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Wi-Fi approved for city library

■ Wireless Internet should be installed within 2 months, after City Council approves funding.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Library patrons will soon be able to wirelessly connect to the Internet from their laptops and mobile devices – at no charge – after the City Council on Tuesday agreed to fund the installation of Wi-Fi technology.

Wi-Fi will come at a cost of about \$18,740 from the city's general fund, half of which will be used to purchase six access points that would cover all public areas in the library, including the computer lab.

The library requested an additional \$9,000 for furniture to accommodate Wi-Fi users, community services director Thad Phillips told the Council.

People who tap into the Wi-Fi network will first be redirected to a splash screen where they will have to accept the library's terms of service before continuing.

Internet access is unfiltered and unsecured, but the city is under no inherit liability resulting from Wi-Fi use, Phillips says he was told by new city attorney Yvette Abich Garcia.

The library also received permission Tuesday to upgrade its existing T1 Internet connection to a faster T1 3MB line, which will allow more people to simultaneously use the library's computer network, Phillips said. A faster Internet connection also improves video playback and speeds up download times.

The city will pay \$700 per month for the T1 3MB connection.

Council members on Tuesday were unanimous in agreeing to fund the Wi-Fi, a proposal first brought up by Councilman Mario Guerra.

Library patrons and residents had been vocal in recent years about the lack of wireless Internet at the library.

"It's an investment in our youth and an investment in our city," said Councilman Fernando Vasquez. "It's long overdue."

"All I can add to that," said Councilman David Gafin, "is it's about time."

Installation of wireless Internet is expected to take about two months, Phillips said.

The access points will be stationed where the magazine shelves were located. More than 200 current edition magazines were moved to the main reading room.

Furniture will consist of workstations capable of seating two people at a time – for students working on project – and individual seating, Phillips said.

Mayor Luis Marquez said he would like to see Wi-Fi installed at the Columbia Memorial Space Center and the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center in the future and raised the possibility of paying for its installation through grants.

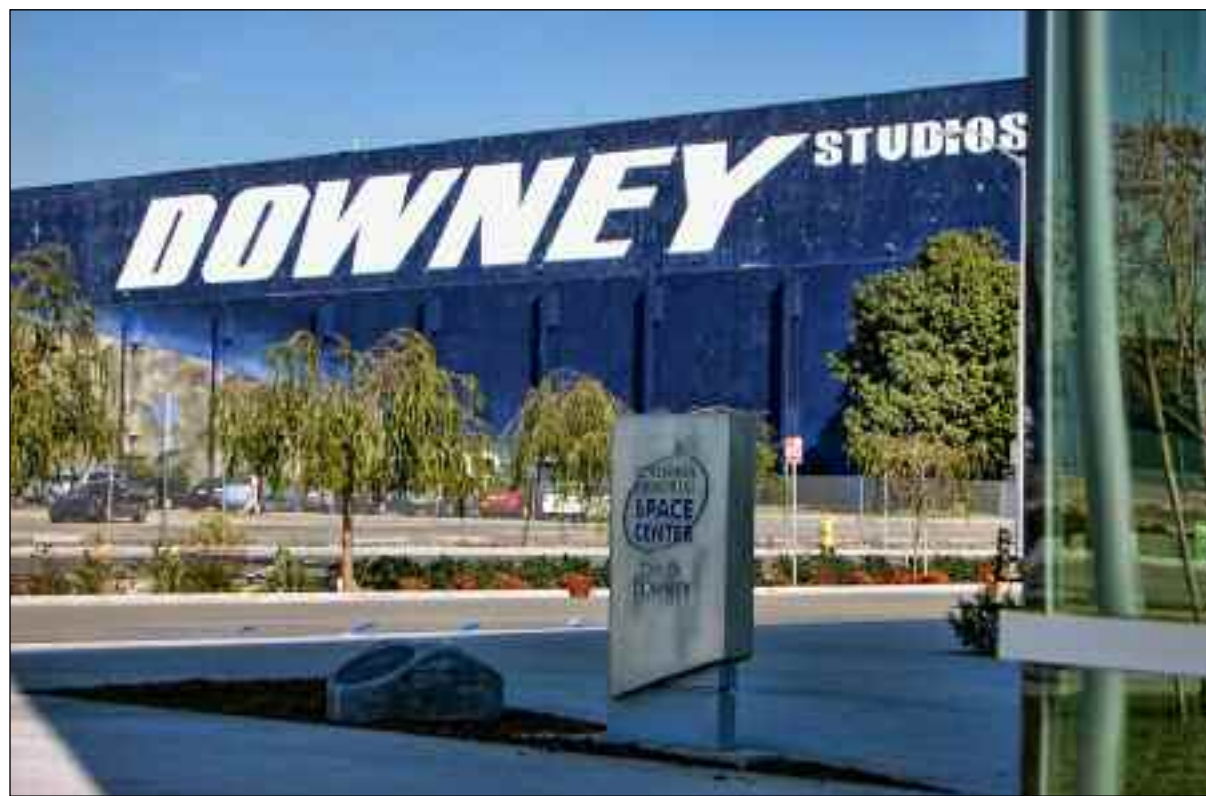


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As of this week, 25 school field trips have been booked at the Columbia Memorial Space Center for 2011. Space center officials also expect its Challenger Learning Center to make significant gains this year.

City anticipates better year for space center

■ Goal is to get Columbia Memorial Space Center operating at capacity.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – After a slow first year of operation, the Columbia Memorial Space Center is finally ready to takeoff.

At least that's what city officials anticipate will happen as the nearly 16-month-old learning facility prepares to launch new hands-on exhibits, establish diverse after-school programs and initiate corporate fundraising strategies later this year.

"We're definitely in full gear," said Scott Pomrehn, executive director of the nearly 20,000-square-foot space center. "Our goal is to be at capacity and we believe it's very attainable."

In a city report released last month, Pomrehn said despite a slow start last year, the center's total attendance exceeded more than 14,400 and, currently, shows signs of growth.

"We're already booked most of February and the entire month of March," said Pomrehn. "Field trips have become weekly occurrences at the center with 103 groups of ten or more individuals visiting the center in 2010. As of January...25 field trips have been booked for 2011."

Pomrehn said he also expects the center's flagship program, the Challenger Learning Center, a space mission simulator that transforms participants into scientists and engineers, to make significant gains this year.

"The Challenger Center for Space Science Education hosted 22 missions in 2010," he said. "This number will increase in 2011 with the establishment of a scholarship program to allow every fifth-grade class within the Downey Unified School District to experience the 'Return to the Moon' mission."

Councilman Roger Brossmer, who serves as a liaison between the city and the DUSD, praised the new scholarship program as an opportunity to further define the Columbia Memorial Space Center



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as a premier learning facility.

"Field trips are our main priority," Brossmer said. "Right now, we're in the final stages of having every middle school student attend the center. We want it interactive, we want it high-tech and on the kids level...People said at the opening – this is neat, but where's all the stuff. It's not the Columbia museum, it's a learning center."

Last month, the Mary T. Stauffer Foundation presented a \$15,000 donation to the space center in order to pay for the scholarship program, which begins with Rio Hondo Elementary School on Feb. 25. A total of 52 fifth-grade classes will visit the facility before the end of the school year.

Brossmer, however, acknowledged that the center, located at 12400 Columbia Way, got off to a rough start in 2009 after a much anticipated grand ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"We were all frustrated at the pace of this," he said. "That's why we staffed up, made changes and we have high expectations. It's getting there, we're starting to see it."

According to Brossmer, plans are underway for the construction of a large, second building that will be located southeast of the space center. Once completed, the new complex will house the city's space shuttle mock-up, Apollo boilerplates, and other aerospace memorabilia.

This year, Pomrehn hopes to establish partnerships with several

local utilities, including Time Warner, Verizon, The Gas Company, Coca-Cola and Kaiser Permanente, who will help create scholarship programs to fund field trips for students throughout greater Los Angeles.

"We're working to make it self-sustaining and it'll come. Staff has been working hard to market the center at outreach events, on social media and through local print media," Pomrehn said. "My goal is to have no kid pay to come to the center."

Pomrehn also plans to initiate several after-school programs highlighting the center's Lego Mission to Mars robotics lab by developing competitive teams of students who will both build and program NXT and VEX robots.

Currently, the space center is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., maintained by 13 staff members. However, Pomrehn said he's striving for an active center with on-going events and activities throughout the day.

"Going forward, I want three schools in the Challenger Learning Center during the day, three after school programs, and maybe a senior group, in the afternoon, and events at night," said Pomrehn who's also working to achieve another goal. "We're trying to get a NASA astronaut from Houston to come. One day, we'll have astronauts routinely...It's going to be great."



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Participants in the Adult Day Services program are physically or cognitively impaired.

Critical Rancho program threatened by budget cuts

■ Adult Day Services offers a structured, therapeutic program for participants.

BY GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – After Betty Johnson's husband died, she quickly started showing signs of trouble in her own life. She began wandering around the neighborhood at night in her bathrobe. She was rapidly losing weight. Neighbors and friends reported that she was often confused.

Betty's family intervened, and soon she was living with relatives. But it didn't take long for her family to feel overwhelmed in trying to care for her many special needs around the clock. It seemed that if they didn't get help soon, they would have only one option – to place Betty in a nursing home.

But then a neighbor told them about Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's Adult Day Services program, which for more than two decades has provided a structured, therapeutic program in the community that has enhanced the quality of life for physically and cognitively impaired participants and provided a respite for those who care for them.

Funded through Rancho's Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, the program includes Adult Day Health Care and Adult Day Care, as well as holding a state designation as an Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center. The Adult Day Services Program has won many international, national, state, county and local awards since it began operating in 1988.

"This program is not only a vital part of Rancho, but is very important to the overall health of the community we serve," said Rancho Chief Medical Officer Mindy Aisen, M.D. "Ironically, many participants such as Betty are not initially excited about joining the program. But as they participate and begin to make friends,

they look forward to coming to Rancho and adding meaning to their daily lives.

In fact, Betty increased her physical, social and recreational activities and made several new friends in the Adult Day Services program. Her time spent out of the home has also given her caregivers enough of a break so that they have been able to take care of her at home for several years. Most importantly, Betty is happy.

But now the newfound happiness of Betty and her fellow Adult Day Services participants is being threatened by Gov. Jerry Brown's current state budget, which would eliminate funding for Medi-Cal's entire Adult Day Health Care program in California.

"When you contrast this proposed action with the World Health Organization's projections that the number of American seniors with cognitive impairments will double over the next 20 years, it seems obvious that funding for Adult Day Services should not only be retained, but enhanced," said Rancho Adult Day Services Program Director Pat Bedes.

In addition to direct services to seniors, the program staff has provided education and training to more than 3,500 interns and students, thousands of local community members, and professionals from local, national and international communities. Therapies include exercise, gait training/fall preventions, technological memory devices and other vital activities such as developing the outdoor garden where individual and group art, ceramics and music programs are conducted.

Each of these activities help enhance wellness and minimize agitation for persons with dementia.

"We are hoping the value of this program and others like it are recognized at the state and county levels so that our work to make life better for Betty and countless others like her will continue for many years to come," Bedes said.

Downey High teacher found love where she didn't expect it

■ Andra, a Viking, and Peter, a Bear, will celebrate nine years of marriage this year.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – When Andra Macomber first met her husband, Peter, there were few signs that the two would end up together. In fact, both were dating other people at the time.

“He actually said, ‘I could never date you, you’re too high maintenance,’” Macomber said with a laugh. “We’ve known each other since 1987...We both worked at Middle Earth Records here in Downey, he was one of the managers and I was a video girl. I was a Downey Viking, he was a Warren Bear.”

Although the two remained

close acquaintances for years after high school, the prospect of a relationship never seemed to come up.

“I got set up with his best friend, and at one point we were both engaged at the same time to different people,” she said. “But we kept crossing paths. Once we were both single, we got to talking and one day he asked me, ‘Have I ever made you dinner?’”

The rest is history for the long-time Downey couple who’s seen their relationship and their definition of love change through the years with the introduction of new, exciting challenges such as time management and children to mortgage payments and social media.

“When you’re young you have energy. You can push through problems – you don’t deal with them,” said Andra, 38, who teach-

es English at Downey High School. “But at our stage, communication is important. This is definitely a partnership, a business arrangement, and in order to make it run smoothly, it takes a lot of work. I like to think of us as team Macomber, partnering together in this thing called family.”

For Peter and Andra Macomber, parents of a 7-year-old girl and 5-year-old boy, love represents more than emotion, but rather support, trust and acceptance.

“Love is patience, compromise and humor all rolled into one...it’s sort of a daily display,” said Andra.

“Yeah, it’s not a feeling, it’s a behavior...you’ve got to maintain it,” added Peter, 41, who works for a marketing company in Claremont. “It’s to know and see

one another for who they are. It’s really seeing a person for the great things and their faults.”

“It’s funny how the little idiosyncrasies that drew you to a person can become a thorn,” Andra said. “You can’t take it out, but you can put some makeup on it.”

Like many other couples, Valentine’s Day represents a special anniversary for the Macomers who will celebrate 9 years of marriage this year.

“It means a lot, he proposed on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2002 and six months later we were married,” said Andra. “But my husband says I love any holiday where there’s a gift and candy involved.”

Although the couple is still finalizing their plans for Valentine’s Day, both agree that the holiday has meaning, a day to reflect on their love for one another.

“I think we had a romantic connection when Peter was 18 and I was 15,” said Andra turning towards her husband. “He saw me



and thought I was beautiful and asked the girl he was dating at the time, ‘Doesn’t she look like Audrey Hepburn?’

after all the nonsense, it was so easy for us to come together,” she said with a smile. “The connection was there and we ended up together.”

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Deputy fire marshal position eliminated

DOWNEY – The position of deputy fire marshal left vacant with the promotion of new fire chief Lonnie Croom has been eliminated by the city of Downey, which instead plans to fill an open assistant fire chief position.

The City Council signed off on the move Tuesday, which was recommended by Croom as a way to "retain a level of experience and expertise required by the department."

The personnel change is "basically cost neutral" because Croom was hired at a lower annual salary than previous chief Jeff Turner, said human resources director Irma Youssefieh. The pay difference will be seen when Croom's salary increases in the future.

City officials did not say who will fill the assistant fire chief position.

–Eric Pierce, city editor

Public hearing set for CBDG funds

DOWNEY – A public hearing has been set for Feb. 22 to discuss the disbursement of federal grants intended to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

The city of Downey is scheduled to receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) and Home Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) next fiscal year. The federal grants are available to cities for housing and community development projects which will primarily benefit low-income residents, community development director Brian Saeki wrote in a report to the City Council.

Residents and community members can attend the public hearing and offer input on how the funds be used.

A second and final public hearing will take place May 24 before the city submits an application to secure the funding.

The city has previously used CBDG and HOME grants to support the TLC Family Resource Center, Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, the library's adult literacy program, and other programs.

The Feb. 22 public hearing will take place during the regular City Council meeting, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

–Eric Pierce, city editor

Domen resigns as deputy city clerk

■ Resignation comes on the heels of city clerk's ouster last month.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Susan Domen's last day as deputy city clerk was Friday last week, as she served out more than a decade of service at City Hall.

She served as deputy city clerk the last two and a half years.

Her departure followed the announcement that former city clerk Kathleen Midstokke was being removed from office and placed on paid administrative leave effective Jan. 27 until her official

retirement takes effect in June.

