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Assistance League luncheon kicks off the holiday season

■ Elegant fundraiser helps fund Assistance League of Downey's numerous philanthropic projects.

By GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

LONG BEACH – The holiday spirit was sparked last Sunday when the Assistance League of Downey's 43rd Annual Christmas Tree Brunch lit up the Long Beach Hilton Hotel with class, style and beautiful music to inaugurate a very merry Christmas season.

Co-chaired by Judy Berg and Charlene Roche with a committee comprised of more than 40 Assistance League members, the brunch was entitled "Celebrate the Season". It featured a bevy of fabulous pre-function choices, including a Bake Shoppe brimming with scrumptious homemade cookies, breads and candies; collectibles from the Second Tyme Around Shoppe; Spirits Baskets with a dazzling array of liquors and fine wines; and a number of intriguing jewelry, clothing and home goods.

There was also an extensive silent auction with more than 60 items and a raffle that included five money trees, a \$500 cash apothecary jar, and many other fascinating items. Finally, the raffle stretched to the front of the ballroom, which was festooned with a "Fabulous Fifteen" — 11 stunningly beautiful themed and decorated trees donated and created by Assistance League members, the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary and the Assisteens, and four beautiful baskets donated and created by the freshman through senior classes of Assisteens. These filled the room with the colors and spirit of Christmas. In addition, each table contained a sparkling "Winter Wonderland" centerpiece featuring dramatically shaped glass vases filled with snow, a shining candle and a Christmas tree that changed colors throughout the event. The setting was simply spectacular.

"We are very thankful for our dedicated members who gave so generously of their time and talents to make the Christmas Tree Brunch a success," said Assistance League President Joan Frey. "We are especially proud of our Assisteens Auxiliary, who graced this event with their youth and enthusiasm. With them our future is in good hands."

The Assisteens are an Assistance League auxiliary for teenagers in the 9th through 12th grades. These exceptional youth develop a sense of community responsibility, self-reliance, public speaking and leadership skills by supporting key Assistance League programs. On this day, they were greeters, helpers, and most importantly, sales people for raffle tickets.

Nat King Cole sang that "Christmas is for Children", and the Christmas Tree Brunch was no exception. Although many children won silent auction prizes and all of them were wonderful, several young people made a particularly deep impression. One lucky pair of kids were Sasha and Katie Schmidt, the granddaughters of Downey civic leaders Mary Lou and Don Schmidt, who demonstrated the meaning of pure joy as they bounced and beamed their way to the stage to accept their prize.

Just a few feet away from the



Schmidt table, young Alexis Romo spoke excitedly with her great-grandmother Yolanda James about her Christmas dream—to win the whimsical "Happy Feet" tree, which was covered with penguins. When Charlene announced that the "Happy Feet" winner was being drawn, Alexis hugged her great-grandma and exclaimed, "I hope I win!" Then Charlene announced the winner, and it was Alexis! Stunned into silence, Alexis became the happiest girl in the world as her smile lit up the entire room. She gathered herself, then raced to the podium to claim her prize with the total delight that only a child could muster. It was a truly magical moment.

Of course, the most magical moments of the brunch came during the extraordinary 45-minute performance of the Citrus Singers, the internationally acclaimed choral group from Citrus College directed by Douglas Austin. Combining their traditional holiday program with several new numbers created especially for the Christmas Tree Brunch, the singers enchanted the audience, and especially the children. This special holiday kickoff treat was made possible by the generosity of Richard and Jackie Vinckier.

The Christmas Tree Brunch is more than just a great way to start the holiday season...it is a key fundraising component that helps make possible the Assistance League of Downey's philanthropic project portfolio, which includes:

- The H.O.M.E. Project, which provides housing for families of patients undergoing rehabilitative care at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center
- Operation School Bell, which provides new clothing and shoes and a school spirit shirt to needy elementary school students in Downey
- Kids on the Block, in which puppeteers perform programs in schools covering subjects to which children are exposed, such as gangs, abuse, bullying and divorce
- Books on Wheels, in which members deliver and pick up books for those unable to visit the library. This program is conducted in conjunction with the City of Downey Library
- The Assistance League Dental Program, which provides dental work to low-income families who have neither insurance nor Medi-Cal benefits
- Hug-A-Bear, which supplies stuffed bears to local police and fire departments that are used to comfort individuals during stressful and emotional times



Photos by Stacy Brabant

•The Annual Christmas Distribution, in which Assisteens and members purchase, wrap and distribute holiday gifts to 32 agencies, including convalescent homes, shelters and nonprofit community organizations

•The Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships for selected graduating senior students in the Downey Unified School District

•S.A.T. Review Course, which provides teachers to administer the S.A.T. program to local high school students

"For those who missed out on providing special gifts at our brunch, we want to remind the community of our Second Tyme Around Shoppe, which supports those less fortunate in our community," Joan said. The shop is located at 11026 Downey Avenue in Downtown Downey.

Patrons of the Christmas Tree Brunch included Barbara Hayden of Starline, Inc., Helen Hoag, Supervisor Knabe and the Vinckiers.

Sponsors included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brabant, Mrs. Ruth Lehman, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Mathis, Ms. Mary Terry, Dr. & Mrs. Jose Torrealba and Mr. & Mrs. John Wilbur. An additional 60 members of the community were Gold and Silver event sponsors.

After the Assistance League of Downey changed a Hilton Hotel into a holiday haven for the Christmas Tree Brunch, Joan had a message for the entire community. "On behalf of all the members of the Assistance League of Downey, we wish that all our friends in the community will find peace and joy throughout this holiday season," she said. "We hope that as we each 'Celebrate the Season', this will be the merriest Christmas and happiest New Year our city has ever experienced."

