacred Theology Masters degree from the Jesuit School of Theology.

Prior to 1986 he taught at Loyola High School and worked with Christian Base Communities in Cochabamba, Bolivia. He was appointed as pastor of Dolores Mission in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles in 1986 where he served through 1992. The following year he served as chaplain of the Islas Marias Penal Colony in Mexico and Folsom Prison before returning to Los Angeles and Dolores Mission. The year 2009 was the 25th anniversary of Boyle's ordination

as a priest.

Homeboy Industries traces its roots to Jobs For a Future, a program created by Boyle in 1988 at Dolores Mission parish. In an effort to address the escalating problems and unmet needs of gang-involved youth, Boyle and the community developed positive alternative, including establishing an elementary school, daycare program and finding legitimate employment for young people.

The programs' success demonstrated the model followed today that many gang members are eager to leave the dangerous and destructive life on the streets.

South Gate parks to be improved

SOUTH GATE – Two South Gate parks will be spruced up with new landscaping, signage and other work after the L.A. County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday allocated \$640,000 in "specified excess funds" for the projects.

The funds will be allocated to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and redirected in the form of grants to Amigos De Los Rios, a non-profit organization that works to create recreation areas along the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers.

The two parks selected for rehabilitation work, Hollydale Park and Circle Park, both run parallel to the Los Angeles River.

Hollydale Park is set to receive an interpretive trail and bioswale, which is a landscape element designed to remove silt and pollution from surface runoff water. Decomposed granite surfacing will be installed, along with native plant landscaping and new signage.

The existing restroom will be rehabilitated, and new partitions and fixtures will be added to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Circle Park, located on Garfield Avenue behind the Los Amigos Country Club, will also receive an interpretive trail and bioswale. A modular restroom building will be installed, along with granite surfacing, landscaping and signage.

Both parks will also receive drainage improvements.

Job fair scheduled at Cerritos College

NORWALK – Cerritos College will host a job fair March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in its Falcon Square sidewalk.

A list of participating employers is expected to be released after Feb. 21.

The job fair is free and open to the public. Attendees should dress in business attire and bring copies of their resume.

The school will offer resume workshops in March leading up to the job fair.

For more information on the job fair or workshops, visit www.cerritos.edu or e-mail job-placement-info@cerritos.edu.



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A growing trend among hospitals is online reservations for the emergency room. Lakewood Regional Medical Center began utilizing the online reservation system this month, which costs patients \$14.99 per appointment.

Lakewood hospital taking ER reservations

LAKESWOOD – It's a visual that anyone who has watched TV recently would recognize: sirens blaring, ambulance wheels screeching to a stop, paramedics speeding an occupied gurney toward the emergency room doors. The scene has played out hundreds of times on television screens.

Yet for most patients, their experience in the emergency department is decidedly different.

Because emergency rooms see patients with a wide variety of conditions, they must use a process called triage that ensures patients with the most serious or life-threatening conditions are taken first for evaluation and treatment. For instance, people who have shortness of breath, chest pain or stroke symptoms may be seen before other patients.

Most emergency departments aim to treat patients as quickly as possible, but the reality is that during busier hours, there may be a longer wait to see a doctor if the

patient's condition is not life-threatening.

Lakewood Regional Medical Center is one of a growing number of hospitals looking to change that by subscribing to an online reservation system.

For a fee, patients can make an emergency room reservation online, just as they would book a table at a restaurant. Called InQuickER, the service enables patients with non-emergent conditions to avoid lengthy waits in the ER.

Patients can usually make an appointment for 1-1/2 hours in advance – the same amount of time they might have spent had they just shown up at an emergency room.

They system guarantees patients will be seen within 15 minutes of their scheduled appointment.

"With so many ER closures in our area, the ones who remain open are becoming overcrowded resulting in longer wait times," said Dr. Bruce Jetton, an emer-

gency room physician at Lakewood Regional. "And the economy is also contributing to crowded ERs; we are seeing a higher number of patients without insurance who use the ER as [their] means of medical service."

Since December, Lakewood Regional has posted actual emergency room wait times on its website. The times are updated every five minutes and give patients "a two-hour rolling average on the time it takes after a patient's arrival to be escorted into a treatment room," hospital administrators said.

Lakewood Regional began using the InQuickER reservation system this month. The cost to make a reservation is \$14.99.

To make a reservation, or for more information, visit www.LakewoodER.com.

Other nearby hospitals that also use the online reservation system include Los Alamitos Medical Center and Fountain Valley Regional Medical Center.

Symphony fundraiser nears liftoff

■ Still time to join gala fundraiser at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

BY ROSALIE SCIORTINO, DOWNEY SYMPHONY GUILD

DOWNEY – It's getting close to lift-off time for the Downey Symphony Guild's gala at the

Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

We welcome the community on board for this unusual journey to benefit Music in the Schools and our brilliant Downey Symphony orchestra.

Hearty hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine and beer and

desserts will sustain, as the wonders of the Center will inspire and amaze. That night will provide a rare opportunity to wander about the sophisticated complex and also to be part of the silent and live auction of assorted treasures.

If this is your first visit to the Center you will be entertained by the many attractions. You may wish to view the launching and docking of a space shuttle, notice how vividly the earth compares to other planets and the moon, and even be amused at some bloopers which occurred on the moon.

Reservations are \$50 per person, \$20 for children under 12 years old. Mail checks to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240 by Feb. 4.

For questions, please call (562) 861-8507.

Mario Trujillo honored as Attorney of the Year

■ A deputy district attorney, Trujillo was honored by the Southeast District Bar Assoc.



DOWNEY – Downey resident Mario Trujillo has been named Attorney of the Year by the Southeast District Bar Association.

Trujillo, a deputy district attorney who currently manages the Bellflower office, received the award Saturday at the Rio Hondo Event Center. He was introduced by Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley.

Trujillo graduated from UC Berkeley and received his juris doctorate degree from Southwestern University School of Law. Prior to becoming an attorney, he was employed by the Los Angeles Unified School District as a bilingual elementary school teacher.

Trujillo has spent the last 14 years primarily serving the Los Angeles County southeast region. He tried more than 120 jury trials – 30 misdemeanors and over 90 felonies – including more than a dozen murder cases with a 95% conviction rate.

His last trial assignment in the DA's office was with the Hardcore Gang Division, responsible for prosecuting the most serious of crimes and gang-related murders.

Trujillo also served as a felony prosecutor in the Victim Impact Program, where he handled sensitive cases primarily prosecuting child sexual and physical abuse

cases. A father of two, Trujillo is immediate past lieutenant governor of Kiwanis Division 13, which includes Downey, Bellflower, South Gate and Long Beach, and serves on the Downey Kiwanis Foundation board. He was named Kiwanian of the Year by Downey Kiwanis Club last year.

He has also served on the board for the Latino Prosecutors Foundation of Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Santa Fe Springs.

Trujillo currently sits on the board for the Downey YMCA.

Judge Thomas McKnew, meanwhile, was recognized as Judge of the Year and Judge Peter Espinoza received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the UC Irvine School of Law, delivered the keynote address.



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Downey Federal Credit Union taught third-grade students the importance of saving money and proper money management at a series of workshops developed exclusively for kids.

Students learn to save, spend and share

DOWNEY – Third grade students at Ward Elementary School learned about saving, spending and sharing at classes given by Downey Federal Credit Union.

Kari Johnson, the credit union's community education and development representative, developed a series of workshops for the third-graders.

By using photos of animals available for adoption at SEAACA, Johnson helped the children realize they could allocate part of their budget to donate toys and blankets to homeless animals.

The students also chose to donate toys to children at Children's Hospital Los Angeles "to help them feel like someone else cared about them."

"As a result of the class workshops, the students received practical solutions to everyday problems their parents might face," credit union officials said. "In addition, they learned the value of budgeting their own money for saving, spending and sharing, which are skills that will empower them later on in life."

"Downey Federal Credit Union brings a spirit of sharing within the community to the students who may not have been exposed to this type of training," said Jennifer Robbins, principal of Ward Elementary. "We appreciate their partnership with the school and the opportunity for students to learn about financial literacy in a constructive environment."

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Library friends signing up new members

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library will hold their annual Valentine's Membership Drive beginning Feb. 14.

Current members who have not renewed their membership are urged to come to the library between Feb. 14-19 and sign up along with new members.

Volunteers will be at the table inside the library from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

The Friends of the Downey City Library raise funds to enhance the Downey City Library.

Kearns wins writing contest

DOWNEY – Carol Kearns won first place in a fiction writing contest held recently by Writers' Workshop West.

Kearns's piece is titled "Off the Grid" and is a story about a street musician who was a victim of a young thief.

Peggy Hehman-Smith won second place for "The E Murder Mystery," an amusing tale of computer mayhem.

The plight of a gold prospector in early California's gold rush days won third place for Lorine Parks. Her entry is entitled "The Man Who Went from Grub State to Sirloin Steak and Back Again."

Winners received a certificate and cash awards.

Writers' Workshop West, a Downey writers club, was founded in 1962 and meets each third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Downey High School library.

Writers, both amateur and professional, are invited to attend.

For more information, call (562) 862-3106.

Rummage sale at church

DOWNEY – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is holding its annual rummage and bake sale Feb. 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The church will have plants, glassware, clothing collectibles, antiques and baked goods for sale.

For more information, call (562) 803-4459. The church is located at 13200 Columbia Way.

Anti-aging topic of meeting

DOWNEY – The Whittier Area Home Economists in Home and Community will meet Feb. 7 at the Downey home of Gail Raabe.

The speaker will be Joan Frey, active in Assistance League of Downey, Keep Downey Beautiful and the Public Works Committee. Her topic will be "Anti-Aging – What's Aging Got to Do With It?"

Frey is a nutritional consultant and has taught in adult education for several years.

Anyone with a college degree or an AA in Science and Nutrition, Child Development or related subjects is welcome to attend.

For more information, call (562) 928-2886.

Club meeting at Frantone's

DOWNEY – Downey Newcomers Club will meet Feb. 14 at Frantone's Spaghetti Villa.

There will be a short meeting starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch. Admission is \$10.

Make reservations by calling Jeanne at (562) 923-0471.

Downey firefighters save life of elderly man

■ Firefighters resuscitate man who choked on a piece of steak.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – A local diner is grateful to be alive today after Downey paramedics successfully resuscitated the 70-year-old man who went into full cardiac arrest while eating at Bob's Big Boy restaurant last month.

While stopping for an impromptu lunch on Jan. 23, the Downey resident soon became unresponsive at his table and fell to the floor inside the iconic eatery, located at 7447 Firestone Blvd.

Already battling a small house fire on the 7300 block of Dinwiddie Street, Downey firefighters were called immediately and arrived on the scene in less than 90 seconds.

"On arrival they found the male victim who was in full cardiac arrest - no heartbeat, no breathing," wrote Fire Captain John Day in a released statement. "The crew from Engine 64 went to work initiating life-saving treatment."

"That's what we do," said Fire Captain Ed Haupt who led the response effort. "There was a pretty good crowd there in the corner. The people at the surrounding tables were pretty worried – he was probably in cardiac arrest two to three minutes before we arrived."

After several attempts of CPR proved ineffective, Downey firefighter Steve Lund used Magill forceps to remove what was later determined to be a large chunk of steak meat, lodged in the unconscious resident's airway, fire officials said.

"With the obstruction removed and the patient receiving increased levels of oxygen, the lucky man began to regain consciousness,"

wrote Day. "By the time the patient arrived at Downey's Kaiser Hospital he was awake and fully conversing with attending firefighters."

Fire officials said the gentleman was admitted to hospital, but released soon thereafter.

"This was a unique call," Haupt said over the phone. "Usually when we get there it's past the point to bring about a positive outcome – in this case, everything worked out perfectly."

Both Day and Haupt took the incident as an opportunity to remind community members that learning CPR or attending First Aid classes now could reap great benefits down the road.

"There was an opportunity in the crowded restaurant for someone to step up and do something," said Haupt. "Learn CPR, you can potentially save someone you're with or someone else's life."



Air Force Airman Basic Gabriel Vazquez has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex. Vazquez completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Vazquez is the son of Niceforo and Evangelina Vazquez of Downey and graduated from Downey High School in 2007.

Families may be eligible for tax credits

LOS ANGELES – As the April 18 tax filing deadline approaches, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard is urging eligible taxpayers to take advantage of three important federal tax credits – the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Child Tax Credit and the Making Work Pay Credit – as well as free tax preparation services.

Families that earned less than \$48,362 in 2010 may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Eligibility for the credit depends on factors such as a taxpayer's total income and family size. For some families, the EITC is worth up to \$5,666.

The EITC is first used to cover any federal taxes owed by an eligible worker. After any tax liability is paid off, tax filers receive all of their remaining Earned Income Tax Credit in the form of a check from the IRS.

The Child Tax Credit allows families to claim a credit worth up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under 17. Similar to the EITC, the Child Tax Credit is first used to reduce or pay off any taxes owed by the family.

After that, depending on the family's income, some filers may also qualify to receive a refund of all or part of any leftover Child Tax Credit funds.

In addition, certain workers who are self-employed, or whose spouse did not work, or who did not earn enough to have income tax withheld in 2010, can claim the Making Work Pay Credit on their tax return, which is worth up to \$800 for a married couple.

Finally, free tax preparation services from trained community volunteers are also available through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Taxpayers can

find out more by visiting www.eitc-la.com or dialing 211 and asking the operator for VITA site locations.

Seniors can also locate free AARP tax-aid counseling sites in their area by calling (888) 227-7669.