Domen, who could not be reached for comment, had given her notice "way in advance," it was learned.

This turn of events necessitated recalling former chief deputy city clerk Joyce Doyle, who had served the city for more than twenty years and had retired only five months before, to serve as interim city clerk.

Domen began her Downey career first as secretary at the Downey City Library in 2001, then moved on two years later as executive secretary at the city clerk's office in June 2003. She was elevated to secretary to the city clerk in August 2005. Her appointment as deputy city clerk and her attain-

ing Certified Municipal Clerk status practically juxtaposed each other in June of 2009.

According to reliable sources, Domen is now the new deputy city clerk in Burbank, which is roughly the same size as Downey.

She is not entirely cutting off her ties to Downey, however. Just termed out after two years at the helm of the Downey Rose Float Association, she will continue her affiliation with the association and will still direct the Miss Downey Pageant.

Assuming the presidency of the Rose Float Association is Kelley Roberts. He will be inducted on Friday.

Construction ends on Paramount Blvd.

■ Project fixed deteriorated pavement and brought curb ramps to compliance.

DOWNEY – A pavement rehabilitation project on Paramount Boulevard between Brookmill Road and Alameda Street has been completed to the city's satisfaction, public works director John Oskoui said this week.

Contractor Hardy & Harper, Inc. began work on Paramount Boulevard late last year, including resurfacing deteriorated pavement, constructing curb ramps at

intersections and reconstructing driveway and sidewalk approaches to meet standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The company also reconstructed deteriorated cross gutters, installed a communication conduit for future communications between City Hall and Fire Station No. 1, installed signalized intersections, and replaced traffic loop detectors, pavement markings and striping.

The final contract amount includes a \$5,331 change order for the repair of an unmarked sewer line that was damaged during installation of the communication

conduit, along with an excavation to expose another sewer line to assess its condition.

Hardy & Harper was assessed an additional \$2,000 in liquidated damages for exceeding the contractual number of working days by four days.

The total project cost came to about \$821,000 when factoring in design, inspection and engineering costs. The City Council had authorized \$725,000 for the construction work when it awarded the contract last September, but "sufficient funding is available for all items of work for this project," Oskoui said.

Resident raises concern over pipeline

■ City is preparing to enter into a 20-year franchise deal for rights to the pipeline.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Responding to concerns raised by a Downey resident, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing March 8 to discuss an oil pipeline that runs underneath the city.

The pipeline is in the process of being franchised to LT Pipeline Inc. The company purchased the pipeline from Pacific Pipeline System LLC last summer, which had acquired the pipeline from the city of Downey in 2006.

The pipeline dates to 1995, when it was installed by Arco as a way to transport oil, gas and petroleum within public streets in Downey.

The 4-inch pipeline begins on

Columbia Way where it turns west on Imperial Highway, north on Paramount Boulevard, west on Quill Drive, north on Old River School Road and west on Stewart and Gray Road, where it heads into South Gate.

On Tuesday, the City Council began the process of granting LT Pipeline a 20-year franchise deal that would net the city \$19,553 in annual payments, with yearly adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index. LT Pipeline would also pay the city a one-time franchise granting fee of \$10,000, according to the proposed contract.

The contract includes an option for the city to extend the deal in five-year increments.

Resident Harold Tseklenis raised concerns to the City Council regarding the pipeline's safety and requested language in the contract that would mandate annual inspections of the pipeline.

He cited recent examples of pipeline explosions throughout the country.

The City Council is expected to discuss safety parameters at a public hearing March 8 during the regular council meeting that starts at 7:30 p.m.

"If a resident has a concern, I have a concern," said Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer.

To see a map of the underground pipeline in the city, view this article on our website at thedownypatriot.com.

Crime Report

Thursday, Jan. 27

At 11:30 p.m., two taggers fled from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) after they were seen writing graffiti on the freeway in the area of Florence and Little Lake. Downey officers located the suspects and turned them over to the custody of the Highway Patrol for booking.

Friday, Jan. 28

At 7:30 p.m., a stolen vehicle was recovered and the driver arrested after an officer stopped the vehicle for a minor traffic violation. The driver, a 25-year-old South Gate man, was arrested for Grand Theft Auto.

Saturday, Jan. 29

At 7:40 p.m., officers arrested a 20-year-old Downey man after he led officers on a short vehicle pursuit through Downey driving a stolen car. The suspect eventually pulled over and surrendered in the area of Brookshire and Orange. He was booked for Grand Theft Auto.

Sunday, Jan. 30

At 7:20 p.m., a 16-year-old juvenile from Downey was arrested in the 11900 block of Lakewood after an officer found that he was carrying several Ecstasy pills in his pocket. The suspect was booked and later transported to Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to 11543 Paramount (All Nations Baptist Church) regarding a burglary at the location. The suspect(s) spray painted on the walls of the church and committed other acts of vandalism. The loss is unknown at this time. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, Feb. 5

At 12:30 a.m., officers went to 9559 Imperial Highway (Hully Gully Bar) concerning an assault. The victim had been hit over the head with a beer bottle following a verbal altercation. Officers contacted the suspect at his residence and after positive identification by the victim, arrested him for assault.

At 4:00 a.m., several friends were sitting in a parked car in the 13000 block of Ibtson when three suspects approached them on foot. One suspect got into the car, grabbed a laptop computer from one of the victims and fled on foot.

Sunday, Feb. 6

At 3:25 a.m., a suspect entered into a home in the 12300 block of Samoline by climbing through the front window of a residence. The suspect armed himself with several kitchen knives and began yelling and knocking on a bedroom door. After a few minutes, the suspect walked out of the house and was arrested by officers. The residents were not injured.

At 6:00 p.m., officers responded to the front of 8060 Florence regarding a fight in progress. The suspect punched the victim in the face, and threatened to kill him. He then punched a second victim, who was jogging by the location. When officers tried to detain him, the suspect attempted to assault the officers. He was taken into custody without further incident and was charged with assault.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Memorial for fallen police officer

DOWNEY – Plans to honor fallen Downey police officer Wayne Presley with a monument outside the police station are moving forward after approval from the City Council on Tuesday.

Presley, 37, became the only Downey police officer to die in the line of duty when he was killed by a drunk driver on April 10, 1981.

The police department is hoping to have the monument in place before the 30th anniversary of Presley's death.

Presley, a motorcycle officer, was assisting a stalled semi-truck at Lakewood Boulevard and Florence Avenue when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver. He left behind a wife and three children.

The bronze, life-sized statue will rest on a granite hexagon-shaped platform. It will be placed on a strip of grass between the police station and City Hall.

The \$90,000 memorial will be paid for using the city's Art in Public Places Fund and the police department's asset forfeiture fund.

The memorial received unanimous support from the City Council, with Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer calling the honor "long overdue."

Presley's family was in attendance Tuesday, along with his partner, retired Sgt. Steve Guthrie.

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Food trucks subject to inspections

DOWNEY – The city of Downey updated its municipal code this week to allow Los Angeles County health inspectors to inspect and regulate food trucks that operate within city limits.

Health inspectors began inspecting and grading mobile food trucks this month at the direction of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Owners of food trucks are now required to disclose their route schedules to health inspectors in advance and display their letter grade to customers, as currently required of brick and mortar restaurants.

The updated regulations approved by the City Council on Tuesday also give public health inspectors jurisdiction to inspect and permit hotels, public swimming pools, body art and tattoo parlors, and vending machines.

Pastor to speak at lunch meeting

DOWNEY – The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild is inviting the community to its next general meeting Wednesday to hear a presentation from associate pastor Fr. Joseph Vargas Magdoang.

His topic is "How We May Best Use the Gift of Time."

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center located behind OLPH School.

Cost is \$10 and includes a hot lunch, six raffle tickets and complimentary wine. Two gift cards each from BJ's Restaurant and Pieloon will be raffled.

Chamber's green group to discuss goals

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce's new Green Committee will meet Feb. 22 to continue its review of recent sustainability activities in the city, as well as to discuss its short- and long-term goals.

The meeting is open to the public and begins at 12 p.m. inside the chamber's offices at 11131 Brookshire Ave.

The committee meets every fourth Tuesday of the month.

Little girls can be queen for a day

DOWNEY – The Miss Downey court will host its "Queen for a Day" event for young girls March 5 at Gallatin Elementary School.

From 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., girls between the ages of 5-10 will receive the royal treatment while participating in arts and crafts, hair and make-up booths, interview sessions, pictures and lunch with Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey, Jr. Miss Downey and their courts.

Cost is \$25 and includes a commemorative T-shirt.

Pre-registration will be held Saturday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Gallatin. Registration will also be accepted the day of the event.

The event is sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association and proceeds will benefit the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade entry.

For more information, call Ashley at (562) 396-7591.

Downey Hall of Fame seeks nominations

DOWNEY – Downey High School is searching for distinguished alumni who wish to be considered for induction into its Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame opened in 1999 and currently has 70 inductees in the fields of Arts; Athletics, Civic, Community and Government; Education; and Professional.

Distinguished alumni include George Pajon Jr., lead guitarist for the Black Eyed Peas; singers Richard and Karen Carpenter; Dr. Robert Ballard, discoverer of the Titanic; figure skaters JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley; and the late Jack Kyser, a renowned economist.

To nominate a person for the Hall of Fame, call assistant principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for an application.

Ashton to Green Task Force

DOWNEY – Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer has appointed resident Sean Ashton to the city's Green Task Force.

The appointment was ratified by the City Council on Tuesday.

The Green Task Force recommends ways the city can save natural resources.



PHOTOS BY GREG WASKUL/RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

Katarina Milatovich and Katie Hull have benefited from the wheelchair sports program at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. What the girls learn goes far beyond sports.

Girls build their futures in wheelchair sports program

■ Funded by Las Floristas, wheelchair sports puts kids in charge of their futures.

By GREG WASKUL, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – The happy memories of a wonderful Christmas changed in an instant when four-year-old Katarina Milatovich and her family were involved in a horrific car accident on their way home from their holiday celebration.

Although her mom and brother were hurt, they soon recovered. But Katarina suffered an injury that would last a lifetime — a spinal cord injury that left her unable to walk.

"Imagine this happy, playful, wonderful girl who suddenly found herself in a wheelchair," her mother Natasha says. "When she went to school she was different from the other kids. She felt like an outsider."

The accident robbed Katarina of more than just her mobility. Much of her joy and self-confidence also evaporated in the weeks and months following the accident.

But Katarina was lucky, because Dr. Luis Montes, chief of Pediatrics at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, told her and her mom about Rancho's nationally renowned Wheelchair Sports program. Not only could Katarina participate, there was a special team called the Futures which was created specifically for young children just like her.

The Futures team is the fastest-growing part of the Wheelchair Sports program, with 20 kids now participating. The team is made up of children from ages 3-11 with various orthopedic disabilities. Although many of these kids have previously been told of all the things they cannot do, a key goal of the Futures program is to instill an understanding that most things can

be achieved with hard work in the athletic arena...and in life.

Katarina first learned to wheel in a straight line, then how to go fast and how to be almost as nimble in her wheelchair as other kids who had no physical challenges.

"Besides the fact that it's good for her body and that she's learning technical skills to have better mobility, the real blessing from this program is the way that it has empowered her and rebuilt her self-confidence," Natasha says.

Each Saturday, when the Futures team plays on the Rancho basketball or tennis courts, the team members are learning much more than just sports. The early goal is to develop a love for movement, cooperative games and activities. Academic achievement is also woven into every practice and meeting.

Soon these kids learn how to be a team, how to set goals and how to achieve their goals.

"It's amazing to watch the camaraderie between these kids," Natasha says. "Katarina loves to play with her friends, and now she has found out that she can often even beat the boys. She loves that!"

She is the only child in a wheelchair in her school. That used to be a major issue, but it isn't anymore. "Wheelchair sports has given her a positive attitude that has carried over to all the other aspects of her life," Natasha says. "It has given her something she can be good at, and taught her how she can take control of things in her life when before she felt like there was very little she could control."

"I have my daughter back...the joyful, motivated, brave girl we knew before the accident," Natasha says. "She loves to play, but now she has learned to love life."

Katarina's friend Katie Hull, who is almost 8, has battled Spina Bifida since birth. She is also a very special girl whose life opened up when she joined the Rancho Wheelchair Sports program.

"When she was born, the doctor



came in and said, 'it's much worse than we thought...she will never walk,' Katie's mother Sarah says. "But even though she was mostly a happy child, being in a wheelchair was making it harder and harder for her to keep up with other kids the older she got."

Katie excelled in school. She was a very fast learner and even won a spelling bee, but it was hard for her to literally be on a different physical level from her classmates. "At school, she always has to look up at her peers and they look down to talk to her. But in the Wheelchair Sports program, she can literally look at other kids at eye level, because they are all in wheelchairs."

She feels a sense of accomplishment when she excels in the games and drills her coaches put her through. She has also discovered that she loves to go fast and be around the other kids.

"Now everyone at her school knows that she is an athlete who plays wheelchair sports, and that she is very special," Sarah says.

Her coaches, Rick Tirambulo and Lisa Hilborn, regularly speak with her not just about athletics, but about her future, and the importance education can play in her life. The Ladies of Las Floristas, who fund the Wheelchair Sports Program, also provide scholarships to help Rancho's student-athletes reach their academic goals. Katie has been inspired to dream about her educational future.

"She loves to look ahead, and

since we're a USC family, her goal is to attend USC," Sarah says. "She knows it can happen, because the Wheelchair Sports program has many mentors who were once in her situation who have excelled in college. She wants to follow in their footsteps."

In fact, Rancho Wheelchair Sports participants graduate from college with bachelors and masters degrees at a rate more than three times higher than their counterparts with disabling illnesses and injuries throughout the nation and equal to the rate of the able-bodied population.

"The balance between academics and athletics is really important, and we are thrilled that Katie, Katarina and all their teammates are learning about life as well as sports."

Katie and Katarina each look forward to the day they will transition from the Futures program to the competitive world of the Rancho Renegades Varsity Team, which finished second in the nation out of nearly 70 teams at the national tournament last year.

"It's fun to see how well girls can do in wheelchair sports, and Katie and Katarina are incredible kids who will do great in wheelchair sports and in life," says coach Hilborn.

But for now, they show up at Rancho each Saturday, playing and motivating their Rancho Futures teammates. The smiles on their faces say that they are two friends having fun playing together, just like any other kids.

And thanks to their loving families and the Rancho Wheelchair Sports program, their futures are absolutely unlimited.

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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 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 Valasco at (562) 904-7157.

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Why Congress is less than the sum of its parts

By Lee Hamilton

With an unexpectedly productive lame-duck session behind it and a new majority taking charge of the U.S. House, Capitol Hill is an energetic place at the moment. The question on everyone's mind — and not just in Washington — is whether this energy will amount to anything.

Given the trumpet blasts of resolve coming from leaders at both ends of the Capitol, you'd expect plenty of action. Yet if you ask ordinary Americans about what they hope for from legislators, you'll mostly get cynicism. In their view, Congress is irredeemably broken or, at best, mis-functioning.

It's tempting to write off the problem as rooted in weak-kneed or overweening politicians — or a toxic mix of both. They exist, but they're not really the issue. Members of Congress do not lack dedication or motivation to do well; they are not inept or so blinded by power that they would sacrifice the nation's well-being on the altar of personal advancement. Most are able politicians, strongly committed legislators, and among the hardest-working people this country produces.

