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How much do DUSD admins earn?

■ School board renews 4-year contracts for DUSD's top administrators, including the superintendent

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DOWNEY – Within the past three years, to stave off further teacher layoffs, the Downey Unified School District was able to effect savings from the early retirements of many long-serving key personnel, incumbent administrators have had to do double-duty, programs got axed. Even now the district has had to operate on a deficit, slowly endangering its reserves, even as the whole district is on austerity mode.

The cold reality is that all salaries – and this means all salaries district-wide: from the lowest-paid classified employee's to the district superintendent's – have been frozen since 2007-08. This according to Kevin Condon, assistant superintendent of business services, whose own salary of \$180,000 per year has stayed put (he joined DUSD on Sept. 14, 2004).

So is that of Jerilyn King-Brown, assistant superintendent of educational services, who also gets \$180,000 per year (she has been serving in the position since Jan. 1, 2004).

The salary freeze also applies to Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty, who assumed the position on July 1, 2003, and whose annual compensation as of 2007-08 stood at \$216,769.

The salaries of these top three DUSD administrators (comprising the 'executive team') appear high, and they are, but published salary structures for unified school district administrators statewide reveal that their salaries are competitive.

In Doty's case, for example, her \$216,769 salary compares just slightly above the 2007-08 state average of \$216,356 for district superintendents of unified school districts with a minimum enrollment of 20,000 students.

When they joined DUSD, they were each given four-year contracts, renewable every year. In Doty's case, year-to-year extension of her contract is at the behest of the school board. In the case of the two assistant superintendents, Condon and King-Brown, their contracts are reviewed and renewed each year by the joint action of the board and the superintendent.

In the most recent board of education meeting held last July 26, part of the approved consent agenda mentioned the three administrators getting their contracts extended to June 30, 2015, so formulated because of their running four-year contracts. It was at this point that board member Don LaPlante emphasized that, to negate any speculation, nowhere was the word, 'salary raise', mentioned.

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Looking Back On... Skate-O-Rama

■ Skate-O-Rama on Woodruff Avenue epitomized the skating craze of the '60s and '70s.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Remember the 1970s?

If so, you probably weren't really there. At least that's what some of those who survived the psychedelic era believe.

Bellbottom pants, Farrah Fawcett hair, and platform shoes were all the rage.

KC and the Sunshine Band had two number one hits on the pop charts and a new late-night comedy show known as Saturday Night Live began airing every weekend on NBC.

From 8-track players and lava lamps to bean bag chairs and station wagons, the decade of disco was full of groovy fads that lasted far more than a generation.

For Dale Lendrum, however, what epitomized the 1970s was another cultural phenomenon that not only mesmerized teenagers in Downey, but ultimately, young people across the nation: roller skating.

As a kid, growing up near the corner of Imperial and Woodruff, Lendrum remembers the skating craze, and the 20,000-square-foot roller rink that introduced him to it.

"Growing up a block from Skate-O-Rama in the late 60s and 70s was a most memorable time for me," said Lendrum, now 48. "At the time we didn't have a city park nearby – Skate-O-Rama was a place to go for some fun and recreation.

"Back then it wasn't much to look at inside, a brown, worn hardwood floor, half-circle ceiling, and a few mood lights for effect. The DJ booth was an old janitorial closet about the size of two phone booths combined with a record player inside plugged into the P.A. system.

"In the mid 70s my sister Sheila and I took lessons there for awhile...Skate-O-Rama was the Disneyland of Downey and a lot of us practically grew up in that rink. It was a good place to have fun, hang out, and meet new people."

Advertised as Downey's "family fun roller rink," Skate-O-Rama, located at 12310 Woodruff Ave., opened its doors on Wednesday, April 23, 1957.

Built at a cost of \$250,000, the modern roller rink provided local residents a unique alternative for recreation.

Following a large grand opening, members of the community responded positively to Skate-O-Rama, coming out weekly to both skate and participate in the classes taught by the rink's owner and manager, Jerry Nista.

Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Nista started skating at the age of 13, eventually becoming a professional skater and U.S. champion in freestyle skating.

After spending several years traveling around the country hosting skating exhibitions, Nista partnered with roller skate company Sure-Grip Skates, owned by Downey residents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Ball.

By the mid-50s, Nista, who had traveled to all 50 states with his exhibitions, decided to open his own roller rink, which would offer Sure-Grip Skates exclusively.

"He moved to Downey and opened Skate-O-Rama," said Taira Nista, daughter of Jerry Nista. "Everyone that knew him knows he was so involved. He was very athletic, but he was also very sensitive. He had a huge heart and would bend over backwards for anyone."

With soft organ music playing in the background during skating sessions, Downey residents of all ages patronized the local rink, which operated Tuesday through Friday, from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. On Mondays, the rink was closed, open only for private parties.

In addition to an 80-by-160 maple floor, the roller rink also featured a deluxe lobby, snack bar, nursery room, party room, and spectator section on the outer rim of the rink.

Taira Nista, 28, said only three words can describe Skate-O-Rama during its heyday.

"Busy, busy, busy," she said with a laugh. "There were classes, private, individual lessons, choreographing, birthday parties, couple skate nights, and tournaments held there too."

By the late 60s and early 70s, however, roller skating began taking on new life as improved plastic material led to better wheels and a smoother ride for skaters. A new generation soon took to the floor, using its own music as the soundtrack.

Skate-O-Rama quickly became a new haven for Downey teenagers and young adults looking to embrace pop culture.

The organ music faded away and Nista started piping in the area's most popular radio station,

102.7 KKDJ (now KIIS FM). Nista even hosted his own sock-hops, inviting the station to broadcast live from the rink every weekend.

Nista also began courting live bands to perform inside the rink.

By the late 1960s, Skate-O-Rama had welcomed several well-known acts including The Beach Boys, Jan and Dean, and The Righteous Brothers.

"The crowd pushed through the glass one of the nights The Beach Boys were there," Taira Nista recounted. "There was a duo that wanted to perform at the rink, but Dad had never heard of them and thought they were asking for too much money. They were then going by the name of 'Anthony and Cleopatra.' A week or two later they came out with a hit record, 'I Got You, Babe,' and changed their name to 'Sonny and Cher.'"

By 1975, Nista decided to remodel Skate-O-Rama to better reflect the roller rink's new demographic.

Lendrum, who graduated from Warren High School in 1981, remembers the night the rink reopened.

"The theme was to be that of, ironically, a park," he said. "With 15 feet tall, faux willow trees lining the inside north and south walls, blinking lights blanketing the limbs and leaves, and new green turf carpeting, you did get a park feeling."

"The staff wore 'Park Ranger' type uniforms to add to the theme. Other improvements included a modernized snack bar, a complete game room, a newly-built DJ booth, a dropped ceiling with mirrored ball and lighting effects, and a new, blue-coated floor which offered greater traction."

Now playing disco, new wave, and hard rock, Skate-O-Rama became a hot spot on the weekends, welcoming high school

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CONCERTS IN THE PARK



Spanish guitar group at Furman

DOWNEY – Incendio, a Los Angeles-based instrumental Spanish guitar music group, performs Wednesday at Furman Park, part of the city's ongoing summer concert series.

The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Incendia is known for its sweeping, romantic playing that is at the heart of live Spanish guitar performance. Their concerts balance rock-style enthusiasm and energy with a "tremendous technical and improvisational sophistication," according to one review.

The group has explored jazz, Celtic, middle eastern and electronica music throughout its career, and puts its own stamp on their self-produced music. Incendia was influenced by Jimi Hendrix, XTC, Paco de Lucia, Joni Mitchell and others.



Alex Meruelo will become majority owner of the Atlanta Hawks, pending approval from the NBA's Board of Governors.

Downey businessman purchases Atlanta Hawks

■ Alex Meruelo, 48, makes deal to become majority owner of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey businessman and developer Alex Meruelo signed a deal on Monday to become the new majority owner of the NBA's Atlanta Hawks, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

If the agreement is approved by the NBA Board of Governors, Meruelo, who founded La Pizza Loca and heads a Downey-based investment firm, will become the first primary Hispanic owner of an NBA franchise.

"It's a privilege and I'm honored," said Meruelo during a press conference on Monday. "Me being Hispanic, being first is really touching. I hope to do the right thing. I just want to make sure I make them proud."

After months of negotiations, Meruelo and the Hawks' current owner, the Atlanta Spirit Group, signed the ownership agreement, which also includes operating rights to Philips Arena.

Per the agreement, some members of the Spirit group will maintain minority ownership positions, but Meruelo will ultimately own more than 50 percent of the team and control ownership decisions.

It is unknown how much Meruelo agreed to pay for the team.

In an interview with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Meruelo said he would not seek to move the Hawks out of Atlanta.

"I want to bring a championship to the city of Atlanta," he said. "If you look at my previous...business ventures, I'm very hands-on, and this will be no different."

Meruelo, 48, is the founder and chairman of The Meruelo Group, a

holding company that evolved from a single pizza restaurant, La Pizza Loca, which Meruelo opened in Los Angeles in 1985, when he was 21-years-old.

Today, the pizza company has grown significantly into a chain of more than 50 locations throughout Southern California.

In the late 1980s, The Meruelo Group, currently located at 9550 Firestone Blvd., began to diversify, tackling residential and commercial real estate development. During the 1990s, the company embraced infrastructure and utility construction and engineering.

Most recently, Meruelo acquired the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada and KWHY-TV, a Spanish-language station in Los Angeles.

In 1961, Meruelo's parents immigrated to the United States from Cuba, settling initially in Miami before moving to New York. When Meruelo was just 3-years-old, the family moved to Southern California.

Meruelo, who expressed interest in the Hawks earlier this year, entered exclusive talks with The Atlanta Spirit Group in May. The Spirit group bought the Hawks and Philips Arena rights from Time Warner in 2004, and has been actively seeking a buyer for the Hawks for more than a year now.

Despite the labor dispute that has the NBA in a lockout, Meruelo, an alumnus of California State University, Long Beach, moved forward with the historic agreement, which could take months to finalize.

Meruelo told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution that owning an NBA team would be the fulfillment of a lifelong ambition.

"It's something I've always wanted my entire life to somehow be a part of the NBA," Meruelo said on Monday. "[It] has been a dream of mine and a passion, and you'll definitely see that as I become, hopefully, the owner in a short period of time."

Public smoking may be further restricted

DOWNEY – A proposal by Councilman Fernando Vasquez to consider further prohibitions on public smoking was temporarily delayed because the councilman was absent at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

It's unclear how much more stringent Vasquez is seeking to make local anti-smoking laws, or how it would affect the two hookah lounges already in operation.

In 1989, the City Council adopted an ordinance that prohibited smoking in places accessible to the general public, "including but not limited to elevators, public restrooms, movie theaters, etc."

Downey businesses are also required to provide smoke-free areas for non-smokers "to the maximum extent possible."

Brian Saeki, the city's director of community development, said he is awaiting direction from council members "related to how stringent they would like the [new] ordinance to be."

The proposal was on Tuesday's City Council agenda but was postponed due to Vasquez's absence.

Councilman Mario Guerra briefly expressed his opposition before the hearing was closed by the mayor, who opted to delay discussion until Vasquez was present.

–Eric Pierce, city editor

The pros and cons of hookah lounges

■ Hookah smoke can be toxic health officials say, but proponents argue it's safer than drugs and underage drinking.

BY NICHOLE HAMILTON, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – With Downey's landscape growing rapidly, the introduction of a whole new genre of youth culture has been introduced to the city that's raising many questions – hookah bars.

The city of Downey now has two hookah bars that have opened within the past few months – Mosaik Hookah Lounge and the Hookah Time Café – increasing the allure of the mysterious activity for Downey and its surrounding cities' citizens.

Hookah bars, open to adults ages 18 and older, have been a part of the young adult social scene for many years. Often times, young adults attend hookah bars as a way to gather with friends and inhale the often flavored tobacco in a relaxed and calming atmosphere. While this activity – that's still mysterious to many – seems to be on the rise, hookah actually has ancient origins.

Hookah smoking's initial traces have been found in the

North Western provinces of India, and trace back to sometime in the 15th Century, if not earlier. The activity is still largely a social activity in the Middle East and is a heavy part of their culture – as it's becoming here.

The activity is gaining popularity within the United States and is becoming a large part of the college social scene. The allure of the flavored smoke, which comes in flavors such as strawberry, sour apple and mint, combined with the private, darker atmosphere that the lounges provide, allow a legal escape for young adults. Hookah, also known as a waterpipe or narghile, is leaving many teens and adults alike with questions concerning what exactly hookah is, and the health risks it poses.

A hookah is a water pipe that contains a smoke chamber, bowl, pipe and a hose. While many believe that hookah is safer than cigarette smoking, according to an article by WebMD, hookah smoking can actually be more dangerous due to the volume of smoke that the participants inhale in a single session. The tobacco is no less toxic in a hookah pipe, and the water in the hookah does not filter out the toxic ingredients in the smoke, according to the article.

Hookah smoke also poses second hand smoke exposure, dangers to expecting mothers and can spread oral infection through the sharing of a mouthpiece.

Downey High School graduate Katelyn Catt participates in hookah and acknowledges the negative side effects, but has her reasons for engaging in the activity.

"Hookah is definitely a relaxing past time, and although it seems like it may be less harmful

than cigarettes, it most definitely is worse," she said. "I enjoy it because it doesn't hurt my throat or lungs in the same way that a cigarette does. It's relaxing, and the smoke isn't harsh."

Joe Hill feels similarly, and adds that the inviting atmosphere plays a large part in his decision to participate.

"I feel that hookah relaxes you," said Hill, a Downey High School graduate. "It gives you some kind of head stimulation that I enjoy, and at the hookah lounges they also tend to incorporate music which I like."

While some raise questions as to whether it is a positive addition to Downey's nightlife, Catt and Hill feel that this will actually help their peers stay away from more dangerous activities or drugs.

"Although I think there are definitely some concerns with having a hookah lounge, I think overall it's perfectly fine," said Catt. "When I was in high school I was constantly at a party on a Friday or Saturday night, and I'd much rather see the youth of Downey at a hookah lounge than out doing some of the things I saw my classmates doing, such as underage drinking, smoking pot, etc. If they are 18 or over, then it's just as legal, and should be just as acceptable, as legally having a drink."

Hill had similar feelings. "I think that the Downey hookah lounges are a positive addition to the city of Downey," he said. "It gives people above the age of 18 something to do and keeps people interested in staying in Downey for the weekend. It also keeps people out of serious trouble."

Whether choosing to engage in hookah or not, being aware of



Hookah bars, generally popular with young adults, is gaining in popularity in the United States.

the health risks is important. The following three facts from a usatoday.com article summarize some recent and surprising statistical findings.

- Thomas Eissenberg, a psychology professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and co-author of a hookah study, says a hookah, when smoked for about 45 minutes, delivers 36 times more tar than a cigarette, 15 times more carbon monoxide and 70% more nicotine.

- A study in the Journal of Periodontology found that water pipes smokers were five times more likely than non-smokers to show signs of gum disease.

- In a June 2004 study, Jane Henley, an epidemiologist at the American Cancer Society, found

that men who smoked water pipes had five times the risk of lung cancer as non-smokers.

While the negatives are clear, Downey's own Hookah Time Café is doing all that they can to make their customers satisfied and safe. They proudly serve their hookah out of new hookah pipes, offer servers for every table and give each guest their own disposable mouthpiece.

Whether you're jumping into the hookah social scene or engaging as an observer, being aware of the health risks is important, as well as weighing your own personal pros and cons of participating in the activity.

Said Catt: "My relationship with hookah is a love, hate one."

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CalMet raises fees for trash pick-up

DOWNEY – CalMet Services, the city's franchised refuse hauler, received permission from the City Council this week to increase its rates for residential and commercial customers.

The new rates went into effect Wednesday.

Rates increased \$1.25 per month for single-family homes, and \$1.20 for multi-family residences with 2-4 units.