"During these challenging economic times when so many families are struggling, I want to make sure all eligible taxpayers take advantage of these federal tax credits and free tax preparation services that will ultimately put more money in their pockets," said Roybal-Allard. "I hate to see eligible families lose out simply because they are not aware of these potential savings, they don't realize they qualify or because they don't know where to go to find free tax-filing assistance."

Veteran actor returns

DOWNEY – John Racca returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera for a fifth time when he stars in "The Melody Lingers On" – the life and music of Irving Berlin – opening Feb. 17 at the Downey Theatre.

Racca previously starred in "Anything Goes," "Cabaret," "Rodgers and Hart: A Celebration" and "No, No Nanette." The veteran performer has toured nationally and performed in theaters all over the country.

"The Melody Lingers On" runs through March 6. Group rates are available. For tickets and information, call (562) 923-1714.



CITY of DOWNEY

Community Participation Meetings for CDBG and HOME Programs.

The City of Downey has scheduled a series of meetings for the City's federal CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. The City is now working on the required Action Plan and Application for these federal grants. Each meeting will provide attendees with information on these federal programs, and allow an opportunity to provide input in the annual development process. Interested Downey residents and representatives of community groups are encouraged to attend and comment on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities and propose uses for either of these funding sources. The City estimates it may receive up to \$1,615,000 in CDBG and \$793,000 in HOME funds during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Community meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, February 9th Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center 7810 Quill Dr., Rio Honda Rm **1:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 16th Golden Park Multi-purpose Room, 8840 Golden Avenue **6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, February 17th Downey City Library Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Ave. **6:00 p.m.**

A Public Hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m.: Downey City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Ed Velasco at (562) 904-7167

Dental hygiene professor wins national award

NORWALK – Dani Carroll, a dental hygiene professor at Cerritos College, has been named Educator of the Year by the American Dental Hygiene Association.

The national award recognizes a full-time dental hygiene faculty member who "contributes to and is dedicated to providing high-quality education to dental hygiene students."

Carroll said she was especially honored to receive the award as the nomination came from her students.

"I'm so lucky to be a part of such a fantastic faculty and have such motivated students to work with," Carroll said. "We have a dynamic team and are all proud of what we call 'Team Cerritos.'"

Carroll has taught at Cerritos College more than 20 years. She began as a part-time instructor in 1987 and became a full-time professor in 2002.

She holds her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Cal State Long Beach.

"The Cerritos College dental hygiene department is extremely proud of Dani's accomplishments and agree, the ADHA Educator of the Year award could not go to a more deserved individual," said Adelle Krayer, director of the Cerritos College Dental Hygiene Program.

The presentation ceremony will be held June 18 in Nashville, Tenn.

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Man allegedly threatened retired congresswoman

LOS ANGELES – A 42-year-old South Los Angeles man was arrested Jan. 28 after a series of recent phone calls threatening to kill retired U.S. Congresswoman Diane Watson.

Sheron Nelson was arrested by detectives with the L.A. County Sheriff's Department's Major Crimes Bureau at the office of his state parole agent.

A search of Nelson's residence revealed no weapons, but numerous stolen electronics were recovered, authorities said.

"We recovered the phone used to make the calls to Congresswoman Watson," said Lt. Kent Wegener of the Sheriff's Department. "It belonged to the suspect. Also, during questioning, he implicated himself."

Nelson was booked for making felony terrorist threats and for felony identity theft. Because he is on parole for an unrelated terrorist threats conviction, he is not eligible for bail.

Robles fined by ethics panel

SACRAMENTO – Christopher Robles, a member of the Los Angeles County 58th Assembly Democratic Central Committee, was fined \$2,000 this week for failing to file a campaign statement in 2006.

The fine was levied by the Fair Political Practices Commission last week.

The commission asserted that Robles did not file a short form campaign statement for the period covering Jan. 1, 2006 through Dec. 31, 2006.



Congress members received high marks for "exercising its proper role in setting the legislative agenda" and "focusing on key issues," but was marked down for "excessive partisanship" and a failure to compromise.

Congress earns C+ grade from experts

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congress earned a grade of C-plus for its work in 2010, according to political scientists asked by the Center on Congress to rate the performance of the national legislature.

This is a slight improvement over 2009's C grade.

The experts saw the second session of the 111th Congress as "functional, but not in any way superb," said Indiana University political scientist Edward G. Carmines, who is director of research for the Center on Congress.

Congress earned solid B grades on "exercising its proper role in setting the legislative agenda" and for "focusing on the key issues facing the country," and B-minus grades on "generally fulfilling its national policymaking responsibilities" and "protecting its powers from presidential encroachment."

Accessibility and openness were other areas of strength. Congress earned a B-plus on being "accessible to constituents," and B grades on being "open to the public" and "broadly reflecting con-

stituents' interests."

Pulling down Congress' overall rating were very weak grades on "keeping excessive partisanship in check" – the House received a D-plus and the Senate only a slightly higher C-minus in that area. And on whether the legislative process in each chamber "involved a proper level of compromise and consensus," the Senate got a C-minus and the House a barely-better C.

The experts also gave Congress C-minus grades on the questions "Does Congress keep the role of special interests within proper bounds?" and "Does Congress consider the long-term implications of policy issues, not just short-term?"

Carmines noted that while the results of the 2010 survey track pretty closely with the 2009 survey, the Senate this time "gets a little more positive assessment...The Senate got more attention in 2010. It was so crucial to Congress getting anything done. Maybe the experts picked up on that."

The non-partisan Center on Congress conducted the survey online, getting a select group of 40 top academic experts on Congress

from around the country to give the institution grades on 37 questions.

This is the Center's fifth annual experts' survey.

"Our interest is not to dwell on past shortcomings, but to develop a sense of what areas are most in need of improvement, as well as what areas are generally handled well by Congress," explained center director Lee Hamilton.

As in the past, the 2010 survey included a set of questions asking the experts to assess the public's knowledge of and interaction with Congress. In the five-year history of the survey, the public has never received high marks, and much the same was the case for 2010.

The public got D grades for "following what is going on in Congress on a regular basis" and for "understanding the main features of Congress and how it works." But the experts did give citizens slightly improved marks for 2010 on a couple of questions – C-plus grades for "contacting their members of Congress on issues that concern them" and for "working through groups that share their interests to influence Congress."



Sasha Vithoulkas, left, co-chairperson of the Church Consecration Events Committee of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Downey, presented a \$1,000 donation to Beth Gendreau, president of Downey Council PTA HELPS, to mark the consecration of St. George earlier last year.

College to start intensive English program

NORWALK – Cerritos College will begin offering an Intensive English Program (EIP) this summer for non-native English speakers.

The class is designed to help students develop their English skills to the level needed to continue studying in their major field of study.

A prospective international student planning to enroll in the program will need to obtain an F-1 student visa, meet the international student admission requirements and maintain full-time status while studying at Cerritos College.

The course is also open to students who are green card holders or American citizens whose second language is English.

For more information, call the admissions office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2121.

Author Terry McMillan to speak, sign books

CARSON – In honor of Black History Month, Cal State Dominguez Hills will welcome bestselling author Terry McMillan to its campus for a lecture and book-signing on Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

McMillan is the author of eight novels, including bestsellers "Waiting to Exhale" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," both of which were adapted to the screen. Her latest novel, "Getting to Happy," is a sequel to "Waiting to Exhale."

McMillan's books are known for their strong African American female characters and for tackling themes of friendship, relationships and self-realization. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley and taught in the English department at the University of Arizona.

McMillan will be speaking about the power of the written word, as well as reading excerpts from her novels, and signing books. The University Bookstore will have copies of her books for purchase at the event.

Cal State Dominguez Hills is located at 1000 E. Victoria Street in Carson.

Care facility named 'Best of L.A.'

DOWNEY – Downey Rehab Care Center has been voted Best Senior Service in Southern California by viewers of "Best of L.A.," officials with the assisted-living facility announced this week.

"When I received the call last week from the producer that we had earned the honor...I was speechless," said Jen Hone, executive director of Downey Rehab Care Center.

"It's a team effort and we are committed to provide our patients with the care and therapy services to help each patient achieve their optimal independence," said director of nursing Ofelia Rodil.

"Best of L.A." can be seen on Channel 13 and the ION network.

Auditions for breast cancer play

CARSON – Cal State Dominguez Hills will hold community auditions next week for a new play drawn from interviews with breast cancer survivors.

"For When We Are Weak" features roles for seven men and 10 women of all ethnicities.

Auditions will take place Feb. 7-8 at 7 p.m. in the school's University Theatre.

For more information, call (310) 243-3588.

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Don't let the dialogue of democracy be a victim, too

By Lee H. Hamilton

Our first concern in the wake of the horrendous shootings in Arizona ought to be for the victims and their families; our thoughts and prayers are with them. The violence that sent Rep. Gabrielle Giffords to the hospital, killed six and injured 12 others will scar the survivors and all the victims' families, friends, and communities for years to come.

In a society as robustly talkative as ours, it is natural for people to step back and try to impose meaning on so traumatic an event — even if it was simply the deranged act of a deeply troubled young man. Without knowing the motivations of the alleged shooter this is all speculative, and it is far too early to try to draw political conclusions from this tragedy.

Yet as a former member of Congress I do have something to say about the shootings' aftermath. The personal tragedies have been awful enough; as a nation we also have to worry about a political tragedy, quiet and slow-moving but no less damaging for that. I'm talking about weakening further the bond between us and our elected representatives.

Our democracy depends on members of Congress being able to mingle freely with the people they serve. Yes, they have a lot of responsibilities in Washington that go with the job, but for these to have any meaning in a representative democracy they have to be rooted back home. It's in their discussions with ordinary Americans that members do their most important work — at formal town halls, in stops by cafes, in speeches at VFW halls or visits to community groups, in impromptu conversations and at organized "listening sessions" like the "Congress on your Corner" event that Congresswoman Giffords was hosting.

These are where they get a glimpse of what's on people's minds and how strongly they feel about it; get alerted to issues they may not have known about; get questioned and challenged on their political stances; and have a chance to explain both their own and the Congress' thinking. Without this kind of two-way education, representative democracy simply wouldn't work.

Members of Congress know this. That is why they take care to hold such events as frequently as possible, despite the pressures of fundraising, legislating, trying to keep some semblance of a personal life — and the awareness of possible trouble. They long ago learned to live with threats — the FBI has investigated hundreds of them over the past decade — even though it is never easy to go out in public after you've received one. Yet they've continued to be as accessible as possible, because that is the only way they can do their jobs properly.

Now, despite some members' protestations that they won't let it happen, some sort of chill may well settle over the give-and-take between members of Congress and their constituents. It won't be obvious; no elected representative is going to announce, "I'm cutting down on my public appearances." But there will almost certainly be fewer of them, and those that do take place will probably be harder or more intimidating to get into.

There have been calls for local and state law enforcement officials to provide more security to members of Congress, to ban anyone from carrying a handgun in the vicinity of a member, and to enclose the House gallery in bullet-proof glass, and a few members already have announced that they'll be carrying their own weapons when they return to their home districts.

It's hard to imagine the easy informality that ought to exist between constituents and public officials continuing. It seems equally certain that people who might have considered dropping by a shopping center or

community hall to see their elected representative will think twice, lest they get caught up in the next headline-making atrocity.

In the wake of the Arizona shootings, a lot of politicians and commentators of all stripes have been searching their souls about the character and intensity of their rhetoric. If there is anything positive to come of this, it may be in the awareness that the manner in which political discourse is conducted is important and has consequences. Robust political debate—even sarcasm and biting humor—is one thing; suggestions that someone ought to be "eliminated" are quite another.

So if our super-heated political discussions cool down a bit, that's good. What would not be good is if the chill extends to the ordinary, day-to-day, vastly important contact between our representatives and the American people. If we diminish that dialogue or make it more difficult or put up barriers to it, then the shootings in Arizona will have claimed more than just human victims; something vital in our democracy will have been wounded, too.

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.



Letters to the Editor:

Ticket prices

Dear Editor:

It breaks my heart to hear that our local theater is failing to attract enough people to their new lineup of entertaining shows, but I have to disagree with Gary Head about the tickets not being high-priced. ("New Era at Downey Theatre Off to a Rough Start," 1/27/11)

In this economy, \$25 a ticket is high-priced. That means a family of four would spend, if there was a student discount, around \$70-\$80 for the show. My husband and I are not struggling to the degree that many people in town are, but we can't afford that! Even going to the movies has become a once-every-few-months outing because of that expense.

Lower the ticket prices, even by \$10, and you will fill the theater. The same for the symphony concerts. We would love to attend these valuable cultural events, but cannot find the extra money to do so on any kind of regular basis.

Would the symphony consider charging maybe \$5 a person to attend their rehearsals? We would instantly become regular supporters.

I understand Mr. Head's disappointment, but the residents of Downey are not "afraid of new things" nor do we wish to snub the arts. We just can't afford them. Can we bring back the more affordable vaudeville acts of old?

-- Alaina Niemann,
Downey

Dear Editor:

I had to respond to the article regarding the low attendance for the recent comedy event at the Downey Theatre.

I was first excited to see a family event of comedy in my own backyard. I was immediately disappointed when I saw the prices: \$40 for adults and \$30 for children.

My wife and I have been blessed with good jobs and two beautiful children. However, we also know our limits when it comes to what we should spend. The tickets were overpriced by about \$15 per person. I didn't need food to be served and would have been just as happy to purchase hot chocolate and a doughnut afterwards if given the option.

Promoters need to realize mass sales at a lower price can be just as profitable than minimal sales at a higher price. We know our limits as a family and it sounds like a large part of Downey knows the same.