For more information about the Assistance League of Downey and its philanthropic programs, please call (562) 869-0232.

Caltrans plans to widen 5 Freeway

■ Officials think \$1.6 billion project will ease congestion on Golden State Freeway.

By CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Built more than 50 years ago, the seven-mile stretch of the 5 Freeway from the I-605 to the Orange County line has provided motorists with everything from headaches to panic attacks over the last few decades.

Traveled by roughly 178,000 commuters everyday, the Santa Ana Freeway is arguably one of the most congested freeways in America, but Caltrans is hoping to ease the bumper to bumper grind through south Los Angeles County with a \$1.6 billion improvement project, which will widen the busy segment over the next five years.

"The goal of the project is to mitigate the bottleneck along the I-5 corridor and push the carpool lane towards Downtown Los Angeles," said Caltrans project manager Emad Gorgy. "We're going to divide the corridor into six sections and the existing lanes will be expanded to 10 lanes across, like the section of the I-5 in Orange County."

Starting with the Carmenita Road interchange, the widening project will replace the existing three general purpose lanes with five lanes, four general purpose lanes and one carpool lane.

As a result, Downey, along with the surrounding communities of Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, and Cerritos are preparing to lose both residential and commercial properties as the freeway expands.

According to the Downey public works department, 12 homes in northeast Downey will be impacted by the widening freeway, which will overtake Dollison Drive and turn several streets in the area into cul-de-sacs.

Florence Avenue, one of the major frontage roads along the I-5 Freeway, will also be widened to accommodate another lane, which is expected to help ease traffic along the overcrossing from Studebaker Road to Orr and Day Road.

Overall, nearly 440 parcels will be impacted by the freeway widening, but Caltrans officials believe the expansion will ultimately help relieve

current and future congestion, improving traffic flow for motorists entering Los Angeles County from the Orange County line.

"This is the largest expansion of the I-5 that we're going to see in our lifetime," said Maria Rapis, a spokeswoman for Caltrans. "The freeway is old, we've out grown it. These improvements will help us accommodate future increases in population and traffic."

Rapis maintains that the widening project, funded by federal, state and local grant money, will provide commuters traveling north and south-bound on the I-5 an easier, smoother and less congested transition.

Caltrans anticipates the freeway improvements will also improve air quality, reduce traffic noise, enhance driver safety, and encourage ridesharing.

Over the next five years, eighteen structures, including bridges, ramps, pedestrian overcrossings, and frontage roads adjacent to the freeway, will undergo reconstruction, relocation or upgrades. Six interchanges altogether from Valley View Avenue to Florence Avenue will be reconfigured, beginning with the most complex interchange at Carmenita Road.

The \$380 million project, which began in late September, will replace the existing two-lane steel overpass with a 10-lane concrete structure, which officials hope will help mitigate present and future bridge traffic while reducing delays.

Improvements at the other five interchanges, which include Alondra Avenue, Valley View Avenue, Imperial Highway, Rosecrans Avenue, and Florence Avenue, will include bridge expansions also, along with upgrades to frontage roads and the reconstruction of many pedestrian overcrossings and ramps.

"There are going to be general impacts. There will be noise, dust, temporary closures and detours, which should be expected," said Gorgy. "We cannot eliminate this, but we spend a lot of effort and funds to minimize the impact."

The Alondra Avenue Bridge project is expected to begin early next year. By 2013, all six projects will be under construction. Caltrans officials anticipate construction will conclude in 2016.

Police searching for shooting suspects

DOWNEY – Downey Police are searching for three men believed to be behind a double shooting that left two men critically injured Saturday night.

Police responded to a shots fired call at about 8:50 p.m. Saturday at the 11400 block of Horton Avenue where they found two men suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

The victims were transported to a local hospital where they were listed in critical conditions.

Police identified the suspects as Jose Zapata Jr., 29, of Downey; Orlando Villalobos, 30, of South Gate; and an unidentified male Hispanic.

Detectives believe Zapata and the unidentified man pulled handguns and shot the victims after an argument.

All three suspects fled in a 2006 black Ford F-150 pickup with California license plate 8C01379. They may also be traveling in a 2003 blue Chevy S-10 pickup with California plate 7B39445.

Police warned that the suspects should be considered armed and dangerous.

Anyone with information on the shooting or the suspects' whereabouts is asked to call Detective Steve Aubuchon at (562) 904-2361 or Detective Paul Hernandez at (562) 904-2368.



Jose Zapata Jr.



Orlando Villalobos

Aspiring doctor never gave up



■ Marie Marroquin overcame incredible hardships and is on track to realize her dream of becoming a doctor.

NORWALK — Marie Marroquin was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, and grew up in a very modest single-parent home. She learned the meaning of responsibility at a very young age of 6.

As her mother worked hard to provide for their basic necessities, Marroquin was responsible for cooking, cleaning and to attend school. Additionally, she sold fruits and homemade snow cones to help her mother with the financial responsibilities for three children.

She remembers being taken to a Catholic orphanage one summer when she and her siblings were out of school even though they were not orphans. As her mother could not afford to have someone care for the children, she occasionally left them locked up while she went to work. It was difficult for her mother to raise three children all by herself. Marroquin was always cleaning and keeping the house in order and took care of her younger siblings.

She lived with her mother until she was 12 years old, then she was brought to the United States by her father without her mother's consent

or awareness. It was the very first time she had met him. Her maternal grandmother pleaded with her father to bring her home; the grandmother was concerned about her safety.

She entered middle school in Pico Rivera and learned English fairly quickly, at least enough to converse. A loving relationship with her father was not accomplished as they barely knew each other. He was an uninvolved parent in every aspect of her personal life and educational goal.