The problem is not members of Congress themselves; it's that Congress amounts to less than the sum of its parts. I've often wondered why this is the case, and have a few thoughts on why it might be so.

You could certainly argue that the challenges lie in the nature of Congress itself. Its members might be talented individually, but they represent widely different districts, come to the job with vastly differing perspectives, and must respond to a bewildering array of pressures. Just sorting through the regional, ideological, and political differences they confront is hard enough.

Then there are the structural issues that block effective governance, from the gradual decline of true conference committees and the appropriations process to the runaway use of the Senate's filibuster rule: In the '73-'74 session of Congress (preceding the last major effort to reform the filibuster), there were 44 filibusters; in this last Congress there were 135. These are not unfixable problems, though a move in the Senate to disarm the filibuster recently fell short, and advocates of reform had to settle for more incremental but positive changes.

In truth, Congress' most difficult problems are almost cultural in nature. Too many activities distract legislators from the serious business of legislating.

Congressional formalities, legislating on trivial matters (such as naming a post office), and speech-giving across the country might have some value, but they dramatically reduce the time spent on serious legislating.

The most obvious of these is money — not just its influence on political decision-making, but its effect on how members of Congress spend their time. The pressure to raise money is constant; Capitol Hill and its precincts are awash in fundraisers most evenings, and members spend an unseemly portion of their time away from legislating in order to work the phones or attend fundraising events at home. The equation is simple: time spent raising money is time not spent attending to the people's business.

When members do turn to legislating, what is often topmost on their mind is how to gain political advantage over the opposition, not finding remedies to the issues besetting us. The rise of political consultants to positions of influence not just on Congress-members' campaigns, but on their full-time staffs, has often led members to adopt the short-term perspective that comes from paying attention to daily polls and tactical positioning, not the longer-term outlook that grows from deliberation and discussion and that leads to crafting real solutions to our serious long-term challenges.

This trend has been abetted, even encouraged, by the unrelenting demands of the news media, whose practitioners seek comments from members from early morning to late at night, force members to take positions quickly, excoriate them for reconsidering or compromising, and in too many cases today serve more as advocates than as educators.

Finally, Congress suffers from its own members' disrespect. An entire generation won office by running against the institution, building their political careers on criticizing it and deriding other members — something many of them continue to do while in office. They become so captivated by criticizing Congress and the actions of their colleagues — and benefit politically so much for doing so — that they lose focus on passing legislation for the benefit of the country.

Coupled with the partisanship that has made members and their staffs such fierce antagonists, all of this makes working together to craft broadly acceptable legislation and to buttress the institution itself much more difficult.

I don't want to suggest that Congress is dysfunctional. December's lame-duck session proved that it is not. But for today's energetic determination to turn into tomorrow's clear-eyed accomplishments, the denizens of Capitol Hill will need to look beyond procedural and structural change, and start addressing their own habits, assumptions, and culture. We all want to see a Congress that equals, if not exceeds, the sum of its talented members.

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:

Reasons for low turnout

Dear Editor:

When the aerospace work finished and Boeing finally left Downey, the white flight that occurred opened the door for Hispanics to move to more desirable areas than those where they lived previously. Downey realtors saw the business opportunity of selling to Hispanics and relented in their way of doing business with them. This produced a tremendous change in the demographics of the city and today we have a population that is mainly Hispanic with some 70% of the population being under 44 years old.

This more than anything else explains the failure of H&E Entertainment with its presentation of the comedy night live show. It is obvious that Gary Head's company did not do the proper market research in Downey prior to bringing the show. Had they done it they would have brought JLo or Shakira, they would have been assured of a standing room audience and they would be praising the city instead of lamenting about lack of support.

Audiences respond to proper marketing and hopefully H&E Entertainment has learned its lesson and will bring more Hispanic-oriented entertainment to Downey.

-- **Jorge Montero,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

I'm so sorry that Mr. Gary Head's feelings were hurt by the turn out at his comedy presentation on Jan. 21 at the Downey Theatre. ("New Era at the Downey Theatre Off to a Rough Start," 1/27/11)

I can't believe anyone would do that on purpose. And I'm grateful to him for not "coming down hard on the city of Downey." We just couldn't bear that.

I am sorry I wasn't there. I am a comic's blessing. I really love to laugh. I'm certain I would have had a really good time, had I known about it. By what method did Mr. Head usually obtain an audience?

And where is the heart "thank you" to those who did attend? Many arts people work on weekends and the economy is pretty bad for some folks. They deserve a cheer.

Is this a new technique of his? How to encourage and develop a continuing, enthusiastic, loyal audience with the use of shame: shame on us for not being there and threats (you didn't show us how much you love us so we'll just go play with Long Beach or Los Angeles). In addition, his patronizing remarks are not welcome nor funny. It may feel like "River City" here sometimes but we stopped using the think system a long time ago.

Is this how Mr. Head usually introduces himself and his company to potential patrons? Admit it, someone just didn't get out and hustle to sell the tickets and do proper publicity. At one time or another, most of us have had to face that fundamental issue whether its fundraising or production.

I can't believe he said that corny line about Downey: "It takes time, people are afraid of new things." Afraid?

We have a wonderful history of caring, supporting and creating the arts in Downey. It was we who wanted a symphony, a children's theater, a well-known art museum, an exquisite theater building built without city funding, a civic light opera group, a music in the schools program that is funded by the Downey Symphony through donations from the community. Our high schools have prize-winning bands, orchestra, choral and jazz groups. Downey is not afraid to innovate.

I think Mr. Head came to town without knowing his demographic. "I don't want to come down hard on the city of Downey, but the support wasn't there." Maybe he just didn't seek it. Transparency and communications count.

Now he can go to Long Beach and Los Angeles and try to find a theater as commercial and beautiful as ours.

I think I speak for most of us — and I apologize if I'm overstepping any boundaries — but I believe what we in Downey and surrounding communities want and need is inspired leadership who wants to unify, coordinate and build up all the arts in Downey and occasionally books some shows that we by God better attend or else.

There has been music, theater and arts in Downey since the 1900s and they were not developed by the "city" but by a community who cared. Not just those on the stage but those who painted sets, volunteered to build costumes, allowed the symphony to rehearse in front rooms, performed in the high school gymnasium, bought tickets, held art festivals on the Furman Park lawn, etc.

We've been lending our support to the arts in Downey for more years than Mr. Head is old. And we certainly do not want "art stuff."

-- **Pauline Hume,**
Downey

Speed is essential

Dear Editor:

Downey graffiti abatement begins daily at 6:30 a.m. when telephone calls on the recorder of the Graffiti Hotline are downloaded. It is important that your report be short and accurate so time is not wasted locating the material.

Rapid removal of graffiti is an effective prevention tool. Communities with successful graffiti abatement show that rapid removal, within 24-48 hours, results in nearly zero rate of recurrence. These communities credit the reduction in graffiti in their cities to rapid removal so that is why a quick call to our Graffiti Hotline — (562) 923-4613 — is important. Don't wait for the other guy to call — you are the other guy.

Abandoned shopping carts must be reported as soon as possible by calling (800) 252-4613. The sooner they are reported, the sooner they will be removed.

It is important to keep up the appearance of a neighborhood by keeping it clean and neat. Remove litter and trash, fix broken fences, trim landscape and keep all lighting working properly. According to the Los Angeles Police Department, an exterior appearance that suggests apathy and neglect attracts vandals.

Graffiti cleanup takes a big bite out of municipal budgets. Phoenix, Ariz., spends more than \$6 million annually on graffiti cleanup. The city of San Jose spent about \$2 million in the year 2006; Las Vegas spends about \$3 million annually. According to the Bureau of Justice, graffiti is the most common type of property vandalism.

Ensure that any existing anti-graffiti laws are enforced. Law enforcement dedicated to tracking and apprehending graffiti vandals is a strong deterrent. If you witness graffiti being applied, immediately call 911. Speed is essential to apprehend these criminals. Never attempt to approach or try to stop them; leave it to the police.

Educating our youth about graffiti is important. Graffiti abatement employee Lisa Fox and Keep Downey Beautiful coordinator Carol Rowland often go to schools, civic, social and religious groups to speak about graffiti in our city. Lisa and employee Shane Ellison often take a Downey graffiti truck to locations where they demonstrate how the material is removed from our streets, buildings, fences, walls, telephone booths, etc.

Remember: the quicker we call and report graffiti and shopping carts, the better. Speed is essential.

-- **Byron Dillon,**
Committee member, Keep Downey Beautiful



City clerk questions

Dear Editor:

Thank you for raising the question regarding the firing of city clerk Kathleen Midstokke without an explanation to the city's voters.

We have been proud of the claimed transparency and fiscal responsibility of our City Council. Sadly, in this instance both attributes are glaringly absent.

From time to time we have been graced with a great deal of details of our Council's actions and accomplishments. In this instance we have been treated to nothing but silence. I suggest to our councilmen that city voters are worthy of an honest explanation of such an important and cost significant (under the circumstances) action.

The argument that the dismissal of Ms. Midstokke is a "personnel action" does not hold in this instance. A full explanation is in order. The severance agreement, surprising as to its extensive protective provisions, does not preclude an honest explanation of the reasons for the "separation," even though it may be described as a personnel action by the city.

We are owed an explanation of the reason for taking the drastic action of terminating a competent city clerk, especially at the additional cost to the city of a half-year's salary with benefits, which would amount in the order of \$100,000.

-- **Harold Tskenlis,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

Call me suspicious. When senior managers suddenly leave a company without good reason, something afoot is usually very wrong. City government is no different.

Why is the Downey City Clerk's office suddenly so toxic? It is the keeper of public records. In government, "corrupt" and "political machine" are words that powerfully attract one another as politicians reward themselves and their friends at public expense.

Please watch Downey's \$30 million rainy day fund. Like bears to honey, corrupt politicians will see it as an irresistible target. We may be surprised at what is called an emergency and who receives the money as the fund is drained.

It takes only three council members to make a political machine that can confidently do as it wants after 'neutering' the keeper of public records.

-- **Gordon Lundene,**
Downey

Social security mess

Dear Editor:

Our social security system is a mess. It has gone through innumerable changes since the act was passed in 1935, including a Medicare supplement in 1965. It is hopeless to try to go back and track the effect on an individual who was insured back in the early days.

I have a copy of the 2009 social security statement of my son, who is nearly 57 and has a record of taxable employment that begins in 1968. The document says, "Social Security is the largest single source of income for most elderly Americans today, but Social Security was never intended to be your only source of income when you retire." The emphasis is mine.

There is also a statement that says that the government will begin paying out more than it receives in 2016, and the social security trust fund will be exhausted by 2037 (meaning payments will be reduced to agree with current receipts).

This implies that such a fund actually exists. If it did, and if the receipts had been invested in government securities, we wouldn't have a problem. Instead, our government has been using all of the tax receipts, including those designated for social security and Medicare payments, as a source of operating funds. The numerous changes down the line have resulted in a program that makes no sense at all.

For instance, to qualify for benefits, you need at least 40 credits during your working career. You can earn up to four credits per year and, in 2009, you must earn at least \$1,090 for each credit. These numbers are subject to change. This means that, currently, you need only work the equivalent of 10 years and need make as little as \$43,600 over your career to qualify.

That's like working for one day a week at slightly more than today's minimum wage. And that's for only 10 years, while a normal person's working life could be 47 years or more if he starts at 18 and retires at 65 or later. That changes to 66 if you were born after 1960 and is headed for 67. I don't know how they figure your retirement pay, and it wouldn't be much under the above conditions, but you would still qualify for extra money for prescription drugs and for other conditions.

The current salary deduction is 6.2% from your pay and 6.2% from your employer for social security and 1.45% from each for Medicare. In my son's case, \$38,832 was deducted from his wages and his estimated retirement benefit would be \$964 per month at age 66. That means he would recoup his deductions in three years. That's incredible. I read of someone else who recouped his deductions in 2.8 years, so that seems to be the pattern.

With a life expectancy of at least 80, my son could get an extra \$10,600 at least. I don't see any justification for anyone getting more than he paid (unless it had been invested). And remember, he only paid half that amount. You can argue that if the employer didn't have to pay half of my son's social security, he might pay him more. Maybe and maybe not.

Our retirement system should be a defined contribution, not a defined benefit system. Currently, it is taxable if the retiree has enough other income to fall with the 50% of Americans who actually pay taxes — not likely.

Maybe we should just start over and let people prepare for their own retirement. There's a novel idea — take responsibility for your own future.

-- **Don Niemand,**
Downey

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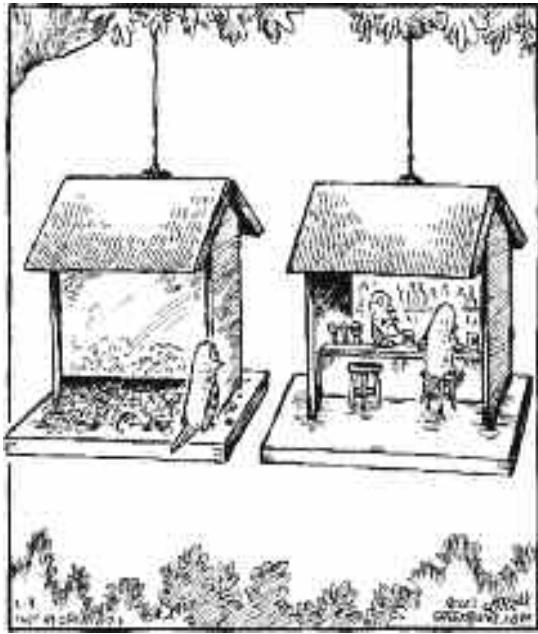
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

- Sat. Feb. 12: **Downey Razorbacks sign-ups**, Apollo Park, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Feb. 12: **Open mic**, Moravian Church of Downey, 7 p.m.
- Tues. Feb. 15: **Rise n' Shine networking**, Bob's Big Boy, 7:30 a.m.
- Tues. Feb. 15: **Grand opening**, Americas United Bank next to Porto's Bakery, 4 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at The Palms, for information call 803-4048.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
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Thursdays

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- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
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- 1933:** In round 13 of a boxing match at New York City's Madison Square Garden, Primo Carnera knocks out Ernie Schaaf, killing him.
- 1967:** The 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified.
- 1981:** A fire at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino kills eight and injures 198.
- 2005:** North Korea announces that it possesses nuclear weapons.
- Birthdays:** Actor Robert Wagner (81), basketball coach John Calipari (52), astronaut Garrett Reisman (43), actress Elizabeth Banks (37), football player Ty Law (37), snowboarder Ross Powers (32), actress Emma Roberts (20) and actress Chloë Moretz (14).