Lower the prices and we will come.

-- Mark R. Lopez,
Downey

Lost and found

Dear Editor:

In the present time when we see around lots of corruption, immorality and lack of decency, it is amazing to find good and honest people.

Last Thursday I lost a briefcase with important documents and cash belonging to my office. I could not believe when a few hours later I received a call from the Downey Police Department to inform me that somebody returned the briefcase. I went to retrieve it and found that every penny was there and all the documents intact.

This event gave me new confidence and faith. Scattered around there are still good and decent people and I thank sincerely to the person that found my stuff and took it to the police. We need more people like you.

-- M. Baird,
Downey

Return of OASIS

Dear Editor:

Thank you, thank you, city of Downey, Thad Phillips and many others. As a member of the OASIS program at the Harriett Paine Event Center, on the first meeting of Jan. 10 almost 100 members greeted each other. We had a wonderful program about Irving Berlin.

Harriett Paine greeted each one of us as we stood in line to pay for our supper and sign in.

Thank you Harriett and Susan and the staff at the table.

Thank you again Downey and all who worked so hard to get this program back for us.

-- Gonah Schreckengast,
Bellflower

Crime reports

Dear Editor:

As a Downey resident I appreciate the Crime Report your newspaper publishes every week. I also appreciate the brief crime articles that I cannot find anywhere else, including the *L.A. Times*.

Your paper is vital to our community and I appreciate your entire staff's efforts.

-- Betty Glasner,
Downey

Concert praise

Dear Editor:

I know I'm late in saying this, but better late than never.

Last December I read in your paper that Warren High School's Vocal Department was having a holiday concert. I have always wanted to encourage any kind of music in our schools, so I took a friend and we attended the concert.

There were 300 participants in that program. We were both amazed at the quality, the choices of songs and the enthusiasm of the singers. Director Robert Petersen is to be congratulated on a big job well done.

When my children were in high school in Downey there were very, very little in the way of vocal music (or even instrumental) in our schools. I taught for 21 years in the elementary schools (prior to 1981) so I was very well aware of the lack of music.

Mr. Petersen had to begin from the bottom to build his singing groups; not an easy job. I just can't say enough in praise of this man. The program he put on Dec. 14 was wonderful.

Keep up the good work, dear teacher!

-- Margery Barnings,
Downey

Costly cuts

Dear Editor:

As someone who has worked with patients and their caregivers in an Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) program for many years and understands how vitally important this program is in the community, the Governor's budget outlined on Jan. 10 includes the complete elimination of the Medi-Cal Adult Day Health Care program throughout the state.

Closing Rancho Adult Day Services ADHC here in Downey will be a travesty and tremendous loss for this community as well as others throughout the state!

ADHC programs, licensed by the State Department of Public Health, are designed to provide coordinated medical and therapeutic services to help the frail seniors and medically complex disabled adults remain at home as long as is possible. ADHC is a comprehensive program that offers a caring compassionate and supportive environment for this population and their caregivers.

Rancho Adult Day Services/ADHC program, which is located on the grounds of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, has a lengthy history of providing ADHC programming to the Downey community and surrounding areas for nearly 23 years.

Elimination of ADHC will result in the following:

For the ADHC patient:

- *Loss of coordinated medical and therapeutic services
- *More ER visit/hospital admissions
- *Forced to move to a nursing home
- *Threatens universal desire to live in your own home for as long as possible

For the family caregiver of the ADHC patient:

- *Loss of job to care for loved one
- *Caregiver burnout from 24/7 care
- *Loss of medical oversight to prevent small problem from turning into costly medical crises.

Elimination of ADHC is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and will embroil the state in costly lawsuits.

For ADHC providers:

- *Cutting ADHC does not help the state budget crisis -- it makes it worse: No more federal government match to fund 50% of the program.
- Another small business gone, more workers unemployed, more drain on the local, state and federal tax base.

Eliminating ADHC does not eliminate the patients' need for ongoing medical and therapeutic services.

ADHC meets a real assessed need for medical and therapeutic services and prevents or delays shifting taxpayer dollars to more expensive settings -- ERs, hospital admissions, nursing facilities -- for these medically fragile seniors and medically complex disabled adults.

ADHC is a bargain for state taxpayers. At \$38 a day in state funds, matched by the feds, ADHC is at least five times less costly to the state than placing these patients into nursing facilities.

Elimination of ADHC is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and will embroil the state in costly lawsuits.

The only comparable alternative service is a nursing facility.

-- Pat Bedes,
Program Director
Rancho Adult Day Services

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CITY CLERK: More questions than answers.

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"I can't comment on that," Marquez said.

It's all rubbish, of course. Council members had no problem speaking on the record about former city attorney Ed Lee, whose association with the city of Bell rightly made Downey council members nervous. The council also fired Lee in a special meeting, but at least they gave their reasons.

The Downey City Council, well-known for its penchant to shoot from the hip, suddenly is tight-lipped.

And that's scary.

No one is saying anything negative about Midstokke, so residents are left to ponder rumors and innuendo.

Perhaps Midstokke was the victim of political retribution, retribution for what we're not exactly sure, but most likely Midstokke was the victim of a new-look council flexing its political muscle.

To be clear, the issue here isn't the council's decision to let Midstokke go, but rather the secretive nature in which it was done.

When elected officials evade questions and fail to be held accountable for their actions, citizens have every reason to be suspicious.

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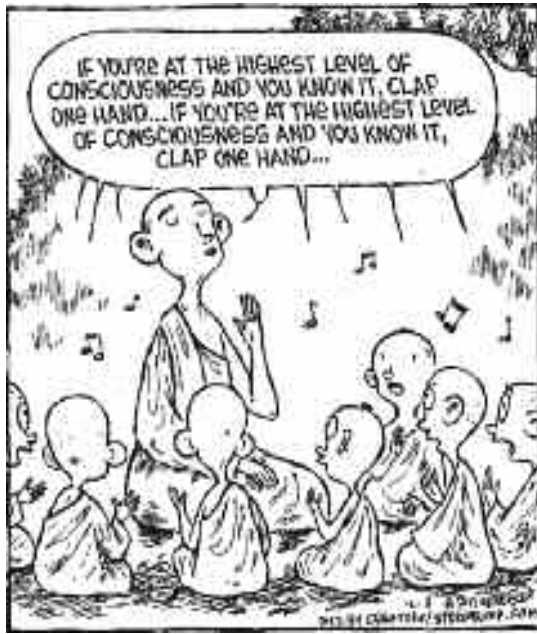
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On This Day...

- Feb. 3, 1690:** The first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts.
- 1913:** The 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.
- 1959:** Rock 'n' roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson died in a plane crash.
- 1971:** Apollo 14 astronauts Alan B. Shepard Jr. and Edgar D. Mitchell landed on the lunar surface during the third successful manned mission to the moon.
- 1994:** The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time.
- Birthdays:** Football hall of famer Fran Tarkenton (71), football hall of famer Bob Griese (66), actress Morgan Fairchild (61), actor Nathan Lane (55), Reggaeton singer Daddy Yankee (35) and actress Isla Fisher (35).

Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

- Sat. Feb. 5: **Rummage sale**, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 a.m.
- Sat. Feb. 5: **Car wash for breast cancer research**, Downey High School, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Feb. 5: **Teacher workshop**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 a.m.
- Sun. Feb. 6: **Food drive**, Downey First Christian Church, 11 a.m.
- Wed. Feb. 9: **'Peanut Man' Roger Owens**, Los Amigos Country Club, 11:45 a.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cornack 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.

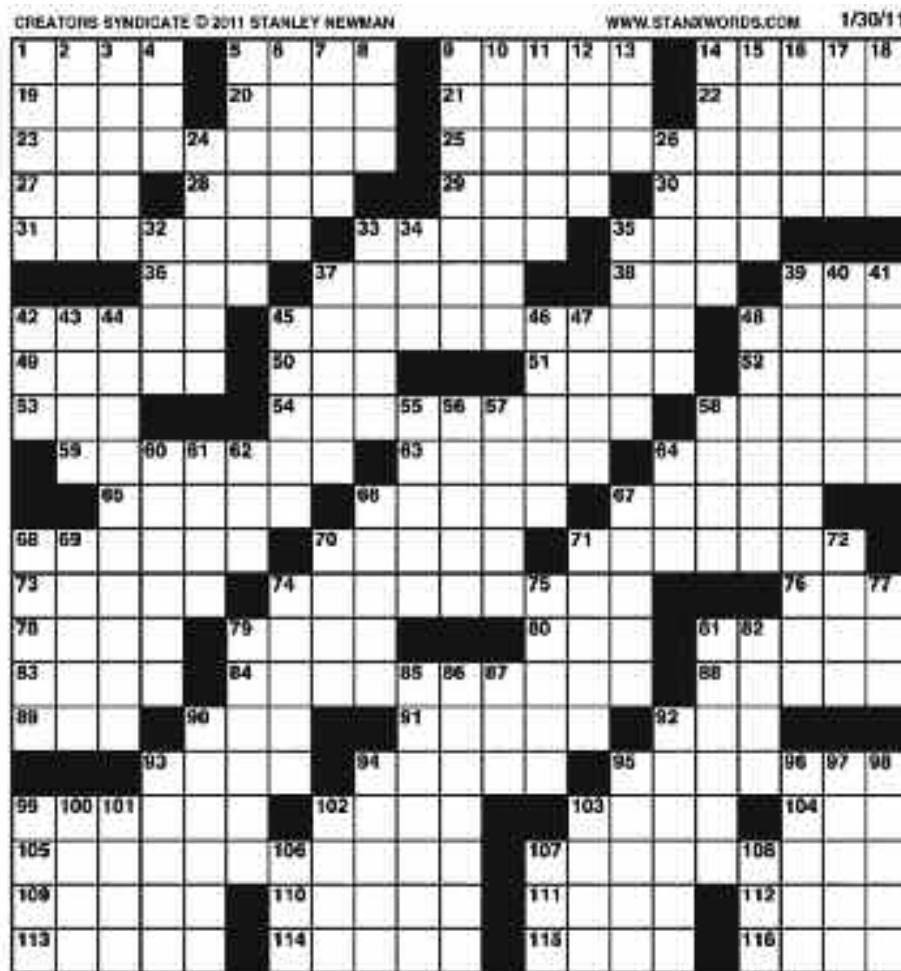
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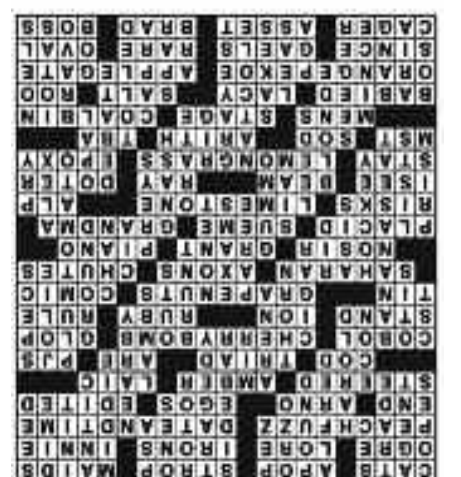
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Introduced in 1959, COBOL (42 Across), short for Common Business-Oriented Language, is one of the oldest computer-programming languages. The ingredients of GRAPE-NUTS cereal (54 Across) have never included either grapes or nuts. GUMMO Marx (66 Down) operated a theatrical agency with his brother Zepko.





Things to do this weekend:



Plain White T's
When: Feb. 7
Where: House of Blues Anaheim
How much: \$15
 Also featuring MIGGS and Parachute.



Hip Hop - A Cultural Odyssey
When: Feb. 4-6
Where: Grammy Museum
How much: \$10.95 - \$12.95

A look at the history of hip hop. The exhibit includes handwritten lyrics by Tupac Shakur.



Psychic Reading Jamboree
When: Feb. 5, 1 p.m.
Where: Southern California Psychic Institute in Santa Monica
How much: \$10 per reading, or 3 for \$25

A large psychic event where guests can receive 20-minute readings to get a glimpse of what the future holds for you.



Golden Dragon Parade & Festival
When: Feb. 5 (parade) Feb. 6 (festival)
Where: Chinatown
How much: Free

Celebrate Chinese New Year's in authentic manner. The parade starts at 1 p.m. while the festival is day-long.

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Residents should be extra vigilant donating to school programs. Ask to see identification, and when in doubt, call the police.

Swindlers posing as DUSD students

■ People are going door-to-door asking for donations, falsely claiming to represent DUSD programs.

BY REBEKAH JIN, INTERN

DOWNEY – Residents of Downey should be aware of a problem that has persisted for many years; swindlers have been falsely claiming they are raising funds for organizations that they are not associated with.

Sgt. Brian Baker of the Downey Police Department has encountered many situations in which people perform house repairs without appointments, then steal valuable items from unsuspecting residents.

“Always ask for identification before allowing entrance to your home,” said Baker. “Even if you do let someone in, make sure to lock the front door to prevent anyone else from coming in and stealing your possessions.”

Many sports teams and clubs from Downey and Warren lack sig-

nificant funds to keep their programs running, so students often ask for help by fundraising door-to-door throughout the community. However, this privilege is being abused by swindlers. There has been a significant increase in those who claim to be a part of school groups in order to trick residents into giving them money.

“People try to earn some credibility by claiming that they are a part of schools,” said Warren principal John Harris. “They want cash because they can’t do anything with checks, so it’s always important to be careful when being asked to donate.”

One Downey citizen, who asked to remain anonymous due to safety reasons, recently experienced this type of confrontation.