She once again became the sole person responsible for the chores and babysitting for her younger half-sister. Her father divorced shortly after and fell into a depressive state. His incessant statements of telling her to leave finally took effect. One morning she grabbed her bike and two small trash bags filled with some clothing and left to find herself in the most unfamiliar world. Her father never looked for her.

At the age of 15, she held two jobs and solely supported herself as she attended high school without parental support. Even though her jobs left her exhausted, she was determined to graduate from high school. Graduation from high school gave her a sense of accomplishment. Since she had no idea about educational opportunities after high school, she did what she knew best at that time - continued to work two jobs. She had her first daughter at the age of 21 and married a few years later.

The mother of three, Marroquin worked for 30 years continuously to support and raise her children but deep down she never gave up on her dream of furthering her education. She was the first in her family to graduate from high school and will be a first generation university graduate. In 30 years of work experience she held several positions

including busgirl, waitress, hostess, bartender, bookkeeper, office manager, administrative assistant, nurse, among many others.

She was given the opportunity to be a secretary for CIGNA HealthCare with the transportation department director while she was a bartender for the Acapulco restaurant in Santa Fe Springs. She told him that she did not have a clue about secretarial work and had no typing skills. He replied, "You will not need to type. I have been watching and the reason that I am offering you this position is not for what you know but how you do your job."

Alas, her first assignment as a secretary was to type a memo that was dictated by her boss; the very thing she was told that she would not be doing. She quickly learned to use a computer and polished her English speaking and writing skills. She worked for the transportation department for eight years then transferred with high recommendations to a health care center as a manager.

Thus, she became interested in learning more about healthcare and enrolled in a licensed vocational nurse (LVN) program in 1999. She mainly worked in healthcare centers and urgent care. In addition, she served the elderly population for six years as an LVN. She later obtained a registered nurse (RN) degree at Cerritos College.

She started as a part-time student at Cerritos in the summer of 2005, became a full-time student a few years later and took a more active role on campus. Her education was solely funded with her savings and earnings from work up until early 2010 with some help from scholarships.

Thanks to Project HOPE, she became involved in health fairs and

was introduced to a campus club Chicanos and Latinos for Community Medicine (CCM.) Project HOPE is a Cerritos College program that supports students with diverse backgrounds in succeeding in their pursuit of their educational goals in healthcare or science.

She became the president for CCM in 2008. From there, the ball kept rolling and she became more actively involved with fundraising events, community outreach, medical conferences, and lasting friendships. She later became a microbiology tutor for Project HOPE. She believes that Project HOPE was the major wheel in steering her career goal in the right direction.

Marroquin transferred to USC this fall thanks to its generous university grant. She continues to volunteer as a tutor for children who are falling back in math at a middle school, among other activities.

Life has taken her through many struggles and obstacles but she believes that it has made her a much stronger individual who will not give up on her hopes and dreams.

Two of her daughters are currently attending Cerritos College and are well on their way on completing their educational goals as well.

"Life has many twists and turns, and today I enjoy a relationship with my father that is slowly evolving and I have the full support of my husband and children to move forward with my educational goals," she said.

She will continue to pursue her educational goal to become a primary care physician. She is highly motivated to become the best physician possible and give back to her community high quality service with a genuine care for their health.



Downey Girl Scouts traveled to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angeles on Nov. 5 where they were awarded the Marian Medal. First row, left to right: Linda Haverman (Downey Service Unit Leader, Troop 275 leader), Sabrina Canelas, Kailey Tomas, Amanda Lopez, Nikki Aguilar, Madeline Bates-Castanon, Carolina Barbosa and Renee Santana (Girl Scout leader). Second row: Emily Torres, Elena Santana, Jailene Orozco, Merai Estafanous and Lauren Wiese.

City hiring security for downtown

DOWNEY — The city of Downey is in the final stages of hiring a local security company to patrol city-owned parking lots in Downtown Downey.

No single incident triggered the decision to put security downtown, city officials insisted, but instead it was a "proactive" move to "ensure safer public parking, enhance the visitor experience and reduce unwanted activity..."

Security will be provided by Paramount-based RMI International. Its CEO, Rick Rodriguez, is a past president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

The 12-month contract is worth \$9,600 and provides for security during unspecified "peak times," said Juddy Cenicerros of the city's public information office.

As of Wednesday, the contract was still being finalized. Because the contract is worth less than \$10,000, it does not require City Council approval.

In a press release Monday, the city said security guards will patrol on bicycles and be equipped with radio communication tied to police, city staff and "a local dispatch center."

Residents can expect to start seeing security downtown within the new few weeks, officials said.



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Marsha Moode and Don Knabe will co-host the Downey Christmas Parade for Time Warner cable on Dec. 4.

Knabe, Moode to co-host parade coverage

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode and Don Knabe will co-host the 60th annual Downey Christmas Parade on Time-Warner cable when it takes place Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m.

Moode is executive producer and director of the Downey Civic Light Opera while Knabe sits on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Moode has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, a "Woman of Distinction" by Soroptimist International of Downey and a "Woman Making History in the Southland" by the League of Woman Voters.

A graduate of USC, she has written, produced or directed 150 theatrical productions and hosted two 90-minute cable programs: "Campaign Series" for 18 years and "Good Company" for 15 years.

She has acted in commercials and TV series, working alongside Henry Fonda, Shirley Jones, John Forsythe and Burt Reynolds, and hosted a live radio program, "Poetry Live," in Los Angeles for two years.

For three years she starred as Ramona in "The Ramona Pageant", a production with 350 cast members and a daily attendance of 6,000.