Commercial businesses and multi-family dwellings with more than five units will pay an additional 6.8 percent monthly. All rates for temporary services also increased 6.8 percent.

The rate hikes will help CalMet recoup a reported loss of revenue totaling more than \$164,000 because the fee increases did not go into effect at the contractually provided April 1.

City officials said "inconsistencies in the ...submittals received from CalMet and the required effort to access accurate data necessary for calculation of the justified rate adjustments" led to the delay.

Residents should see their trash bills decrease slightly in April 2012, when the "payback adjustments" expire.

CalMet's contract with the city of Downey was ratified in 2006 and extended an additional seven years in 2009. The agreement allows CalMet to initiate annual rate hikes based on several factors, including labor rates, fuel prices, disposal costs and the Consumer Price Index, among other reasons.

The city has scheduled a "cost of service study" next year to determine "an acceptable level of profit (for CalMet), and thereby, recommend adjusting the rates accordingly," city officials wrote in a report.

'Wall of Fame' to be built at City Hall

DOWNEY – Plans for a "Wall of Fame" outside City Hall gained approval by the City Council this week.

Nominations for honorees will be accepted from the public but council members will have final say on who is honored.

The project is estimated to cost up to \$20,000 and will be paid for using the Art in Public Places fund.

Residents wishing to nominate a person for inclusion will be asked to write a 200-word essay or make a 3-5 minute presentation in front of a 10-member Citizen Review Committee, which will recommend nominees to a subcommittee comprised of two council members.

The subcommittee will then make its own recommendations to the City Council for a final decision.

Nominations will be accepted between September and January. The council will select honorees in April and enshrinement is scheduled for June.

The process will take place on an annual basis.

The first class will include up to five honorees. A maximum of two inductees will be honored each year thereafter, according to community services director Thad Phillips.

Current elected officials are not eligible for induction.

The Wall of Fame will be constructed on the outer perimeter wall of City Hall, near the front entrance.

City attorney Yvette Abich-Garcia said Tuesday the Wall is eligible as a public art project according to previous standards approved by the City Council.

Battalion chiefs, city agree on contract

DOWNEY – The union representing four battalion chiefs in the Downey Fire Department has reached a deal with the city on a new 30-month employment contract.

The deal, ratified by the City Council on Tuesday, includes no salary increases or benefit enhancements, and newly-hired employees will pay the full 9 percent member contribution towards their CalPERS pension plan.

New hires are also limited to the Kaiser Permanente HMO medical plan only. The co-pay increased from \$5 to \$10, for both current and new employees.

"The negotiated provisions are consistent with the city's initiative to reduce personnel costs during an uncertain economy," human resources director Irma Youssefieh wrote in a report to council members.

The contract passed on a 2-1 City Council vote. Councilman Mario Guerra dissented without comment, and council members Fernando Vasquez and David Gafin were absent.

City expects to save \$100K by changing planning firms

DOWNEY – The city of Downey will save more than \$100,000 annually by contracting with a start-up company for building inspections, plan review services and staffing, according to a contract approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

The city previously contracted with Interwest Consulting for staffing and inspection services.

Interwest adjusted its rates in April of this year that resulted in an overall savings to the city, but officials here said they could receive "more favorable rates" elsewhere.

According to the city's new deal with CIR Inc., the cost for a building official is \$80/hr. (compared to \$100/hr. with Interwest), \$49/hr. for the first building inspector (\$60/hr. with Interwest) and \$63/hr. for a second inspector (\$70/hr. at Interwest).

CIR Inc. also provided the lowest rate for plan review services, officials said. The city solicited rates from five firms in an "informal" bid process.

A new company, CIR Inc. was founded by a building official and combination inspector who recently resigned from Interwest. Although the company is just starting out, city officials noted the employees who would be servicing Downey have more than 40 years experience in the building and safety industry.

The City Council unanimously agreed to contract with CIR Inc., and authorized staff to submit the required notice of termination to Interwest. The vote was 3-0, with council members David Gafin and Fernando Vasquez absent.

Astronaut to speak at space center

DOWNEY – Astronaut Al Worden, a command module pilot for the Apollo 15 mission to the moon in 1971, will speak and sign copies of his book at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Aug. 27 from 1-3 p.m.

Worden will give a talk relating to his moon-travel experiences, and then sign copies of his new book, "Falling to Earth: An Apollo 15 Astronaut's Journey to the Moon."

Admission to the event is free with purchase of Worden's book, otherwise, admission is \$5. Space center members get in free.

Worden spent six days orbiting the moon, including three days completely alone, the most isolated human in existence.

During the return from the moon to Earth, he also conducted the first spacewalk in deep space, becoming the first human to see both the entire earth and moon simply by turning his head.

The Apollo 15 flight capped an already-impressive career as an astronaut, including important work on the pioneering Apollo 9 and Apollo 12 missions, as well as the perilous flight of Apollo 13.

Crime Report

Thursday, Aug. 4

At 1:00 p.m., officers arrested a 48-year-old transient man in the 13500 block of Lakewood Blvd. after he threatened to kill a man with whom he was arguing. The suspect was in possession of a knife when arrested. He was booked for criminal threats.

Sunday, Aug. 7

At 8:30 a.m., officers arrested a 19-year-old Bell Gardens resident at his home after he had earlier assaulted his girlfriend in Downey and drove her around town against her will. He was booked for kidnapping and Domestic Violence and is being held at the County Jail with a \$100,000 bail.

At 6:00 p.m., a 15-year-old Downey boy was robbed of his bicycle by another teen at Furman Park. The suspect approached the victim as he was riding his bicycle and punched him, then took his bike. Officers were able to identify and locate the suspect. He was arrested and the stolen bicycle was returned to the victim.

At 11:30 p.m., officers arrested a 15-year-old Downey resident after he was caught "tagging" a wall in the Stonewood parking lot. The suspect was charged with vandalism and his juvenile acquaintance was cited for curfew. Both were later released to their guardians.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

At 6:20 p.m., officers responded to the 8600 block of Paramount Blvd. regarding a report of a home invasion robbery that occurred six days prior. The victim was bound and forced to lie on the floor while the suspects ransacked his residence. His roommates returned home and discovered the victim lying on the floor and assisted him. Apparently, the victim is currently out of the country, which is the reason the roommates did not report the incident sooner. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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Members and supporters of the Downey Arts Coalition gathered Saturday for opening night of the Art on the Vine exhibit, hosted by Mari's Wine Bar on Firestone Boulevard. The work of four local artists will be on display for a month, and the Arts Coalition hopes to feature new artists on a monthly basis.



The "Downey 1" team of the Downey Bocce Club went undefeated to secure first place (for the fourth consecutive time) at the Hawthorne Bocce Tournament held July 17 at Hawthorne Memorial Park. Pictured above, left to right: Pat Limatola, Miguel Tamagno, Amadio Egizii, Hawthorne Mayor Larry Guidi, John Fiorenza and tournament director Bob Marsella.

Preservation group awarded grant

DOWNEY – The Downey Conservancy, a non-profit aiming to preserve historic homes and neighborhoods in Downey, has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Los Angeles County Preservation Fund to help survey the Molly Pitcher Estates.

Located on Chaney Avenue south of Florence Avenue, the ranch-style neighborhood was built in the 1950s, said Harold Tsklenis, treasurer of the Conservancy.

"The survey will prioritize historic resources in the 1950s Molly Pitcher Estates, and will serve as a baseline for a local preservation designation program in Downey," Anthea Hartig, director of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, wrote to the Conservancy in announcing the grant.

The Downey Conservancy was one of 12 organizations to receive a grant from the Los Angeles County Preservation Fund, which was created in 2009 by a gift from the Getty Foundation.

Downey was chosen as a survey site due to its "urgency of need, geographical distribution, preservation significance and overall project impacts," Hartig said.

Lakewood Boulevard subcommittee is dissolved

DOWNEY – A City Council subcommittee that oversaw construction on Lakewood Boulevard was dissolved this week.

Council members David Gafin and Fernando Vasquez served on the subcommittee, which was created in 2003 as an advisory panel to city staff.

The subcommittee worked on design issues and parameters, aesthetic features, property acquisitions, utility relocations and the overall project schedule.

John Oskoui, director of public works, said the subcommittee is no longer needed since the design parameters have already been established and will not change in the future.

Construction on Lakewood Boulevard between 5th Street and Florence Avenue is expected to be completed "in the next two months," Oskoui wrote in a report to council members. Future work is planned on Lakewood between Florence and Telegraph Road.

Reward in hit-and-run extended

DOWNEY – A \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in a deadly hit-and-run that occurred in Downey earlier this year was extended by Los Angeles County supervisors on Tuesday.

A 58-year-old Downey resident was struck by a white SUV on May 20 as he walked in the roadway. The driver of the SUV immediately fled and the victim died at the scene.

The SUV was described as white with collision damage to the front portion of the vehicle.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Downey police detective Jeffrey Griffin at (562) 904-2339 or Sgt. Daniel Murray at (562) 904-2342.

SALARIES: Executives have had their salaries frozen since '08.

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The salaries of administrators below this tier (they include those of the senior director of personnel services, high school principal, department directors, elementary school principals as well as vice-principals, on down to the psychologist category), how to accepted statewide salary standards (with allowances made to '5-step' factors such as experience, length of service, extra degrees earned, etc.). Thus, the annual salary range of senior director of personnel services Roger Brossmer, is \$122,503-\$132,814, while that of the psychologist position commands \$86,118-\$93,366. The salaries of the rest of the positions fall between these ranges.

In general, all district personnel (according to whether they are considered full-time or part-time), receive the same benefits package (insurance, medical, and vision coverage, including stipends). And should the bargaining units get a percentage increase, the same percentage increase applies across the board.

Condon stressed that neither one of the executive team (superintendent and the two assistant superintendents) has enjoyed any allowances or stipends from the beginning ("No expense account, no phone privileges, no mileage or transportation allowance").

The salaries of classified administrative personnel (ranging from \$11,260 a month for senior director of budget and

finance, to \$3,661 a month for food service supervisor) are negotiated through the Personnel Commission, while the salary schedules of certificated teachers (whose salaries range from a high of \$94,246 to a low of \$62,602) are negotiated through their teachers' union; those of the Unit I classified personnel category (from budget and financial analyst, who gets \$5,109 a month to food service helper, who gets \$2,228 a month), as well as Unit II classified personnel, with the network specialist position getting \$5,549 a month and a custodian getting \$3,643) who in general are found in the lower salary scales, is likewise administered by the Personnel Commission.

Since DUSD is a merit system district, a standard district mantra is that students, parents, and the community are getting the most bang for their buck.

Also, whatever success or distinctions the district may enjoy, even in the face of difficulties, the important role the DUSD board (each of the seven board members gets about \$482 per month, plus "actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties") has been performing all these years can never be taken for granted. It's their enlightened and dynamic policy mandates that continue to provide effective direction to the district.

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Excuses, excuses

By Eric Pierce

I haven't written a column here in ages. Sorry. I'm getting married in December and life has been a nonstop blur of table linens, aisle runners, flowers, cummerbunds and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Not that I'm making any real decisions -- I'm mostly just a "yes" man. Anyway, there are so many things happening in Downey right now I wanted to touch on different topics. Please don't hesitate to share your own opinion by writing a letter to the editor or online at our website.

•The 'Wall of Fame' project approved by the City Council appears to be well-intentioned, but for its \$20,000 price tag, specifics are awfully thin.

Nowhere in the project details is it mentioned who the Wall is intended to honor. Will it pay tribute to our founding fathers? Philanthropists? Rock stars? Politicians?

And on what criteria will honorees be chosen? How will council members - who enjoy final say on inductees - choose their honorees?

The council may want to consider splitting up inductees into individual categories (politics, arts, sports, you get the idea) to ensure greater clarity on the selection process.

In any case, no matter how inductees are chosen, we can probably all agree that Dr Mary Stauffer tops any list.

•Residents George Redfox and Harold Tseklenis have long been outspoken advocates for neighborhood preservation. They have been so outspoken that I suspect some city officials began to tune them out.

But their group, the Downey Conservancy, recently became an official nonprofit and just this week was awarded a \$4000 grant by the Los Angeles County Preservation Fund to study a northeast Downey neighborhood.

Folks, it may be time to start taking the Conservancy more seriously and taking their recommendations to heart. For sure there's a fine line between neighborhood preservation and individual property rights, but it's up to the city and the conservancy to work on a compromise.

•Fans of the Downey Theatre can text "DOWNEYCIVIC" to 22828 to learn about upcoming events at the theater. VenueTech, which now operates the theater, has been putting in a lot of work modernizing the facility and working on an exciting program of events.

I have a feeling the Downey Theatre will soon be the jewel of our community.

•Congratulations to Alex Meruelo on his purchase of the Atlanta Hawks for an estimated \$300 million. Who knew a nondescript office building on Firestone Boulevard, next to the Pow Wow Saloon no less, housed such a powerhouse investment company.

Can't believe I'm saying this, but Go Hawks.

Letters to the Editor:

Entitlements

Dear Editor:

Entitlements. I just love the above word and apparently so do our elected congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.

In case you haven't heard, that is what they are calling Social Security and Medicare programs. Just speaking as an individual, I have paid into the Social Security system for approximately 30 years. I have also paid into the Medicare system since its inception. I never considered it an entitlement. I always considered it as "I have no choice".

Stupid and naive me! I believed the government (something I no longer do regardless of the party affiliation) when they said we will take your money now and give you some of it back when you become eligible in your later years of life. Not one time did these representatives ever tell me they would also "borrow" money from this account nor did they ever say they wouldn't bother paying it back let alone pay it back with interest. Unlike a thief that steals money from another, these morons just pass a bill that permits them to take money legally.

According to the majority of these morons, this "Entitlement" is now largely responsible for the downfall of the entire national budget and debt. I even heard them say some recipients are wealthy enough they do not need their portion of Social Security. Who decides which members of the public are well enough off financially to cut their benefits and who determines at what that dollar amount will be? Let me guess. The morons we elected to represent us. I understand their point behind being financially well off but where in the rules does it state each of us will pay into the system and if any of us become wealthy (however that is defined) in our later years, you lose your benefits and we keep your money?

I'm guessing by the time this letter may be published, a new budget will be agreed upon and the debit limit will be increased. It must really be nice. I know of no business or person (household) that can spend more money than they make for an indifferent period of time and not face harm.

I even heard one of these elected morons say what could they be thinking to even consider a rider that would require those in office to not spend more than the budget allowed. He stated something to the effect why should we handicap ourselves into such a position? It's real simple moron. You cannot spend more money than you take in period.

And these are the same morons that borrow money from China so they can give it to other countries so they can get that warm and fuzzy all over good feeling? There exists enough problems right here in the good old USA for these morons to deal with such as unemployment, illegal aliens, lack of business, weak borders, utter disgust by a large number of citizens for those in power, double standards (such as in banking & etc), imports vs. exports and rebuilding trust between the citizenry and those in office.

Ever think any of the above may become addressed? Not in my lifetime.

-- David Abney,
Downey

Letters to the Editor:

Tea Party mischaracterizations

Dear Editor:

I am curious. What kind of glasses is Ms. Joan Niertit viewing what she considers an "artificial crisis"? ("Tea Party Hype," 8/4/11)

Her barb at the Tea Party suggests someone who has swallowed the 'fantasy line' of the liberal media. For Ms. Niertit's benefit, members of the Tea Party are from that breed of Americans -- of all parties, including Democrats -- who pay taxes, contribute to charity, believe in traditional Christian values and are concerned for the welfare of this nation.

Ms. Niertit's notion that the current economic crisis is "artificial" shows just how little she understands the problem. What is artificial was the inflated real estate value spurred on by the federal government's mandate to Freddie Mac and Fanny Mae to make home loans available to people who could not afford them (and who became the big losers when the bubble burst).