Two young men claimed that they were taking donations for their wrestling team. Assuming that the donation would be put to good use, the citizen offered them a check, but they declined. When the young men were asked basic questions about the names of teachers and staff, they gave inaccurate

information. Suspicion greatly increased when these swindlers did not even know the gender of Warren’s principal.

“In the future, I won’t give any money to students who come door-to-door unless I’m absolutely sure that they are fundraising for school organizations,” said the citizen.

From now on, Downey and Warren students should clearly identify who they are and the purpose of their fundraising. Whether it is in the form of a sports jersey or a marching band uniform, wearing school-related apparel is highly recommended to avoid any conflicts and to strengthen reliability.

According to Section 4500 of the Downey Municipal Code, charitable solicitations should not directly benefit the individuals who are partaking in the fundraising. Everyone has the right to decline to offer contributions to any group. If the solicitors refuse to leave, they may be attempting to steal money.

For further guidelines, refer to the city’s website at www.downeyca.org.



2011 is year of the lucky rabbit

■ Asian students are not the only one’s celebrating the Chinese New Year.

BY DEANNA KIM, INTERN

DOWNEY – Goodbye Tiger and hello Rabbit; 2011 is the Year of the Rabbit.

From Feb. 3 to Jan. 22, 2012, many Asians as well as other ethnicities will be celebrating this tradition as the rabbit, or hare, brings good luck.

This Chinese tradition is usually practiced by many Chinese, Japanese and Korean people. In Eastern Asia elaborate New Year preparations begin weeks ahead of the day

“My family is going to celebrate by eating a huge homemade dinner, exchanging red envelopes, and just spending time with each other,” said senior Eric Chi. Exchanging red envelopes is specifically a Chinese custom where people give envelopes that contain money to others to bring good fortune.

The Chinese Zodiac consists of twelve animals, the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, ram, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. In this order, the animals are rotated based on a twelve year cycle. Those born in the years 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975,

1987, 1999, 2011 are the intelligent and peaceful rabbit.

The Chinese zodiac not only represents the year’s nature but also represents the person’s characteristics. The year 2010 was the tiger, a creature that is competitive, hot tempered, brave, honorable, and protective. 2010 was prospected to be a bold, fierce, unpredictable, eventful, and cunning year. 2011 on the other hand is expected to be a more prosperous, gentler, and wiser year.

“The people born in the year of the rabbit tend share the same characteristics,” says Chi. “They are keen, wise, fragile, tranquil, serene, considerate, fashionable, and kind.”

According to www.w.chinesezodiac.com, the rabbit also represents creativity, compassion, nature, abundance, and sensitivity.

The Year of the Rabbit is also thought to coincide with the moon. Especially during a full moon, the moon is believed to be imprinted with an image of the rabbit on the surface with a mortar and pestle. In the Japanese and Korean folklore, the rabbit is pounding rice cake but the Chinese folklore says the rabbit is pounding the elixir of life.

“I was born the Year of the Rooster,” said Ruben Hwang, “but if this year is going to be lucky, I am all for it!”

tions. Learn to read your future using seashells, numerology, tarot cards, palmistry and fortune cookies. Highly entertaining games such as Runeblock, Diamonds Link and Stellar Memory will take you deeper into the experience. Venture into this captivating, magical world...if you dare.

gun in-hand - and put an end to the evil power hidden in the castle in the northern city. Game features include cut scenes, music with lyrics, seven playable characters, hidden levels, final bosses, different weapons, fire, demolitions, explosions and lots of zombies attacking you at all times.

Nintendo announces new downloads for February

Winter blues got you down? Bid farewell to January and say hello to a new batch of downloadable games for Wii and Nintendo DSi systems.

As always, the latest additions to the WiiWare and Nintendo DSiWare services offer a wide variety of titles to lift your spirits. WiiWare users can also take advantage of demo versions of select games available for zero Wii Points, giving players the chance to sample select games before downloading the full versions.

As you trudge through the dog days of winter, the Wii Shop Channel and Nintendo DSi Shop are open 24 hours a day to help keep you fired up no matter what the weather has in store.

Nintendo DSiWare

All-Star Air Hockey
 Publisher: Skyworks Interactive
 Players: 1
 ESRB Rating: E (Everyone)
 Price: 200 Nintendo DSi Points
Description: Remember the days of hanging around the local arcade and playing air hockey until the wee hours? Grab your paddle and enjoy some classic arcade action with All-Star Air Hockey from Skyworks, creators of some of the best and most fun sports and arcade games for the Nintendo DSi system. In Practice Mode, choose from eight computer opponents. In Tournament Mode, test your skills

against all of them. All-Star Air Hockey features state-of-the-art graphics and local high-score boards.

Mahjong
 Publisher: dtp young entertainment
 Players: 1-2
 ESRB Rating: E (Everyone)
 Price: 200 Nintendo DSi Points
Description: Experience the world-famous Chinese board game. Play your way through numerous tricky levels with varying degrees of difficulty and beautifully drawn backdrops. Enjoy Single-Player or 2-Player Mode. Use powerful extras such as Dynamite, Whirlwind and Hourglass to become the undefeated Mahjong champion.

myDiary
 Publisher: Nnooo
 Players: 1
 Price: 200 Nintendo DSi Points
Description: myDiary lets you keep your own personal diary on your Nintendo DSi system. Just open your system, tap on a day and write a note. Set alarms for important events. You can even lock your notes away from prying eyes. Try keeping track of important dates and to-do lists. You can even personalize myDiary with 12 unlockable themes and ink colors. Use the stylus like a pencil to make notes or doodles and then erase the bits you don't like. myDiary will help you

organize your life.

101 Dolphin Pets
 Publisher: Teyon
 Players: 1
 ESRB Rating: E (Everyone)
 Price: 500 Nintendo DSi Points
Description: Choose from more than 101 baby dolphins or simply adopt them all. Discover their personalities as you feed, clean and care for your new pets. Bring out your pet's talents by training your dolphin in a variety of fun activities. Enter your dolphin into pet shows and earn money to buy exciting upgrades such as toys, food, clothes and accessories. The more tricks you teach and the more games you play, the more fun you'll have. You'll never be bored with so many new friends to play with, pamper and love.

WiiWare

Magic Destiny
 Publisher: Shanblue Interactive
 Players: 1
 ESRB Rating: E (Everyone) - Mild Suggestive Themes, Fantasy Violence
 Price: 500 Wii Points
Description: Discover the fascinating world of astrology and let the stars guide you with MAGIC DESTINY. Use the vast encyclopedia to learn all about ancient knowledge that's been handed down through the centuries. Explore your destiny with predic-

Zombie Panic in Wonderland (demo version)
 Publisher: Akaoni Studio
 Players: 1-2
 ESRB Rating: T (Teen) - Mild Suggestive Themes, Fantasy Violence
 Price: 0 Wii Points; full version available for 1,000 Wii Points
Description: A wave of zombies is attacking Wonderland. To save his friends from the spell of the “amorous zombies,” the player will have to solve the mystery of the “scented dwarves” - with machine

Racers' Islands - Crazy Racers (demo version)
 Publisher: ZALLAG
 Players: 1
 ESRB Rating: E (Everyone) - Mild Cartoon Violence
 Price: 0 Wii Points; full version available for 1,000 Wii Points
Description: Six drivers are competing on a popular TV show: an English lord, a dangerous beauty from Russia, a Mexican desperado, an eccentric Frenchman, a Japanese prodigy and an American bulldozer.

Bears finally get best of Dominguez

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Warren gets first win over Dominguez in nearly 10 years.

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

COMPTON – Down at the first half by one point, the Warren boys' basketball team improved its league record to 2-4 by rallying to defeat Dominguez for the first time in nearly a decade last Friday night, 59-53.

After tying the game 15-15 in the first quarter, the Bears rallied in the second quarter but fell short by one point to the Dons at the half, 28-29.

Offensive efforts from the game's leading scorers pulled the Bears through the third quarter with a 7-point lead, and Warren's defense led by Cejay Anderson and John Elam helped secure the Bears' eventual victory.

Joseph Campos was the top scorer for Warren with 16 points, including three 3-pointers, two field goals and three free throws. Anderson made seven of nine attempted free throws, and had 13 points total on the game.

Miguel Nunez contributed 10 points, Andrew Dixon added 7 points and Rene Bagaygay finished 6 points.

Anderson had eight rebounds, seven steals and a pair of assists, and Elam had eight rebounds and two blocks.

Warren is now 15-8 overall and is tied for third place with Dominguez. The Bears will host Lynwood on Wednesday night. Game time is 7 p.m.

Youth lacrosse league taking sign-ups

DOWNEY – There is still time to sign-up for the Downey Youth Lacrosse program, a youth lacrosse league that fields three teams in Downey.

Now in its third year, the league has divisions for children ages 6-8, 9-11 and 13-14.

Although the league is used as a feeder program into Downey High School's lacrosse teams, all boys in Downey elementary and middle schools are welcome to participate.

As part of the Los Angeles Lacrosse League, the Downey youth teams play against rival Southland cities beginning in March and April.

Practices are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. on the Downey High School field.

For more information, or to register, call Coach Wheeler at (562) 869-1431.

Warren, Downey coaches offer Super Bowl predictions

Who has the better offense and why?

Gil Jimenez, Warren football head coach: I would say Green Bay does because of rookie running back James Starks. If Starks can get it going, it'll make life a lot easier for Aaron Rodgers. I think a big chunk of their offense will rely on Starks. I don't think that Rodgers can be on his own. Starks will balance out that Pittsburgh defense. I think that way it'll open up their play action. That's a huge part of their offense.

Jack Williams, Downey football head coach: I would say Pittsburgh because I think they can run and pass and they've got a guy that's been there before in Ben Roethlisberger. And they have playmaker receivers like Hines Ward and they run the ball well.

Who has the better defense and why?

Jimenez: I would go with Pittsburgh. The fact that they're the No. 1 run defense and that they do really well putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks is big. Defensively, I think that definitely you'll have to put someone to spy on Rodgers whether it be Troy Polamalu or a linebacker and try to be able to bring pressure to him. You need to always have one guy watching him. I think the defensive player to watch on Pittsburgh is Polamalu because they move him around so much that he's definitely going to have his chances to make plays. James Harrison is also going to be a key guy because his motor is always constantly running.

Williams: I think both defenses are good. I think both coordinators match up their blitzes well and confuse offenses. They have

two of the best defensive players in Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu and Green Bay's Clay Matthews. But I think I'd go with the Steelers because they've always been known to have that stellar defense.

What's the key to the game?

Jimenez: Which offense gets going first. What offense executes their game plan more successfully.

Williams: Controlling the line of scrimmage. I just think who's able to run the ball or stop the run is going to control the game.

Who's the one player to watch on Sunday?

Jimenez: Probably Clay Matthews on the Green Bay Packers. His motor never stops and he's just a destructive force out there. He goes up against guys twice his size, but he's so, so aggressive and very determined to get to that quarterback and getting off that edge.

Williams: Clay Matthews. That guy just has a motor. He's making plays sideline to sideline, stopping the run. I think he should have been the defensive player of the year.

Who has the better special teams unit?

Jimenez: I'm not really sure. Pittsburgh. I think they have better return guys but I'm not really that sure.

Williams: I'll say Green Bay.

Who do you think wins?

Jimenez: My heart says Green Bay but I think Pittsburgh, 28-21.

Williams: Pittsburgh, 17-10.

Interview conducted by staff writer Scott Cobos.



Rick Esteves,
Police Chief,
Downey Police Department
Prediction: Packers



Luis Marquez,
Mayor
City of Downey
Prediction: Packers



Kirk Cartozian,
Former mayor
City of Downey
Prediction: Packers

Vikings beat Gahr to share top spot in SGVL

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Vikings rally from 8 points down to beat Gladiators, 59-57.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey head coach Larry Shelton stood in exhaustion after a game in what could only be described as the biggest win in the biggest game for his Downey Vikings this year, beating the defending San Gabriel Valley League champions Gahr on the road last Friday night, 59-57.

The victory puts Gahr and Downey neck and neck at 5-1 in SGVL play entering the final games of the season. Downey is now 21-2 on the season, with the 2-point victory on the road also avenging a 1-point loss at home against the Gladiators earlier in the year.

"I've got kids with a lot of character," Shelton said. "I think we fell down 7 or 8 there in the third quarter and [Gahr] was in total control of the game and we just talked about it being a long game and you're a good team."

"At the beginning of the fourth quarter, we were down 3 and I told them this game Downey makes all the plays in the fourth quarter and we just made enough of them."

Trailing in the middle of the decisive fourth quarter, Downey shaved the lead to 1 then took the lead for good after a Dakari Archer layup with 3:48 to go in the quarter. The Vikings stopped Gahr on the following possession and took a 3-point lead after an offensive rebound and put-back by Dami Adefeso.

Gahr had no intentions of allowing Downey to win on their floor. Gahr guard Davon Potts put Downey's lead back to 1 following his 13-foot jumper with just over two minutes to play.

But another Adefeso offensive rebound and layup on Downey's next possession with 2:04 remaining made it a free throw competition after Gahr failed to convert on their following trip down the court.

Archer's aggressiveness was the key to Downey's road victory, with the sophomore guard scoring a game high 21 points. The young point guard continues to impress his coach with his ability to respond in crunch time.

"I challenged him before this game," Shelton said. "I thought he had a couple sub-par games recently. I told him in practice yesterday that if he didn't score double fig-

ures we weren't going to win this game, that he couldn't be a role player anymore.

"They were going to be all over Garrett [Neilan]. They were going to be all over Dami. I needed a third scorer and he stepped up big time."