Knabe has co-hosted the parade for 20 years. He was first elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1996 and was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

The 4th District, which Knabe represents, is home to more than 2 million residents and includes the city of Downey.

Knabe was selected to serve on the president's Homeland Security Advisory Council and is a trustee at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach and past president of the Los Angeles Coliseum Commission.

He has received many awards and honors over the years, including the Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Formerly mayor of Cerritos, Knabe has been married to Julie for 43 years. They have two sons, Matt and Kurt, and four grandchildren.

Nominees sought for youth service award

DOWNEY – Applications are now being accepted for the next installment of the Downey Youth Service Award, which honors students in grades K-12 who are active in community service.

The award is presented jointly by the Downey Kiwanis Club and *The Downey Patriot*.

Winners will receive a Stonewood Center card and a plaque at a recognition dinner Jan. 5 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Applications are available in school offices. Entries must be postmarked no later than Dec. 19 and mailed to *The Downey Patriot*, Attn: Eric Pierce, 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240 or e-mailed to fvasquez562@gmail.com.

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Rancho patients selling arts and crafts

■ Boutique sale scheduled for Nov. 30-Dec. 1 on Rancho campus.

BY GREG WASKUL, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – More than 20 of Rancho's talented artists and crafters will be displaying and selling items such as greeting cards, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, flower arrangements, handmade scarves, placemats, purses, crochet items, plants and much more at the inaugural "Arts and Crafts of Rancho" Winter Boutique.

The boutique will be held Wednesday Nov. 30 and Thursday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Support Services Annex 1150 on the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center campus.

Santa is scheduled to make a guest appearance along with holiday carolers to bring an extra measure of holiday cheer.

"Our artists and crafters have been looking forward to this for months," said Rancho Director of Volunteer Services Debbie Tomlinson. "They have been as busy as Santa's elves creating special items for this show. It will be a great way to get a head start on your holiday shopping."

Homemade baked goods and hot cider will also be available for purchase to support Rancho's Brain Injury Day Rehab Center.

Here, in their own words, are the stories of some of the Rancho crafters and artists:

FERNANDO STURLA: "I was born with congenital absence of my upper extremities, which means I was born without arms. I arrived in the United States in 1968 and became a patient at Rancho Los Amigos. My wife Ligia and I met in 1984 and were married one year later.

"I paint ceramic and plaster Christmas ornaments and other ceramic pieces, such as the one pictured above, by using a mouthstick. I also design business cards, flyers and invoices on my computer.

"I would like to thank my clinical experts at Rancho for all of the care they have provided to me throughout the years, and for invit-

ing Ligia and I to be part of this program. It feels fantastic to be in the company of such a special group of artists and crafters who have all become my friends."

LYDIA CHAVEZ: "I was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, where I was stricken with polio before my first birthday. I came to the United States in 1973 at age 25 in hopes of finding better medical care. Soon I was at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and my life began to improve.

"Polio has placed many obstacles before me. Dealing with post-polio syndrome and complications such as asthma sometimes makes me feel like I am at my limit. But every time I think I can take no more, something magical happens. Now when I work on my ceramics, I forget about the pain from polio. Each piece I create is like "my little children." I thank my ceramics teacher for keeping me motivated.

"I am forever grateful to Rancho Los Amigos, not only for providing me with the best healthcare, but for nurturing me as an artist and allowing me to participate in its art and crafts programs."

BEATRIZ IBARRA: "One morning, more than ten years ago, I awoke and could not move. I was paralyzed! I was referred to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and remained an inpatient for five months.

"After extensive rehabilitation and therapy, I was able to go home and resume a useful life. Rancho has provided me with excellent treatment. Today I am seen as an outpatient there.

"I have found joy and meaning

in the art of sewing, which keeps me active, happy and young at heart. I specialize in custom towels, placemats, kitchen appliance covers, hot pads, pillows and clothing.

"I find enjoyment in creating new and different ideas for each of my projects. Every day, as I bring a little beauty to others through my sewing art, I thank Rancho for assisting me in finding something wonderful to do with my life. And I love knowing that others take pleasure in my art each day."

KELVIN WILKERSON: "I was born and raised in Los Angeles and have been involved with the Arts since 1980. My interest in painting began as a small child when my mother gave me a paint-by-number set. I had a natural aptitude to blend colors and later learned how to compose themes with dynamic subject matters.

"I was making an excellent living as an artist, but I suffered a debilitating stroke in October 2001, which threatened my ability to paint.

"During my rehabilitation at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, my treatment team encouraged me to begin painting again. With Rancho's support, I am again creating the landscapes, seascapes, portraits and other creations that define me as an artist.

"Although my stroke challenged my creative future, Rancho helped me learn how to make the most of my remaining ability. I continue to get stronger each day. My spirit soars each time I begin to paint. I thank my friends at Rancho for believing in me and helping me believe in myself.

ANN RUTH: "I was injured in a gymnastics accident at age 5 (with the same injury as Christopher Reeve). I spent nine months at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. With these new life challenges, I was faced with learning how to live and breathe again.

"Due to the love and support from my family and a dear friend, I learned to breathe without a respirator. I also spent my time finding new outlets for fun and enjoyment. I discovered the talents I possessed and learned how to paint with a mouthstick, creating a variety of oil paintings, which developed into my own line of greeting cards.

"I graduated from USC and earned my MBA at Pepperdine. I worked for IBM, owned a restaurant, and am currently working for a computer forensics firm. I was the youngest recipient of the Governor's Trophy, and today I serve on many nonprofit and governmental boards and statewide committees.

"My hobbies include attending social events, traveling to exotic places, having fun in the sun, attending sporting events with my favorite teams (the Lakers, Dodgers, and the Kings), skydiving, hang-gliding and dune buggy riding.