The government's reckless spending and assumption there would be continuous flow of tax dollars to sustain their pet projects and redundant programs (to attract votes) inflated the economy (artificial as it turned out); reckless credit card debt blew another bubble. All these "artificial" bubbles are linked and when one falls, the domino effect kicks in.

As for jobs going overseas, I suggest Ms. Niertit think about the role of labor unions and restrictive government regulations which are the main factors hampering American manufacturers in a global economy. As for "offending the 1 percent," she should be grateful we have a 1 percent to create jobs and ideas for economic growth.

Unlike Greece, America is too big for a bail out. Unless government curbs its reckless spending, it will soon have to make do with what it takes in as no lender will be available to extend credit. Higher taxes, fewer jobs, soaring inflation, fewer benefits -- the crisis is real. I suggest Ms. Niertit look to her own role before condemning the very people who are trying to extract us from this mess.

-- Gerald de Carvalho,
Downey

Dear Editor:

Now is not the time for recriminations against Tea Party-backed members of Congress who voted in the end for the debt deal. This is not the time to start fighting amongst ourselves. Nothing could make the Left happier than to see a splintering of the Tea Party movement.

We have to agree that, no matter how disappointed we are with the final deal -- and I am -- that final vote was something on which honest conservatives could disagree.

The President used his bully pulpit to argue that the Tea Party was leading the nation to Armageddon, and the compliant media acted as a thousand megaphones for that line. It is understandable that some Tea Party conservatives thought this would not help the Tea Party's standing with the public.

There have been good and bad actors on both sides of the debt ceiling debate.

Let's leave the recriminations to the liberals and stay united and focused on achieving the real spending cuts that Congress promised and electing a President and Congress to support, rather than fight, a balanced budget amendment and other limited government principles.

That is what we should be concentrating on, starting today.

-- Richard A. Viguerie,
Chairman, ConservativeHQ.com

Dear Editor:

There were many letters in last week's paper decrying the debt ceiling debate and lack of leadership in Washington. While I can agree with the general sentiment that "politics as usual" tends to frustrate the average American, there were several statements made that demonstrated a lack of understanding of the parties at play.

Ms. Niertit greatly mischaracterized the Tea Party movement as "mean spirited" with wishes to "tear government down." This statement could not be further from the truth. I remain completely puzzled how people could view a movement based on the desire for our government to live within its means as nefarious, unless, of course, the person offended wants reckless spending and an out-of-control big government. Whatever happened to personal responsibility in America?

Ms. Trejo wants "American citizens to work for each other." From a Biblical perspective, I agree with her, but I assume she is calling on government to force such "cooperation," which seems like an outdated utopian ideal. (The joy in my heart when I give money to charity or friends and family in need is never replicated when I write that tax check to Uncle Sam.)

But what if all Americans worked hard to take care of themselves and their own families? Imagine all the people working hard, living within their means (denying themselves that extra big cable package or latest iPad), and saving enough with which to retire without depending on government benefits that are unsustainable!

These government benefits that tend to keep people from managing their own lives would be needed less, and we wouldn't be heading toward the bankruptcy cliff Ms. Niertit believes is greatly exaggerated. Most Americans do not need a hand up at the expense of others; they need opportunity -- the kind that comes from a free market allowed to work freely. Ms. Trejo unwittingly provided such a great example when she proudly proclaimed she worked to save enough to pay her own way through graduate school. The fact that she did it on her own makes her a great American. May we all live by her example and not her words.

-- Alaina Niemann,
Downey

Long live the library

Dear Editor:

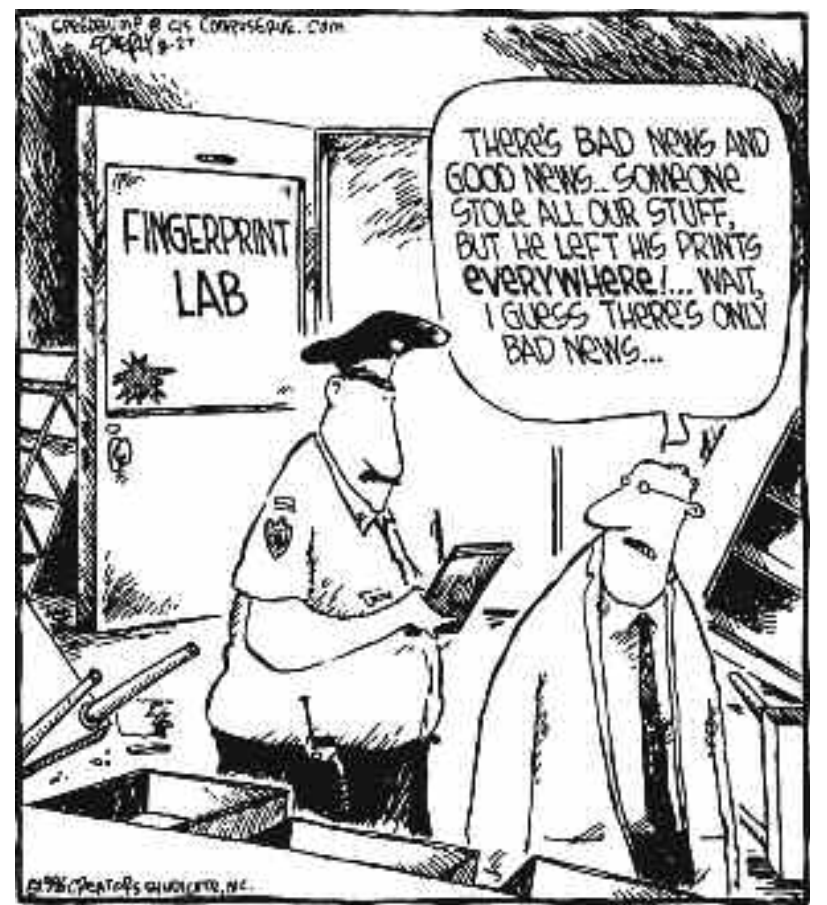
Thank you for the interesting article on the Downey library. ("Downey City Library: More Important Now Than Ever Before," 8/4/11)

I learned about libraries when I started first grade and have been a fan all 72 years since. I do not care what you want to shut down in Downey, just do not touch my library.

My children say I act like I own this library when I talk about it. I think we have the nicest library around this area and I hope it never has to shut down.

Long live the Downey library.

-- Doris Hannon,
Downey



Better options for plastic bag ban

Dear Editor:

I would like to shine a different light on the banning plastic bags in our city. ("Plastic Bag Debate," Letters to the Editor, 8/4/11)

I agree with Mrs. Altman to a certain point; yes, I think we have a problem that needs to be addressed, but where I disagree with her is banning a well-designed and useful product, and I don't believe that banning is the right approach to the problem.

When we realized that cars were polluting and harming the environment, we didn't ban the cars, we passed a piece of legislation to force the automakers to install pollution control systems to minimize the negative impact on the environment.

Let's pretend for a minute that we chose to ban the cars instead of implementing emission control systems. All those people working building cars, selling cars, manufacturing auto parts and everybody in the auto industry would be out of a job, translating to millions of jobs lost overnight. And that's the point I'm trying to make: I'm afraid that banning plastic bags will have a devastating effect on plastic manufacturing companies, resulting in many jobs being eliminated. Do we really want that, especially right now when our economy is at a very vulnerable point?

It's no secret we're losing jobs to China left and right, especially in the manufacturing sector, and let's face it, those jobs are not coming back. A couple of weeks ago I read an article in which three giants, Lockheed Martin, Cisco and Borders announced massive layoffs; all three combined were putting 28,000 people out of a job. This is why I believe it's important we think of the unwanted results of our decisions; job creation and job protection should be a top priority right now.

I believe a much better option would be passing legislation so the plastic bag manufacturers produce biodegradable bags. A biodegradable plastic bag will disintegrate or decompose by itself in a matter of a few months, versus a non-biodegradable bag that would last up to 30 years.

I could be wrong, but I believe plastic bag manufacturers are already complying with this environmental regulation and, if that is the case, why are we making such a big deal out of this?

-- Victor M. Malagon,
Downey

Dear Editor:

Lars Clutterham should explain an item in the next installment of his anti-bag campaign. ("Plastic Bags and Freedom," 8/4/11) How will banning inexpensive, durable and sanitary plastic bags help the City Council meet its budgeted 20 percent sales tax increase?

The beneficiary of a ban will be stores like Costco in Norwalk and Lakewood -- and Downey gets no tax revenue from them. Hurt will be Downey merchants and their remaining customers.

Notice the graphic in a recent Fresh & Easy mailer. Pictured is a reusable bag topped with eggs, bread and a gallon of soap. In what condition will the consumer find the eggs and bread when they get home?

Buy far less or switch to stores outside Downey are the immediate choices. I know my answer, and the Council loses either way.

-- Gordon Lundene,
Downey

Wrong time to cut NASA

As politicians take the knife to NASA's budget with the sun setting on the decades old Space Shuttle Program that has been the cornerstone of America's manned space program, one scientist is less concerned about the loss of the jobs, the space missions or even the publicity.

Instead, he's worried about the one commodity upon which the nation has routinely counted upon from NASA -- The Spirit of Discovery which has improved the lives of countless people across our nation.

"As our nation struggles to get out of a prolonged economic downturn that has cost American families dearly, it's important for us to remember the importance of discovery as the fuel that propels our economy," said Scott M. Tyson, author of The Unobservable Universe: A Paradox-Free Framework for Understanding the Universe (Galaxia Way, 2011; www.theunobservableuniverse.com). "While politicians debate the continued funding of NASA during the new lull in manned space missions, they need to remember that discovery was, and remains, the most important product generated by the space agency and its contractors and contributors."

Tyson's point is that many of the innovations created by NASA scientists to overcome the challenges in exposing humans to the harsh environment of space, have provided countless everyday products and technologies that make our lives easier, healthier, safer, or better.

"As of June 2010, NASA is listed as the assignee on 57 patents and 176 published patent applications," added Tyson, who himself has worked as an advisor to the Office of the Secretary of Defense on space computing technology development and planning. He has also been an advisor for congressional delegations to accelerate the advancement of meaningful and effective space electronic solutions. "Now those numbers don't include the thousands of innovations that have been adapted by American industry and introduced into so many of today's products upon which we increasingly rely. These items include technologies that routinely improve health and save lives, as well as common conveniences, such as memory foam beds, aural thermometers, smoke alarms, water purifiers, scratch resistant lenses, telecommunications, and even cordless tools."

Tyson's argument is that there is a link between scientific discovery and both the prosperity of America and the quality of life for its families, and that cutting back on NASA and other government funded scientific endeavors is tantamount to shooting ourselves in the foot and congratulating ourselves on our good aim.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

- Sat. Aug. 13: **Teacher workshop**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Aug. 13: **'Hootenanny'**, Moravian Church of Downey, 4 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 13: **Grand opening**, Retro Zumba Dance Studio, 7 p.m.
- Wed. Aug. 17: **Concerts in the Park**, Furman Park, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Aug. 18: **Retired pastor Glen Koons**, Sizzler, noon

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (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.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 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 Granata's, for information call 577-1104.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

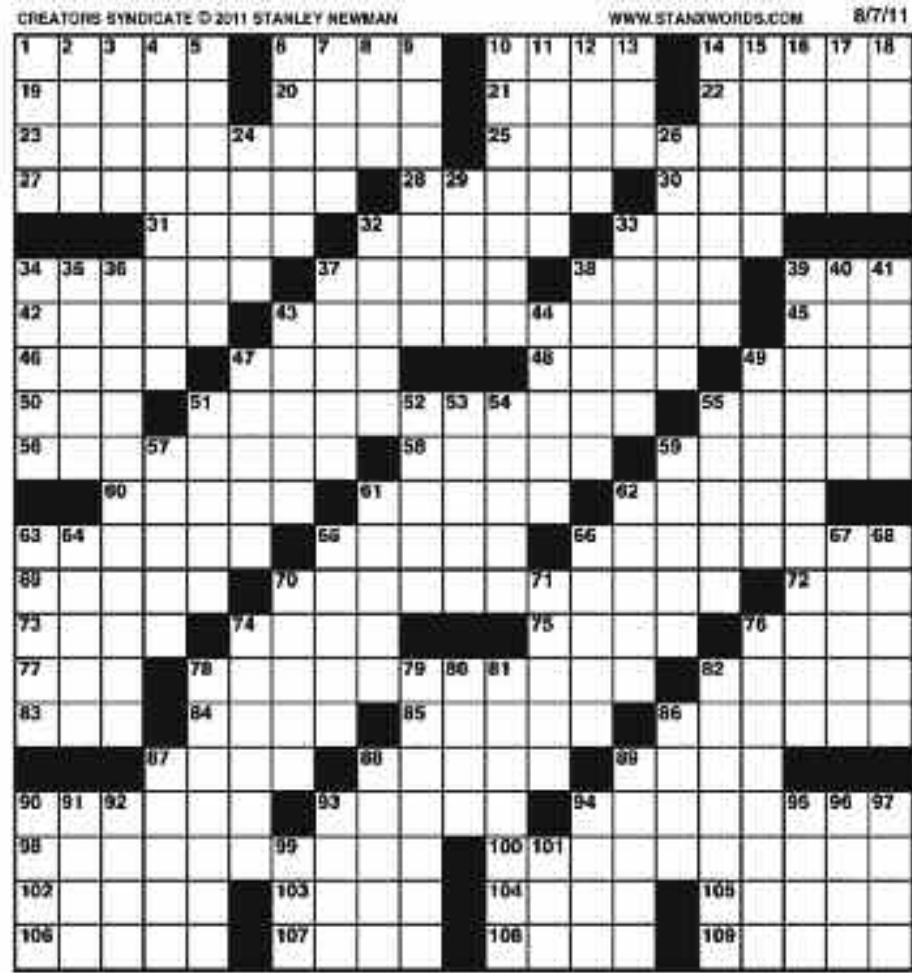
On This Day...

- Aug. 11, 1965:** Deadly rioting and looting broke out in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. After six days of riots, 34 people were dead.
- 1992:** The Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the country, opened in Bloomington, Minn.
- 2002:** US Airways filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.
- 2006:** The Transportation Security Administration banned all liquids, gels and aerosols from passenger cabins on airlines one day after an attempted terrorist attack.
- Birthdays:** Wrestler Hulk Hogan (58), singer Joe Jackson (57), actor and comedian Joe Rogan (44), boxer Jermain Taylor (33) and actress/singer Alyson Stoner (18).

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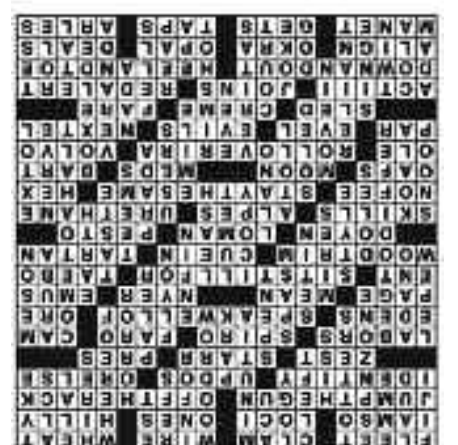
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



close relatives with mental health problems (including PTSD), or have been abused or neglected as a child.

PTSD can be caused by physical trauma, psychological trauma, or a combination of both. Examples include combat exposure, rape, childhood neglect and physical abuse, sexual molestation, being threatened with a weapon or physically attacked (including robbery and mugging), car accident, civil conflict, natural disaster, terrorist attack, and life-threatening medical diagnosis.

PTSD can disrupt life, affecting jobs, relationships, and day-to-day enjoyment of routine activities. It increases the risk of having other mental health problems, such as depression, drug abuse and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, and suicidal thoughts and actions. It can even increase the risk of getting cardiovascular disease, chronic pain, autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and thyroid disease, and musculoskeletal conditions.

When we are in danger, it's natural to feel afraid. Fear triggers split-second changes in the body, as we prepare to either defend ourselves or to avoid the danger.