Another key to Downey's success was the ability to stop Gahr's 3-point barrage, something they were able to do in the fourth quarter of the last meeting between the teams. The Gladiators were cold all night long from behind the arc, shooting below 20 percent from 3-point range, hitting only four times.

This time there was no Potts or Javonte Sales raining down 3-pointers, or Michael Alvarez hitting a game winning 3-pointer to crush the Vikings. Instead, the 3-point shot was not a factor with Downey effectively playing an entire game of defending the 3.

"It's really physical, good athletes on the ball and that's been the strength of our team all year is our ability to guard the ball," Shelton said. "You saw it here. I'm so proud of our kids right now, I don't know what to say."

Downey started the game with a smaller lineup than the first time the two teams matched up and played effectively against stopping Gahr's quick tempo. The two teams were tied 10-10 after the first quarter and took a 26-24 lead into halftime with Adefeso sitting out the majority of the half in foul trouble.

Archer had 8 of his 21 points in the second quarter, and Neilan led the team in rebounds with 10. Downey started the half sloppily with two consecutive turnovers that led to easy fast break points for Potts and Sales.

Downey by 6 with seconds to go in the third quarter, Dallas Lopez hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut the lead to 3 to allow Downey to perform some fourth quarter magic of their own.

Lopez had 6 points, Neilan had 16 points and Adefeso had 14 points. Potts led Gahr with 20 points and Anthony Martinez had 13 points. Sales was kept in check with only 9 points, scoring below his season average. John Benson led all rebounders with 14, 10 of them coming in the second half.

The Vikings will travel to Dominguez on Friday before setting up their final week of games against Lynwood and Warren. Game times are 7 p.m.

Scrappy Warren team beats Lynwood

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Franny Vaaulu fouls out, but Warren hangs on for the win.

BY PAUL HEIDECKER, INTERN

DOWNEY – A teary eyed Rachel Palmer was barely able to speak after her Warren girls basketball team became the first San Gabriel Valley League squad to beat Lynwood in over a decade in a 61-58 overtime victory Wednesday night.

Even with star center Franny Vaaulu fouling out in the fourth quarter, the Bears were able to scrape by and derail the defending SGVL champions' league winning streak that started more than 10 years ago.

"It feels good," said the emotional Warren head coach. "We worked really hard and they only wanted this game, you know? Now, we're in the running for a league title if we win the rest of the season. The last time that happened was in 1978. I told them it was a game about heart. About who wanted it more."

Warren wanted it more at the beginning of the game, starting the night on a 13-0 run before Lynwood was even able to score. The Bears were up by as many as 20 points at one time, and were up by 13 going into the fourth quarter before Lynwood made a push to send it into overtime.

Although an extra period was

needed, the Bears seemed hungrier than Lynwood and were able to capture an opportunity to at least share a league title with Lynwood by winning the rest of their games.

"Every practice was for beating Lynwood, beating Lynwood, beating Lynwood," Palmer said. "That was the game we wanted. It hasn't been done in years. I personally played for Warren High School when we would get killed by them. Our big center Franny said in four years, my senior year, I just want to bet them. The girls really rallied around it."

Vaaulu had 14 points before fouling out, Tania Ayala had 12 points, and point guard Danielle Rodriguez added 10 for the Bears.

Lewis named All-CIF

DOWNEY – Kyle Lewis, senior running back for Downey High School's football team last fall, has been named to the 2010-11 All CIF Southern Section team.

Lewis was the only Downey player to earn the designation.

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Morales elected DYF president

DOWNEY – Louis Morales has been elected to an unprecedented 13th consecutive year as president of Downey Youth Football.

Elected to two-year terms were Roberta Lara, second vice president; Sal Ramirez, fundraising coordinator; and Cindy Flores, cheer coordinator.

They will join Edward Enslin,

first vice president; Rudy Encinas, athletic director; Mirna Canales, auxiliary; and Laura Enslin, secretary.

The entire group makes up Downey Youth Football's executive board for 2011, which will be the Razorbacks' 51st season in Downey.

Registration for the 2011 season will begin soon. The first day of practice is scheduled for July 26 and games will begin Aug. 27.

For up-to-date information on registration, call (562) 928-6081 or visit their website at www.DowneyRazorbacks.com.

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Arts festival on tap for La Habra

LA HABRA – The Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts, celebrating 51 years of showcasing the arts, will be held during the last weekend of February at Hillcrest Congregational Church in La Habra Heights.

A family-orientated event with a festival atmosphere, it will run Feb. 25-27, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission and parking are free.

The festival showcases an extensive variety of art available for purchase at a wide range of prices, including watercolor and oil paintings, unique jewelry, ceramics, acrylics, pottery, mosaics, fiber and textiles, photography, stained and fused glass, sculpture, wood-working and a selection of hand-crafted gifts.

Many artists will be demonstrating their skills throughout the weekend, and free art workshops for children are held on Saturday and Sunday.

Festival attendees can browse, shop, talk to the artists, enjoy musical entertainment, and have lunch or a snack at the Starving Artist Cafe.

This year's featured artist is international landscape and architectural photographer Vern Clevenger. From an adventure-filled life of sojourning in the Sierra Nevada, he has developed an ability to respond with "an unerring sense of place to feel and to frame a day's shifting light, a season's shift of color and mood, and the constant drama of mountain landscapes."

Clevenger has climbed Yosemite and has more than 35 years experience climbing and hiking, which he expresses in images of the Sierra Nevada.

Born in 1955 in Oakland, Clevenger spent summers with his family in Yosemite National Park, where from the valley meadows he watched some of the first ascents of El Capitan in the early 1960s. While climbing in Yosemite during the 1970s, he became both an adventurer and an artist.

As his love of mountains found an artistic outlet, he soon moved from 35mm to large format cameras. He also developed meticulous darkroom skills and established a long-term dedication to the dye transfer process.

Currently using film for the initial exposure, Clevenger incorporates digital processes to produce constant improvement in his art prints, while remaining faithful to the fundamental principles of classical photography.

He requires significant time in the field to set up shots that show "thoughtful consideration of subjects and demonstrated care for composition."

The Vern Clevenger Gallery of Fine Photography, located in Mammoth Lakes at the foot of the Eastern Sierra, is a whole-family enterprise.

Started 51 years ago, the Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts attracts art lovers and festival goers from throughout the state. Each year many new artists, as well as longtime favorites, are chosen to participate.

Hillcrest Congregational Church is located at 2000 West Rd. in La Habra Heights. Overflow parking and free shuttle service will be at AMF Friendly Hills Lanes, just west of Whittier Boulevard and Santa Gertrudes Road.

For more information, go online to www.hillcrest-church.org.

Race for the Cure taking registration

LOS ANGELES – Registration is underway for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure taking place March 6 at Dodger Stadium.

The event, now in its 15th year, is a 5K that typically draws thousands of runners and walkers.

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Comedy academy aimed at high school kids

LONG BEACH – The Theater Arts Department at Cal State Long Beach has announced the inaugural session of Summer Comedy Academy, an intensive, two-week long series of classes aimed at bringing out the comedian in local high school students.

Students will have an opportunity to take classes in Stand Up, Improvisation, Clowning, Mime, Sketch Comedy and Comic Variety.

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and arts educator.

The academy's faculty of professional comedians and teachers designed a curriculum that they say encourages each student to find their own comedic voice.

"Everyone is different and everyone finds different things funny," said Lucy Craig, a stand up and improv coach. "[The academy] works with each teen comic to hone their individual talents."

The Summer Comedy Academy will offer two sessions open to high school-age students. Tuition will include full-time classes, practices and rehearsals, culminating in a comedy showcase on

the main stage of the Studio theatre at Cal State Long Beach.

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Surviving Valentine's Day

BY BRYAN GOLDEN,
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

Valentine's Day can either be a pleasurable occasion or stress filled with high expectations and disappointment. If you have that special relationship, Valentine's Day can be a time to show love and affection. For singles, the day can be a reminder of loneliness or a missing relationship.

Even people who do have significant others can wind up hating Valentine's Day. The problem is that Valentine's Day often comes with a predetermined set of expectations. Someone may expect a certain gift, a special night out, or some other gesture. Disappointment results whenever expectations are not met.

Surviving For Couples

Valentine's Day isn't a day of amnesty or a single opportunity to fix problems in a relationship. Issues don't pop up overnight nor can they be fixed that way. If you anticipate repairing a relationship in one day, you will be disappointed.

Don't get caught up in the commercialization. Relationships portrayed in advertisements don't necessarily reflect reality. You can show you care with the use of your heart and imagination. Do simple things that say, "I'm thinking of you."

Don't rely on your partner to read your mind. If you have specific desires, share them. Give without expecting anything in return. Small, thoughtful gestures mean a lot, don't overlook them.

Not everyone gets enthusiastic about Valentine's Day. If your partner isn't that excited, don't read too much into it. Do whatever feels comfortable and be ok with it. You don't have to do anything you are uncomfortable with. Simply saying, "Happy Valentine's Day. I love you." sends the message that you are thinking of your partner.

Surviving For Singles

Accept your emotions. If you are sad and lonely, it's ok. You feel what you feel. Just because you may not

happen to be in a relationship for Valentine's Day does not mean there is anything wrong with you.

Be social. Organize a group of other singles for dinner out or some other social activity. You may not be involved romantically, but you have more people in your life who care about you than you realize.

Treat yourself. Buy or do something special. Splurge a little. Rather than fixating on not being in a relationship at the moment, be thankful for what's good in your life. Ironically, singles spend a lot of time hoping for a relationship, while many in a relationship lament the freedom of their single days.

Valentine's Day is as commercialized as Christmas. Look at all the money and stress you save by not being caught up in the frenzy. Immerse yourself in other activities. If you are busy, you won't even notice Valentine's Day. Help others in need. When you do, you will also feel better.

If you want a relationship, be proactive. Don't wait for a relationship to find you, go out and look for one. Stay upbeat. A happy person is much more attractive than someone with a perpetual frown. No one wants to spend time with a person who is bitter or resentful.

If there is someone you are interested in, take the initiative. Invite them to get together with you. Stay sociable. Get out and about. Involve yourself in a variety of activities. There are many opportunities to meet people. Join a gym, take a class, volunteer, join a singles group, and pursue your hobbies.

Regardless of your situation, keep in mind that Valentine's Day is only one day. Good or bad, it goes by quickly.

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Valentine's Day isn't just about romance

■ Most students elect to celebrate the holiday with friends and family.

BY NICHOLE HAMILTON,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Valentine's Day is a holiday that many people feel strongly about one way or another, and among Downey High School students, it seems to be unanimous that students that either support or protest the very popular greeting card holiday spend the day with friends.

In elementary school, young students pass around small Valentine acknowledgements to all of their classmates in recognition of the holiday, but in high school, students are known to share the holiday with a loved one. With that being said, not everyone feels the need to necessarily partner up, and many high school students feel that the holiday is a great opportunity to remind friends and family how much they're appreciated.

"I think Valentine's Day is a day of appreciation for the people that love and care about you," said Downey High School track athlete Jennifer Sicardi. "People think it's

just for a boyfriend or girlfriend, but I think it's for anyone that loves you; a mother, father, grandmother, sister, brother, etc. A simple card to show your love back towards them is all it takes. Of course, I don't mind cute roses and chocolate too!"

While many high school students make it a point to spread the love to everyone special in their lives, not all students are completely supportive of the holiday. Some remain skeptical about the true meaning of the greeting card holiday, and what people's true motives are.

"While I think love is fine and dandy, I don't much care for Valentine's Day itself," said Downey High School JSA member Jacqueline Nuñez. "This may be because I have never had a reason to celebrate it, but mostly I think it derives from the fact that Valentine's Day has become so commercial. I feel like there's no real feeling or emotion behind it anymore. But I suppose a day to celebrate love when there is so little optimism in the world can hardly be considered a bad thing."

Whether in support of the holiday, or in opposition, it seemed



unanimous among students asked that they will in fact be doing something special for February 14, even if that something is with their closest friends.

"I am spending the day with close friends," said Downey High School ASB student Alejandra Martinez. "To not have someone that you're romantically tied to doesn't stop me from spending the day with people I love."

Sicardi has similar plans.

"As long as I'm with the people I love, I'll be having the best Valentine day ever," said Sicardi.

"Maybe I'll go to a nice dinner with my friends because they are my loved ones, the ones that are truly there for me. What's better than eating out with your friends? Eating out with your friends on Valentine's day!"

So the results are in: Valentine's Day for most high school students is a day to spend with people you love, even if friends and family are those special people.

"I don't think anybody is truly an anti-valentine type of person-everyone likes being appreciated," said Nuñez.

Searching for the next great kiss

■ The French kiss is out of style. A contest is underway to find the next generation of romantic kisses.

Harlequin, the global leader in series romance and one of the world's leading publishers of reading entertainment for women, announced this week it has submitted a patent application for the "Essential Romantic Kiss" to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

"If love makes the world go 'round, then a kiss is what fuels it," said Michelle Renaud, Chief Kissing Officer of the Harlequin Office for the Preservation of the Kiss (HOPK), a division of Harlequin that exists to celebrate all things related to kissing.

"The kiss is the cornerstone of romance, the turning point of every good story. It can change lives, start a rumor or break hearts. And with more than 60 years of publishing women's fiction, no one knows the kiss like Harlequin," said Renaud. "It's time to stop thinking of the kiss as a mundane, everyday form of affection. This patent application celebrates the kiss and brings romance back to kissing."