"Rancho was well known for its "Rancho Crafters" in the 1930s and 1940s, who made toy covered wagons that were exceedingly beautiful," Debbie said. "It's wonderful that seven decades later we are celebrating the Rancho tradition of crafting with our first-ever Winter Boutique. Happy Holidays to everyone from all your friends at Rancho!"

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Organizers pleased with poetry reading turnout

Local poets share their work at inaugural poetry reading.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Last Friday's poetry reading at Mari's Wine Bar featuring poet Rick Smith brought a smile to the evening's curator Lorine Parks.

"I was very pleased with the turnout," she said. "Counting the people who were seated at the bar and those on the sofas on the sidelines, plus those in the folding chairs arranged in front of the mike, there were at least 35 [people] who were there for the poetry."

After about an hour's playing of a hammered dulcimer and guitar by Bea and Jim Romano, seven enthusiastic open mike readers commenced to recite their poems, all differing in subject matter, tone and delivery. Some delivered several lines of amusing poetry, a few tried to elevate the level of energy with their passion, and at least one displayed a hard-edged articulation of her feelings, but somehow the whole thing proceeded on schedule.

The eager open mike readers included Jason Bowe, Tina Johnson, Sue Beem, Jim Read, Peggy Heher-Smith, Margaret Hehman-Smith and Willard Ferguson.

Rick Smith, who not only has a Ph. D. in psychology but plays a mean harmonica, then read from his two slim published volumes of poetry, "The Wren Notebook" and "Hard Landing," as well as a number of as yet unpublished ones. Most of the selections were short and elicited good reactions from the audience. He reserved his longest poem for the last.

He had copies of his books of poetry on a side table for sale, along with CD's of the music of The Mescal Sheiks, for whom he plays his harmonica, and his CD reading from his "Hard Landing." Again, Parks observed afterwards:



"It's fun and stimulating to be in a place where other things are going on, too, like troubadours in the Middle Ages, who had to compete with jugglers and squawking chickens in the market place." She also received comments like "I have to learn to listen better" and "I just opened up and enjoyed wherever the poetry took me." She said, in Twitter fashion: "Very low-key atmosphere and poetry-friendly. Great to see poetry live in Downey." She said several enthusiastic attendees stayed afterwards in discussion with some of the poets, and suggestions were made for an informal discussion circle after the

readings so the audience could ask questions and talk with the poets.

"For our next reading in January," she said, "we will start and end earlier, and hope to have music again, too. We'll get flyers put earlier, too."

A sample of Rick Smith's poetry, from *The Wren Notebook*:

*Crash landings and small craft warnings
Seeds and grasses in the cross wind of the plains.
This defiance is perilous:
darting in and out
a ground skirmish
with a young buffalo, the size of a continent,
who seems not to notice
but who avoids stepping on any of us.
Huge and tiny
Everywhere,
nowhere.*

Optional ambulance insurance available

DOWNEY – Each year the city of Downey offers all residents an opportunity to enroll in the Fire Department Emergency Medical Transport Program. Once enrolled in the program, all residents of apartments, condos and single-family homes are covered for their emergency transport originating in the city.

The Emergency Transport Subscription Program is a supplemental insurance program that eliminates additional "out of pocket" expenses for residents who find themselves in need of emergency medical transportation.

Without the supplemental insurance coverage, the cost of each Advanced Life Support (paramedic) transport starts at \$1476.75. Basic life support transportation fees begin at \$981.25.

The annual subscription fee is just \$48.00 and covers all permanent residents of your household from March 1, 2012 to February 28, 2013.

Every year the Downey Fire Department transports 4,500 residents to the hospital. The fees collected from the Emergency Transport Subscription Program help to offset the costs of providing two Fire Department paramedic squads and a basic life support ambulance. Residents will receive the same level of service regardless of whether or not they are a "subscriber."

Beginning Nov. 17, 2011, you may have noticed an additional fee of \$48.00 for the Subscription Program added to your City of Downey water/trash bill. To enroll, simply include that amount with your water/trash bill payment.

If you do not receive a City of Downey water/trash bill, please stop by the City Hall cashier window for an enrollment form or call (562) 904-7254 and a form will be mailed to you.

—Contributed by Downey Fire Department

Tacos Don Chente opening

DOWNEY – A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. for the new Tacos Don Chente restaurant at 8339 Firestone Blvd.

Tacos Don Chente replaces what used to be Senor Baja.

Credit union hosting book drive

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union is collecting donations of new books to benefit Downey students.

Residents can bring new books suitable for children ages 5-8 to the main branch on 3rd Street or the express service office located in the lobby of Downey Regional Medical Center.

The credit union is also accepting monetary donations, which will be used to purchase new books.

The book drive will continue until Dec. 9.

Toy drive to benefit kids

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is collecting new toys for local underprivileged children.

Toys will be collected from Nov. 28 to Dec. 16, with drop-off bins at City Hall, the library, the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, all Downey fire stations, all Downey public schools, and select businesses displaying a city toy collection box.

Toys must be new and unwrapped.

All toys will be distributed through the Downey Council PTA HELPS, the fire department and other local children's organizations.

For more information on how to get involved, call Kathy Simmons at (562) 904-7103.

Pancake breakfast at Alameda

DOWNEY – The Alameda Elementary School PTA will host its second annual pancake breakfast Dec. 3 from 9-11 a.m.

Residents are invited to attend and enjoy festive music, raffles, boutique sales and a chance to win a live Christmas tree.

Pancake orders are pre-sale only and orders are due by Dec. 1.

For more information, call the school office at (562) 904-3589.

Tax service opens Dec. 1

DOWNEY – An accounting and tax company will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 1 at noon.