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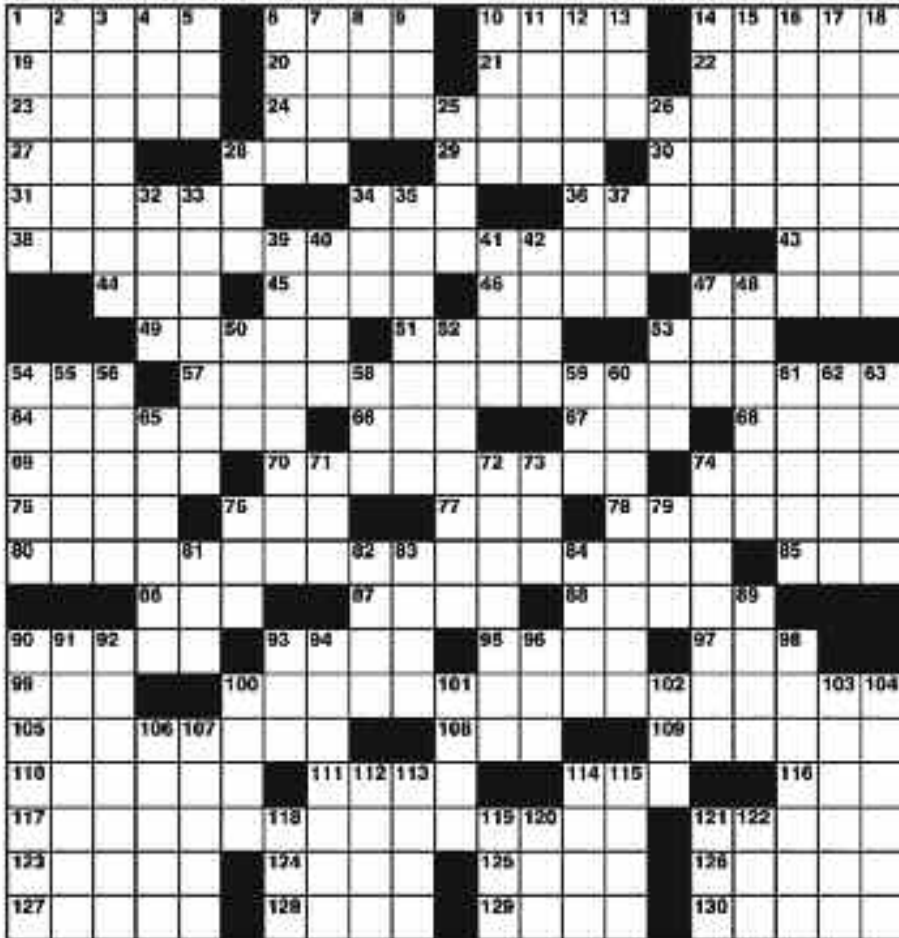
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by S.N.

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 - 27 Bread spread
 - 28 "Permission granted!"
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 - 88 *The Odd Couple* playwright
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 - 95 Sports-standings stats
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 - 100 With *The, Dr. Seuss* opus
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 - 109 Guarantee
 - 110 *Billy* ___ (Best Musical) Tony winner for '09
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 - 121 NCAA Division I school
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 - 127 Takes five
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 - 130 Class jottings
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 - 2 Italian cheese
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 - 5 ___ Moines, IA
 - 6 Be in accord
 - 7 Mysterious sightings
 - 8 Gumbo is its yearbook
 - 9 Over there, old-style
 - 10 Board-game turn, often
 - 11 Call for
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 - 15 "Go ahead and ask"
 - 16 Employee's pass
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 - 25 Fed a line to
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 - 32 Bryce Canyon locale
 - 33 Spoiled
 - 34 Alias preceder
 - 35 Triumphant shout
 - 37 Yoko ___
 - 39 Western plot device
 - 40 Fictional captain
 - 41 Dolt
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 - 50 XIII quadrupled
 - 52 Dofy
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 - 54 Speak off the cuff
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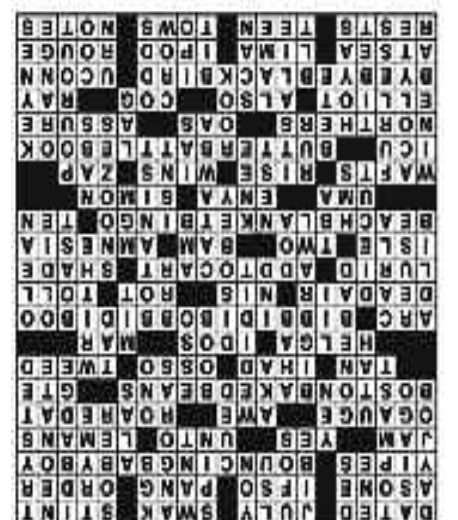
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The annual 24-hour LE MANS (30 Across) auto race has been held annually since 1923. ASIAGO cheese (2 Down) is named for the town in Italy where it originated. Buzz Aldrin (53 Down) received a doctorate degree in astronautics from MIT.



Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Celiac disease was the first type of gluten sensitivity for which diagnostic testing was devised, back in the 1940s. Today, a blood test screens for AGA (Antigliadin) and EmA (Andomysium Antibodies). Although this is typically the first test for gluten sensitivity, it picks up only the percentage of gluten-sensitive people who are celiac, missing a much larger population who test negative.

Today's topic may not be widely discussed, but this disease affects at least 3 million Americans. It's tough to diagnose because a number of other disorders share its symptoms, and as a result, the correct treatment is either delayed or never started. Today we will address celiac disease.

Celiac disease, also known as Sprue, or gluten intolerance, is an inherited disorder. If you have celiac disease, the odds that an immediate family member does as well are dramatically increased. It appears to be most prevalent among people of Northern European decent, (although it also affects the Black, Hispanic, and Asian populations), and more women than men suffer from it.

The cause isn't clear, and it can appear at any age. Its victims become malnourished and may have significant gastrointestinal symptoms. The longer it goes undiagnosed, the more likelihood there is of developing autoimmune diseases including rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, thyroid disease, and cancers of the intestine. It can be a cause of infertility, miscarriage and more.

Those with gluten intolerance are unable to digest gluten — a protein found in wheat, rye, and barley. The immune system attacks the lining of the small intestine, causing damage that shortens and flattens out the tiny villi. The villi are finger-like protrusions that provide most of the surface area for nutrient absorption.

Interestingly, damaged intestines can then lead to additional dietary intolerances. For example, lactase, the enzyme necessary to break down lactose in dairy foods, is produced in the tips of the villi. Damage to the villi can affect the ability to digest milk and milk products, which is known as lactose or dairy intolerance.

Gluten is one of the most complex proteins that we consume, and is therefore extremely difficult to digest. This is why, when we first introduce our babies to solid foods, we don't give them wheat. Instead, they might begin with a thin porridge of rice so that their immature digestive tract can process it easily.

The other diagnostic method used is to perform a colonoscopy and obtain a biopsy. However, the most straightforward test of all to identify gluten intolerance is to simply eliminate gluten from the diet, which often produces dramatic results.

When the diagnosis is not made early and correctly, the consequences can be quite serious. For example, if a person with the disorder continues to consume gluten, studies have shown that he or she will increase their chance of gastrointestinal cancer by a factor of 40 to 100 times that of the "normal" population. Gastrointestinal cancer or lymphoma develops in up to 15 percent of patients with untreated celiac disease.

No drugs or therapies are available to treat gluten sensitivity. The only treatment is to dramatically alter eating habits in order to exclude gluten and maintain a gluten-free diet. Avoiding gluten, however, is not an easy matter. Many products contain hidden gluten, such as medicine, vitamins, and even the glue on stamps and envelopes. It is absolutely critical to be well informed.

Once the diet is free of gluten, it's surprising how quickly the small intestine can recover. Soon, nutrients from food become absorbed more effectively, because the villi heal and the digestive tract can get back to doing its job again. Remarkably, after only a few weeks, patients find that they are free of a host of symptoms they suffered from over the years, including flatulence, abdominal cramps, tiredness and a tendency to catch 'bugs' and viruses easily.

The challenges to controlling celiac disease are making a successful diagnosis, and eliminating gluten from the diet. Get your physician involved. Get books and refer to websites to help change your diet. Now is the time to get started!

Good health to you all.

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Baby's first steps to a healthy mouth

Parents are a child's first teachers in life, and they play a significant role in maintaining their child's overall health. In observance of National Children's Dental Health Month, the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) encourages parents to introduce good oral health habits to their children during infancy.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay affects children in the United States more than any other chronic infectious disease, highlighting the need for thorough oral care and regular dental visits. The ideal time for a child to visit the dentist is six months after the child's first teeth erupt. During this initial visit, a dentist

will be able to examine the development of the child's mouth.

"Parents are surprised when I tell them that their infants can develop tooth decay and cavities soon after their teeth first appear," says AGD spokesperson Steven A. Ghareeb, DDS, FAGD. "We usually call this baby bottle tooth decay, which is caused by the long-term exposure to liquids containing sugars like milk, formula, and fruit juice."

In addition to tooth decay, other dental problems, such as teething irritations, gum disease, and prolonged thumb or pacifier sucking, often start early. The sooner the child visits a dentist, the better.

There are many things that parents can do with their child at home

to maintain good oral health:

- * Clean your infant's gums with a clean, damp cloth twice a day.

- * Ask your dentist when you may begin to rub a tiny dab of toothpaste on your child's gums. Doing so will help your child become accustomed to the flavor of toothpaste.

- * As soon as the first teeth come in, begin brushing them with a small, soft-bristled toothbrush and a pea-sized dab of fluoride toothpaste.

- * Help a young child brush at night, which is the most important time to brush, due to lower salivary flow during sleep and higher susceptibility to cavities and plaque.

- * By approximately age 5, your child can learn to brush his or her

teeth with proper parental instruction and supervision.

"The best way to teach a child how to brush is to lead by your good example," says Dr. Ghareeb. "Allowing your child to watch you brush your teeth teaches the importance of good oral hygiene."

Children, like adults, should see the dentist every six months. Some dentists may schedule interim visits for every three months when the child is very young to build the child's comfort and confidence levels or for treatment needs.

For more tips to ensure a child has good oral health, visit www.KnowYourTeeth.com.

Number of Americans with diabetes reaches 26M

Nearly 26 million Americans have diabetes, according to new estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In addition, an estimated 79 million U.S. adults have prediabetes, a condition in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Prediabetes raises a person's risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Diabetes affects 8.3 percent of Americans of all ages, and 11.3 percent of adults aged 20 and older, according to the National Diabetes Fact Sheet for 2011. About 27 percent of those with diabetes—7 million Americans—do not know they have the disease. Prediabetes affects 35 percent of adults aged 20 and older.

"These distressing numbers show how important it is to prevent type 2 diabetes and to help those who have diabetes manage the disease to prevent serious complications such as kidney failure and blindness," said Ann Albright, Ph.D., R.D., director of CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. "We know that a structured lifestyle program that includes losing weight and increasing physical activity can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes."

CDC is working on the National Diabetes Prevention

Program, as stated in the Affordable Care Act. This program, based on the NIH-led Diabetes Prevention Program research study, is aimed at helping people reduce their risk for developing type 2 diabetes.

In 2008, CDC estimated that 23.6 million Americans, or 7.8 percent of the population, had diabetes and another 57 million adults had prediabetes. The 2011 estimates have increased for several reasons:

- * More people are developing diabetes.

- * Many people are living longer with diabetes, which raises the total number of those with the disease. Better management of the disease is improving cardiovascular disease risk factors and reducing complications such as kidney failure and amputations.

- * Hemoglobin A1c is now used as a diagnostic test, and was therefore incorporated into calculations of national prevalence for the first time. The test, also called glycated hemoglobin, measures levels of blood glucose (sugar) over a period of two to three months. Because of this change, estimates of populations with diabetes and prediabetes in the 2011 fact sheet are not directly comparable to estimates in previous fact sheets.

In a study published last year, CDC projected that as many as 1 in 3 U.S. adults could have diabetes

by 2050 if current trends continue.

Type 2 diabetes, in which the body gradually loses its ability to use and produce insulin, accounts for 90 percent to 95 percent of diabetes cases. Risk factors for type 2 diabetes include older age, obesity, family history, having diabetes while pregnant (gestational diabetes), a sedentary lifestyle, and race/ethnicity. Groups at higher risk for the disease are African-Americans, Hispanics, American Indians/Alaska Natives, and some Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Other data from the fact sheet:

- * About 215,000 Americans younger than age 20 have diabetes. Most cases of diabetes among children and adolescents are type 1, which develops when the body can no longer make insulin, a hormone that controls the amount of blood glucose.

- * An estimated 1.9 million Americans were diagnosed with diabetes in 2010.

- * Racial and ethnic minorities continue to have higher rates of diabetes after adjusting for population age differences. For adults, diabetes rates were 16.1 percent for American Indians/Alaska Natives, 12.6 percent for blacks, 11.8 percent for Hispanics, 8.4 percent for Asian-Americans, and 7.1 percent for non-Hispanic whites.

- * Half of Americans aged 65 and

older have prediabetes, and nearly 27 percent have diabetes.

The fact sheet estimates are drawn from a variety of sources, including CDC surveys, the Indian Health Service National Patient Information Reporting System, the U.S. Renal Data System of the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Census Bureau, and published studies.

The fact sheet was prepared in collaboration with a number of agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, other federal agencies, and the American Association of Diabetes Educators, the American Diabetes Association, and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. People with diabetes are more likely to suffer from complications such as heart attacks, strokes, high blood pressure, kidney failure, blindness and amputations of feet and legs. Diabetes costs \$174 billion annually, including \$116 billion in direct medical expenses.

The fact sheet is available at www.cdc.gov/diabetes.

Information on diabetes prevention and control from the National Diabetes Education Program—a joint effort of CDC and NIH—is available at www.yourdiabetesinfo.org.

Many at unnecessary risk of heart attack, stroke

Two out of three U.S. adults with high cholesterol and half of U.S. adults with high blood pressure are not being treated effectively, according to the latest Vital Signs report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although treatment of high blood pressure and high cholesterol is very effective and relatively low-cost, most people with these conditions remain at elevated risk for heart attacks, strokes, and other problems.

People who lack health insurance have the lowest rates of control.

Among those whose blood pressure or cholesterol is not under control, more than 80 percent have private or public health insurance — showing that health care coverage is necessary but, for most people,

not enough to control these leading killers.

High blood pressure and cholesterol are two major risk factors for heart attacks, strokes, and related vascular diseases, which kill more than 800,000 Americans each year — more than any other condition. Of these, 150,000 are younger than age 65.

"Although we're making some progress, the United States is failing to prevent the leading cause of death—cardiovascular disease—despite the existence of low cost, highly effective treatments," said Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.,

CDC director. "We need to do a better job improving care and supporting patients to prevent avoidable illness, disability, and death."

Cardiovascular disease costs the nation an estimated \$300 billion each year in direct medical costs and those costs are increasing rapidly. Treatment for this disease accounts for \$1 in every \$6 US health dollars spent. The report examined data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), an ongoing study that explores the health and nutritional status of about 5,000 participants every year.

Among the findings in the Vital Signs Report:

- 1 in 3 adults has high blood pressure
- 1 in 3 adults with high blood pressure does not get treatment
- 1 in 2 adults with high blood pressure does not have it under

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Cheerleading (gasp!) is a sport

While watching the Super Bowl on Sunday, I felt like something was missing. It took me a minute but then I realized that there was a sport within the sport that was missing. Not having cheerleaders at the biggest sporting event in the world took away from my 2011 Super Bowl experience. After all, cheerleading is also a sport.

Yes, some of you might recall me writing an article on Aug. 11, 2009 (feel free to look it up on our website) declaring cheer as "the mother of non-sports", but alas, even this sports reporter makes mistakes.

In the article, I listed a handful of reasons why cheer is not a sport. In fact, I took a list from About.com and their Top 10 reasons why cheer should be a sport and argued against it. I reread the list and things started to make sense.