The patent applied for by the HOPK outlines a basic method by which two people can reciprocate their romantic feelings toward one another in a manner that deepens attachment, provides pleasure and promotes physical and emotional well-being – The Essential Romantic Kiss.

In its efforts to promote and celebrate kissing, the HOPK is interested in expanding the standard kissing repertoire beyond simple pecks, the dated French kiss or even the lovable butterfly kiss. In this spirit, the HOPK has created an interactive kiss creation tool to allow members of the public to create and share their own kissing styles.

Submitted kisses will be added to the HOPK's online kissing vault, which is freely accessible to anyone. Recognizing the tight economic times, the HOPK is encouraging everyone to spread the love for free and create a unique, romantic kiss for their partner this Valentine's Day.

"Nothing truly exciting has happened in kissing since the French kiss took the world by storm in the 1920s," said Renaud. "Almost one hundred years later, we need to find the next great kiss. We're encouraging everyone to pucker up and get excited about kissing again."

Kiss and Tell: Harlequin's surprising survey results

During the development of the "Essential Romantic Kiss", the HOPK conducted a survey across North America to enhance its understanding of attitudes toward kissing in the era of digital romance. Surprisingly, Americans are still traditional when it comes to kissing, with more than half of American men and women (53%) believing that women should not initiate a first kiss.¹

"Although some women may



be hesitant to make the first move, we discovered one out of three women will readily tell someone about a bad kisser," continued Renaud. "There are fundamental components to every kiss. We want to arm lovers everywhere with the basics and enhance their kissing prowess so any story told about their kissing skills will be a good one!"

Other survey highlights include:

* Does a kiss count as cheating? If so, it may be a good idea to keep an eye on your partner as one out of three men admit to having kissed someone who was off-limits, such as a friend's significant other or spouse.

* Ever wonder what REALLY goes on at your office holiday party? One out of three Americans have admitted to kissing a coworker.

* Blame it on the beer goggles! If you've ever woken up cringing about that kiss at the bar last night, you are not alone. Forty-one percent of Americans have regretted kissing someone.

* But apparently romantic regrets fade as you age. At least half the people in the 18-24 age group have regretted kissing somebody, while less than thirty percent of those 55-64 years old feel the same way.

* Staying true to your valentine shouldn't be too difficult. One in four Americans said that their favorite kissing memory involves their current partner.

* A bad kiss is NOT a deal breaker. Only one out of ten Americans would stop a relationship in its tracks when confronted with a partner who has lackluster kissing skills.

* Young love can be so complicated! One out of five people aged 25-34 have kissed somebody to make their ex jealous.

* The inexperienced kisser need not worry, one out of five women have no problem giving a lesson to a bad kisser. This would have been nice to know in high school!

* Kisses are for good, not evil! More than half of Americans have never used kissing to get something they wanted, to tease or to make another person jealous.

These survey results and more can be found at www.patentyourkiss.com. Visitors are encouraged to submit their own kissing style and vote on their favorites. During February and March, a contest will be held to judge eligible kisses submitted to the HOPK's vault.

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Mark Anthony Chirco, son of Anthony and Mayra Chirco of Downey, and Shanna Koh, daughter of Phillip and Angela Koh of Irvine, will marry on April 10, 2011 in Laguna Hills. Mark is a graduate of OLPH in Downey, St. John Bosco High School, UCLA and Georgetown Law School. He is currently in-house counsel for Hyundai Motor America. Shanna Koh attended USC and currently practices as a general dentist in Orange County.

Economy not slowing down Valentine's Day spending

PriceGrabber, a part of Experian, just released the results of its 2011 Valentine's Day consumer spending survey. The data, resulting from a recent survey of 2,458 U.S. online consumers who plan to spend money on a Valentine's Day celebration, revealed that even though the economy will not impact the Valentine's Day purchase decisions for many consumers, they still are not planning to spend more on the holiday than last year.

Data also shows differences between the types of gifts purchased by men and women, as well as the recipients on their gift lists.

Economy does not impact Valentine's Day spending for many consumers

An uncertain economy has made a significant impact on retail spending over the past few years, but this trend may be ending. According to PriceGrabber survey data, 52 percent of Valentine's Day shoppers indicate that the economy will not have any effect on their purchasing decisions for Valentine's Day 2011.

Consumers do not plan to spend more on Valentine's Day this year

While many consumers report that the economy will not affect their Valentine's Day purchasing decisions this year, the majority of consumers still are not planning to increase their spending compared with last year. Seventy-eight percent of survey respondents indicate they will not spend more money on Valentine's Day shopping this year compared with last year. The remaining 22 percent of consumers plan to spend more on Valentine's Day shopping this year.

Significant differences in the most popular purchases for men and women

Survey respondents also were asked how much money they plan to spend and what they plan to spend on during their Valentine's

Day celebration, which revealed some significant differences in products purchased by each gender.

The most popular Valentine's Day expense among women was greeting cards, with 62 percent of female Valentine's Day shoppers planning to purchase greeting cards this year. Forty-two percent of female shoppers anticipate spending money on an evening out, and 26 percent will purchase candy.

For male survey respondents, the most popular Valentine's Day expense was an evening out, selected by 53 percent. Forty-five percent of male respondents plan to spend money on greeting cards. Forty-five percent plan to spend money on flowers, and 18 percent plan to spend money on candy this Valentine's Day.

Women are more likely to purchase Valentine's Day gifts for their nonromantic relationships

The difference in the Valentine's Day items purchased by each gender may be attributed to the gift recipients on their lists. While both male and female Valentine's Day shoppers plan to spend money on significant others, women are more likely to make Valentine's Day purchases for family, friends and pets.

Among female respondents who plan to spend money on Valentine's Day this year, 73 percent plan to spend money on a significant other. Fifty-two percent plan to spend money on family, and 13 percent plan to spend money on friends. Six percent plan to spend money on pets.

Of the male respondents who plan to spend money on Valentine's Day this year, 95 percent plan to spend money on their significant other. Eighteen percent plan to spend money on family. Five percent plan to spend money on friends, and two percent plan to spend money on pets.

The survey was conducted from Jan. 12 to Jan. 26, 2011.

Young and in love: high school sweethearts

High school sweethearts look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – "Love is a many-splendored thing."

Well, at least that's what The Four Aces professed to swooning American crowds in the late 1950s.

Tina Turner, on the other hand, belted out "what's love got to do with it" while Foreigner lead man Lou Gramm romantically confessed "I want to know what love is."

Although R&B diva Mariah Carey had a "vision of love," British pop rocker Robert Palmer was severely "addicted to love," and by 2003, The Black Eyed Peas, featuring Justin Timberlake, poignantly asked, "Where is the love?"

As couples all around the country prepare to celebrate another Valentine's Day, two Downey high school sweethearts say the holiday simply reminds them of what the four-letter word truly means: trust.

Luis and Kathy Gonzalez, who just happen to share the same last name, met in 2007. It was their freshman year at Downey High School and during a 5th period English class, the two students started talking.

Soon, Luis, 18, learned that someone in the class like him. It didn't take him long to figure it

out. "I already knew," he said with a smile. "She turned back every five seconds."

"I thought you were funny back then," quipped Kathy, 17. "He was really cute. I actually imagined that he could be my boyfriend one day."

However, unable to date until her 16th birthday, Luis Gonzalez waited several months for Kathy and the two have been together ever since.

"I like that I can trust him, he's respectful and I can be myself around him," she said. "I don't have to be someone else...My mom loves him – he's very close to our family."

Communication is a key for the young couple who utilizes technology everyday to keep in touch, from good night phone calls to good morning text messages. When the occasional argument arises, Luis maintains he tries to be the first to say the magic words.

"I'm the one who says sorry," he said jovially. "But it's always my fault."

"It is," chuckled Kathy. "We get over it pretty fast though...we're not tired of each other yet, it's still new. We still have that spark."

While much has changed in Downey through the years, the dating scene remains pretty much unscathed. Luis and Kathy keep it simple, dinner and a movie.

"We still have the parental thing so we have limited options,"



Kathy said. "This will be the first year we'll be able to do something for Valentine's Day."

While others believe Valentine's Day is an artificial holiday created for commercial gain, both Luis and Kathy find value in it as a day to express and define love. "Love is when someone's there for you, showing that they love me and she's there for me," said Luis.

"I think love is not just holding hands, it's being there," said Kathy turning towards Luis. "It's a good morning text, a rose – the little details make up the big thing of

love. Valentine's Day is the one day a year you can go all out. You can make up for the rest of the year by showing how much you care, how much you love them."

This year, Luis and Kathy Gonzalez are seniors at Downey High School and hope to continue their relationship throughout college.

"In five years, who knows, we may move in together," said Luis. "But we're happy where we are right now."

Finding love is only 5 steps away

If this Valentine's Day is not all romance and roses, these five steps can make your Valentine's Day great.

"People don't know what to do to find love," said Aurora Winter, author of "From Heartbreak to Happiness." "It's not their fault. No one has given them a step-by-step action plan."

Aurora often coaches people who are newly single after a divorce, death or breakup.

"After doing these five steps, my clients are much happier – and a number have even gotten engaged or married."

According to Aurora, the five steps to finding love after a divorce, death or breakup:

- 1.) Get clear.
- 2.) No mixed signals.
- 3.) Release the past.
- 4.) Improve yourself.
- 5.) Choose gratitude.

Get Clear – Get clear on your core values and goals for your new relationships. Describe your ideal partner's top 12 characteristics and put them in order of priority. For example: a good listener, successful, values family, loyal, kind, creative, attentive, healthy, handsome, self-confident, likes to travel, owns a home.

"People will consistently

behave in a way that makes them feel important. What makes your ideal partner feel important?" said Aurora. "Get clear."

No Mixed Signals – Now that you're clear, stay clear. Don't give any mixed signals.

Look at your list of the top 12 characteristics. The top three are your "must-haves." For example, a good listener, successful, values family. Don't even have a coffee date with someone who doesn't have those top three traits.

Use your dates to discover if they have the top six traits. If they do, that's a relationship worth exploring.

Release the Past – Bitterness, resentment and anger are common after a divorce or breakup. People who have lost a spouse to death frequently yearn for their late husband or wife.

"Nothing repels new love faster than unresolved grief over the past," said Aurora, who founded the Grief Coach Academy after the sudden death of her husband at the age of 33. "These five steps are like a combination lock that opens your heart. Don't skip any steps. If you have unresolved heartbreak from a divorce, death or breakup, get support to heal."

Improve Yourself – Improving

yourself is a powerful way to attract your ideal mate. Do you have the top 12 traits yourself? If not, work on self-improvement.

"When I described my ideal partner, I asked myself if I was a match for the amazing man I had just described," said Aurora. "I wasn't. So I got to work on myself. Now, years later, my life partner is everything I had on my list – and more."

Improve yourself so that you are a good match for your ideal partner.

Choose Gratitude – Every day, write down five things that you're grateful for. Notice at least

one thing you appreciate about yourself. It might be your kindness, your smile or your parenting.

Refuse to give any energy to negative or critical thoughts.

"So often people self-sabotage because they subconsciously think they don't deserve their ideal partner. The antidote is gratitude," said Aurora.

Get clear, stay clear, release the past, improve yourself and choose gratitude and you'll find love after a divorce, death or breakup.

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Scientists hope stem cell research can reverse diseases

LOS ANGELES – Two UCLA scientists were awarded more than \$3.6 million in state grants this week to develop innovative tools and technologies that will help overcome the technical hurdles in advancing basic, translational and clinical stem cell research.

Dr. Richard Gatti, a professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, will receive a two-year, \$1.83 million grant to use Ataxia-Telangiectasia (AT), an inherited neurodegenerative disease found in children, as a model to study the mechanisms that lead to neurodegeneration and to develop a drug that can slow or halt the damage.

Dr. Thomas Carmichael, an associate professor of neurology, will receive a two-year, \$1.82 million grant to develop tissue bioengineering systems for a stem cell therapy to treat stroke that seeks to circumvent one major treatment bottleneck: the inability of most stem cell therapies to survive and repair the injured brain.

The grants were among 19 awarded to researchers at 10 institutions by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the state agency that administers Prop 71 funding for stem cell research.

The grants support the development and evaluation of innovative tools and technologies that will help researchers overcome road blocks in stem cell research. The awards were given to scientists to

either create new tools and technologies or expand on existing tools and technologies that have shown promise.

To date, scientists at the Broad Stem Cell Research Center at UCLA have received 42 grants from the CIRM totaling more than \$138.8 million.

Gatti's project merges the expertise of two major research cultures – he has longstanding experience in developing a treatment for the progressive childhood disease AT – and William Lowry, an assistant professor of molecular, cellular and development biology, who has had success in converting skin cells into pluripotent stem cells that were then differentiated into cells of the nervous system.

Together they hope to develop a disease model for AT.

Gatti proposes to start with skin cells grown from biopsies of patients with AT who carry mutations in the ATM gene. He hopes to convert the skin cells into pluripotent stem cells capable of forming the neural cells lacking in AT patients' brains. It's presumed these neural cells need ATM protein to develop normally.

Gatti will then test the efficacy of the most promising new compounds being developed over the last six years in his lab on those neural cells.

There is currently no other disease model either in animals or a

Petri dish evaluating the effects of potentially curative compounds on the nervous system and its development. There is no effective treatment for children with AT or other progressively-deteriorating neural disorders.

If successful, Gatti's project may provide insight into at least three new areas for understanding and treating neurodegenerative diseases – providing human neural cells with specific disease-causing

mutations; offering a new approach to learning how the human brain develops; and a new class of drugs that may correct the disease-causing mutations and possible reverse neurodegeneration.