Simple Accounting & Tax Service is located at 8211 E. Firestone Blvd., in Suite 204.

Sign-up now for home decorating contest

DOWNEY – Contest registration forms are now available for the city's annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

The competition judges Downey homes on their holiday decorations.

Homeowners can enter a variety of categories, including Best Use of Lights, Lawn/Room Display, Animated Display, Religious Display, Total Display and Window Display.

Awards are given by themes: Mayor's Award, Santa's Award, Christmas Spirit, Santa's Workshop, Toyland, Winter Wonderland, Christmas Magic, North Pole, Christmas in Motion and Holiday Fantasy.

Contest forms are available at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. Entry deadline is Dec. 5 and judging will take place Dec. 8.

The contest is only open to Downey residents.

Bellflower girl joins kids press corps

BELLFLOWER – A Bellflower girl has been selected as one of 32 new Scholastic New Kid Reporters for the 2011-12 school year.

The Scholastic News Kids Press Corps produces "news for kids, by kids," covering top news stories on a national and local level. Their stories can be found online at scholastic.com/kidspress.

Aminah Tamimi is one of the newly-appointed kid reporters will join 27 returning young journalists who were part of the student reporting program this past school year. The new team of 59 reporters from 31 states is preparing to hit the campaign trail.

"Teachers, parents and kids turn to the Scholastic News Kid Corps for kid-friendly news coverage, especially during an election year," said Dante A. Ciampaglia, editor of the Scholastic News Kids Press Corps. "The Kid Reporters help put the issues of the day in a context that is both relevant and age-appropriate for young readers...It is an exciting time to learn about and practice journalism."

The new reporters were chosen from more than 200 student applications that required students to submit a news report about their local community, ideas for future stories and a personal essay explaining why they would like to be a Scholastic reporter.

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Our strengths outweigh our weaknesses

By Lee H. Hamilton

There is a deep vein of pessimism running through the country right now. And I'm not even talking about the overwhelming numbers of people who tell pollsters that we're "on the wrong track," which suggests that we can simply throw a switch to get onto the right one.

More worrisome is the prevailing belief that our problems are here for the long haul. This was the message of a recent poll in the Capitol Hill newspaper *The Hill*, which found almost 70 percent of respondents saying that the U.S. is "in decline," 83 percent either very or somewhat worried about the nation's future, and a bare 19 percent believing that the U.S. will still be the most powerful country on earth 20 years from now. Americans are dejected.

I understand the sentiment, but it is far too soon to give in to it. If you look at our system's abiding strengths, rather than the shortcomings of the moment, you can't help but conclude that the challenges ahead of us may be formidable, but they are not unmanageable.

For one thing, we have a durable Constitution that has given us more than two centuries of political stability — weathering along the way a civil war, multiple wars overseas, economic and political turmoil, and sweeping movements for social change. We work out our difficulties within its generous confines, not by ignoring it or trying to dismantle it. I've conducted hundreds of public meetings, some of them quite heated, and never once do I recall anyone suggesting that we ditch the U.S. Constitution.

Just as important, our nation possesses an open and energetic spirit. We have a long history of renewing ourselves through immigration and openness to new ideas and other cultures; we're blessed with vast economic resources and can deploy a dynamic, talented and innovative workforce; we educate our young adults at institutions of higher education that are the envy of the world; and we encourage all these assets to flourish in a free, secure and democratic society. Our fundamentals, in other words, are quite strong.

So is the system within which they operate. It may be hard these days to find many people who think of Congress or the political system it represents as being core American strengths, but they are. The system protects against arbitrary authority, enshrines fundamental power in a body elected by the broad mass of the people, and balances the three branches of gov-

ernment. It strives — however imperfectly — for liberty and justice for all.

It allows ordinary citizens to create change and try to improve the quality of American lives, encouraging this to happen in an evolutionary, not revolutionary, fashion. These values are alive and well in the hearts of the American people, who refresh the system every two years with their votes.

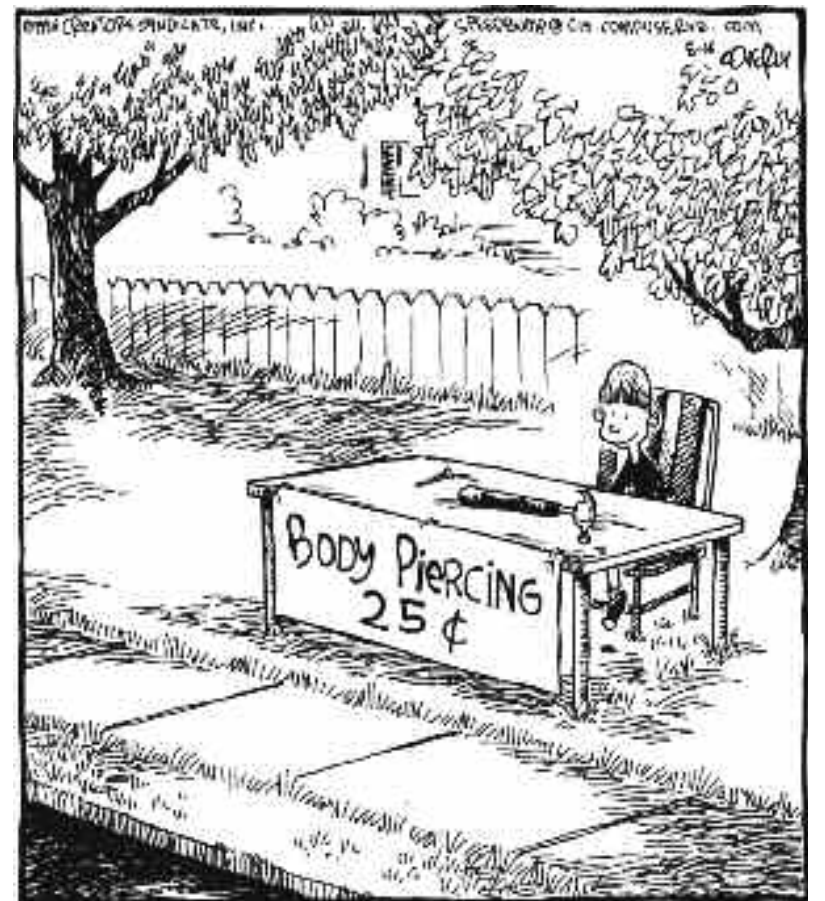
Our government is built on the belief that ultimate power rests with a diverse people, and that they need a way to make their many voices heard and to work out their differences peaceably. This is what Congress is about — it makes sure that society's varied and conflicting opinions are heard before government acts, it moderates tensions among competing interests, and it does so in a measured fashion that tends over time to force policymakers to find consensus and move toward the center.