There were a couple things on the list that started to make sense. One of them described how all

other sporting events could have their own squad. Okay, that makes sense if you argue that if all sports have one thing in common, why not take that thing and make it a sport.

A couple other points were made like there's no need for drug testing, no country could have a clear advantage because there's a level playing field, and it is able to be done in any weather. Alright, decent points. Weak, but acceptable points.

But I don't want to dismiss the physical aspect of cheering. According to Warren's cheer coordinator Alison Davis, cheer is a sport because of the activities they do during practice and during games.

"They work hard," she said. "They practice. They throw girls in the air. They catch them. They have to do cardiovascular exercise. They're always jumping around and cheering and shouting the entire game."

She's right, because catching a

girl in the air can't be any easier than, oh, hitting a 100 mph fastball, hitting a 3-point shot to win a game at the buzzer, or catching a ground ball like one of my coworkers at my other job said.

The physical aspect alone makes cheer a sport. But, there are more points. Injuries are just as severe in cheerleading. Even these athletes make mistakes, sometimes dropping a girl flat on her back while doing a stunt.

Catching a girl going straight up in the air can be just as challenging as a running back dashing through two tackles who weigh more than a car combined.

But what can I say? From here on out, I'm an advocate of cheer being a sport. ESPN shows competitions, although I'm not familiar with the strategy of winning one of those things. You need to be an athlete to flip, tumble, fly, and catch. And the cardiovascular aspect of yelling, running from end zone to end zone, and throwing your hands up in the air after someone scores is



SCOTT COBOS

track and field in a different form.

I missed a big part of the Super Bowl this year. I missed the sport within the sport that is cheerleading. I also lost \$10 on the Steelers losing. Furthermore I lost another bet to Davis which is why this column was written.

Two lessons are to be learned here. One, cheer is a sport. Two, stop betting on the Steelers to come through. More No. 2 than No. 1.



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Downey wrestling retained its San Gabriel Valley League championship two weeks ago after a 34-34 tie with Warren High. Officials declared Downey the winner based on points and takedowns.

Loss doesn't sadden Downey coach

■ GIRLS BASKETBALL: Vikings keep it close before falling to Lynwood, 41-36.

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

DOWNEY — Despite a close 41-36 loss to Lynwood on Tuesday night, Downey girls' basketball head coach Raymond Walker was proud of his team for improving from a previous matchup with Lynwood earlier in the season.

"We had a chance at the end," he said. "The first time we lost

against Lynwood, it was a 30-plus difference."

According to Walker, the first quarter was the "best quarter of the season." The Lady Vikings were down 6 points but Downey's Irma Urzua tied the game with consecutive 3-pointers mere 24 seconds apart from one another. Kristin Johnson's free throw and Rayana Villalpando's aggressive offense to the basket for a field goal helped Downey maintain a slight lead by the end of the quarter, 9-6.

The Lady Vikings were unable to match their offensive efforts in

the second quarter, only scoring 4 points to Lynwood's 16.

Villalpando's field goals and Demetria Love's free throw added to Downey's point totals, but turnovers and a feisty Lynwood defense had the Lady Vikings struggling in the third quarter, 18-33.

Amanda Mazon opened the fourth quarter with a three-pointer, followed by Villalpando's drive for a layup to close to 23-33. Johnson then made a free throw, and Villalpando's field goal and Anissa Segura's assisted field goal helped

the Lady Vikings maintain a 10 point deficit. Urzua made a field goal for 30-38, and Villalpando clinched two free throws with less than a minute remaining. With a 7-point difference and only seconds remaining, Villalpando and Urzua secured Downey's last points with two successful free throws each, ending the game 41-36.

The Lady Vikings are now 4-5 in league and 14-12 overall on the season. Downey was set to travel to Warren on Thursday for its last game of the season. Results were not available at press time.

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local sports in brief

Downey completes sweep of Dominguez

DOWNEY – Downey boys' basketball completed their season sweep of Dominguez last Friday with a 58-53 win at home over the Dons.

This is the first time in over a decade that Downey has swept the Dons in San Gabriel Valley League play.

– Scott Cobos, staff writer

Loss may be costly for Bears

DOWNEY – Warren boys' basketball dropped another close game, 38-36 to Paramount last Friday at home, further hurting their playoff chances.

Turnovers proved costly as they turned over the ball 17 times, uncharacteristic of a team that has improved dramatically in that department this year.

The Bears are 3-6 in league as of Wednesday.

– Scott Cobos, staff writer

Vikings cruise to win over Dominguez

DOWNEY – Downey girls' basketball cruised to an easy victory at home over the Dominguez Dons 46-14.

The Vikings gave up only 8 second half points, and only a single free throw in the final quarter of the game.

Downey is 4-5 in San Gabriel Valley League play and 14-12 overall.

– Scott Cobos, staff writer

Vaaulu, Rodriguez combine for 33 points

DOWNEY – After beating Lynwood for the first time in over a decade, Warren girls' basketball was able to maintain its focus and dismantle Paramount 69-23 at home.

Danielle Rodriguez and Franny Vaaulu combined for 33 points in the game, and now have a chance to win a league championship Thursday for the first time ever in their program's history.

Results for the Downey/Warren game were unavailable at press time.

– Scott Cobos, staff writer

Vikings on verge of league title

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Downey could win SGVL title with win over Warren.

By JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

DOWNEY — Drenched in the team cooler's ice water after beating Lynwood 59-47, Downey boys' basketball head coach Larry Shelton was all smiles as he watched his players use the floor of the Donna Ganser Boose Gymnasium as a Slip 'N Slide Tuesday night.

"If we beat Warren on Thursday, this will be the first time we had a league title to ourselves since the 1988-1989 season," he said. "That's why the boys are so excited right now."

Shelton said he did not think the Vikings played their best, but their defensive efforts in the second half clinched a needed victory.

Dakari Archer was the game's leading player, attempting and scoring the most three-pointers and field goals. With only 37 seconds into the game, Archer scored Downey's first 3-point field goal, and closed out the quarter with a field goal.

Although the Vikings continually missed the basket in much of the first quarter, the collective efforts of Dami Adefeso, Dallas Lopez, and Vincent Quigg were enough for the Vikings to maintain a 1-point lead by the end of the quarter, 10-9.

Strong defense led by Garrett

Neilan, Adefeso, and Archer helped bring the lead back to the Vikings after a 12-12 tie a third of the way into the second quarter. Adefeso had a pair of rebounds, and Archer made a field goal after a steal by Neilan.

Dallas Lopez scored for a 20-14 lead, Anthony Jack maintained the lead with a score making it 22-16, and Adefeso hit a buzzer-beating field goal in the final seconds, closing the second quarter 24-18.

Neilan opened the third quarter with a 3-pointer, and Archer became an offensive threat shooting three field goals in a row for the Vikings. With 3:27 remaining in the quarter, Neilan lost possession of the ball in a turnover for Downey, but then hit a free throw for the Vikings to gain a 10-point lead. Adefeso, Archer, Lopez, and Anthony Jack chipped in points, and the third quarter closed 46-32.

The fourth quarter relied on the Vikings' solid defense and free throw shooting. Jack and Archer shot free throws in the beginning of the quarter, and Adefeso stepped up to the line for Downey's final two points.

Downey is now 8-1 in league and 24-2 overall on the season. The Vikings will play at Warren Thursday night.

If the Vikings beat Warren, Downey will win its first San Gabriel Valley League title in over 20 years.

Results were not available at press time.

Razorbacks taking sign-ups

DOWNEY – Registration for the 2011 season of Downey Youth Football will take place Saturday at Apollo Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 5-14. Cost to register is \$180 for tackle football, \$120 for flag and \$100 for cheerleading.

Registration costs include all equipment, trophy, pictures, spirit pack, game socks and a yearbook.

Payment plans are available but balances must be paid in full before the first day of practice on July 25.

For more information, call (562) 928-6081 or visit www.downeyrazorbacks.com.

DJAA baseball signups

DOWNEY – The Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA) will host baseball signups beginning March 3 at Apollo Park.

The league is open to boys and girls in kindergarten through eight grade.

Cost is \$60 (cash only) and players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and school ID or report card. Deadline for registration is March 17.

For a complete list of registration dates and times, visit djaasports.org.

Two can play this game

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:**

Danielle Rodriguez and Franny Vaaulu leading Warren.

By JOSEPH APODACA, INTERN

DOWNEY – They say all good things take time, and judging by the talent exuded on the court from Warren girls' basketball players Danielle Rodriguez and Franny Vaaulu, they've spent quite a long time making their game look effortless.

Rodriguez and Vaaulu, along with the rest of the Warren team, have enjoyed a steady season that has included some tough losses and some astounding wins against Bellflower (61-17), Venice (76-29), and Dominguez (62-26).

Throughout the season, the two girls have proven to be standouts on the varsity team, maintaining the highest points per game over any other player. While the team itself has had to deal with its share of disappointing games, it's nothing they can't improve on according to Danielle.

"We play well together, we play intense defense, and we have an inside outside game offensively," said Rodriguez. "[As far as] team weaknesses, we can have too many turnovers and sometimes we may play down to the level of our competition. As a team we just constantly work on making our weaknesses into strengths."

Rodriguez, the team's point guard, has been a part of the Warren girls' basketball team since she was a freshman and has maintained her standing on the varsity team ever since. This season alone she has managed to tally up 277 points on her own and averages 15.4 points per game. Playing since the age of four, Rodriguez hopes to continue her basketball ambitions after hanging up her Bear jersey, hoping to play at the college level and potentially overseas.

Danielle's teammate, center-forward Franny, has similarly been playing basketball for years prior to spending the last four as a member of the varsity team. This season Franny has garnered 190 points alone, averaging 10.6 points per game. Already a senior with her college plans settled, Vaaulu plans to continue her basketball career as a member of the Utah State University team. While Vaaulu may already be set as far as college basketball is concerned, the season



PHOTO BY DEANNA KIM

Danielle Rodriguez and Franny Vaaulu have found success playing together at Warren High School. Both have plans to play basketball at the collegiate level.

is not over yet and the toughest of competition is yet to be encountered.

"A challenging game would be Lynwood," said Vaaulu, before they faced off against them on Feb. 2. The Bears beat them in league for the first time in over a decade.

"For me personally, they have been the team to beat before I was even a freshman and now that I'm a senior I think we have a chance to do it."

While Danielle and Franny have talent unmatched by many in their league, both owe much gratitude and thanks to the person who has allowed them to tap into their inner WNBA. Head coach Rachel Palmer has been the driving force

behind the Warren Bears for several years and it is she that has taught both girls more about the game than they could ever have imagined.

"Being coached by Palmer has really taken my game to the next level," said Rodriguez. "She has taught the team that basketball takes more than just being physically ready. She has made me a better player mentally as well as physically."

"Coach Palmer is the best," continued Vaaulu. "She doesn't take it easy on us at all. She has taught me a lot and not just in basketball. She has taught me life lessons in respect, honesty, discipline and many more."

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OC Fair concert tickets on sale Saturday

COSTA MESA – Tickets go on sale this weekend for the first two shows scheduled to perform at the Orange County Fair this summer.

The Steve Miller Band will perform its rock hits July 21.

The following day Big Time Rush will perform pop hits from their popular Nickelodeon TV show.

Tickets to see the Steve Miller Band start at \$38.50 while Big Time Rush seats start at \$12.50.

Tickets can be purchased beginning Saturday at 10 a.m. at all Ticketmaster outlets and by calling (800) 745-3000.

The OC Fair, located on the fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, is set to open July 15 for a month-long engagement.

More concerts will be announced at a later date.

Has golf made us soft?

James Pomerantz believes in walking softly and carrying a big stick, but not being afraid to raise both his voice and his stick when challenged.

If there was a National Association for Tough Guys, Pomerantz would have a lifetime seat on the board of directors. He used to own a bar with legendary tough guy martial arts film king Steven Seagal, has ridden bulls under the tutelage of a PRCA World Champion bull rider and has former Bears coach Mike Ditka on his speed dial.

He's also the author of a book on the toughness of being tough, titled "Tough Guys Always Play From The Tips: A Unisex Guide to Golf, Tough Guys and the Neutered Weenie Fraternity Created By Such an Insane Game" (toughguysbookstore.com).

As the environmentalists lament the dwindling numbers of the spotted owl, Pomerantz

laments the near extinction of the American Tough Guy. And while he doesn't blame the lily-livered liberals or the holier-than-thou conservatives (OK, he blames them both to some extent), he does lay a good amount of blame on the game of golf.

"The popularity of golf and the decline of the American Tough Guy certainly have a direct connection," Pomerantz said. "If they don't, then can someone please explain plaid pants to anyone with an IQ above concrete? Think about this. While alcohol is forbidden on the field of play in baseball, football and other manly sports, it's not only available, but encouraged in golf.

"In contrast, try downing a cold one while coaching your kid's little league team," Pomerantz continued. "Also, on the exertion scale of physical effort, golf falls in just a hair short of playing poker or sleeping.

"Finally, football and baseball have complex rules and umpires to prevent cheating of any kind. Meanwhile, on the golf course, players are perfectly content to skip a stroke, take a mulligan, move a lie, concede an easy putt and kick a ball out of the tall grass when no one is looking. In summary, golf is an exertion-free game for alcoholic blowhards."

Further, Pomerantz points out that golf is a game that rank amateurs can play at a professional

level from time to time.

"Where else can an overweight, middle-aged half-in-the-bag Fox News addict hit a shot better than Tiger Woods?" he added. "Put Tiger Woods on a 150 yard par 3 with Skippy the Accountant, and let them each hit a bucket of balls toward the green. I guarantee Skippy gets a shot closer to the pin than Tiger at least once, if not more, during the challenge. Now, take Skippy and tell him to chase Michael Vick out of the pocket a few times. Just have a defibrillator and an EMS team standing by."

In the final analysis, the culture of golf is in direct conflict with the culture of men, and that's why Pomerantz thinks it is one of the key factors that is sissifying America.

"You know, mothers tell their sons to study hard, get a good education, make the right friends and be nice to people," he said. "Well, that's like asking the Dalai Lama to work at Haliburton. Life is about confrontation and confidence, perseverance and integrity."

James Pomerantz has been a golfer since he was 10 years old. He earned a first degree black belt in Tibetan Kung-Fu in 1991 and is an alumni of the Gary Leffew Professional Bull Riding School in Santa Maria.



Peter Schueller returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera for a third time to appear in "The Melody Lingers On" – the life and music of Irving Berlin – opening next week at the Downey Theatre. The production opens Feb. 17 and will end March 6. For tickets, call (562) 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m. Group rates are available.

'Cats' opens this weekend

LONG BEACH – "Cats," the longest-running musical in Broadway history, opens at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach this weekend.

Based on T.S. Eliot's "Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats," the musical is set at the annual reunion of the Jellicle cats at the Jellicle Ball.

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

Winner of seven Tony Awards including best musical, "Cats" features 20 of Andrew Lloyd Webber's timeless melodies, including the hit song "Memories."

The original production opened at the New London Theatre in the West End on May 11, 1981. "Cats" opened on Broadway at the Winter Garden Theatre on Oct. 7, 1982 and continued to live up to its motto of playing "Now and Forever," running until its closing in September, 2000. On June 19, 1997, the show became the longest-running musical on Broadway.

The performance schedule for "Cats" is Thursdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Tickets start at \$20, with last-row seating available at an additional discount.