Stroke currently is the leading cause of adult disability. While most patients survive the initial stroke, they don't fully recover. Up

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Services held for Del Kay, 70

DOWNEY – Former Downey resident Del Key died Jan. 21 at St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Montana. He was 70.

Key was born in Merced, Calif., in 1940 and spent all his life in California prior to moving to Missoula. He was a principal construction inspector with the city of Los Angeles for 34 years, and attended his 50th high school reunion in Anaheim in 2009.

He and his wife, Karen, moved to Missoula six years ago to be near their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren. Shortly after arriving, Key began volunteering with Missoula Aging Services, the Missoula Food Bank and for a homework club at Russell Elementary School.

He was honored as Mentor of the Year for Montana in 2010.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; son, Jason, and his wife, Heather; daughter, Jennifer, and her husband, Don; and two grandsons, Jackson and Oliver.

Services were held Tuesday at the University Congregational Church in Missoula with a reception following. Garden City Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Caro Persico, longtime pizza shop owner, mourned

DOWNEY – Caro Persico was born Jan. 1, 1931 in Carmanico Terme, Abruzzi, Italy. He was the third of four sons to parents Amico and Emilia Persico.

At age 4, his father passed away leaving four sons under age 12. Caro and his family were very poor, often not having enough food to feed the family.

Caro met his future wife, Lucia Carestia, in his town. They often worked together in the fields and walked many miles to collect wood and salt that Caro would trade with other townspeople for flour and oil.

At age 18, Caro traveled three months on a ship to Buenos Aires, Argentina where he rented a room from Lucia's family. He drove a bus and was very proud of his impeccable driving record and the thousands of miles he drove with his partner every year.

It was in Buenos Aires where Lucia and Caro began their love affair. In 1961, after learning from his brother, Giovanni Persico, that Downey, Calif., was the greatest city in the world, he decided to move to Downey. He worked for his brother and sister-in-law, Giovanni and Pina Persico, at their restaurant, Pina's Pizza House.

In 1962, Caro returned to Buenos Aires where he proposed to Lucia. He convinced Lucia that she would love California, especially Downey. They made their home in Downey and never left.

In 1965, Caro and Lucia realized their dream and opened Persico's Pizza. They rented their first location on Imperial Highway, then built their own restaurant in 1970 at 12216 Paramount Boulevard where Caro, Lucia, and son Mario worked. Caro was a Downey icon who could always be found rolling meatballs, preparing their delicious lasagna, and if timed just right...kids would walk out with little pieces of pizza dough, cookies and a few Italian "confetti" almonds from Persico's.

Caro finally retired from the restaurant business in 2005. He continued to make his delicious Italian food for many friends and family including doctors, physical therapists, pharmacy friends, and other lucky people.

Caro passed away Jan. 21, 2011.

He is survived by his wife, Lucia Persico; son Mario (Kelly) Persico; stepson Rafaele (Josephine) Ciccodamarco; brother Alfredo (Penny) Persico; granddaughters Christina (Freddy) Reyes, Gianna Persico, Lucia (Rick) Hofmann, Annamaria (Sean) Gilliland and Lisa (Alex) Nichols; and great-grandchildren Stephanie (Carlos) Quesada, Connor, Carson, and Isabella Gilliland, Lucas Nichols, and Kaden Quesada; and nieces and nephews, Caro (Arlene) Persico, Mila Persico, Rinaldo Alberico, Johnny (Tina) Persico, Michael Persico, Angelo (Lori) Alberico, Gia (Damien) Alberico, Gina Persico, Doranna (John) Persico, Ariana Persico, Nicholas, Dominic, Leyla and Vincent.



Jennifer Hurley-Bours passes away

DOWNEY – Jennifer Hurley-Bours, a lifelong resident of Downey, died Jan. 25 after a long battle with breast cancer. She was 34.

She is survived by her two young sons, Vincent and Dominic; grandmother, Josephine; father, Jim; stepfather, Carl; stepsisters, Heidi and Sabrina; and many friends.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 5 at 12 p.m. at Calvary Chapel La Mirada, 15144 Leffingwell Rd., in La Mirada.



In Memory of

Herbert James Dobb

August 7, 1919 - January 10, 2011

HERBERT JAMES DOBB, 91, passed away on Jan. 10, 2011, finally succumbing to the frailties of advanced age. Dearly beloved and greatly missed by his wife and three children, he leaves behind an endearing legacy of kindness and fond memories for all who knew him. Herb was born in Seattle, WA on August 7, 1919. An alumnus of the University of Washington and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in Botany. However, his life path was soon altered by his marriage to Ruth, and a world at war. In Seattle, Herb began his career at Western Gear Works, where his job was classified as vital to the war effort. His sole employer for 45-years, the company evolved into Western Gear Corporation, a multi-division industrial complex. Herb's talent as a manager proved instrumental in the company's growth as he progressed rapidly, serving as Personnel and Plant Managers in Seattle, Division Manager at Lynwood, CA, and ultimately Senior Vice President overseeing the transition from a private to public company with subsequent acquisition by Bucyrus Erie Corporation.

Friends and co-workers always recognized his integrity and genuine sincerity. An extraordinary mentor, Herb had a wonderful ability to help people discover their "right" path without seeming judgmental, often making it appear as though they had found such success for themselves. His humor and wit were enjoyed by all, though as youngsters, his children often thought the jokes unbearably silly. But "Dad" was devoted to his family; no one having been a more loving, caring husband and father. If all children of the world were parented similarly, there would be ever lasting peace. Beyond the jokes were eagerly awaited bedtime stories of Dr. Doolittle, games played, toys made in his workshop, family excursions to the mountains, beaches, county fairs and so many interesting venues. Wisdom was often imparted subtly with a touch of humor—Owls being a favorite symbol of wisdom, he often cited this poem to his maturing children: The wise old owl sat in the oak; the more he heard, the less he spoke; the less he spoke, the more he heard; why can't we be more like that wise old bird?

Sorely missed, always remembered and loved forever in our hearts, he is survived by his loving wife Ruth of 68 years; three children, George, Penelope and Suzanne; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as many friends who never knew him to speak unkindly of anyone or anything...rather always helpful, friendly and encouraging.

Money and Taxes 2011

Overlooked Deductions

I don't have to tell you that "money saved is money earned." The tax season is one of those times in the year that you can save some money by not over paying. You have the chance to pocket more income rather than hand over your hard-earned cash to the government. All you have to do is keep good records in order to take tax deductions of your income tax.

You probably know the most common deductions, but there are many deductions missed. If already know most of these deductions that I will mention; great. Most of the deductions listed here are the deductions after you've calculated your adjusted gross income. To make the most of your return you must use Schedule A or itemize rather than take the standard deduction.

One overlooked deduction is when you sell your home. Besides writing off the interest incurred during the year, you can deduct the fees you incur to sell your home. You can deduct the commission you paid to your real estate agent. This lowers the sales price to reduce your capital gains tax, and any fees you paid at closing. The second commonly overlooked deduction is when you donate to non-profit organizations, such as the Salvation Army. You can reduce your taxes by increasing your miscellaneous deductions, but you can increase the sum of your miscellaneous deductions when you remember to include associated fees, such as appraisal fees, for the big-ticket items you donate. The IRS requires that you provide "a qualified appraisal of the item with the return" when you donate an item worth more than \$500. For items like electronics, appliances and furniture, you need to pay a professional to assess the value of your donation; that fee for service is deductible. Finally, a third deduction is you donate not an item, but your time to charity. If you're the type of person who likes to donate your free time to volunteer in your community and you dip into your own wallet to get to your favorite charity, you can add those expenses to your miscellaneous deductions. Keep good records of your charitable activities and keep receipts for public transportation or mileage logs for your car, as well as receipts for parking and tolls.

The sum of all of your miscellaneous deductions must be more than 2 percent of your AGI; therefore, if your AGI is \$50,000, all of your miscellaneous deductions must top \$1,000. The benefit is that you can deduct only the amount that exceeds 2 percent, which is the amount above \$1,000.

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Church hosting Valentines for single people

DOWNEY – The singles ministry of Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship will host its first annual Singles Valentines Revival, a three-day event Feb. 9-11, at its Los Angeles campus.

If you feel like everyone in the world is married except for you, or if you see one more happy couple – at the movies, in church, while you're trying to do your grocery shopping – and just want to scream, the Singles Valentines Revival is for you.

The church's Los Angeles campus is located at 1850 W. 54th St. For more information, call (562) 806-9890.

Concert at Jewish temple

DOWNEY – Cantor Kenneth Jaffe, soprano Julie Simpson and the Downey High School jazz and vocal quartet headline a concert Saturday at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey.

The event will also include a silent auction, raffles and more.

General admission tickets are \$20 and reserved seats are \$40.

For tickets, call (562) 861-9276.

The temple is at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

Winning lottery ticket in Cerritos

CERRITOS – A California Lottery ticket purchased at a Cerritos liquor store was one of two tickets to match all five numbers in Sunday's Fantasy Five draw.

The ticket was purchased at The Liquor Store, located at 11434 South St.

The winning numbers were 2, 37, 13, 35 and 7.

The second winning ticket was purchased at 98 Cent Store Your Convenience on Eagle Rock Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Each ticket is worth \$308,918.

School club hosts car wash

DOWNEY – The Normaneers, an all-girl service club at Downey High School, will host an "all-pink" car wash Saturday to raise money for the Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation.

"We wish to show our strong support for the fight against breast cancer through our very first annual 'painting the town pink' car wash," said Nicole Mujica, vice president of the club.

The car wash will be held on Brookshire Avenue outside the campus.

STEM CELL: Grants to help further research.

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to 1/3 of stroke patients end up in nursing homes or assisted living centers and experience decreased strength or lack of control of the arms and legs.

There is no treatment that promotes brain repair and recovery from stroke. While recent studies in animal models show that stem cell transplantation into the brain promotes repair and recovery, no such treatment is available for humans.

Three challenges must first be overcome – most of the transplanted cells die, most of the surviving cells don't interact with the surrounding brain, and the process of injecting stem cells into the brain may damage the normal brain tissue near the stroke site.

Carmichael will assemble a novel investigative team and research approach to overcome these challenges. Combining the expertise of engineering, stem cell biology and stroke scientists, Carmichael hopes to develop systems to support stem cell therapy in stroke by creating a biopolymer hydrogel to provide a pro-growth and pro-survival environment for stem cells when injected with them into the brain.

The hydrogel system uses biological components that mimic the normal brain environment and releases growth factors that enhance survival of the transplanted stem cells. The growth factors hopefully stimulate the normal brain to undergo repair and recovery, providing a dual mechanism for repair. This approach allows targeting of the stroke cavity for a stem cell transplant.

The cavity is an ideal target for a stroke stem cell therapy as it can receive a stem cell transplant without displacing normal brain tissue.

To learn more about the Broad Stem Cell Research Center at UCLA, visit www.stemcell.ucla.edu.

Peanut man to speak in Downey

DOWNEY – Roger Owens, affectionately known as "The Peanut Man" for his 50 years as a peanut vendor at Dodger Stadium, will speak Wednesday at Los Amigos Country Club.

Owens will be the featured speaker of the Downey Christian Women's Club regular meeting.

Owens began working for the Dodgers as a peanut vendor at the Coliseum from 1958-61, while Dodger Stadium was still under construction. He is known for his behind-the-back, under-the-leg and two-at-a-time passes, to customers up to 30 rows away.

"The Perfect Pitch: the Biography of Roger Owens" was published in 2004.

The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. and is open to the public. Admission is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch.

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Getting to know new commissioner Hector Lujan

■ New to public service, Hector Lujan says he looks forward to serving on the Planning Commission.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Hector Lujan has taught 4th grade (language arts, math, science, social studies, English language development) since 1996 at Roosevelt Elementary School in the Paramount Unified School District and is the current Downey AYSO commissioner.

He has also been involved with a number of community organizations/programs like the Bosco Parents Association and most recently the Kiwanis International Club (interfacing with the Builder's and Key Clubs), while coaching the Paramount Poly League (since 1991), West Downey Little League (since 2006), and the St. Raymond's basketball teams (since 2008). He has also had a 5-year stint with SARB. He gave up his membership with the Paramount/Hollydale Optimist Club (1991-1995) when the decision was made to relocate his family here in Downey.

With Mayor Luis Marquez tapping him as District 5 planning commissioner, taking over the spot vacated by now Councilman Fernando Vasquez, this latest

assignment marks the first time he'll ever engage in public service.

Lujan says he's excited at the prospect of serving the Downey community. His family, consisting of wife Cheri and sons Hector Jr. and Mark, has resided here since 1997. He says he chose to live here because of the usual reasons, the most important being the fact that it offered the best conditions for raising the children. (Hector Jr., 15, is now a sophomore at St. John Bosco, while 11-year old Mark is a fifth grader at St. Raymond's; Cheri, an instructional aide since 1990, now teaches third grade at Harry Wirtz Elementary, also of the Paramount USD). He says he has cousins "everywhere" — in Guadalajara, in Mexico City, in Hermosillo Sonora, etc.

"I've always dealt with kids. Now I'll deal with adults, too," he says, anticipating his new and latest service venture. He was scheduled to attend his very first planning commission meeting early last night. When contacted, he couldn't hide the edge of excitement in his voice while trying to sound calm.

The other commission members he'll meet and be working with: District 1's Mike Murray, District 2's Bob Kiefer, District 3's Luis Morales and District 4's Ernie Garcia.