This "fight-or-flight" mechanism is a healthy reaction that normally serves to protect us. With PTSD, however, this reaction is changed or damaged, and we don't respond to fear in a rational, useful manner. A traumatic event causes an overactive adrenaline response, which creates persisting neurological patterns in the brain. These patterns can continue long after the initial triggering event, and we become hyper-responsive to future situations, feeling stressed or frightened even when we're no longer in danger.

Recommended PTSD treatment currently combines psychotherapy and support groups with medication, including antidepressant, anti-anxiety, and antipsychotic drugs.

The term "compassion fatigue" was coined to describe the experience of those close to a loved one with PTSD. The emotional and mental health of the caregiver can be severely taxed. It's common for caregivers to find themselves avoiding the victim's attempts to talk about the trauma or their feelings. In order to take care of yourself and others, make certain that your own mental health is a priority. Eat right, exercise and rest. Find a way to take time alone or with friends, doing activities that help you recharge.

If you become aware of a friend or loved one whose behavior has suddenly changed, be a compassionate listener and if necessary, help them find professional help. If they are suffering from PTSD, early intervention may save them years of misery.

Good health to you all!

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HIV rate 'relatively stable'

■ Study by the CDC finds that rate of new HIV infections are 'stable,' but African-American men at greatest risk.

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The Center for Disease Control's first multi-year estimates from its national HIV incidence surveillance find that overall, the annual number of new HIV infections in the United States was relatively stable at approximately 50,000 new infections each year between 2006 and 2009.

However, HIV infections increased among young men who have sex with men (MSM) between 2006 and 2009, driven by alarming increases among young, black MSM – the only subpopulation to experience a sustained increase during the time period.

The new estimates were published today in the online scientific journal PLoS ONE. The incidence estimates are based on direct measurement of new HIV infections with a laboratory test that can distinguish recent from long-standing HIV infections.

"More than 30 years into the HIV epidemic, about 50,000 people in this country still become infected each year. Not only do men who have sex with men continue to account for most new infections, young gay and bisexual men are the only group in which infections are increasing, and this increase is particularly concerning among young African American MSM," said CDC Director Thomas Frieden, M.D. "HIV infections can be prevented. By getting tested, reducing risky behaviors, and getting treatment, people can protect themselves and their loved ones."

According to the new estimates, there were 48,600 new HIV infections in the United States in 2006, 56,000 in 2007, 47,800 in 2008 and 48,100 in 2009. The multi-year incidence estimates allow for a reliable examination of trends over time. They reveal no statistically significant change in HIV incidence overall from 2006 to 2009, with an average of 50,000 for the four-year period. In 2009, the largest number of new infections was among white MSM (11,400), followed closely by black MSM (10,800). Hispanic MSM (6,000) and black women (5,400) were also heavily affected.

"While we're encouraged that prevention efforts have helped avoid overall increases in HIV infections in the United States, and have significantly reduced new infections from the peak in the mid-1980s, we have plateaued at an unacceptably high level," said Kevin Fenton, M.D., director of CDC's National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention. "Without intensified HIV prevention efforts, we are likely to face an era of rising infection rates and higher

health care costs for a preventable condition that already affects more than one million people in this country."

In addition to providing the first estimates for 2007, 2008, and 2009, CDC has also updated its earlier estimate of HIV incidence for 2006 (previously 56,300), which reflects refined research methods and additional years of data reporting. While the estimates announced today are based on the most current data, CDC will continue to refine the estimates over time as improvements in methods or additional data are available.

Gay & bisexual men bear greatest burden; young, black gay and bisexual men experience significant increases in HIV

Men who have sex with men remain the group most heavily affected by new HIV infections. While CDC estimates that MSM represent only 2 percent of the U.S. population, they accounted for the majority (61 percent; 29,300) of all new HIV infections in 2009. Young MSM (ages 13 to 29) were most severely affected, representing more than one quarter of all new HIV infections nationally (27 percent; 12,900 in 2009).

Young MSM of all races are heavily affected. By race/risk young, black MSM were the only group to experience a statistically significant increase in new infections over the four-year time period studied. CDC estimates that new HIV infections among young, black MSM increased 48 percent during that period (from 4,400 HIV infections in 2006 to 6,500 infections in 2009).

Though the reasons are not yet clear, studies suggest that several factors may be driving this trend: higher proportions of young, black MSM are unaware of their infection than MSM of other racial/ethnic groups; stigma of HIV and homosexuality, which can hinder utilization of HIV prevention services; limited access to health care, HIV testing and treatment; increased likelihood of having older sexual partners (who are more likely to be HIV infected), compared to MSM of other racial/ethnic groups; higher rates of some sexually transmitted diseases among young black men, which can facilitate HIV transmission; and under-estimating personal risk for HIV.

"We are deeply concerned by the alarming rise in new HIV infections in young, black gay and bisexual men and the continued impact of HIV among young gay and bisexual men of all races," said Jonathan Mermin, M.D., director of CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. "We cannot allow the health of a new generation of gay men to be lost to a preventable disease. It's time to renew the focus on HIV among gay men and con-

front the homophobia and stigma that all too often accompany this disease."

Communities of color, particularly African Americans, disproportionately affected

The HIV/AIDS epidemic continues to exact a heavy toll on communities of color. While blacks represent 14 percent of the total U.S. population, the new estimates find that they accounted for 44 percent of new HIV infections in 2009. The HIV infection rate among blacks in 2009 was almost eight times as high as that of whites. The HIV infection rate among black men was the highest of any group by race and sex – more than six times that of white men – and the rate among black women was 15 times that of white women. There was no statistically significant change in HIV incidence from 2006 to 2009 overall, among black men or black women.

Hispanics represent approximately 16 percent of the total U.S. population, but accounted for 20 percent of new HIV infections in 2009. The HIV infection rate among Hispanics in 2009 was nearly three times as high as that of whites. The HIV infection rate among Hispanic men in 2009 was two and a half times that of white men, and the rate among Hispanic women was more than four times that of white women. There was no statistically significant change in HIV incidence from 2006 to 2009 among Hispanic men or Hispanic women.

"HIV remains one of the most glaring health disparities in this country," said Fenton. "While we all have individual responsibility to protect ourselves from HIV infection, the research clearly shows that individual risk behavior alone doesn't account for the significant racial disparities in HIV. It is essential to understand the underlying factors that contribute to these disparities, such as poverty, discrimination and lack of access to health care."

Dr. Fenton also noted that the greater overall prevalence of HIV in minority communities means individuals within those communities face greater risk of acquiring HIV with every sexual encounter. Reducing new infections a key goal of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Announced by White House officials in July 2010, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy seeks to reduce HIV incidence in the United States and prioritizes HIV prevention efforts in the populations where HIV is most heavily concentrated.

HEALTH BRIEFS

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Public input wanted on Alzheimer's

LOS ANGELES – Members of the public are invited to share their thoughts and ideas on services currently available to Alzheimer patients during a public forum Aug. 23 in Los Angeles.

The forum is a project of the Alzheimer's Association, which will share information from the forums with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services this fall.

The event begins at 6 p.m. at the California Southland chapter's Greater East Los Angeles office, 133 N. Sunol Drive., Suite 237.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Joseph Herrera at (323) 900-3104.

Alzheimer's walk taking teams

LOS ANGELES – The Alzheimer Association's 19th annual Walk to End Alzheimer's will take place on Oct. 9 at Century Park in Century City.

Nearly 4,000 people from throughout Los Angeles County are expected to participate in this year's walk to raise awareness and funds to fight Alzheimer's disease.

Steve Edwards of FOX-11's "Good Day L.A." will celebrate his 16th year as host of the event, which includes a 5K walk, live entertainment, refreshments and a family festival.

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'Bad boy' organist giving free concert

COSTA MESA – Sometimes called the "bad boy" of the organ world, Cameron Carpenter is considered a revolutionary in his field, and he's bringing his talents to the Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa for a free concert on Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.

Not yet 30 years old, Carpenter is renowned not only for his playing of great works composed for the organ, but also for his own compositions and arrangements.

He performs with pop singers such as Vinicio Capossela and Bishi, and is in demand as a guest soloist with international symphony orchestras.

Tickets to the performance are free but reservations are required. Seating is general admission.

Tickets will be available starting Sept. 4 by calling (714) 556-2787 or online at scfta.org. Ticket holders must pick up their tickets no later than 1:45 p.m. on Oct. 2.

African cloth on exhibit at university

■ Kente, an African textile, is a symbol of African pride and a cultural icon. It will be on exhibit at CSUDH.

CARSON – The brightly colored, geometrically patterned cloth called kente—made by the Asante (uh SAHN tee) people of Ghana and the Ewe (pronounced AY vay) people of Ghana and Togo—is the best known of all African textiles. In African American communities across the nation, kente is much more than mere cloth: it is a symbol of African pride and a powerful cultural icon.

"Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity," an exhibition at the California State University, Dominguez Hills University Art Gallery from Sept. 7 to Oct. 18, explores the art of making kente, its symbolism in the cultures of Africa, and its expression of identity in African American communities.

Two concurrent and related exhibitions, "African American Quilters of Los Angeles: A Tradition of Pride" and "African Identities in Textiles and Art" also will be shown in the University Library.

The "Wrapped in Pride:

Ghanaian Kente and African American Identity" exhibit is being made possible through NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is brought to campus by Mid-America Arts Alliance. This version of "Wrapped in Pride" was developed by the University of California, Los Angeles Fowler Museum of Cultural History based on an earlier exhibition co-organized with the Newark Museum in Newark, New Jersey.

Kente has its origins in the former Gold Coast of West Africa as festive dress for special occasions. It was traditionally worn by men as a kind of toga and by women as upper and lower wraps. Over the past 40 years, as kente's popularity blossomed, the cloth has been used in hats, ties, bags, shoes, jewelry, and many other accessories worn on both sides of the Atlantic.

Visitors to "Wrapped in Pride" will begin by exploring kente weaving traditions and seeing extraordinary examples of historic and contemporary kente—including some specifically set out for visitors to touch—and numerous objects incorporating its patterns. The exhibition also considers how kente of the Asante and Ewe cultures came to be used throughout Africa as garments and ceremonial cloth. Photographs and videos depicting the use of kente in contexts ranging from religious to commercial tell how this traditional art form was transmitted across the ocean, and how it changed as it was embraced around the world as an expression of African cultural identity and pride, worn by the likes of W.E.B. DuBois, Muhammad Ali, Spike Lee, and

Nelson Mandela. A final section looks at the prominence of kente during the months of December, January and February, when the confluence of Christmas, Kwanzaa, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and African American History Month prompts its wearing and/or display in a variety of forms, and in church and/or graduation, when it symbolizes heritage, faith, and accomplishment.

The "African American Quilters of Los Angeles: A Tradition of Pride" exhibition in the University Library has been organized by quilt curator and African American Quilters of Los Angeles (AAQLA) vice president Estelle Hamilton in conjunction with the University Art Gallery, and will feature 30 brilliantly colored and unique quilts by local quilters relating in theme and design to the kente cloth textiles. AAQLA is celebrating 25 years in 2011. Its members have exhibited their quilts at the City of Carson Civic Center, the California African American Museum in Los Angeles, and California Polytechnic State University, Pomona.

The quilters whose works will be represented are Ree Adams, Anne Bastiste, Olga Chachere, Linda Country, Linda Gardner, Ernestine Hadley, Estelle Hamilton, Lou Holland Jones, Debra Knox, Sharon Mathews, Judith Nash, Emma Quinn, Elvis Smith, Toni Terrell-Randolph, and Audrey Williams.

The exhibition, "African Identities in Textiles and Art," also in the University Library, will showcase objects and textiles collected by the Gamon family during the 1960s and 1970s in West Africa. The exhibit includes an impressive array of textiles,

tools, masks and sculptures. Among the objects in the exhibit are Dan masks, Bamana mud cloth, unadorned country cloth, and Dogon statuary. African games, musical instruments, and tools from the collection will offer viewers insight into everyday objects in West Africa.

In conjunction with the three exhibitions there will be a series of special programs in the University Art Gallery:

Wednesday, Sept. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m.— Opening Celebration with African Dance and Music, featuring the Kente Cloth Ceremony at 6 p.m. led by Peter Abilogu, professor of dance at El Camino College.

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m.— African Textiles: The Art of Cultural Identities, a conversation with Dr. Kirstin Ellsworth and Dr. Patricia Gamon, adjunct professors of art history at CSU Dominguez Hills.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 6 p.m.— African Weaving and African Art History, film and discussion led by Dr. Kirstin Ellsworth, adjunct professor of art history, CSU Dominguez Hills.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m.— Kente Cloth in Context and Continuity of the African Diaspora, a discussion with Dr. Munashe Furusa, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities and professor of African studies, and Dr. Salim Faraji, professor of African studies, CSU Dominguez Hills.

Open on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the University Art Gallery is located in Room A-107 on the first floor of LaCorte Hall on the campus of CSU Dominguez Hills. University Library hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission to all gallery and library events is free. Parking in campus lots costs \$4 with passes available for purchase at kiosks located in each lot. CSU Dominguez Hills is located at 1000 E. Victoria St., Carson, near the junction of the 110, 91 and 405 freeways.

For more information on the exhibitions, contact University Art Gallery director Kathy Zimmerer at kzimmerer@csudh.edu or visit http://cah.csudh.edu/art_gallery.

Jazz student playing in Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD – Recent Warren High School graduate Fabian Chavez will be performing live at the Catalina Jazz Club in Hollywood on Tuesday night.

Chavez excelled as a jazz musician while at Warren, earning a scholarship from the Cerritos Performing Arts Center. He is currently enrolled at Cal State Northridge where he will major in Music-Jazz Studies.

The Catalina Jazz Club is at 6725 Sunset Blvd. in Hollywood. Cover charge is \$5 plus a two-drink minimum. All ages are welcome.

For reservations and information, call (323) 466-2210.

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NORWALK – Gourmet food trucks will be at Golf N' Stuff in Norwalk this Monday from 5:30-9 p.m.

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Steve Martin play comes to Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Social satire, sexual tension and undergarments galore grace "The Underpants," a romantic comedy adaptation by Steve Martin that opens at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre on Aug. 13.

Originally written in 1911 by Carl Sternheim, Martin adapted the production in 2002 when it premiered Off-Broadway at Classic State Company.

After an unmentionable incident leaves Louise with her bloomers around her ankles in public, her husband Theo thinks his reputation and career is on the line. The ensuing shenanigans are fodder for Martin's genius wit and timing.

"The Underpants" plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m., Aug. 13 through Sept. 10.

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Magic number is 27,000,000

Ah yes, the Dodgers are finally starting to count down to a magic number. Normally, around this time of year, if a division has gotten completely out of hand, or if sports writers such as myself decide to through a number out there, that number is normally in correlation with how many games a team should have to win to guarantee itself a spot in the post season.

Ha. Well. That's not the number, or really, numbers I'm counting down to. Dodgers first baseman James Loney said in an interview with a Los Angeles Times reporter earlier in the week that he thinks the Dodgers can shock the world, climb out of a 10-game deficit and win the NL West.

"I feel a sense of, 'We can win this thing,'" he said to Times writer Dylan Hernandez. "I feel guys are happy every day, even if they were 0-for-4 or we lost the game before. It's, 'We're going to beat you today.'"

Love the intensity and belief. But, I have to disagree. As soon as Frank and Jamie McCourt filed for divorce, the team began in a downward spiral and won't recover until they're both gone and no longer

owners of the Dodgers.

Loney is counting down how many wins it's going to take to get into the postseason. That's his magic number. I'm counting down how many Benjamins Frank McCourt is going to lose by the end of the year.

You can feel it. People are finally fed up with McCourt and his legal woes. The Los Angeles fan base doesn't trust him and refuse to partake in the financing of a divorce proceeding. With the unofficial boycott in full effect, a number has finally been reported to prove that we are not happy.