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Kids Day is May 14

DOWNEY – Plans are underway for the 24th annual Kids Day, taking place May 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Furman Park.

The event features 1-cent carnival games with prizes, while parents can learn about local youth organizations and the services they provide.

Two stages will provide entertainment, and food and drinks will be available.

The Downey Fire Department will concurrently hold their Fire Service Day, where firefighters will provide tips on fire safety. An environmental fair offers suggestions on how to respect the environment.

A major component of Kids Day is the annual Fun Run, a 2K run for residents of all ages. The first 50 participants to cross the finish line receive a goody bag and medal.

Same-day check-in for the Fun Run begins at 10 a.m.

Kids Day is free to attend.

Hall of Fame for kids taking entries

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is accepting nominations for the Hall of Fame, a recognition ceremony for school-age youth.

Eligible children should have demonstrated significant contributions in the areas of academics, athletics, volunteerism or a heroic deed (save a life, etc.).

Children chosen for the Hall of Fame will be presented with certificates and awards at Kids Day on May 14.

Nomination forms are available at the Community Services department at City Hall and also online at www.downeyca.org.

For more information, call (562) 904-7225.

Movie night at church

DOWNEY – The Downey Church of Spiritual Living will host a free movie night Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.

The featured film is "What's Buggin' Seth," a romantic comedy whose lead character is hearing impaired and battling negative beliefs.

The church will show three short films prior to the main feature. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

Movie night is free and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1000 Paramount Blvd., north of Florence Avenue.

Bank opening next to Porto's Bakery

DOWNEY – Americas United Bank will celebrate its new location at 8255 Firestone Blvd., Suite 110, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday at 4 p.m.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce is assisting with the event.

The commercial bank offers business and personal banking, CDs, loans and more. An investor relations department provides news releases, financial reports and stock quotes.

The event is open to the public. Porto's Bakery, located next door, will provide appetizers and refreshments.

School board honors high school mentors

■ Warren High "lunch bunch" reaches out to kids with special needs.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Two organizations – Warren High's Teen Connection Club (formerly known as the Lunch Bunch) and Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. – received recognition from the Board of Education for their positive impact on children and families who need help.

Warren principal John Harris briefly recounted how special ed teacher Christine Spino and a small dedicated group of student volunteers in 2008 started trying to enable kids with special needs (those with Down syndrome, autistic, orthopedic problems, etc.) to come out of their shell and participate actively and openly in campus life via tailor-made activities, and how both mentors (now numbering a healthy 40 members or so) and beneficiaries have grown in number and quality, leading board member Mark Morris to remark that this could turn out to be the most meaningful experience of the participating students' high school life.

It was even suggested that it could perhaps be adopted also at Downey High.

Harris at the same time made reference to the coverage of the extra-curricular activity in the Patriot's issue of Dec. 30, 2010.

The Board also heard an account of the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S.'s "tremendous" charitable work from Board president Martha Sodemani, who said that through two main food drives during the year district PTAs are able to furnish food to those in need in the community, even as she lauded its close links with Gangs Out of Downey and the TLC Family Resource Center.

In other action, the Board:

*Profusely and gratefully acknowledged cash and in-kind donations, both large and small, from various donors, including \$6,600 from Imperial PTA for field trips by students at Imperial Elementary School; \$1,000 from Mrs. Beth Nickel to purchase a CD/DVD publisher at Lewis Elementary School; \$700 from Target to be used also for field trips by the AVID students at East Middle School; a donation of G & B soil worth \$700 from Kellogg Garden Products, Inc. to be used in the garden at Downey High School; and a number of assorted contributions from Darryl Browning, Scanlon-Guerra-Burke, Downey Education Association, Downey Association of Realtors and Porto's Bakery—benefiting TLC Family Resource Center which was to receive the mayor's service award at the city council meeting later that evening;

*Ratified usual district business including: the payment of convention and conference expenditures and other fees; special education placements; purchase orders by the purchasing department; the issuance of payroll orders for hourly, overtime, and Civic Center performed by classified personnel, Adult School and Food Services; the agreements between the Downey Adult Career and Education Center and some clinics/medical groups to furnish practical training in the medical assistant as well as medical billing and coding programs; accepted as complete concrete, electrical, and roofing work performed by various contractors; approved adjustments

to the unrestricted and restricted budgets of the General Fund, to the unrestricted budgets of the Adult Education, Cafeteria, Deferred Maintenance, and Capital Facilities Funds, to the restricted budget of the County School Facilities Fund, and to the unrestricted budgets of the Special Reserve for Capital Outlay Fund, as well as the Self Insurance, Self Insurance Workers Compensation, Self Insurance Health and Welfare, Self Insurance Dental, and Self Insurance Vision Funds; routine personnel items until subsequent action is taken by the Board;

*Approved the Special Education settlement agreement regarding OAH and federal cases, and authorized payments as set forth within said agreement;

*Ratified the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, that provides for educationally-related health services to children and youth with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;

*Adopted the new board policy (BP) and administrative regulation (AR) 2109 on Open Enrollment Act (Romero Bill); the new policy "offers enrollment options and standards (no negative impact, say, on the capacity of a program, class, grade level, or school building) to provide children with opportunities for academic achievement and that meet their diverse needs, especially

allowing a student attending a district school on the Open Enrollment List as identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction to transfer to another school within or outside of the district, as long as said school has a higher Academic Performance Index (API)";

*Approved the Williams, Valenzuela/CAHSEE lawsuit settlement quarterly report on Uniform Complaints 2010—11 (no complaints were filed with any school in the district during the quarter, Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, under review);

*Approved the Title I waiver application, which will exempt the district from the 14-day requirement to provide parents of eligible students with notice of their public school choice (in this case Imperial, Lewis and Old River schools, which were identified for improvement for the 2010-11 school year) before the start of the school year, as the official notification from the California Department of Education was not received in time;

*Approved the Title I application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding and authorized submission of the application of the California Department of Education;

*Approved Part II of the consolidated application for funding categorical aid programs;

*Approved the abolishment of

one vacant instructional assistant (bilingual) position at West Middle School, effective Jan. 28, 2011, another at East Middle School, effective June 23, 2011, while establishing one new limited term position with duties corresponding to the current classification of senior instructional assistant, for assignment to Lewis Elementary School four hours per day, effective Jan. 4, 2011-March 31, 2011;

*Approved the changes to the basic function of Custodian and Grounds Equipment Operator, as shown in pertinent duty statements,

*Reviewed revisions to BP and AR 1221 – Use of School Facilities; this policy covers who may use school facilities, the fees and the question of gratuities involved and when payment is expected, activities permitted and not permitted and supervision of same, other restrictions, etc. (Its general policy is to "allow groups and organizations which, in the estimation of the district, will use

the school facilities which will contribute to the education, political, economic, artistic, and moral welfare of the citizens of the community, and as long as such use shall not conflict with the school program");

*Approved the Single Plans for Student Achievement and Title I school parent involvement policies, in which "all schools wrote goals, objectives and activities to improve student achievement (school plans were updated and revised after new assessment data was received along with the state and federal approved categorical budget funding allocations)," along with several strategies involving parents (their participation in the planning, review, and implementation of the program, etc.) in the education of their children;

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

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Keep a Low Audit Profile

According to a recent news article in a large metropolitan newspaper, the IRS may be auditing fewer returns but they are getting smarter about choosing those they do audit. Their goal, of course, is to focus scrutiny on the most "audit worthy" returns—those with potential for big adjustments. As taxpayers, all of us would like to avoid an audit. But how does one avoid being "chosen"? While there's no sure way, experts do offer advice on what to look for to help cut audit risk.

Are deductible expenses out of line with income? When a return goes through the IRS computer, it's "graded" with a score that indicates how that return differs from an IRS norm for other returns in the same income level. For example, if your income was \$32,000 and you claimed charitable contributions of over \$20,000, the IRS system would very likely show more than a slight bleep when your return was processed. The chance of an audit would go up appreciably!

Where's the hidden income? The IRS questions how savings can go up without a general increase in income from all sources. Thus, returns that show low income but indicate ever-increasing amounts of interest and dividend income can be high audit risk.

Do we have a mismatch? The IRS is expert in matching information on tax returns to what has been reported to them by employers, banks, brokerages, etc. To head off unwanted correspondence with the government, your tax return needs to accurately reflect the 1099s and W-2s you receive. Keep careful records of your accounts to ensure against mismatches.

Does the IRS understand your business better than you think? The IRS now has special audit guides that help their personnel understand the ins and outs of various kinds of businesses. If you're in an occupation targeted by one of the guides, an audit may be more likely. Dozens have already been published zeroing in on a variety of occupations including truckers, innkeepers, lawyers, musicians, taxi drivers, and many others.

Are you a sole proprietor? If so, watch out. Sole proprietors stand out over others when it comes to being audited. Those with incomes over \$100,000 "enjoy" a high audit rate. However, business owners with less than \$25,000 annual income has one of the highest audit rates. One in twenty are "favored."

If you get an IRS Notice: If you ever receive any communication from the IRS, don't panic. However, your timely response will be one of the main keys to finding a satisfactory solution. To be certain, call us at once. Together, we will determine exactly what course of action needs to be made.

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DUSD's plan to help English learners

DOWNEY – There is a plethora of federal and state standards and guidelines that school districts must meet if they are to pass judgment by the regulatory educational agencies. Some are deemed in educational circles as fair, others as plain stupid. But until the regulatory goals themselves are met/adjusted, there is no choice but for districts to do as they are told if they are to obtain educational funding, continued accreditation, and so on.

One such mandate is for the district to meet three so-called "annual measurable achievement objectives" or AMAOs, targets for Title III English Learners (ELs).

These are: 1) the annual progress in learning English as based on the California English language development test (CELDT); 2) progress in attaining English language proficiency, as determined on the CELDT; and 3) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on the California Standards Test (CST) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.

Failure to meet one or more of these conditions for four consecutive years will require the submission of an improvement plan. DUSD exceeded standards on the first two measures, but its results on the third criterion were not deemed significant enough to meet AYP, so to the drawing board went administrative services. The board approved the plan Tuesday.

The plan employs a four-pronged attack, in most cases developed by outside professional educational consultants and often steeped in academic jargon: 1) continued implementation of data analysis to guide instruction and monitor student achievement; 2) the development of a structure of strategic and intensive intervention support to students during the school day, including criteria for service and exit from the intervention program; 3) providing professional development in Sheltered



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Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP), differentiated small group reading instruction, and cognitively guided instruction in math; and 4) promoting effective parental involvement in the school. At any rate, most if not all of these professionally developed programs have been applied at DUSD for some time now and the appropriate training provided to the lead teachers in charge of administering them.

The above plan addresses all the pertinent requirements of the mandate. No. 1 of course states the facts of the situation, and No. 2 indicates the areas where students need intervention and support. No. 3 employs various means by which English learners and math-deficient students may be helped along by understanding and competent instructors, using student-specific and unique lessons to teach the two subjects. Although difficult to realize, No. 4, encouraging parents to take a more active involvement in their children's education could perhaps be the most important element in the whole equation.

The plan covers a lot of ground and looks rational enough, and doable enough. All that's needed is the requisite passion, the unremitting patience, and the unflagging energy of teachers charged with educating the children under their care.

Library auction items on preview

DOWNEY – Silent auction items are now on display in the Downey City Library foyer.

Items include "Iron Horse – A History of the Steam Train," by Peter Lori and Colin Garratt, beautiful pictures and illustrations that celebrate the development and history of the steam locomotive; "A Living Architecture, Frank Lloyd Wright & Taliesin Architects," by John Rottenbury, lavish photos and illustrations present an in-depth look at 47 design projects undertaken by Taliesin Architects; "Norman Rockwell and the Saturday Evening Post," 108 treasured covers, reproduced in their original size, covering the years 1928-43.

A summary of all items available is available online at downeylibrary.org under the "Friends" tab.

Bids may be placed inside the Friend's Book Store until Feb. 26. Proceeds benefit the library.

Downed power lines pose extreme threat

MARK SAUTER

DOWNEY – Last month a family in San Bernardino suffered a horrible loss because of a downed power line.

It has been reported that one family member exited the house before dawn after a wind storm to investigate a small fire in his backyard, came in contact with a downed power line and was electrocuted. Then another family member went to check on her downed loved one and was electrocuted. Finally, a third family member went to check on the other fallen family members and suffered a similar consequence.

Clearly, this is an unimaginable tragedy. We know accidents occur, sometimes despite our best efforts to prevent them. However, for a single accident to take the lives of three well meaning people in a matter of minutes is cause for great concern.

This week let's give some thought to 'situational awareness' regarding electrical power supplies. The term situational awareness is frequently used by fire and law enforcement officials when they consider emergencies. For our purposes, let's apply the concept to one aspect of our daily lives.

How often do we see something wrong (or right) in front of us and not look around to see if there

is some information we could be missing? This may have been a factor with the tragedy in San Bernardino. It is speculated that the first person to be electrocuted went outside the house, into his backyard, to investigate a small fire. We will never know if he suspected the fire was caused by a downed power line. It would be tough to see a power line draped across a backyard in the darkness.

His wife followed him into the backyard when she saw him on the ground. Again it is speculated that she likely walked to him and either touched him or stepped on the downed power line herself. Electrical current needs only a small area of contact to deliver its powerful punch. We will never know if she was considering what may have caused her husband to fall to the ground. Unfortunately, her son followed her out into the yard and succumbed in the same manner.

Electrical power is quiet and deadly. Those in the power industry and in emergency services all live by the credo, 'treat all power lines as though they are live.' The diameter of a power line doesn't necessarily give an indication of the amount of electricity carried by the line.

The power lines carrying the highest voltage (usually seen at the highest part of the power poles) typically don't have insulation

encasing them. These high-voltage lines can appear smaller than the lower voltage lines supplying a typical residence. Don't be mistaken, any of the lines used for distributing electrical power can provide a fatal shock.

Power lines have certain safety systems that can shut off the flow of energy to a specific (downed) line during an emergency. But like any system, there can be problems. The rule of thumb for residents and business owners should always be stay back and away from downed power lines and use 911 to report the problem to the fire department. Do not be lulled into thinking the downed line is 'dead' since there is no popping and snapping at the end of the line. There are numerous stories of power lines popping and snapping immediately after they fall to the ground and then becoming quiet and still...only to come 'alive' again a short while later.

If we experience the shaking of an earthquake, notice a strong wind has developed or experience a power loss in our homes, let's be sure we are aware of the possible problems that could exist immediately outside our doors. In many residential and business areas, overhead power lines 'feed' the building with electrical power. In many of these same areas, overhead power transmission lines span from pole to pole to feed the rest of the area. Any of these lines can

drop for various reasons.

Before walking outdoors, be sure to look for downed power lines in all directions. If you happen to see a downed line, look for another route that is clear of this type of problem.

During major windstorms and immediately after earthquakes, emergency responders may have increased response times. During these emergency situations, it is important to remember to stay away from any suspected electrical power problem and to keep others away as well. Be prepared to wait for emergency responders. Consider keeping watch (from a safe distance) on the problem to ensure neighbors and others in the area don't stumble upon the problem.

Keep situational awareness and electrical power problems in mind when you find yourself in the area of an emergency. If something doesn't look right, take a moment and think about the cause of the problem. Your situational awareness efforts may save your life and the lives of others.

If you have comments or questions about this column, please send them to ready@downeyca.org.