This is why, if you look backward, the work of the Congress over many decades has had such a fundamentally positive impact on Americans' daily lives, in ways we should be grateful we can take for granted.

I would be the last person to argue that things are perfect — either in Congress or within the political system as a whole. Our institutions need plenty of reforms that ought to be on the front burner and aren't. It would be hard to argue that, faced with a mass of serious challenges, we are dealing with them efficiently or with far-sightedness. Local, partisan and private interests too often prevail over the national interest. Our system too often favors the rich and ignores the poor, and the solutions to this and other fundamental problems often seem beyond our reach.

Yet these problems characterize this particular moment in our history, not our basic way of being. They may be discouraging, but they are not crippling. The American people have not given up on our system of government — they believe we can still build a shining city on a hill. Our challenge as a nation is not to reinvent ourselves, but to use the abundant strengths we possess to find our way through our problems and emerge stronger on the other side.

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



Letters to the Editor:

Fear mongers

Dear Editor:

Why do we listen to people such as Lee Hamilton ("How to Fix Distrust in Government," 11/17/11) and Erica Gies ("Aging Dams Threatened by Climate Change," 11/17/11)?

Mr. Hamilton was ensconced within the Congressional Power Structure he now denounces, as a committee chairman during the Democratic Party's 40-year run controlling the House of Representatives, and has no new insights to share with us. All he is doing is cashing in on his connection to power and trying to be "relevant."

Ms. Gies has been a reliable voice touting anthropomorphic global warming and how man is despoiling his environment for some time. It is the height of hypocrisy for her to decry the condition of dams, which were constructed to ameliorate or (if possible) eliminate the destructive force of nature's floods, to now cry out that by neglecting the maintenance of dams the groups she is affiliated with wish to tear down (and have caused such deconstruction), will now lead to such flood damage.

She seemingly believes every disaster scenario touted by Al Gore and others (rising sea levels for one, of which there has been no proof shown that it has or will happen, which is why she screams out about doing anything with Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay). Her credibility is so small it is not measurable.

Please spare us these scare-mongers. If I wish to listen to Chicken Little, I'll re-read Orwell.

-- Drew Kelley,
Downey

Parents needed in the classroom

As states continue to slash education budgets to accommodate declining tax revenues, schools respond by trying to squeeze even more out of their beleaguered teachers: class sizes grow, planning periods are cut, each student gets less attention.

What can we do? Project Appleseed, a non-profit public education advocate, asked parents across the country to lend a hand in their child's school on Nov. 17, its 18th annual National Parent Involvement Day. Not coincidentally, it fell during American Education Week, Nov. 13-19.

"Volunteers and adult assistants in classrooms make a huge difference, especially with schools and teachers under so much stress," says Paddy Eger, a veteran teacher, parent trainer and volunteer, and author of *Educating America 101: Strategies for Adult Assistants in K-8 Classrooms* (paddyeger.com).

"With a little training and a handful of strategies, most adults can effectively assist both teachers and students," Eger says. "One hour a month or a week helping students is a small investment of time that has big returns."

Sometimes, however, the best-intentioned volunteers become yet another pair of hands tugging for attention on the teacher's sleeve. Volunteers working with small groups of students, such as tutoring sessions, also risk wasting precious instructional time if they're not prepared and don't know how to manage the group.

In more than 20 years as a primary and intermediate grade teacher, Eger has developed a number of simple strategies that allow volunteers to both maximize their usefulness and minimize distractions to the teacher. Her suggestions don't replace training provided by the school, since that's tailored to the teachers' needs, but they will greatly enhance time spent working directly with students.

They include:

If you have questions for the teacher: Schedule a meeting that's not at a time when students are in the classroom. Do not expect to meet with the teacher unannounced for "just a minute." Also, if the teacher provides materials for an activity, don't expect him or her to walk you through it. Take time to read the directions and gather supplies days before your classroom visit.

Establish a consistent meeting place: If your group will meet regularly, ask the teacher before your first visit to help you establish a place that you can use every time you visit. Nothing kills an activity faster than spending valuable time looking for a place to work.

Choose your seat wisely: Don't sit at one end of a rectangular table. Sitting in the middle seat along one side allows you to see all of the students and reach out to touch their work. It also makes you part of the group, and allows you to speak in a softer voice. For round tables, sit so you — not the students — face nearby tables or other distractions.

To help children become active listeners, don't repeat questions: If the student says he doesn't understand the question, ask him to repeat what he thinks he heard. If the student is still confused, ask another student to rephrase the question. Once again, ask the first student to repeat what he just heard.