Lujan, 42, was born in Vera



Cruz, Mexico and was brought here by his parents when he was in first grade. He says they emphasized the virtues/values of hard work, education, religion, and helping people. These lessons helped him, he says, successfully navigate the "rougher parts" of his earlier environment in East L.A.

He was the first in the family to get a college education, obtaining a bachelor's in liberal studies ('95) at Cal State Dominguez Hills and, later, earning his master's in multi-cultural studies ('97) from his alma mater. He got his administrative credential from Cal State Fullerton in 2006.

With his demonstrated all-round competence and impressive record of community service, he seems a safe bet to make a positive impact on Downey.



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[If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: GLOBAL ESCROW SERVICES INC, 19267 COLIMA RD STE L, ROWLAND HEIGHTS CA 91748 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be FEBRUARY 18, 2011, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
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S/Cuahtemoc Delgado, Partner
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This business is conducted by a General Partnership
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
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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: 01/21/2011 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# FNMA3865225 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-258405-C Investor No. 0m4513 Loan No. 0474809833 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/21/2007. 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: ADRIANA MELDA VELEZ. A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded 7/6/2007 as Instrument No. 20071610522 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 2/10/2011 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 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: 10834 HASTY AVENUE DOWNEY, California 90241 APN #: 6286-018-013 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$576,767.00, 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: 1/14/2011 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3875001 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-05847 Title Order No. 1702653394 Investor/Insurer No. 1702653394 APN No. 7009-028-020 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/09/2006. 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DELFINA RENTERIA, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 11/09/2006 and recorded 11/16/06, as Instrument No. 06 2538391, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/24/2011 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: 12107 HERMOSA 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 \$356,873.79. 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 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: 01/26/2011 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# FNMA3866025 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-396161-VF Order #: 100635842-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/28/2008. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/10/1994 as Instrument No. 94-479373 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: ROGELIO SOTO AND CARMELITA O. SOTO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/09/2011 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: 11217 KINGBEE STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6245-002-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015010726 Title Order No. : 100639872 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/01/1994. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/10/1994 as Instrument No. 94-479373 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: ROGELIO SOTO AND CARMELITA O. SOTO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/09/2011 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: 11217 KINGBEE STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6245-002-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the

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 satisfy 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 \$121,010.24. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/20/2011 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. ASAP# 3874385 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. #: CA-10-396194-C Order #: 100634435-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/28/2008. 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. 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 of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale (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): RAUL GARCIA, AN UNMARRIED TRUSTEE/Recorded: 3/30/2007 as Instrument No. 20070747148, book page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 2/14/2011 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: \$320,061.19. The purported property address is: 2520 SUSAN AVE DOWNEY, CA 90229 Assessor's Parcel No. 6359-029-035 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 shall have no further recourse against 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 please call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelitylps.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 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# 3863389 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015010241 Title Order No. : 100616743 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/1999. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/01/1999 as Instrument No. 99 0330098 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, EXECUTED BY: DIOSDADO LACAP, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/09/2011 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: 1913 SPROUL STREET, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8048-019-015 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 the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$14,069.14. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (714) 730-2727 or http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 3873081 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. #: CA-10-396161-VF Order #: 100635842-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/28/2008. 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. 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, 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): DOLORES SOTO A SINGLE WOMAN AND JANETT SOTO A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 4/3/2008 as Instrument No. 20080553315 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 2/14/2011 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: \$393,050.21 The purported property address is: 9524 MULLER ST DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6287-9-013 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 Bank of America 475 Crosspoint Parkway Getzville NY 14068. 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 not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. 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 shall have no further recourse against 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 please call: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelitylps.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# 3861859 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/20/11, 1/27/11, 2/3/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FMG-101682 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/02/2007. 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. On February 10, 2011, at 10:30 AM, AT WEST SIDE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by FRANCISCO ROJIGUEZ, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustors, ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3895817 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100134005106 Title Order No. : 100660118 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/16/2006. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/27/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2608307. Modified under Inst. No. 20091277773, filed 8/19/09 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: JUAN MELIJA, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/23/2011 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: 13425 GRAYSTONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8048-019-015 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, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$424,483.44. 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 or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; or that the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$424,483.44. 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 or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; or that the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$424,483.44. 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 or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; or that the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$424,483.44. 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 or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; or that the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$424,483.44. 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 or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; or that the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$424,483.44. 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 or more of the following methods: by telephone, by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; or that the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$424,483.44. 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The Downey Patriot, #BS124251
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 744410CA Loan No. 3017858766 Title Order No. 100654041-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06-25-2007. 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. On 02-24-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 07-02-2007, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 20071577579, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by GENARO MARTINEZ AND MARIA MARTINEZ 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, and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by 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: 01/15/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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# 3849890 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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CA 90240 APN Number: 6361-001-004 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: 02-03-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ELINA UKMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 3896975 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0132369 Title Order No. 10-8-473454 Investor/Insurer No. N/A APN No. 6367-018-024 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/05/2006. 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT MARTINEZ AND JULIET MARTINEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 05/05/2006 and recorded 05/12/06, as Instrument No. 06 1053552, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/17/2011 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: 8723 ELMONT AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90240. 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 \$426,618.42. 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: 01/15/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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# 3849465 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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0131239 Title Order No. 10-8-471144 Investor/Insurer No. N/A APN No. 8049-010-029 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/30/2007. 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 MARIA D. BENITEZ, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 01/30/2007 and recorded 02/06/07, as Instrument No. 20070257332, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/17/2011 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: 12816 GRIDLEY ROAD, 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 \$248,586.45. 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: 01/13/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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# 3849465 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-257804-C Investor No. 1705346501 Loan No. 0475719381 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/8/2007. 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: MARK D SANTISTEVAN A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY. Recorded 10/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20072345303 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 2/10/2011 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 California Property Address is purported to be:

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14739 COSTA MESA DRIVE LA MIRADA, CA 90638 APN #: 8064-017-006 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$447,570.00, 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 time frame 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: 1/17/2011 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# FNMA3876313 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011

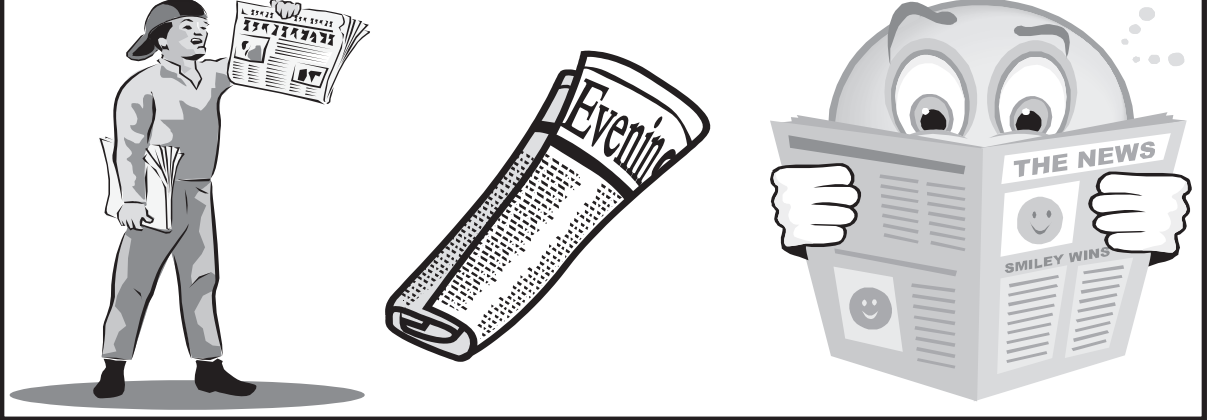
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015010553 Title Order No.: 100630653 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/18/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1095056 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: FRANCISCO INIGUEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT OR other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/16/2011 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

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Plumbing, heating class opens

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's Construction Academy is offering a plumbing and heating class beginning Feb. 28 at Warren High School.

The 15-week class will give students hands-on experience in the installation of water, waste and gas piping. Students will also learn basic heating, sizing, design and plumbing code.

A certificate of completion is awarded at the end of the program.

Classes will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. at Warren High, in room J3.

Cost is \$499 with a \$100 deposit upon enrollment. Intermediate English language skills are required as all instruction is in English.

Register in person at Downey Adult School.

Knabe to give 'State of the County'

CERRITOS – The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a "State of the County" luncheon Feb. 10 featuring County Supervisor Don Knabe.

Knabe will give a forecast and update on 2011 in Los Angeles County.

The event will be held at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Cost is \$30 for members of the Cerritos chamber and \$50 for non-members. The price includes lunch.

Reservations are required by calling (562) 467-0800 or logging on to www.cerritos.org.

Church hosting food drive

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church will host a food drive Feb. 6 on Super Bowl Sunday as they attempt to collect food for the needy.

The food drive, titled "Soup-or-Bowl Sunday," encourages residents to donate canned soups, pre-packaged bowls of soup, bottled drinks or any other non-perishable food items.

For more information about giving or receiving food, call the church at (562) 862-2438.



Downey United Masonic Lodge No. 220 held its 141st annual installation of officers of Jan. 16 at the Downey Masonic Temple. Pictured above, front row: Charles R. Hutchinson, treasurer; Carlos Castro, senior warden; Sergio Martinez, worshipful master; Howard Phillips, junior warden; and Glenn Blackwood, secretary. Middle: Robert Lara, senior steward; David McLintock, tiler; Raj Champeneri, junior steward; and Szu-Yu Chang, marshal. Top: Bill Wood, senior deacon; Ray Prescott, chaplain; Miguel Montoya, junior deacon; and Jesus Cosio, organist.

CSULB ranks high in student applications

LONG BEACH – In an article published by "U.S. News & World Report," Cal State Long Beach was recognized as one of the top 10 colleges in the nation receiving the most applications from first-time freshmen out of 1,339 schools that reported application data in the publication's annual survey.

Using data from fall 2009 admission, Cal State Long Beach ranked No. 5 in the nation with 45,771 first-time freshmen applications. The Long Beach campus was the only regional university in the top 10.

The other nine were all national universities, including No. 1 UCLA (55,708 applications), No. 2 St. John's University (52,980), No. 3 UC Berkeley (48,650) and No. 4 UC San Diego (47,046).

"This is another positive outcome of having so many faculty and staff dedicated to student success," said CSULB president F. King Alexander. "Ranking fifth in the nation in freshmen applications

clearly demonstrates that parents and students place great value in a CSULB education."

The "U.S. News & World Report" article noted that colleges and universities have reported record-breaking increases in the number of student applications over the past few years. That was clearly the case for Cal State Long Beach as its number of first-time freshmen applications grew from 45,771 in 2009 to 47,673 in 2010.

The reporting data show that only 205 colleges received more than 10,000 student applications, and the 10 colleges that received the most averaged more than 46,000.

One reason for the recent increase in applications, according to the College Board, is a change in applicant behavior in which a small percentage of high school seniors are applying to more schools than

other students. The article also said college counselors suggest students apply to 5-8 schools, but some students apply to more than 10 colleges.

"U.S. News" surveyed more than 1,700 colleges and universities for its 2010 survey of undergraduate programs and publication officials believe their data is the most accurate and detailed collection of college facts and figures of its kind.

While "U.S. News" uses much of its survey data to rank schools for its annual Best Colleges rankings, the publication is now expecting to produce lists of data, separate from the overall rankings, meant to provide students and parents a means to find which schools excel, or have room to grow, in specific areas that are important to them.

Chinese festival touches on Asian cultures

NORWALK – Cerritos College, in conjunction with the Chinese Culture Association of Southern California and the Cerritos Chinese School, will host its fifth annual Spring Festival Celebration on March 12.

"The Year of the Rabbit" will be celebrated through traditional dishes, various performances and workshops that have touches from many Asian cultures.

Performances will include a traditional lion dance, traditional songs, cultural dances, martial arts and more.

Hands-on workshops showcasing various cultural heritages will include mahjong (board game), knotting demonstrations, calligraphy, brush painting, lantern making and handcrafts.

An international fashion show will feature traditional and contemporary fashions from Asian cultures.

The event is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Free parking will be available in lot C-1 and C-2.

Low-cost pet vaccines

LOS ANGELES – The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA) will offer low-cost vaccines and microchipping Feb. 19 at its Los Angeles center, 5026 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Microchips for dogs and cats will be \$25, while rabies vaccinations are \$5. DHPP, FVRCP and Leukemia vaccines will be \$15, and bordetella shots are \$10.

The first 50 people to make appointments can neuter their male cat for \$10 (some restrictions apply).

For more information, or to make an appointment, call (323) 730-5303.

Heart disease topic of meeting

CERRITOS – Dr. Randall Harada, a physician with Pioneer Medical Group, will discuss peripheral arterial disease at two separate meetings next month at the Cerritos Senior Center.

A heart attack occurs when blood flow to a section of heart muscle becomes blocked. If the flow of blood isn't restored quickly, the section of heart muscle becomes damaged from lack of oxygen.

Harada will share important steps on how to prevent heart disease at meetings Wednesday at 8 a.m. and Feb. 23 at 1 p.m.

The meetings are free to anyone age 50 and older. The Cerritos Senior Center is located at 12340 South St.

Still space for bus excursions

DOWNEY – Space is still available for a series of excursions departing from the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

A trip to the Palm Springs Follies is \$55 per person. A bus will leave the senior center Feb. 19 at 8:30 a.m. and return by 7:30 p.m.

The trip includes time for the show, eating on your own and shopping.

An excursion to the Santa Anita Racetrack is scheduled for March 26. Tickets are \$42 and include a tram tour, buffet lunch and horse racing.

To purchase tickets, call the senior center at (562) 904-7223 or visit them at 7810 Quill Dr.

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