Mark Sauter is the emergency services manager for the city of Downey.

Water barrel giveaway March 12

DOWNEY – The Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee and CERT volunteers will be distributing free plastic food-grade barrels for emergency water storage on Saturday morning, March 12.

The storage of an ample supply of fresh water is one of the most important actions community members can take as they prepare for an emergency.

The location for the March 12 event will be the Discovery Sports Complex and Columbia Memorial

Space Center on Columbia Way, near Lakewood Boulevard. The distribution will be a 'drive-thru' only event. There will be no accommodations for walk-up visitors.

All attendees will be directed to stay with their vehicles as they work their way through the distribution effort. There will be a one barrel per car limit for this distribution event.

The distribution of the barrels will begin at 8 a.m. The event will end when the supply of barrels is

exhausted or at 11am, whichever comes first. The barrels are a donation from the Downey Coca-Cola facility and staff.

Fresh water is almost always in short supply after disasters. Experts recommend each person should store a minimum of 7-21 gallons of water for emergency use. Additional water should be stored for pets.

Each barrel is cleaned and rinsed by Coca-Cola staff members before delivery to the distribution site by Coca-Cola trucks and driv-

ers. The barrels vary in size from 15-55 gallons. The exact quantity of each size of barrel varies for each event. A special instructional label is attached to each barrel.

Final details for the distribution event, and a map, will be provided to *The Downey Patriot* and posted on the City website in the next few weeks.

Questions or comments may be sent to ready@downeyca.org.

–**Mark Sauter, city of Downey**

Residents warned of possible stink

DOWNEY – The Lunday-Thagard Refinery (LTR) in South Gate notified the city of Downey that they would begin routine maintenance on one of their large filter systems at the plant on Garfield Boulevard beginning on Wednesday morning and possibly continue through Thursday. The message was received on Tuesday afternoon.

A representative of LTR added he did not believe any odors from the maintenance operation would be detected outside the facility.

LTR changed their material handling practices in 2010. In the past, there have been complaints from the neighborhoods adjacent to

the Rio Hondo Riverbed of a sulfur type odor during similar maintenance operations.

As of this writing, on Thursday morning, there have been no complaints of odor problems as a result of the LTR maintenance.

If residents detect an odor in the future they should contact the AQMD directly at 1-800-CUT-SMOG. If residents believe there is a safety problem with the odor they detect, they should contact the Downey Fire Department utilizing the 911 system. If residents believe they smell natural gas they should contact the fire department and the gas company. The emergency contact number for the gas company is

1-800-427-2200.

City staff used the reverse 911 system to notify the residents and businesses in the southwest area of the city of the planned maintenance on Tuesday evening. Many residents called the contact number from the message to confirm the information. All were pleased they had been notified in advance.

The residents and businesses in the area who had registered using the 'opt-in' system for reverse 911 were also notified. Cell phone numbers and information are not a part of the emergency contact information available to the city through the city landline carrier (Verizon). The 'opt-in' system

gives cell phone owners the option of receiving telephone and text messages when the reverse 911 system is used. Residents and businesses may also opt-in with their e-mail addresses.

The opt-in system can be accessed at the city website (www.downeyca.org). Interested parties can learn more about the opt-in system by clicking on the 'quick links' button and then highlighting the 'citizen alert' line.

Questions or comments about this article can be sent to ready@downeyca.org.

–**Mark Sauter, city of Downey**

Whittier man named 'Veteran of the Month'

WHITTIER – Whittier resident Brian Moralez, a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, has been named "Veteran of the Month" by Rep. Linda Sanchez.

Moralez joined the California National Guard as a combat engi-

neer in 1986, later transferring into the 2668th Transportation Unit in 1990. He was then transferred to the 101st Airborne Division and deployed to Operation Desert Storm.

He returned to Southern California in 1993 and joined the American Legion, where he later became commander of "Sunshine

Acres" Post 477. Moralez has gone on to hold several officer positions with the Legion's 19th district in Los Angeles County.

"Mr. Moralez has a passion for public service that is inspirational," said Sanchez. "Not only did he serve our country with his military service, but Mr. Moralez continues to make sure our veterans are rec-

ognized and supported. His involvement in the community is a great example for our younger generation to follow."

Moralez currently serves as sergeant-at-arms of the Whittier County Sheriff's Community Advisory Council. He is also a charter member and vice president of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Whittier.

For his community service, Moralez has received many awards, including Volunteer of the Year by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Patriot of the Year by the Whittier County Community Coordinating Council.

Sanchez' Veteran of the Month program is coordinated by her Veterans Advisory Council, composed of distinguished veterans from across the district. For information on nominating a veteran, contact Jesse Cheng at (562) 860-5050.

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Courthouse expects to be busy Monday

NORWALK – Norwalk Superior Court is making plans to accommodate all couples looking to tie the knot this Valentine's Day.

The courthouse will set up multiple wedding ceremony areas for the large number of couples expected to exchange vows on Monday.

No appointment is necessary for marriage ceremonies on Valentine's Day.

"Valentine's Day is always our busiest day of the year for weddings," said Dean Logan, registrar-recorder and county clerk. "In an effort to provide the highest level of service to couples wishing to marry on Feb. 14, we are providing them the opportunity to obtain a marriage license and to be wed in a civil ceremony that same day."

There are no residency or citizenship requirements for couples wishing to obtain a marriage license and be married in a civil ceremony on Monday. But couples must be at least 18 years old to wed.

To save time, couples can apply for a marriage license ahead of time at lavote.net/clerk/marriages.cfm. On Monday, couples can head to the courthouse, pay the license fee (which is \$90 for a public license and \$85 for a confidential license), and be wed. The fee for a civil ceremony is \$25, payable by cash, check or money order.

To complete the marriage license, a couple must appear together in person, each present one form of valid, non-expired photo identification, and provide proof of a divorce degree if divorced within the last two years.

Volunteer deputy marriage commissioners will perform the ceremonies from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Walk-in applicants will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Couples are urged to arrive early.

Substance abuse official to speak

DOWNEY – Sylvia Leyba, with Southern California Alcohol & Drug Programs, Inc., will be guest speaker at Tuesday's meeting of Rise 'N Shine networking at Bob's Big Boy.

Cost to attend the networking meeting is an order from the menu.

For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

City accepting donations for military banners

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is accepting donations from residents and local businesses to purchase street banners that honor local military personnel.

The banners hang along Firestone Boulevard and list the person's name and branch of service.

The city hangs and maintains the banners, which are purchased using community donations.

For more information on making a donation, or to request a banner application, call (562) 904-1895.

'Success coach' to offer tips

DOWNEY – Marianne Emme Jeff, described as a "professional success coach," will speak Feb. 22 at Bob's Big Boy as part of Rise 'N Shine networking.

Jeff's topic will be "10 Keys to Break Thru From Good to Great."

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and cost to attend is an order from the menu.



The law firm of Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle is planning a series of events this year to commemorate its 50th anniversary. The Downey office is pictured above.

Law firm marks 50 years of service

■ Company was founded by Harold Tredway in 1961 and has grown to 3 locations.

DOWNEY – Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, LLP, a law firm representing people and businesses in a full range of legal services, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

"We are proud to be celebrating 50 years of service," said Matt Kinley, managing partner of the firm. "Our service extends to our clients, to the community and to the family that makes up our firm. Our commitment to family is the hallmark of our success."

The law firm was established in Downey in 1961 by Harold Tredway, who envisioned the firm could meet the needs of the then growing community of Southeast Los Angeles County while competing with larger law firms. Five decades later, the firm has achieved Tredway's vision, handling matters nationwide for clients around the globe.

Tredway retired in 1984 and the current senior partner is Joseph Lumsdaine. Lumsdaine, with more than 30 years experience as a lawyer, emphasizes probate, trusts and trust litigation.

Partner Roy Jimenez has been with the firm since 1998. Jimenez is described as a "seasoned litigator in state and federal courts, as well as arbitration and mediation."

A third partner, Monica Goel, joined the firm in 1999. She emphasizes trust administration, probate and estate planning.

"Our commitment to our clients is what makes us successful," said Lumsdaine, who has served as president of the Southeast County Bar Association. "Years ago we adopted our written Client Commitment which constitutes the core values of our firm."

Former partners of Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle (TLD) include Judge John Torribio of Los Angeles Superior Court and Robert Brazelton, former mayor of Downey.

A number of TLD attorneys have served as leaders in local charitable and service organizations, including Rotary, Soroptimist, Kiwanis, Optimist, the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA, St. Mary's Hospital and Miller's Children's Hospital in Long Beach.

The firm has also enjoyed a special relationship with Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, which offers support to people with

developmental disabilities. TLD is a major sponsor of the Arc Walk for Independence, firm representatives have served on the Arc board of directors and the law firm has represented Arc on a pro bono basis.

TLD also hired an Arc-trained employee 16 years ago, who assisted with copying, filing and other tasks.

Last year, Arc honored TLD with the Arc Walk for Independence Award at its annual installation and awards banquet.

The law firm, which has offices in Downey, Long Beach and Irvine, has also been honored by the United States Chamber of Commerce as Small Business of the Year for two straight years. It was also awarded the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility.

Jennifer Sawday, an attorney with TLD, has served as president of the Women Lawyers of Long Beach.

In honor of its 50th anniversary, the law firm will be hosting events in each of its offices throughout the year. Events will be posted online at www.tldlaw.com.

Annalee Fowler dies of heart failure

DOWNEY – Annalee Elizabeth Fowler, born on March 4, 1923 in Stockton, Mo., to William Luther Benton Curl and Leona Opal Underwood Curl, died of heart failure on Jan. 21 at Vista Hospital in Hawaiian Gardens.

The eldest of eight siblings, she was active in the USO during World War II, as well as working for the Pratt-Whitney Aircraft Company and Levis-Strauss, both in Kansas City, to help the war effort.

She worked many different jobs, including jobs at the telephone company, at a copper mine, as a restaurant cook, as a baker and cake decorator, and as a classroom aide at Stanford Elementary School in South Gate. She also sold Tri-Chem and Avon products.

In 1984, Fowler was honored as the Azalea Queen by the city of South Gate.

In her later years, she made many friends at Rancho Los Amigos Adult Day Services, where many of her art pieces were displayed annually in the Art of Rancho exhibit.

In 2001, she completed her conversion to Catholicism by completing the RCIA program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey.

Fowler is survived by six siblings, Drinda Aldridge, Billie Delaney, Nancy Coleman, Leona Morlan, Paul Curl and Norman Curl; five daughters, Carol (Ronald) Quillen, Martha (William) Delancey, Barbara Foster, Dorothy (Camille) Nemr, and Dianna Fowler; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Harold Fowler, brother, Robert Curl, and daughter, Jude Corke, preceded her in death.

At her request, Fowler's remains were cremated and no funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to the Make a Wish Foundation.

Larry Wyatt passes away at 68

DOWNEY – Larry D. Wyatt, a former Downey resident of 25 years, died Feb. 2 at St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood. He was 68.

Wyatt was retired from the mortgage lending business after 25 years. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Church in Pico Rivera.

He loved horses and had a passion for Corvettes.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia R. Wyatt, and his children.



Cary Rae Arnold

With great sorrow, we announce the passing of Cary Rae Arnold, age 50. Cary lost her brave battle with Cancer on February 3, 2011. Cary will be lovingly remembered by her, husband Kirk, her children Rielly,

Dayna, and Jesse, parents Ray & Barbara Dunn; and brother Ray (wife Kim) Dunn. A memorial service for Cary will be held at the Camarillo Perez Family Funeral Home on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The American Cancer Society in Cary's name.

Suicidal man arrested at Rose Hills

WHITTIER – A depressed and possibly suicidal man was arrested Monday after allegedly pointing a gun at Rose Hills security and carjacking a pickup truck.

The suspect's sister called Sheriff's deputies Monday at about 6:39 p.m. and said her brother had been drinking and was en route to their mother's burial spot at Rose Hills.

At about the same time, deputies received another call

from a witness who saw the suspect armed with a handgun at the main gate near the Carnation Garden.

When deputies arrived, they learned from security staff that the suspect had pointed a gun at them and carjacked a cemetery employee's pickup truck, officials said.

Deputies found the truck traveling toward the front gates "at a high rate of speed" before it turned onto a grassy area and back onto the pavement, where the driver lost

control and flipped the truck over onto its side, authorities said.

Deputies used less-lethal weapons and a K9 to apprehend the suspect, who was not identified.

Authorities said they recovered a semi-automatic handgun.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Downey City Council on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, regarding:

Adoption of an Ordinance amending Article IV, Chapter 11, of the Downey Municipal Code, adding a new Section 4971 (adopting by reference Chapter 8.04 of the Los Angeles County Code regulating public health licenses to include mobile food facilities).

Any person desiring to be heard may appear and be heard at said Public Hearing at the time and place as noted above. For further information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at (562) 904-7286.

Joyce E. Doyle, Interim City Clerk

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

On February 8, 2011, the City Council introduced the following Ordinance:

An Ordinance adopting by reference the Los Angeles County Code relating to Public Health Licenses to include Mobile Food Facilities; and set Public Hearing for February 22, 2011.

A copy of the full text is available at the City Clerk Department.

Joyce E. Doyle, Interim City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF DOWNEY FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME GRANTS

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA. At that time and place, the City Council will receive public comment on the City's federally funded Housing and Community Development Programs. The City is preparing next year's application for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is seeking input in the following areas:

This public hearing, anyone interested in this matter may appear and present their comments and opinions. Written comments intended for the public hearing should be addressed to the attention of the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey,

CA 90241. The following City documents which pertain to the CDBG and HOME program are available for review at www.downeyca.org: 5-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Performance Report for program year 2009-2010. For further information, contact the City of Downey's Housing Division at (562) 904-7167.

Pub. February 10, 2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EMILIE SCHULZ

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EMILIE SCHULZ: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Gerald I. Stein in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Gerald I. Stein be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 1, 2011 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. B located at 12720 Norwalk Bl., Norwalk, CA 90650.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.

Attorney for petitioner: MARY E MULLIN ESQ SBN 162163 10419 BOGARDUS AVE STE 125 DOWNNEY, CA 90603

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/3/11, 2/10/11

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEREMIAS W. MARTINEZ

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JEREMIAS W. MARTINEZ: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nahara Martinez and Wilfredo Martinez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nahara Martinez and Wilfredo Martinez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.

Attorney for petitioner: ALLAN M SOTO ESQ SBN 206714 7960 W MCFADDEN AVE WESTMINSTER CA 92683

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELOISE L. ALVARADO

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELOISE L. ALVARADO: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Tracy Lee Smith in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Tracy Lee Smith be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.

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Attorney for petitioner: J B CASAS JR ESQ SBN 044445 2520 W BEVERLY BLVD MONTEBELLO CA 90640-2308

2/3/11, 2/10/11, 2/17/11

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0093201 Title Order No. 08-9-342755 Investor/Insurer No. 140548934 APN No. 8047-017-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/21/2006. 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.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

Attorney for petitioner: MARY E MULLIN ESQ SBN 162163 10419 BOGARDUS AVE STE 125 DOWNNEY, CA 90603

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0099280

Title Order No. 10-8-386691 Investor/Insurer No. 154083292 APN No. 6361-027-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/24/2007. 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.

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

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.