The Times came out with a figure that projects the Dodgers to lose \$27 million in revenue this season with that number possibly growing as more fans lose interest in a losing team and a despicable owner.

Times writer Jim Peltz wrote about the projections, but his projections do not include anything but the drop of ticket sales. You have to keep in mind that with every fan in a seat, that's potential to a batting practice jersey purchase, a sold Dodger dog and coke, a consumed bag of peanuts that was bought from yours truly, and dollar bills going toward parking.

McCourt's pocketbook is bound to get much lighter than the projected \$27 million that he's about to lose by the end of the year. Do you think MLB Commissioner Bud Selig is laughing quietly behind his desk at headquarters in New York?

Times writer Steve Dilbeck tried his hand at projecting how much more the Dodgers can lose with the loss of concessions, merchandise, and parking. His numbers, after taking the no-show rate in 2009 at 17.4%, one of the few numbers made available by MLB when it comes to financial records.

Take that into consideration, and the dollar amount that McCourt reported of \$11.74 in revenue lost per no-show and parking, and we're talking about \$7.3 million lost that year.

Now, grab those numbers, double them up, tack them to the projected numbers from this year, and we're now looking at a whopping \$34 million that Franky boy is projected to lose on the team this year.

What can I say? Us Dodger fans know how to party, but we also know how to make a point. Can you hear us now?

Oh, how can I forget? That does-

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n't include any sponsorships the Dodgers will lose as well. Why would you want to pay millions of dollars to advertise your business in front of 10,000 people per night? You could jump on YouTube, do a stupid low budget clip, and get thousands of hits a day for a fraction of what it would cost you to advertise with the Dodgers.

Dodgers manager Don Mattingly came out and backed Loney's assessment that the Dodgers can go on this torrid run and push themselves to the top of the standings before season's end. But he reinforced the idea that they have to take it game by game and pretty much win every game.

Him and Loney can do that and count down the wins they need to win the West. I'm going to keep counting how many bucks Frank is going to lose. My magic number might be higher than theirs but mine is more fun.

Building a good backswing

GREG LAKE

Hello again fellow golfers. I hope everyone enjoyed seeing Tiger Woods play for the first time in several months. The WGC tournament at Firestone was a great tournament because there were a lot of really talented golfers playing at such a high level. On Sunday you had a dozen guys within three or four shots of the lead at one time.

While watching the tournament telecast, CBS golf announcer Peter Kostis analyzed a 6-iron swing from Adam Scott and I was able to gather some information that I want to pass on that I know will be beneficial to a lot of golfers.

The tips I want to talk about in this article have to do with three specific points in the backswing.

First we will talk about the start of your swing. I see a lot of amateurs start their swing with some off-the-wall movements such as a hard rolling of the wrists or picking the club straight up to get the club high above their shoulder.

Both these habits are definitely bad ones to get into, but can be fixed quickly. In the first 18 inches of your backswing you should try and keep the club as square to your target as possible. Move the club by keeping your arms straight and a slight turn of the shoulders to get the club started on the right path. You also want to keep the club low to the ground for as long as you can before it becomes necessary to start the club moving up in the backswing. On the driving range you want to be able to hear your club brushing the mat on the way back.

Our next checkpoint will be to see in what direction your club is pointed as the club reaches parallel to the ground or about waist high. It should be pointed in the same direction of your feet (your feet line). This shows that your club is on plane

halfway to the top of your backswing. You will also want to check the angle of your club face at this point. You want to see the toe of your golf club pointed straight up to the sky which demonstrates a square club face. Amateurs get in trouble when the whole club face is pointed to the sky and not just the toe.

To get the club up to the top of your backswing, what you want to do is turn your shoulders more and have a slight break in your wrists. With enough flexibility, your goal is to turn your front shoulder enough so it rests underneath your chin. The angle of your club face and left wrist need to match up at the top of your backswing. Then ideally you would like to have your club split your shaft line and shoulder from address (see picture of Tiger at address).

The start of the golf swing is similar to an assembly line. You start with the simple parts and then it becomes easier and faster to build the whole thing. Performing the early parts of your golf swing (don't forget your athletic posture at set-up) makes it much more likely you will hit a solid shot at your target. So those are some thoughts I'd like you to think about for your backswing. Take some time on the practice range to see which tips you like the best and I'm sure you'll be hitting it better in no time.

Until next time keep it in the short grass!

Greg Lake is a PGA apprentice and golf instructor at Rio Hondo Golf Club, and a former Warren High School golf MVP. For lessons or more details, please contact the RHGC pro shop

NFL preview: AFC West and East

JAMES WILLIAMS

This week we continue our look around the league as the preseason begins to kickoff.

This week we look at the AFC West and AFC East and what to expect from each of the teams this upcoming season, along with which teams are likely to rise to the top of their division standings and who may be destined for a disappointing season.

The Kansas City Chiefs, who had a record of 4-12 in 2009, made some great off-season moves coming into last season that led them to finish with a greatly improved 10-7 record. The Chiefs made a statement in the AFC West from the start, defeating the San Diego Chargers in their season opener on Monday Night Football.

They also not only won the AFC West but found themselves back in the playoffs for the first time since 2006 when they lost to the Indianapolis Colts 23-8. Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they fell short yet again, losing to the Baltimore Ravens 30-7.

The Chiefs may have taken a step back when they lost offensive coordinator Charlie Weis, who went back to the college ranks as a coordinator for the Florida Gators.

The Chiefs signed wide receiver Steve Breaston to upgrade the wide receiver position and give quarterback Matt Cassel another weapon to throw the ball too. The Chiefs were also able to bring back linebacker Tamba Hali, who was a key part of the Chiefs defensive attack, as he led the team with 14 sacks.

The Chargers were second in the AFC West and missed the playoffs last season, after having finished at the top of their division and making the playoffs in each of the previous seasons since 2006.

The Chargers got off to a rocky start last season, losing five of their first seven games and struggling on special teams, costing them many important games early in the season. Still, the Chargers finished last season with the No. 1 ranked offense despite an up and down season from rookie running back Ryan Mathews.

Quarterback Philip Rivers also was able to lead the NFL in passing yards despite not having his star wide receiver Vincent Jackson, who held out for a new contract and had to serve a suspension for an incident that had taken place at the end of the 2009 season.

Chargers tight end Antonio Gates was Rivers' go-to guy on offense and was on track to reach new career

high numbers in touchdowns and receiving yards but was not the same after he tore the plantar fascia in his right foot during week 8.

The key players on offense will all be back this season and return healthy heading into the start of the 2011 season.

The Chargers were number one in defense as well last season.

The team will be without its defensive coordinator Ron Rivera, after he took the head coaching job with the Carolina Panthers. Even without Rivera, the defense will have many of its key players back to help lead the defense back to the top spot in the league.

The Chargers resigned safety Eric Weddle, and added veteran linebacker Takeo Spikes and safety Bob Sanders. The Raiders finished third in the AFC West, despite going 6-0 against teams in its division.

The Raiders did not have a positive off-season, losing many key pieces that helped lead to last season's relative success. The team will have question marks going into the season after letting go of head coach Tom Cable and hiring Hue Jackson, who was their offensive coordinator. Cable was hired by the Seattle Seahawks to be their offensive line coach.

With the Raiders letting go of Cable, it seemed to cause a domino effect that did not do the Raiders any favors. The first domino fell when one of the Raiders offensive guards, Robert Gallery, signed with the Seahawks. A few weeks later, the Raiders' most productive offensive player, tight end Zach Miller, decided not to resign with the team and also headed to the Seahawks.

The Raiders took another bad hit when CB Nnamdi Asomugha left and signed with the Philadelphia Eagles after spending the first eight years of his career in Oakland.

The Denver Broncos were fourth in the AFC and finished the 2010 season with the second worst record in the NFL. The Broncos drafted Linebacker Von Miller in the first round which should help improve the defense that was 31st in rush defense and 25th in passing defense.

The Broncos have been in the news after trying to shop quarterback Kyle Orton and letting Tim Tebow, who was their first round pick from 2009, be the starting quarterback. Orton eventually was not traded and

remains a member of the Broncos.

This led to what seems like mixed emotions around Denver, as the Broncos have named Orton the starting quarterback over Tebow, the fan favorite.

The AFC East has also been a division that has been dominated by one team but there seems to be another team that has a shot of giving them a run for the top spot.

The New England Patriots have taken the top spot in the AFC East eight of the last ten seasons. The Patriots were first in the AFC East and had the best record in the NFL, finishing the season 14-2.

Patriots starting quarterback Tom Brady threw the most touchdowns last season, most of which were players many fans never heard of before this season.

The Patriots did trade for a new weapon for Brady, who many fans may be familiar with: veteran wide receiver Chad Ochocinco, who is likely to become one of Brady's new favorite targets this season. The Patriots also made a surprise trade to upgrade the defense, bringing in defensive lineman Albert Haynesworth from the Washington Redskins for a 2013 fifth-round draft pick.

The New York Jets finished second in the AFC East and are a Super Bowl contender this year. The Jets have been right on the tail of the Patriots and this may be the year they could finally pass them. The Jets did not make many key off-season moves but did resign many of their players.

The one big move that the Jets did make was signing WR Plaxico Burress.

The defense did lose one of their better defensive linemen in Shaun Ellis, who signed with the rival Patriots. Even without Ellis, the Jets are likely to be one of the top three defenses in the league this season.

The Miami Dolphins finished third last season in the AFC East with a 7-9 overall record.

Starting quarterback Chad Henne is beginning to fall out of favor in Miami. The team did not do Henne any favors by looking to make a trade with the Broncos that would have brought QB Kyle Orton to give Henne competition.


After the Dolphins were unsuccessful in acquiring Orton, many Dolphins fans began to shout "We want Orton!" every time Henne

made a bad play during practice.

The Dolphins did make a trade with the New Orleans Saints for running back Reggie Bush. After Bush joined the Dolphins, the team no longer had plans of resigning running back Ricky Williams or Ronnie Brown.

The Buffalo Bills finished fourth in the AFC East but show some glimmer of hope. The Bills were one dropped touchdown pass away from defeating the Pittsburgh Steelers in overtime, in what would have been the highlight of the team's season.

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DOWNEY – Bob's Big Boy is teaming up with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to promote safe boating in advance of Labor Day weekend.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 58 will conduct free vessel safety checks in the restaurant's parking lot from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 27. Residents can bring a motor boat, sailboat, personal water craft, kayak, canoe, paddleboard or inner tube to have it checked for safety.

In addition to checking the vessels, trained auxiliary members will also distribute whistles to attach to life jackets and teach knot-tying. They will also answer questions on boating and offer information on how to join the flotilla.

To have a boat checked for its safety, bring the boat, boat registration, lifejackets, current flares, sound producing instruments and dewatering devices. If you bring a kayak, canoe, rowboat, inner tube or paddleboard, you must also bring lifejackets and a flashlight.

For more information, contact Brian Regalbuto, immediate past flotilla commander of Flotilla 58, at (562) 419-5420 or brian@barirs.com.

Free barbecue at Fresh & Easy

DOWNEY – With the summer barbecue season winding down, the Fresh & Easy grocery store in Downey will host a free barbecue Aug. 20 from 4-6 p.m. featuring grilling expert Neil Strawder.

Strawder will be grilling chicken, hamburgers and side dishes for customers, all free of charge.

Fresh & Easy is also looking for the next great summer side dish to sell in its stores. To submit a recipe, go to freshandeasy.com/bbq and submit the ingredients, recipe and a photo.

The grand prize winner will have their side dish sold in Fresh & Easy stores, a \$500 gift card, and a new grill.

Zumba studio opens Saturday

DOWNEY – A new Zumba dance studio will celebrate its grand opening Saturday at 7 p.m.

Retro Zumba Dance Studio is located at 8428 E. Telegraph Rd. Zumba's choreography incorporates hip-hop, samba, salsa, merengue, mambo, martial arts and some Bollywood and belly dance moves. Participants also learn a range of dance steps similar to Zumba, including bachata, cha cha, cumbia and tango.

The studio is owned by Gaby Garcia.

SKATE-O-RAMA: Roller rink closed in early 2000's.

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students from several neighboring cities.

By 1979, a group of Skate-O-Rama regulars decided to form an unofficial skate club called Bad Co. Skate-O-Rama Locals, named after the English rock group Bad Company whose music was often played at the rink.

Made up of freestyle, formal, figure and speed skaters, as well as regular skate aficionados, Bad Co. grew to boast over one hundred members. On Friday and Saturday nights, skaters would arrive to a barrage of Bad Co. shirts, worn only by club members.

"We weren't so much of an official club as we were a social club," said Lendrum, one of the group's premier members. "There were no meetings or dues and I don't recall us having any officers other than a president. Other than skating, we often had bonfire nights at the beach, BBQ's in the park, we would do social things together."

However, despite the initial success of Skate-O-Rama and the resurgence of roller skating during the 1970s, Nista was unable to sustain the rink's popularity throughout the 1980s.

"Dad decided to sell the rink because popular skating was moving to the outdoors – especially the beach, with the advent of in-line skates," said Taira Nista. "Business was slowing down and he was getting tired at 58. He was ready to retire and focus on the kids."

The rink was ultimately sold to a long-time patron, Hans Oertel, who skated at the rink throughout his childhood and always hoped to own Skate-O-Rama one day.

In 1988, Oertel purchased the rink from Nista for more than \$1 million.

Margarete Oertel, daughter of Hans Oertel, remembers when her family took over the rink, which became a popular location for parties during the 1990s.

"We had family entertainment such as birthday parties as well as social entertainment which consisted

of private parties for many schools and churches. We really enjoyed the people and families that came to skate," said Margarete Oertel.

"Of course, throughout the years, the business did decline and our family decided to sell the rink," she said. "However, we never forgot how much fun it was to have a business that brought so much joy and entertainment to so many people."

After more than 40 years of business in Downey, Skate-O-Rama shut down in the early 2000s and was eventually sold to Hoffmeyer Company Inc., an industrial manufacturer and distributor. In 2004, the property was bought by Providence Pipe Products, Inc., a steel pipe manufacturer.

Today, the building is still intact, but the entry way of the rink has been renovated to incorporate office space. The large room once used as the rink itself is now being used to store the company's steel products.

Nonetheless, the memory of Skate-O-Rama remains alive and well – online.

In 2009, a former Skate-O-Rama "alumni," who grew up at the rink, started a Facebook group, dedicated to the now defunct roller rink.

With 487 members and counting, the Facebook page is filled with memories, stories and recollections written by adults reflecting on their childhood experiences at Skate-O-Rama.

For 1992 Downey High alumni Tony Waller, just seeing the former Skate-O-Rama building makes him smile.

"I had my first kiss there and met some great friends there that I still talk to...Thanks for the memories Skate-O-Rama," he wrote.

Sheri Prather praised the roller rink as a much needed social environment for teenagers.

"Really miss this place. It was a great hangout on Friday and Saturday," she wrote. "I so wish it was still open. Kids today need a great hangout like Skate-O-Rama...Like others I would probably break a hip if I tried to skate today, but it would be well worth it. Thanks



Jerry Nista, owner and manager of Skate-O-Rama, was a professional skater and U.S. champion before moving to Downey to start the once iconic roller rink.

for all the great childhood memories." Lily Rosas summed up an evening at Skate-O-Rama in just one sentence.

"Skating with someone to some Journey, lights dim, and the disco ball going was it," she exclaimed.

But Sheila Burkhart, who graduated from Downey High School in 1983, believes it was something else that made Skate-O-Rama stand out.

"I think the real reason that Skate-O-Rama was so special was because of a man named Jerry Nista who had a dream to build a place where young

people could go and have fun and enjoy themselves," said Burkhart. "Most of us spent all of our spare time there and we became one big huge family. It was a place where we could go locally, a place where we could stay out of trouble."

What started as a small Downey venture for family fun, evolved into so much more as pop culture collided to create a unique community of youth and young adults who spent their early years gliding, twirling, and rolling to the sounds of the day.