Attorney for petitioner: ALLAN M SOTO ESQ SBN 206714 7960 W MCFADDEN AVE WESTMINSTER CA 92683

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 7102548

Loan No. 1817030047 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/23/2007. 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 3/22/2011 at 10:30:00 AM, Max default Services Corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/30/2007, as Instrument No. 20071031741, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Taurino Ortiz and Dolores M. Ortiz, Husband and Wife, 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), at the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. AP# 6261-002-019 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8410 West 15th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90047. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, 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 said Deed of Trust to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$185,941.09. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located, pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54. Lender or Servicer has declared it has obtained a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 from the Commissioner that is current and valid as of the date of this Notice of Trustee's Sale and the requirements of Section 2923.52(a) does not apply to this Notice of Trustee's Sale. DATED: 2/10/11 MAX DEED AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE REMINGTON/AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-259-7850 Max Default Services Corp. is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASP# 3901815 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 428086CA Loan No. 3013719053 Title Order No. 602113118 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05-05-06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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Attorney for petitioner: MARY E MULLIN ESQ SBN 162163 10419 BOGARDUS AVE STE 125 DOWNNEY, CA 90603

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0925798 Title Order No. 09-8-370675 Investor/Insurer No. 142407171 APN No. 8016-015-002 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/15/2006. 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.

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Attorney for petitioner: ALLAN M SOTO ESQ SBN 206714 7960 W MCFADDEN AVE WESTMINSTER CA 92683

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 236192CA Loan No. 0083440098 Title Order No. 602132357 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04-20-2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0125798 Title Order No. 09-8-370675 Investor/Insurer No. 142407171 APN No. 8016-015-002 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/15/2006. 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.

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2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 439066CA

Loan No. 0730033867 Title Order No. 220804 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-22-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 439066CA Loan No. 0730033867 Title Order No. 220804 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-22-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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: 11526 LIGGETT 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. Said 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: 10/03/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained for that purpose. ASP# 3904901 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

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Attorney for petitioner: ALLAN M SOTO ESQ SBN 206714 7960 W MCFADDEN AVE WESTMINSTER CA 92683

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

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Attorney for petitioner: ALLAN M SOTO ESQ SBN 206714 7960 W MCFADDEN AVE WESTMINSTER CA 92683

2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 439066CA Loan No. 0730033867 Title Order No. 220804 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-22-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

LEGAL NOTICES CONT.

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, LC, 10350 Park Meadows Dr., Littleton CO 80124 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 2/22/2011 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3895243 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/3/11, 2/10/11, 2/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. CA09002126-10-1. Title Order No. 4660172 Loan No. 0634401822 APN 6231-022-030 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 2, 2011, at 10:30 AM, at the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA, MTC FINANCIAL, Inc., dba Trustee Corps, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on December 30, 2005, as Instrument No. 05 3230439 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, CA, executed by: JORGE GALVEZ AND VERONICA GALVEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, in favor of WAUSAU MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, payable at the time of sale, the real property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7200 FONTANA STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241. 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 without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$416,729.96 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. DATE: February 3, 2011 MTC FINANCIAL INC dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA09002126-10-1. 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Clarisa Gastelum, Authorized Signature SALFRONT@MTCF.COM CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT: www.lpsasap.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-259-7850 Compliance with California Civil Code Section 2924f: The Beneficiary or Beneficiary's agent has indicated that the requirements of California Civil Code Section 2924f have been met. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code Section 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded or the time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections 2923.52, Clarisa Gastelum, Authorized Signature TRUSTEE CORPS IS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP# 3896745 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/3/11, 2/10/11, 2/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-375849-JB Order #: 100450928-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/5/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): SERRILL L. ROMERO . A

MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 9/29/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2169073 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/7/2011 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: \$324,928.61 The purported property address is: 7846 Harper Avenue Downey, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6251-009-013 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 Selene Finance LP 9900 Richmond Avenue Suite 100 Houston TX 77042 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3902214 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-396516-CL Order #: 100639592-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/12/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): JOSE CARLOS DURAN A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 1/24/2007 as Instrument No. 20070145514 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/28/2011 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: \$570,455.72 The purported property address is: 1912 Crosspoint Parkway Getzville NY 14068 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Aurora Loan Services LLC 10350 Park Meadows Dr., Littleton CO 80124 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3874031 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/3/11, 2/10/11, 2/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-395733-VF Order #: 100632311-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/5/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ALLEN ESCOBEDO AND LAURA JAUREGUI Recorded: 5/31/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1258861 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/28/2011 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: \$316,879.25 The purported property address is: 4439 MCCLAREN ST NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No: 8074-007-019 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 obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3874031 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

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): ADALIND PEREZ, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 3/14/2007 as Instrument No. 20070564265 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/28/2011 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: \$426,205.43 The purported property address is: 14320 CROSSDALE AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8075-015-014 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 obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3878318 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/3/11, 2/10/11, 2/17/10

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-397183-VF Order #: 100646094-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/12/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ALLEN ESCOBEDO AND LAURA JAUREGUI Recorded: 5/31/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1258861 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/28/2011 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: \$316,879.25 The purported property address is: 4439 MCCLAREN ST NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No: 8074-007-019 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 obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3874031 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/3/11, 2/10/11, 2/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-382931-CL Order #: 100513500-CA-LPI YOU

ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/19/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express 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): EDGAR MAURICIO CUYUCH-PEREZ, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 4/29/2004 as Instrument No. 04 1054675 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/28/2011 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: \$426,32. The purported property address is: 710 CHEROKEE DR DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6249-011-017 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Aurora Loan Services LLC 10350 Park Meadows Dr., Littleton CO 80124 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3896024 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 2/10/11, 2/17/11, 2/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-012123 Title Order No. 09-8-354863 Investor/Insurer No. 182579726 APN No. 8059-011-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/13/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CARLOS SIFUENTES, AN UNMARRIED MAN, dated 12/13/2007 and recorded in Book , page 20072809090, (Book , Page) of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 03/10/2011 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: 13098 DORSET AVENUE, LA MIRADA, CA, 906382827. 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 \$420,127.55. 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 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: 1/10/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0162034 Title Order No. 09-8-500013 Investor/Insurer No. 4006125908 APN No. 8082-005-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MALISSA SOTO, DIED, AND RENE REYES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 09/23/2008 and recorded 10/02/08, as Instrument No. 20081770435, in Book , Page of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 03/03/2011 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: 12628 MOLETTE 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 \$310,129.38. 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: 02/24/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0143430 Title Order No. 10-8-515364 Investor/Insurer No. N/A APN No. 8023-019-011 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by OSCAR SOLIS AND SUSANA SOLIS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 06/24/2006 and recorded 07/05/06, as Instrument No. 06 1477812, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 03/10/2011 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: 12338 CORBY AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$435,363.18. 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: 02/04/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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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 2924h(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 ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7312 FINEVALE DR, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6366-010-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$661,465.54. 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 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/26/2011 ASAP# 3879903 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100134002071 Title Order No.: 100216875 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/29/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE

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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 04/04/2005 as Instrument No. 05 0769243 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: ROGELIO S. TORRES AND RINA M. SIGUA, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 03/02/2011 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: 9206 SIDEVIEW DRIVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6388-018-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$385,136.23. 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 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 02/07/2011 ASAP# 3904516 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015010525 Title Order No.: 100627041 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/01/2006. 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 03/08/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0494787 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: JAMES L WALSH TRUSTEE OF THE JAMES WALSH, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time 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 ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9156 MEL DAR AVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6364-018-001 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of

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the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$483,401.72. 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 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/27/2011 ASAP# 3881431 01/27/2011, 02/03/2011, 02/10/2011

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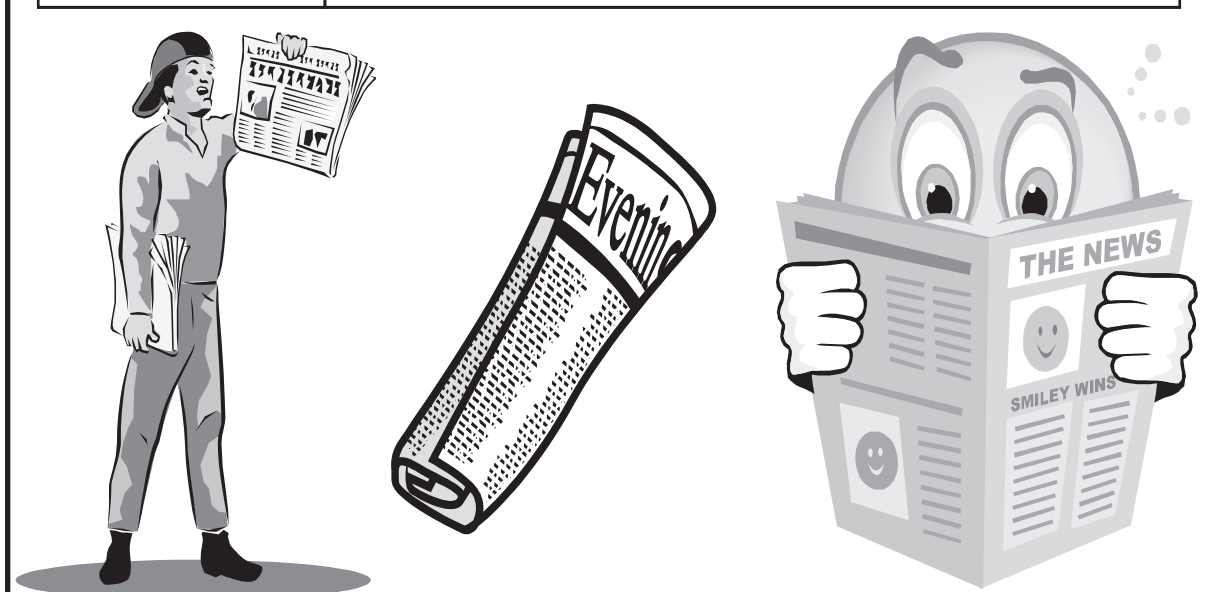
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 446092CA Loan No. 0074544180 Title Order No. 633602 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05-16-2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 03-03-2011 at 10:30 AM CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06-02-2003, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 03 1554000 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: CARL SCHRIEVER AND LINDA SCHRIEVER HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: CT 110 OF TRACT NO. 13968 IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 304 PAGE(S) 7 TO 11 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$175,367.31 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 11432 LINDALE ST NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8074-007-007 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 mortgage 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: 02-10-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ZELMA THORPES ZELMA THORPES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY For Sales Information: CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 3904572 02/10/2011, 02/17/2011, 02/24/2011

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Open mic at Moravian Church

DOWNEY – Open mic, an opportunity for local artists to share their work and talents, will be held at the Moravian Church of Downey on Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m.

All forms of dance, music, artwork, dance and comedy is welcome.

The church is at 10337 Old River School Rd.

Bingo luncheon Feb. 20 at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Catholic Church is hosting a bingo luncheon Feb. 20 at 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch, one bingo card and door prizes. A \$25 money tree and other prizes will be raffled.

For tickets, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.



Couple celebrate 70th anniversary

DOWNEY – James and Arlene Fackrell will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary Monday.

They met on a blind date while in high school. When Jim saw Arlene, he told his friend, "I am going to marry that girl."

A year after finishing high school, they were married on Valentine's Day 1941 in Huntington Park.

Both of their parents objected to the marriage and did not think it would last. It did not take long to see they were wrong.

They planned on a honeymoon in Santa Barbara, but it was raining so hard Pacific Coast Highway was flooded. They made it as far as Santa Monica before they had to turn back to their rented court in East Los Angeles, only to find a bed full of rice, compliments of Arlene's sister.

Jim worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 17 years. He then went to work for Penzoil for 26 years before retiring. Arlene worked for See's Candies, off and on, for 50 years.

They moved to Prescott, Ariz., from Downey in 2006. They have four children, Claudia (Joe) Jay, Carol (Jack) Diffey, Curt (Amy) Fackrell, of Prescott, and Cathy (Tom) Davis of Woodland Hills, Utah. They have eight grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Jim and Arlene will celebrate their anniversary with family at the Hassayampa Inn in Prescott.



Downey resident Art Montoya, a photographer and student at Cal State Long Beach, traveled to Europe with family members last month. He is pictured above with his sister, Lorraine.



Soroptimist International of Downey held its Downey Friends and Family Cruise to Baja on Jan. 31. Pictured above (in no particular order): Dee Bacus, LeeAnn Sears, Jan Scott, Sue Potter, Dorothy Pemberton, Lindsey Louder, Sarah Reintz, Cyndi Adam, Christine Black, Millie Black Stacey Barler, and Soroptimist President Mia Vasquez.

Soroptimist will host its annual Casino Night fundraiser April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Rio Hondo Event Center. For information on tickets, sponsorships and donations, contact Mia Vasquez at missaywell@verizon.net or (562) 806-3217.

HEALTH: Government taking steps to lower blood pressure, cholesterol.

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control

- 1 in 3 Adults has high cholesterol
- 1 in 2 Adults with high cholesterol does not get treatment
- 2 in 3 Adults with high cholesterol do not have it under control

The Vital Signs report also noted that control rates for high blood pressure and high cholesterol are especially low among people in certain socioeconomic and ethnic groups. Those with the lowest rates of control had no health insurance, no usual source of medical care, had received care less than twice in the last year, or had income below the poverty level. Rates of control also were low among young adults and Mexican Americans.

To improve blood pressure and cholesterol control levels among U.S. adults in every age group, a comprehensive approach that involves policy and systems changes to improve health care access, quality of preventive care, and patient adherence to treatment is needed, according to the authors of the report.

The Affordable Care Act pro-

vides coverage for blood pressure and cholesterol screenings with no cost sharing. Additional health care system improvements including electronic health records with registry and reminder functions can improve follow up treatment and management. Allied health professionals (nurses, dietitians, health educators, and pharmacists) can also help increase patient adherence to medications.

In CDC is collaborating with other federal agencies to address cardiovascular disease by improving coordination of care, increasing attention to population health, supporting Healthy People 2020 cardiovascular health goals and objectives. In addition, the agency is complementing the Let's Move initiative and other public health efforts that help Americans make healthy lifestyle choices, such as staying active, eating well and maintaining a healthy weight.

It's important for individuals to understand healthy markers when it comes to cholesterol and blood pressure. LDL cholesterol (or bad cholesterol) should be less than 160 for people without heart disease or diabetes; less than 130 for

people without heart disease or diabetes but with two or more other risk factors for heart disease; and below 100 for people with heart disease or diabetes. Blood pressure should be less than 120 over 80 and requires management if it is higher than 140 over 90.

Also, patient adoption of healthy behaviors is critical. Individuals can take steps to lower cholesterol and blood pressure and improve their heart health by consuming a diet that is low in sodium; low in total fat, saturated fat and cholesterol; rich in fruits and vegetables; and balanced with a healthy level of exercise. Making a healthy diet accessible and affordable for all Americans is an important part of the solution. Food producers and processors, restaurants, and fast food businesses can help by reducing salt in our foods, according to the report.

For more information on heart disease, visit cdc.gov/vitalsigns or www.cdc.gov/dhdsp. To learn more about how heart disease affects your community, visit www.cdc.gov/dhdsp/ncvds.



Downey High School ASB threw a surprise party for Vanessa Lam and her family last week, congratulating her on finishing seventh overall in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Superintendent Wendy Doty, principal Tom Houts and many teachers and friends were also in attendance.

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