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Magic happens at Rancho Golf Classic

■ More than just golf, annual tournament celebrates patient achievements.

By GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

WHITTIER – The 21st Annual Rancho Golf Classic, which was played Monday at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier, raised more than \$75,000 for the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation's work and at the same time raised the spirits of everyone who participated in the event.

It was an especially meaningful day for Rancho Wheelchair Sports team members Genaro "Nano" Perez and Michael Wiggins, and longtime Rancho volunteer Tom Hale, who experienced a day that they will always remember.

Nano and Michael had never played a round of golf before Monday. Their first round wouldn't be easy because of the hilly terrain on the Friendly Hills Course. After all, 10-year old Nano has Spina Bifida and usually uses a wheelchair to get around. On this day, he chose to use forearm crutches so he didn't have to transfer to and from a wheelchair every time he hit a shot. Michael came to Rancho with a catastrophic spinal cord injury due to a gunshot wound. His only option was to play out of his wheelchair.

Nano has always been a special boy. He was born on Christmas Eve, and he carries the spirit of Christmas in his heart each and every day. Spina bifida may have sapped some of the strength from his body, but it hasn't affected his attitude. "You'll never find a happier boy than Nano," said his coach, Rick Tirambulo. "He is dedicated to both sports and school, and he does both with a smile on his face and in his heart."

To propel himself on the golf course, Nano had to place all his weight on his forearms and swing himself forward. "It's not easy," Nano said, "but I have learned how to do things that are hard. I had a lot of fun playing golf, because I figured out how to hit the ball straight even though I could only have one hand on the golf club."

To hit the ball, Nano shifted his weight to his left arm, slid the forearm crutch off his right arm, picked up a golf club with his right hand, and hit the ball while swinging one-handed.

"Most people have trouble hitting a golf ball with two hands, let alone trying to hit the ball with just one hand on the club," said tournament honorary chair Supervisor Don Knabe. "It was inspiring to watch his struggle and his ultimate success," said Don, who played in the foursome directly behind Nano and Michael.

Nano's biggest moment on the course came on the 13th hole, when his team had a three foot putt for a birdie. He adjusted his balance, dropped the crutch from his right hand, picked up the putter and gauged the break of the putt before swinging. His putt appeared headed too far to the right, but at the last moment it broke left and dropped into the center of the cup.

"I made it! I made it! he exclaimed, as a huge smile broke out across his face. Walking down the fairway to hit their next shots, the next foursome, including Supervisor Knabe, Los Angeles County CEO Bill Fujioka and his wife Darlene Kuba and expert golfer Russel Imamura cheered for the young boy. Imagine...a birdie on Nano's first golf outing!

Michael also made a memory to last a lifetime. He had wanted to play golf for many years, and had been to a driving range on several occasions, but was never able to play on a real course. "I had always dreamed of golfing, but as the years rolled by I thought I might never actually get to play a real round of golf."

He has dealt with the effects of a catastrophic spinal cord injury since 1992, when he entered rehabilitation at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in 1992 for rehabilitation. It's not easy to hit a golf ball out of a wheelchair, because it is impossible to turn during a swing the way a normal golfer would.

Who would have guessed that Michael would also hit a great shot during his round? It happened on the 18th hole, after his teammates each hit poor approach shots that stopped far short of the green. Michael was their last hope, but he was tired from carrying his wheelchair in his golf cart throughout the round. "My wheel-



Genaro "Nano" Perez, 10, watching as his birdie putt rolls toward the hole.

chair was getting real heavy, because every time I hit a shot, I had to take it out of the golf cart, transfer in, hit my shot, roll back to the cart, transfer back to the cart and then pull my wheelchair back onto my lap," Michael said.

"I just focused on the target, and it felt real good as I hit it," said Michael. But it wasn't good — it was great. Michael's shot hit the large green and rolled closer and closer to the hole. It stopped less than three feet from the cup, an easy putt that teammate Stephen Malone tapped in for the foursome's second birdie of the day.

Rancho and the wheelchair sports team have taught Michael and Nano how to overcome adversity. "I knew it was going to be tough for us, but I knew we would not give up until we completed every hole to the best of our ability," Michael said. "Wheelchair sports has given me a sense of independence and helped me get past all the rough spots in my life."

This fall, Michael will enroll at The University of Texas at Arlington, where he will be a member of the college's wheelchair basketball team. "Rancho has opened a tremendous door for me, and I believe all my hard work over the years has also helped me earn this opportunity to get a higher education," Michael said. "My goal is to keep working until I get my Ph.D." Those who watched him play Monday wouldn't bet against him. While youth was served at the Rancho Golf Classic, it was also a seminal moment in the distinguished life of Tom Hale. Tom ran the tournament's putting contest and worked throughout the day with his wife Marjorie as a spotter for the hole-in-one contest. The Hales also contributed the \$2,000 first prize for the tournament's opportunity drawing.

Tom has lived most of his life in

Downey, serving as an engineer for Rockwell for more than 25 years before retiring and becoming a volunteer at Rancho. He has completed 30 years of volunteer service to the hospital, which was the cause for a surprise celebration at the tournament dinner.

After awards were presented to Tournament Title Sponsor AT&T, Platinum Sponsors Don Knabe and Sodexo, Gold Sponsors The Annenberg Foundation and Martin E-Z Stick Labels, Dinner Sponsor Vanir Construction Management, Shirt Sponsor Reimbursement Services Group, and Auto Sponsors Cerritos Infiniti and Chevrolet of Malibu, Supervisor Knabe called Tom to the stage.

Mr. Hale moved as fast as his soon-to-be 89-year-old legs would carry him while Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco explained the significance of a very special 30th anniversary gift. It was a beautifully engraved clock thanking Tom for his extraordinary service to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. As Tom accepted his award, the entire room honored him with a standing ovation. It brought tears to his eyes.

"Tom is a very humble man, yet he is justifiably proud of his contribution to Rancho's patients," said Rancho Director of Volunteer Services Debbie Tomlinson. "Tom runs a special carpentry shop at Rancho where he and his friend and fellow volunteer Karl Burger make wondrous pieces of special wood equipment for patients," she said. Tom has developed several thousand individual devices and other projects to help patients take full advantage of the abilities that remain after suffering a catastrophic disabling condition.

"Sometimes I can't believe I've spent more years working at Rancho than I did at my real job," Mr. Hale

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RANCHO TALENT SHOW



Graduate patients from Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center shared their singing, dancing, acting and comedic talents at an outdoor show last Friday. Hundreds attended the free show, which was titled "S.T.A.R.S.: An Acoustic Evening Under the Summer Sky." More pictures are online at thedownypatriot.com

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Police to unveil fallen officer memorial

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department will unveil a statue paying tribute to officer Wayne Presley during a ceremony Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. in front of the police station.

Presley was killed on April 10, 1981 when he was assisting a motorist and was struck by a drunk driver. He is the only Downey police officer to lose his life in the line of duty.

Funding for the statue came from the city's Art in Public Places fund.

For more information on the event, call the city of Downey at (562) 904-2301.

Calderon to run for Congress

MONTEBELLO – State Sen. Ron Calderon announced his campaign for Congress on Tuesday.

Calderon will run in California's newly-created 38th Congressional district, which includes Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Lakewood, Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Montebello, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte, Whittier and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County.

"I have spent the last nine years as an effective and enthusiastic champion for job creation and economic development in this community," Calderon said. "This new congressional district, in an area historically represented by my family, will give me the opportunity to advocate for the Gateway Cities and the San Gabriel Valley on a national stage. I am incredibly excited to be launching this campaign."

Ron Calderon's brother, Charles Calderon, represents northern Downey in the State Assembly.

Retired pastor is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Retired pastor Glenn Koons will be guest speaker at the Aug. 18 meeting of the Downey Christian Business Men's Committee, taking place at noon at Sizzler restaurant.

Though retired from local pastoral work, Koons keeps his eye on local and national events. He will share information "you may not hear in other places."

The public is invited to the meeting. For more information, call (562) 310-1335.

Future speakers include Rich Holt (Sept. 1), a member of a local pastoral staff who recently returned from an Arab conference in Michigan; Rich Tuttle (Sept. 8), a retired police officer and chairman of the Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign Chapter; Louie Talamantes (Sept. 15), who, after attending a Harvest Crusade 18 years, decided he was "tired of living the old life and wanted a new life"; and Jose Negron (Sept. 29), who uses his musical abilities and bilingual speaking skills for the Lord.

Library open half-day on Friday

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will be closed on Friday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as library employees attend a staff development workshop.

The library will open at 1 p.m. and close at 5 p.m.

When the library is closed, the public may return library materials in two bookdrops located near the library entrance doors. Materials may be renewed via the library's automated customer service line at (562) 869-5723.

The library will also be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Exhibit opens at art house

WHITTIER – Artists Dennis McGonagle, Don Forkner, Bill Greenlee and Don Fitzgerald will be at the Bluebird Art House in Whittier on Saturday for the opening a new exhibit titled "4-4-20."

The reception starts at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

The exhibit continues until Sept. 3. The Bluebird Art House is at 6747 Bright Ave. in Uptown Whittier.

Church to screen film

DOWNEY—"Jack & Jill vs. the World," a feature film starring Freddie Prinze Jr. and Taryn Manning, will be screened Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Downey Church for Spiritual Living.

The film depicts Jack, a New York City advertising executive with a life as glossy as the ads he spins in his business. Jill is new to the city, with nothing to stand on but her fiery personality and romantic ideals.

Opposites attract and they make their own "rules to live by." But Jill betrays Jack by violating one rule.

In addition to the main feature, three short films will also be screened.

The event is free and open to the public. The church is located at 10000 Paramount Blvd.

Bingo luncheon at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's parish is hosting a bingo luncheon Aug. 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

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

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430.

'All Ears Bandit' caught by FBI

BELL GARDENS – A man suspected of robbing a Bell Gardens bank in March was arrested Monday in Los Angeles, the FBI announced.

Stepan Dovlatyan, 25, was taken into custody at his home without incident on Aug. 1. He was in court for an initial appearance on Tuesday and was allowed to post bail in the amount of \$20,000.

Dovlatyan was indicted by a federal grand jury on July 22 for charges including one count of bank robbery and two counts of attempted bank robbery.

Dovlatyan is suspected of robbing a bank in Bell Gardens on March 12, and attempting to rob two banks in Carson and Echo Park. Authorities are investigating if Dovlatyan was behind any other robberies.

Investigators linked Dovlatyan to the robberies due to his large ears, which earned him the moniker "All Ears Bandit" from the FBI. Forensic evidence also links Dovlatyan to the robberies, although investigators did not elaborate.

Hope is not lost for the Downey Museum of Art

■ A new group of residents is working to revive the defunct museum and bring art back to the community.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Surprise! Surprise! It looks like the Downey Museum of Art, which had totally disappeared from view, did not completely vanish. "For two to three years, it was in limbo," said its new president, George Redfox.

What happened during those 2-3 years? Some of it can be accounted for; most of it cannot.

Redfox is not saying, nor can he say, much at this point. "It has something to do with a gag order from the attorney general's office," he explained.

Okay. As far as we know, the last known piece of news about DMOA was dated April 17, 2009 in these pages. It told of then DMOA president Kate Davies being sued for "breach of contract and fraud" by her former director of business and development. Then a long, ominous silence.

We of course have been fairly familiar with its difficult budget problems. We also know that Davies, who served DMOA as executive director for a good number of years, had laid out a shining new design for a green museum which was to be called DMOA@TheGlidehouse with all sorts of programs and projects planned.

But her dream of a 'Blueprint for Sustainability' never materialized.

We learned from Redfox that Davies had retired "a couple of months ago."

But not before she, Redfox, Ara Oshagan, and a few others helped warehouse the art collection in an undisclosed location for safe keeping.

Redfox, who is also head of the newly-formed Downey Conservancy, says he joined DMOA's board of directors in 2008 "right before the 'end', obviously meaning DMOA's 'descent into limbo.'"

As he and Ara Oshagan were the only directors left out of the original 12, Redfox said they didn't give up on the idea of revivifying the museum. After all, it had had a storied past, and new life had to be breathed into the museum's large collection of art works.

Meanwhile, about six months ago, they invited Barbara Briley-Beard, Alex Saab, Pam Lee and George Manzanilla to join them on the board. Briley-Beard is now treasurer, while Saab has been designated secretary.

"Right now, all of us are trying to promote the artworks and what DMOA has stood for," Redfox said.

Recently they have had two Boris Deutsch paintings displayed at the Columbia Memorial Space Center, with the coopera-

tion of executive director Scott Pomrehn.

The idea is to "get the art back out," Redfox says.

The old DMOA building at Furman Park, which these past few years had remained empty, was originally gifted in 1957 by developer Willard Woodrow to the Downey Recreation and Park District (which was to evolve into the city's Community Services Department). Woodrow's wife, Alice, served as its first president.

For years, DMOA (it used to be known as the Downey Museum of Art Association; it was shortened in 1967) flourished under Woodrow's solicitous management. Its fame grew in the art community. It attracted artists of all kinds and art connoisseurs, even as it enjoyed the support of sundry donors; its fundraising efforts met with success as well. But after a glistening period, the hard times came. Indeed, there was a point in 1998 during the late Lillian Ashton-Brooks' term as board president and as temporary museum director when, even then!, it was reported that the museum faced financial ruin "unless aid is found soon."

This was when Davies came aboard, with the late Sachia Long, to turn its fortunes around.

Redfox and his fellow DMOA directors have their work cut out for them: make the museum's old abode at Furman Park serve as a home base, at least for a while; provide space for student artists perhaps to showcase their art; while they apply for grants and look around for art-minded donors even as they undertake fundraisers, to get DMOA back on its feet; look for available space in the downtown area to display some of its collection (and even those of community artists); and reconnect with city hall.

We invited board member and USC grad Manzanilla, a film and video production freelancer, to express his views on the significance of the museum's art and art in general. This is what he wrote, echoing no doubt the pronouncements and sentiments of past directors: "Having a local museum gives our local culture and art a way to be passed down to future generations. The museum's collection is an amazing display of history in this region from local, national and international artists. One of the museum's goals is to be a creative outlet and a point of interest to the local community. Inspiring people, of all ages, to look at the world through a different perspective is one of the major benefits of having a place in the city to show art."

He continues: "Art in general is part of the story that creates our local culture and history. It has the benefit of requiring that one look at reality in a different way, and in doing so, is an exercise in creative thought. To inspire people to 'think outside



the box' is exactly the kind of thing that gives people the edge in life."

He concludes: "Our hope is that the Downey Museum of Art plays a significant role in fostering that creative spirit for the local community. This has many benefits that range from the local artist finding an audience/customer for their work to the establishment of creative districts and creative media agencies which then can benefit many local businesses by providing much-needed design and media services. The DMOA is or should be an integral part of a well-rounded arts and design community."

"We'll clean up the old place," Redfox said. "Within this year we hope to reopen DMOA, modestly at first. In all this, we'll need the community's support, of course."

One can only wish the resuscitated DMOA the best.

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Services planned for Iris Tautfest

DOWNEY – Iris Marie Thompson Tautfest, a long-time Downey resident and community volunteer, died Aug. 7 of natural causes at Windsor Gardens Skilled Nursing Facility in Anaheim.



She was 97 years old and a 33-year resident of Downey.

Born in Denver, Tautfest moved, with her parents, a sister and older brother, to Huntington Park at age 5. She graduated from Huntington Park High School in 1931.

She attended Los Angeles City College, obtaining an AA Degree as a dental hygienist. She spent 12 years working for Dr. Walter Thompson in Huntington Park.

Tautfest was a member of the United Methodist Church in Huntington Park, where she met her husband of 45 years, Willard Tautfest.

The couple moved to Bell Gardens in 1949, where they raised their three children. They were very involved in Bell Gardens politics, working with many others within the city to incorporate. Willard was a city councilman for many years, and served as mayor one year.

They were also active in Bell Gardens Christian Church as Sunday school teachers. Iris was named "Mother of the Year" in 1968.

She was a member of Downey First Baptist Church for 32 years. She played the piano for almost 20 years in the third grade Sunday school department.

While in her 80s, she volunteered weekly at the LivingHelp Center, a nonprofit crisis pregnancy clinic in Downey. She also did volunteer work for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Bellflower.

A public viewing will be held Friday from 5-7 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey. Private interment will be Saturday morning at Rose Hills in Whittier. A public memorial service is scheduled for Saturday at First Baptist Church of Downey at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Denny Clemetson will officiate.

She is survived by her son, Michael Tautfest; daughters, Karyn (Mike) Ehrenfeldt and Sharyn Pohlman; grandchildren, Lissett Tautfest Flores, Ivy Pohlman Renko, Kristy Tautfest Gimenez and John Ehrenfeldt; and five great-grandsons: David, Martin, Nicolas, Marco and Lorenzo.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her honor to the LivingHelp Center in Downey or Child Evangelism Fellowship, 16815 S. Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower 90706.

Twana Lee Teal survived by family

DOWNEY – Twana Lee Teal, born in Maysville, Okla., on Aug. 26, 1932, passed away in Downey on Aug. 5.



She retired from the Downey Unified School District several years ago but continued to volunteer several times a week at her grandchildren's schools – Gaudin Elementary and Trinity Christian School.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Dean; children, Kay (Chuck) Doering, Janet (Michael) Minnig and Brian (Sonnia); granddaughters, Jennifer, Mikayla and Briana; and great-grandsons, Eric, Andrew and Adrian.

A memorial service will be held Aug. 12 at 1 p.m. at Downey First Christian Church.

Rose Hills to mark 9-11

WHITTIER – Rose Hills Memorial Park will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks by unveiling a "wall of remembrance."

The wall measure 24 feet long and 4 feet tall, and lists the names of those who died during the terrorist attacks.

Names will be read Sept. 9-10 at 7 p.m., followed by a service Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call Bonnie Quintanilla at (818) 681-5777.

Job fair in El Segundo

EL SEGUNDO – A job fair featuring dozens of major employers will take place Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo.

The event is free and open to the public. Visitors should dress in business attire, bring resumes and be prepared to interview.

The Hacienda Hotel is at 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd. For more information, call (562) 409-0056 or go to citycareerfair.com.

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DOWNEY PATRIOT ON VACATION



The Downey AYSO 14u boys' travel team took *The Downey Patriot* on a 4-day cruise to Catalina and Ensenada earlier this month. Coaches Felipe Caro and Johnny Lermucchi celebrated their winning travel season by going on the cruise with some team members and their families. Teammates Phillip Caro, David Lemucchi, Marcello Frasca, Marcus Navarro, Peter Torres, Daniel Andazola, Isaias Rodriguez, Tony Gomez, Joshua Hernandez and Andy De Valle all did various fundraiser to make the cruise possible.



Downey AYSO's 14u girls' travel team finished in second place in the Hawaii Cup Tournament held two weeks ago in Maui. The team, which consists of 17 players ranging in age from 13-14, washed cars, hosted a fire-works stand, and sold candy and tacos to finance the eight-day trip. The team, pictured above with *The Downey Patriot*, includes Brinda Patel, Naomi Frontela, Juliza Ramirez, Alyssa Skobis, Crystal Gonzalez, Miranda Delgado, Alanis Leiva, Ashley Sanchez, Natalia Fischbach, Danielle Varella, Leslie Ruiz, Jessika Perez, Gia Marciano, Bianca Martina, Rebecca Powell, Theresa Madrigal and Britney Mejia. Not pictured are Coach Jorge and Coach Win.



The Ciatti family recently vacationed in Alaska, where they camped on the river the entire week while fishing for king salmon.



Edgar and Mayra Santos, recently wed on July 23, traveled to Europe on their honeymoon and carried along *The Downey Patriot* with them to Rome. "We decided to take the picture in Vatican City because of its meaningful history," the couple said.



Heriberto and Maria Luisa Salgado were photographed with *The Downey Patriot* in front of the Washington Monument at Eakin Oval in Philadelphia. The couple took the photo during a tour of East Coast cities in June.



The Baker family took a copy of *The Downey Patriot* on a trip to Fenway Park on Aug. 4.

Benefits workshop for veterans

DOWNEY – Veterans and surviving spouses are invited to a benefit seminar Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Presented by Home Instead Senior Care, representatives will offer information on long-term benefit care available to qualified individuals.

The seminar will cover qualification requirements, the application process, and more.

The workshop is free. Reservations are requested by calling (562) 401-0010.

'Hootenanny' at Moravian church

DOWNEY – The Moravian Church of Downey will host a "hootenanny" on Saturday from 4-9 p.m. in their parking lot, located at 10337 Old River School Rd.

There will be a jumper castle, Homegirl Cafe tacos, live music by the band Lost and Found, an open mic from 7-9 p.m., and kids games, sidewalk chalk art, and raffle prizes.

Admission is free and all ages are welcome.

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When: Saturday, August 20, 2011
Time: 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Where: Downey First Presbyterian Church - Cumberland Hall, 10544 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90240
Cost: \$8.00 per person **Contact:** Bonnie (562) 928-0646

Warren High graduate, Shannon was in a terrible car accident, paralyzed from the chest down. All funding proceeds will go towards a restorative machine to simulate the leg muscles to fight off atrophy.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. 12691L
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the seller(s)/licensee(s) are: FOSTER ROBERT GUZMAN, 7939 IMPERIAL HWY., DOWNEY, CA 90242
Doing business as: CARNITAS MICHOCAN
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and address of the buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: MATEO MADRID, 6388 ORIZABA AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90805

The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY, ACCOUNTS, MATERIALS, GOODS, RECEIVABLES, PROPERTY OR ASSETS, TANGIBLE OR INTANGIBLE, OWNED OR HEREAFTER ACQUIRED BY THE BUSINESS PRESENTLY KNOWN AS CARNITAS MICHOCAN and is/are located at: 7939 IMPERIAL HWY., DOWNEY, CA 90242

The type of license to be transferred is/are: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE License No. 41-461307 now issued for the premises located at: SAME
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: MID CITIES ESCROW, 8136 2ND ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241 and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 29, 2011

The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$20,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$1,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, ALL CASH \$20,000.00, ALLOCATION TOTAL \$20,000.00

It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Dated: 7/25/11

FOSTER ROBERT GUZMAN, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
MATEO MADRID, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
LA1036276 DOWNEY PATRIOT 8/11/11

The Downey Patriot 8/11/11

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

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The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: EMAD NAIEM GHALY GABRA, 13260 WOODRUFF AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242

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The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: Type: OFF-SALE GENERAL, License Number: 21-458691 and now issued for the premises located at: SAME
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: PENN ESCROW INC, 1934 W BEVERLY BLVD, MONTEBELLO, CA 90640 and the anticipated sale date is SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$75,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT, ALL CASH \$75,000.00, TOTAL \$75,000.00
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MARTIN DAVID HELFAND, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
EMAD NAIEM GHALY GABRA, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
LA1035825 DOWNEY PATRIOT 8/11/11

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
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626-256-3241

Date of Filing Application: August 2, 2011
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: FEW & SONS ENTERPRISES

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Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 - On-Sale General Eating Place

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2011059045
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RIGHTOUSE, 214 CHESTNUT AVE., APT 3, LONG BEACH, CA 90806, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KEVIN L. WILLIAMS, 2014 CHESTNUT AVE, APT 3, LONG BEACH, CA 90806
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/Kevin L. Williams, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on July 6, 2011

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

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File Number 2011069877
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
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State of Incorporation: CA
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S/Jaime Buenrostro, Chairman, Metro Group Inc.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2011061529
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BERSA SECURITY SOLUTIONS, 233 CORONADO AVE #4, LONG BEACH, CA 90803, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMMY NAVA, 233 CORONADO AVE #4, LONG BEACH, CA 90803
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/SAMMY NAVA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 11, 2011

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

The Downey Patriot 7/28/11, 8/4/11, 8/11/11, 8/18/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2011061342
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOWNEY WELDING, 8111 PIVOT, DOWNEY, CA 90241 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 601 W. VALENCIA DRIVE, FULLERTON, CA 92832
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PURE EFFECT, INC., 601 W. VALENCIA DRIVE, FULLERTON, CA 92832
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/1/11
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ROBERT ROBINSON, PRESIDENT/PURE EFFECT, INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 11, 2011

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot 7/21/11, 7/28/11, 8/4/11, 8/11/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2011062519
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TITO'S AUTO REPAIR, 13142 TELEGRAPH RD., SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ESPERANZA LOPEZ, 413 S. 3RD AV, LA PUENTE, CA 91746
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/22/10
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ESPERANZA LOPEZ, owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 28, 2011

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2011065467
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HALL OF FAME MARKET & DELI, 10846 DOWNEY AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HALL OF FAME MARKET, INC., 3738 PACIFIC AVE., LONG BEACH, CA 90807
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/Gary M. Kostivas, Treasurer/Secretary, Gary M. Kostivas
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 2011

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 201078931
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CERVANTES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, 11108 MARBEL AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JONATHAN CERVANTES, 11108 MARBEL AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JONATHAN CERVANTES, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 9, 2011

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2011061226
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ADOPT & SHOP, 353 Lakewood Center Mall, Lakewood, CA 90412, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, (2) P.O. Box 66370, Los Angeles, CA 90066
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C2813135
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) Found Animals Foundation, Inc., 4079 Redwood Avenue, Suite C, Los Angeles, CA 90066
State of Incorporation: California
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/12/11
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false is guilty of a crime.)
S/Rabeca Cross, Secretary, Found Animals Foundation, Inc.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 11, 2011

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The Downey Patriot 7/28/11, 8/4/11, 8/11/11, 8/18/11

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY'S 2011 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND SELF CERTIFICATION THAT THE CITY IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY COUNCIL on the 23RD day of August, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the City's 2011 Local Development Report, which also self certifies that the City of Downey is in conformance with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Congestion Management Program.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15306 (Class 6, Information collection).

At that time and place all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed case. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of City Planning Division, Downey, Telephone Number (562) 904-7154. If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Joyce E. Doyle, Interim City Clerk
Dated: August 11, 2011

The Downey Patriot 8/11/11

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED

On August 9, 2011, the Council adopted Ordinance No. 11-1288, an Ordinance Prohibiting Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in the City.
Ayes: Blossmer, Guerra, Mayor Marquez
Absent: Gafin, Vasquez

A full copy of the text is available in the office of the City Clerk.

Joyce E. Doyle, Interim City Clerk
Dated: August 11, 2011

The Downey Patriot 8/11/11

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-11-427130-DF Order #: 11089369-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/19/2006. YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 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 of the unpaid balance and other charges: \$450,643.73 The purported property address is 13139 CLEARWOOD AVE LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Assessor's Parcel No. 8044-013-004 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 is 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login: www.fideliysap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 4034436 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

The Downey Patriot 7/28/11, 8/4/11, 8/11/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-1050849 Title Order No. 10-8-539711 Investor/Insurer No. N/A APN No. 8082-014-007 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/09/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MANUEL A. BARRIOS, A SINGLE MAN, dated 04/03/2007 and recorded 04/11/07, as Instrument No. 20070869933, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/31/2011 at 9:00AM, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 California Ballroom 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 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: 12721 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK, CA, 906502756. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$406,761.68. It is possible that at the time of the opening

LEGAL NOTICES CONT.

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 09-01-2011 AT 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06-05-2007, Book , Page , Instrument 20071351970, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: MARILIO GARCIA AND ROSA ISIELA GARCIA HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., (MERS) SOLELY, AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, BEAR STEARNS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES, 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 satisfy the obligation secured by the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 84 OF TRACT NO 14513, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS SHOWN ON A MAP FILED IN BOOK 313, PAGES 31 TO 33 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$639,707.77 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 14402 BENFIELD AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No: 012-001 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 08-09-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee CASEY KEALOHA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company, 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.ppsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.prioritposting.com ASAP# 4058615 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011

The Downey Patriot
8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. GM-263699-C Loan No 0591590609 Insurer No. 10703987 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/13/2006. 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 the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made; but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: ROBERT CUEVAS AND KATHLEEN CUEVAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 02/28/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0433327 in Book xx, page xx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 08/04/2011 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 Property Address is purported to be: 14127 ELMBROOK DRIVE LA MIRADA, CA 90638-0000 APN#: 8062-006-018 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$560,178.15, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Executive Trustee Services, LLC dba ET Services, LLC Date: 08/05/2011 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91506 Phone: (818) 714-730-2727 Omar Solorzano, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 4052055 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011

The Downey Patriot
8/11/11, 8/18/11, 8/25/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FQ3-109035 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/18/2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON September 1, 2011, at 10:30 AM, AT WEST SIDE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust, executed by TERESA VAZQUEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustors, recorded on 5/25/2007, as Instrument No. 20071276552, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union (money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: TAX PARCEL NO. 6263-037-009 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 8334 COMOLETTE STREET , DOWNEY, CA 90242. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$681,066.90. In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c), the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation

and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one or more of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting with the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. DATED: 8/11/2011 REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, Trustee By: MARILEE HAKKINEN, AUTHORIZED AGENT TRUSTEE AGENCY, 12525 WILSON AVE. POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (714) 730-2727 or http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 4059257 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-11-439223-AL Order No.: 796990 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/30/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the 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 A. FERNANDEZ AND MARIA ENA MIRANDA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 10/6/2009 as Instrument No. 20091518864 in book XXX , page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 9/1/2011 at 10:30:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$308,543.83 The purported property address is: 12233 CREWE STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8025-015-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property 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. The undersigned Trustee is Americas Servicing Company 1 Home Campus X2504-017 Customer Service Des Moines IA 50328. Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the borrower a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the highest bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Trustee, Beneficiary, 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: 714-573-1965 or Login to: www.prioritposting.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy you may have a claim released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights "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 follow the terms of your obligations. IDSPub #0007965 8/11/2011 8/18/2011 8/25/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0124165 Title Order No. 09-8-366994 Investor/Insurer No. 188385765 APN No. 80338-003-015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/23/2009 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by REYNOLDO VILLEGAS, AND MARIA E VILLEGAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 01/23/2008 and recorded 01/29/08, as Instrument No. 20080169758, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/25/2011 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, 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 A. FERNANDEZ AND MARIA ENA MIRANDA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 10/6/2009 as Instrument No. 20091518864 in book XXX , page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 9/1/2011 at 10:30:00 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$308,543.83 The purported property address is: 12233 CREWE STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8025-015-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property 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. The undersigned Trustee is Americas Servicing Company 1 Home Campus X2504-017 Customer Service Des Moines IA 50328. Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the borrower a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the highest bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, Trustee, Beneficiary, 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: 714-573-1965 or Login to: www.prioritposting.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy you may have a claim released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights "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 follow the terms of your obligations. IDSPub #0007965 8/11/2011 8/18/2011 8/25/2011

Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4061060 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0113594 Title Order No. 09-8-401199 Investor/Insurer No. 145303684 APN No. 8052-001-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ABRAHAM E DAZA, A SINGLE MAN, AND LETICIA RAMIREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 09/22/2006 and recorded 10/02/06, as Instrument No. 06 2187675, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/18/2011 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 10908 VAN RUITEN STREET, NORWALK, CA, 906503551. 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 \$550,356.90. 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 savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/10/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-014-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4053854 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0156825 Title Order No. 10-8-561388 Investor/Insurer No. N/A APN No. 8015-027-007 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/20/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BETTY LOIS PHILLIPS, A WIDOW, dated 09/01/2006 and recorded 09/20/06, as Instrument No. 06 2023079, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/25/2011 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 11422 GWYNNE 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 \$430,636.54. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/20/2006 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-014-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4055446 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7023.93951 Title Order No. 110207308 MIN No. APN 6252-022-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/01/96. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): GABRIEL URIBE, A SINGLE MAN AND MARIA ALEJANDRA ORTIZ, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 02/13/96, as Instrument No. 96-248269, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, Date of Sale: 08/17/11 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA The purported property address is: 10250 WESTERN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6252-022-003 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 \$138,322.52. 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, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the beneficiary, the Trustor or the trustee. Date: July 22, 2011 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale as Trustee Melissa Myers, Authorizer, Signatory 1241 E. Dyer Road, Suite 250, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Sale Info website: www.USA-Foreclosure.com or www.Auction.com Automated Sales Line: 714-277-4845 or 800-280-2832 Reinstatement and Pay-Off Requests: (866) 387-NWTS THIS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FEI # 1002.200431 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-011385 Title Order No. 10-8-417222 Investor/Insurer No. 167757539 APN No. 8059-015-019 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/05/2007. 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 MARIO E MIRANDA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 06/05/2007 and recorded 06/12/07, as Instrument No. 20071415286, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/25/2011 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 14102 GLADESIDE DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638291. 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 \$684,822. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/04/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-014-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4055446 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-002803 Title Order No. 10-8-088782 APN No. 6233-034-044 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/01/2006. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by BETTY LOIS PHILLIPS, A WIDOW, dated 09/01/2006 and recorded 09/20/06, as Instrument No. 06 2023079, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/18/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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 7324 QUILL DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90241. 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 \$352,232.95. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 09/12/2006 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-014-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219 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. FEI # 1006.140372 7/28, 8/04, 8/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-009205 Title Order No. 08-8-337697 APN No. 6359-011-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/06/2007. 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 SOLEDAD CASTILLO AND REYNALDO CASTILLO, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 06/06/2007 and recorded 06/21/07, as Instrument No. 20071496174, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/22/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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 9807 WILLY BURKE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. 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 \$683,912.81. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. DATED: 12/03/2008 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., SV2-200 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281 8219 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. FEI # 1006.140339 7/28, 8/04, 8/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-003051 Title Order No. 11-3-026849 APN No. 6286-005-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/01/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by TAE YONG JU AND KYEONG C. JU, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 12/01/2004 and recorded 12/08/04, as Instrument No. 04-3164721, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/18/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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 10224 CASANES AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241. 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 \$545,065.60. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil

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(at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. Legal Description: LOT(S) 31 OF TRACT NO. 15101, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 319 PAGE(S) 9 AND 10 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$434,415.00 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 10712 SHELLEYFIELD ROAD DOWNEY, CA 90241 APN Number: 6285-024-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is." In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 08-01-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ISAAC PACHECO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.ipsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4042909 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20110015002478 Title Order No.: 110199367 FNAVA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/12/2007, 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/18/2007 as Instrument No. 20070925448 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: JESUS ROMERO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(hb), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 08/24/2011 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: 12704 NEWIRE AVE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650-2143 APN#: 8051-010-015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, 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 \$362,119.11. 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.ipsasap.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: 07/25/2011 NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 4044275 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 11-0025606 Title Order No. 11-0022790 Investor/Insurer No. 1702444918 APN No. 8022-026-013 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/27/2007, 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 EDWARD G. FOURNIER AND MELISSA C. FOURNIER, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 10/12/2006 and recorded 10/25/06, as Instrument No. 06 2364859, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/31/2011 at 9:00AM, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 California Ballroom 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: 12067 HARVEST 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 \$316,316.43. 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: 07/30/2011 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. ASAP# FNMA4036222 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-112552 Title Order No. 10-8-418966 Investor/Insurer No. 1044480982 APN No. 6263-009-032 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/25/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ALICIA DE LA MORA, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 04/25/2005 and recorded 05/02/05, as Instrument No. 05 1020000, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/18/2011 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: 12676 VERDURA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$484,901.81. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/11/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA4050597 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0079872 Title Order No. 10-8-331198 Investor/Insurer No. 1705897625 APN No. 8080-012-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/12/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GUADALUPE VALDIVIA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 12/11/2007 and recorded 01/16/08, as Instrument No. 20080087120, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 08/24/2011 at 9:00AM, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 California Ballroom 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: 11851 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 \$204,872.94. 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: 10/17/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA4050597 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 10-06657 Loan No.: 1066851 A.P.N.: 8021-038-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/25/2003, 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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 due (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: ANGEL ESTEBAN CERVANTES AND DENISE IVONETH CERVANTES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Atlantic & Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 9/2/2003 as Instrument No. 03-2539488 in book , page and recorded on as Instrument No. 03-2539488 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Described as follows: As more fully described in said deed of trust Date of Sale: 8/17/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/11/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4063063 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011

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property: 12209 CURTIS AND KING ROAD NORWALK, CA 90650-000 A.P.N.: 8021-038-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Trustee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney, if you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights 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 obligations may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Date: 07/22/2011 Atlantic & Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC 1610 E. Saint Andrew Pl., Suite 150F Santa Ana, CA 92705 Automated Sale Information: 714-730-2727 or www.ipsasap.com for NON-SALE Information: 888-913-1969 Tai Alalima, Manager ASAP# 4048942 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0002633 Title Order No. 11-0002122 Investor/Insurer No. 131366490 APN No. 8078-009-014 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/25/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOSE VERA AND MARY VERA HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 07/25/2006 and recorded 08/02/06, as Instrument No. 06 1712582, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/12/2011 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: 10812 HOPLAND ST., 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 \$487,266.25. 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: 04/29/2011 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. ASAP# 4063063 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 2011-10511 Loan No.: 706172947 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/7/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a

state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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): OLGA LOPEZ-SOLIMAN, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC Recorded 2/13/2007 as Instrument No. 20070308739 in book , page — and rerecorded on — as Instrument No. 20070308739 in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 8/18/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$344,478.30 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14518 Corassa Avenue, Norwalk, California 90650 A.P.N.: 8070-022-015 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the timeframe for giving Notice of Sale Specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. Date: 7/14/2011 WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC, at 18377 Beach Blvd., Suite 210 Huntington Beach, California 92648 Automated Sale Information Line: (714) 730-2727 www.ipsasap.com For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 960-8299 Robin Pape, Trustee Sale Assistant ASAP# 4044380 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-261795-ED Order #: 090191278-CA-DCI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/27/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the 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): RAUL GARCIA, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 6/29/2007 as Instrument No. 20071564918 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California. Date of Sale: 9/6/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,214,303.64 The purported property address is: 9080 FARM ST DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6285-010-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is." In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 07-26-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ISAAC PACHECO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.ipsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4042985 07/28/2011, 08/04/2011, 08/11/2011

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2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Trustee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney, if you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 4064815 08/11/2011, 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 223690CA Loan No. 0697625853 Title Order No. 602096649 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-16-2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08-18-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03-01-2006, Book Page Instrument 06 0445262, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: LETICIA I CRUZ AND VICTOR FERNANDO ZAVALA, 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

Plastic bags and their history

By Lars Clutterham

DOWNEY – Last week, in the initial article in this series, we discussed the physical properties of plastic carryout bags, including the unfortunate fact that their being "recyclable" does not actually mean they're recyclable. ("Plastic Bags and Freedom," The Downey Patriot, 8/4/11).

This begins to suggest that the story of the plastic carryout bag might not be as simple as the common "use 'em, reuse 'em, recycle 'em, end of story" point of view implies.

The history of the plastic carryout bag and its predecessors is in fact a fascinating indicator of just how complex an issue the plastic bag has become. The specific type of bag in question, referred to in the industry as a "T-shirt bag," was patented by a Swedish company in 1965. However, in 1977, Mobil Oil, now ExxonMobil, overturned the patent, and by 1982 American supermarkets began offering these plastic T-shirt grocery bags as an alternative to paper.

The famous phrase "Paper or Plastic?" saw its heyday in the first decade of what became a transformation to 80% plastic versus only 20% paper bags by 1996. By 2001, less than 20 years after wide distribution of plastic bags began, annual global consumption was estimated to be between 500 billion and 1 trillion bags per year. The plastic grocery bag had become, in a word, a juggernaut.

How had the world survived without them? Well, in the United States, paper grocery bags had evolved from patented inventions beginning prior to the Civil War, and these square-bottomed pleated bags became normative with the proliferation of supermarkets in the 1920's and 30's. Their antecedents, the corner grocery store and before it the "dry goods" store and the general store, going all the way back to the trading post, did not require such mass-produced convenience. Ironically, shoppers in that era took home the groceries in their own containers, even if that might only have meant the back of the horse-drawn buggy.

Curiously, "paper or plastic" was never an option in Europe, because the paper bag had never become a part of the culture of grocery shopping in any of the western European countries. From Finland to Italy, shoppers provided their own bags. Vestiges of that tradition continue, even with the advent of European supermarket chains, such as the German Aldi chain, which encourages customers to provide their own bags, but makes other bags available, for a price.

In fact, the Aldi chain operates in 31 Eastern states in the U.S., where they encourage customers "to reuse and recycle bags," but sell "paper, plastic, or insulated bags for a very nominal charge." (This, by the way, is not possible in California, but we'll return to that point later.) Moreover, a separate Aldi entity is the corporate owner of Trader Joe's, which offers rebates to shoppers who bring their own bags.

To summarize, we have discovered that American shoppers originally brought their own containers prior to the advent of paper and plastic bags, and we have also determined that in Europe there has never been a tradition of grocery stores providing "free" bags of any kind to their customers.

We have not yet addressed government regulation, nor have we examined the questions of whether or not plastic carryout bags are in fact free and harmless, as is widely opined.

To those questions we'll return in subsequent articles.

Lars Clutterham is a Downey resident and charter member of the city of Downey's Green Task Force and Downey Chamber of Commerce's Green Committee.

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Woman takes helm at recycling facility

LONG BEACH – Elinor Lester has been named port manager for Terminal Island, SA Recycling announced this week.

Lester will be responsible for administrative and operational duties, overseeing budgets, cutting costs and continuing SA Recycling's community outreach.

She will also work with the operations manager to guarantee the production of high-quality material, the safe and efficient loading of vessels and containers, and maintaining the company's environmental standards, while ensuring the safety of the 150 employees under her supervision.

After spending 10 years in retail management, Lester, a single mother at the time, opted for a career move and enrolled as a full-time student at Cal State Long Beach. Immediately following her graduation in 2005, she was hired by SA Recycling as a data entry clerk.

While the ports are often thought of as a male-dominated workplace, Lester quickly moved up the ladder into a management position.

"Ms. Lester is a tremendous asset to our company," said Cristi Rossi, vice president at SA Recycling.

Final days of low-cost cat neutering

PICO RIVERA – The Los Angeles-based nonprofit, Found Animals Foundation, donated \$150,000 to Clinico – a low-cost spay and neuter clinic – to help bolster cat sterilization across Los Angeles during kitten season by offering residents significantly reduced cat spay and neuter fees.

Cat owners looking to sterilize their felines are eligible for the reduced rates that require no income qualification to receive the discounted services of \$15 for male cat neutering, and \$25 for female cat spaying.

The promotion is in its final days and will run through September or until 3,000 cats and kittens have been sterilized. To date, 2,421 cats and kittens have been sterilized since the onset of the promotion, leaving only 579 appointments available.

"The most effective way to bring down the number of kittens and cats entering our city and county shelters every year is to spay and neuter," explained Aimee Gilbreath, executive director of Found Animals Foundation.

The reduced cost spay and neuter promotion is available at all three Clinico locations in Pico Rivera, San Pedro and Van Nuys.

For more information, call (562) 942-2640.

Bosco Tech program turns kids into amateur scientists

ROSEMEAD – Nearly 200 local elementary and middle school students are enjoying dissecting lamb hearts, building and operating robots, and learning algebraic equations this summer in the high school labs of Don Bosco Technical Institute through the school's Tech Scholar program.

The five-week program exposes younger students to applied STEM (science, engineering and math) education.

Wrapping up only its second summer, the hands-on, lab-based curriculum doubled in size to 190 students.

"There's a definite need in this country to expose kids to STEM education at the grade school level in a way that sparks their imagination and fuels their passion for learning," said Rudy Herrera, Bosco Tech's director of education. "Young people need hands-on experience with science and technology. We want to teach them the language of science; we see that as a part of our mission."

Nationally, STEM programs focus primarily on high school-level education, but Bosco Tech is focusing on elementary school-aged children, believing they will benefit from early exposure to science and technology.

The seventh and eighth grade students, for whom the Tech Scholar program is free, are selected to participate through a competitive process, based on an aptitude for science and math. The program is divided into four components, each taught by a Bosco Tech faculty member.

The curriculum includes study skills, a science workshop, a course in electrical engineering and computer science, and ends with an introductory course in algebra.

"We want to create a smooth transition from elementary to high school and dramatically increase a student's opportunity to succeed at a four-year college or university," said Herrera.

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Your Best Pet Match

For so many of us our beloved pets are as important as any family member (and at times even more so!). They provide us with an emotional connection, unconditional love, and loyalty, come rain or shine. With eight million pets entering animal shelters each year—adopting is more important than ever before. With so much love to give, and so many forever homes to find your best pet match is sure to be found! So what can SEAACA, one local area shelter, do for pet owners and lovers? You'd be surprised at the diversity of services:

- Each animal adopted from SEAACA is spayed or neutered. Approved veterinary care is available to adopted animals within 30 days of adoption.
- Low-cost vaccination, de-worming, flea treatment, and microchip identification are available to the public.
- Provides community education by visiting local schools and community groups, hosting speaking engagements, and orchestrating adoption fairs and a vaccination clinic.
- Animal Control Officers (ACOs) are trained animal care and humane law enforcement officers. They can enforce state and local ordinances, issue citations, serve search warrants, and make arrests.
- SEAACA coordinates with other Animal Welfare/Adoption Partner groups, such as Found Animals Foundation, to place adoptable pets into loving homes; over 3,700 animals were adopted last year.

SEAACA We have many wonderful pets available at SEAACA. We are located at 9777 SEAACA Street in Downey. To inquire about any featured pet, please call us at 562-803-3383 for visit www.seaaca.org.

Antow This adorable Australian Shepherd mix is just a few months old and will grow to be medium-large, so she'll need space to run around and lots of fun walks with her owner. She's playful so now is a perfect time to introduce a friend for Antow. #12-03091

Max This 30" guy is a very sweet Spizel mix, and gets along well with other dogs. He is about 15 lbs and full grown. His friendly demeanor would make Max a great addition to your family. #12-03052

Shelby Shelby is a very shy, fun-loving Beagle. She will be about 80% fully grown. Shelby gets along with other dogs and absolutely loves attention, and going on long walks after dinner. #12-03007

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Nobody Sells Downey Better!
Location! Location! Location! This charming North Downey home features refinished hardwood floors, dual pane windows and fresh paint on the inside. The kitchen has new granite counter tops, new cabinets and a new floor. The spacious yard with fruit trees complete this lovely home. Priced at an amazing \$339,000

Splish Splash
This Downey pool home is in excellent condition! The property features 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and copper plumbing throughout. The 2 car attached garage and 5300 sq.ft. lot make this property a great opportunity. Priced at an amazing \$305,000

Pride of Ownership
This is a very clean property! This cute and cozy Downey home features a formal dining room for entertaining, fresh interior paint and central air & heat. The updated bathroom has a separate shower and tub. This home also includes copper plumbing, new carpet in the bedrooms and dual pane windows. Priced to sell at \$339,000

Another Satisfied Client
A fabulous opportunity! This nice Downey home features 1,344 sq.ft. of living space, a 2 car garage, a remodeled kitchen and a remodeled bathroom. This property is located on a private, cul de sac street and has a spacious 10,799 sq.ft. lot. Priced at \$299,900!

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Immaculate condition. This 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom North Downey home has an open floor plan. This property also features inside laundry, central air & heat, a large family room with a fireplace. The kitchen was remodeled 2 years ago and shows like new. Priced right at \$359,900!

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