Be prepared for a change in plans: Have a "pocket activity" ready in case a schedule change means you'll have less time with the children. This is a simple game, such as a math or spelling game, or a book or news article that can be started or stopped at any time without losing its value.

Paddy Eger is a 20-year teacher from Washington State whose years as a trainer in the Parent Cooperative Education Program created the basis for her. She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in elementary education.

How to create jobs and solve our energy problems

By Merrill Matthews, Ph.D.

Sometimes a political movement can find itself at cross-purposes. That's pretty much what's happened with President Obama's desire to create jobs and his simultaneous disdain for expanding the development of traditional energy sources such as oil and gas.

On the one hand, the president wants to create high-paying, and especially unionized, jobs to spur the economy-and his chances for reelection. On the other hand, he has strongly resisted increased oil and gas drilling, which would ... create thousands of high-paying union jobs and perhaps increase his chances for reelection.

Take, for example, the Keystone XL pipeline, a \$7 billion project that would pump Canadian tar-sand oil—a heavier oil that is more difficult to transport and refine than the preferred "sweet light crude"—across the plains, through Texas and down to the Houston area where several refineries can handle heavy crude. Officials estimate that building the pipeline would create 20,000 jobs immediately, and another 100,000 indirectly.

And several unions representing more than 2 million workers agree. The Pipe Line Contractors Association, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the U.S. and Canada, International Union of Operating Engineers, Labors' International Union of North America, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters have all signed a labor agreement with TransCanada, the company behind the Keystone XL pipeline.

These unions have workers who are ready and eager to jump into the project, and yet they have been sidelined for more than a year waiting on Obama administration approval—which finally appears to be forthcoming.

That's not to say that every union supports the project; several oppose it over environmental concerns—but many or them don't have jobs at stake. It's a lot easier to take a stand against something when someone else will suffer the loss.

Significantly, at a time when there appears to be a growing national clash between unions and corporate leaders—witness the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations, which apparently are drawing union workers—the oil and gas industry and a number of unions seem to be working in a rare harmony.

For example, in June of 2009 the oil and gas industry's American Petroleum Institute (API) signed an agreement with 15 labor unions to create the Oil and Natural Gas Industry Labor-Management Committee in a first-ever effort to work together to promote job creation and retention and economic growth. The agreement included several unions in the construction trades associated with the AFL-CIO, and the Teamsters and Operating Engineers, among others.

Actually, the industry-labor agreement sounds, at least initially, like the steps taken by German companies between 2002-05 that radically reformed labor relations in that economically strong country. German unions sat down with mostly mid-sized companies, they listened to each other's needs and concerns, both made some compromises, and they created a blueprint for moving the country forward in a way that helped both

sides. The result was an economy that was booming at 9 percent growth last year, while the U.S. economy was struggling at 1.6 percent.

The primary focus of the Labor-Management Committee currently is to get Congress and the Obama administration to move forward quickly on the Keystone XL pipeline. And it looks like they may win that battle pretty soon, with perhaps even more victories to come.

The Obama administration recently announced it would uphold nearly 500 oil leases to drill in the Arctic Ocean issued during the Bush administration. One company said it planned to begin drilling by the summer of 2012, and hiring would start even earlier. Now that's what you call "shovel ready."

While some commentators have dismissed the Arctic drilling approval as a sop to the oil companies, it would be shortsighted to overlook the role union lobbying may have played. President Obama has never shown the oil companies much love; the same cannot be said for unions. While moving forward with the Keystone XL is in the interest of the oil and gas companies, it clearly benefits thousands of union workers. Just maybe this industry-union agreement can serve as a model for worthy projects in other sectors of the economy.

Regardless of which group the president might be trying to placate, both the oil and gas industry and the related unions win—not to mention the victory for the American people who will have to import that much less energy from outside North America. And that is at least one good first step in creating jobs and energy independence.

Merrill Matthews is a resident scholar with the Institute for Policy Innovation in Dallas, Texas.

The Occupy My Kitchen movement

By Alex Kuykendall

I have had it with toddler greed, with kindergartener whining and a baby that thinks she can call the shots around here by pooping and crying whenever she feels like it. I am not going to stand for it anymore. I am starting Occupy My Kitchen.

I plan to make a blankie lean-to, a few finger painted signs on cardboard I pull from the recycling bin with slogans like Kitchen is Closed Until Further Notice and There is Nothing Mini About My Van and hold them up as the people I live with walk by. (I'm not sure what that second one means, but it sounds powerful and angry at the same time. I think that's the tone I'm going for. Besides, it's good to be mysterious and cryptic in some of your protest language).

Some might not understand what I'm protesting. In fact, the complaint may change by the hour: No more gagging noises when you learn what's for dinner. Don't assume someone else (i.e. me) will pick up those mittens you just dropped on the floor. And don't try to convince me through your manipulation tactics that watching Elmo is your right as a 2-year-old. Your tactics are so passé and I can see right through them.

I like the fluidity offered by the Occupy My Kitchen Movement for me to protest whatever feels unjust in my life at the moment. I'm sure there will be a few minutes of protesting car seats in general - I do hate them after all and wish we lived in a bygone era when they were not required. (I'll just choose to ignore the fact that the current laws exist for the safety of my children.)

The enforcer, my first-born child who embodies everything first-born, will probably say things like, "But Mom, you're supposed to (fill in the blank with perceived mothering responsibility)." She won't understand my broad, undefined distress about all the things I do that go underappreciated around here. She will try to convince me that closing the kitchen for the day will not be the real change agent I'm searching for.

I'll know she's right, but I figure, what can it hurt? To occupy my kitchen that is. I'm already in it, so I might as well use it to roar my mothering voice ... at least until it's time to go to piano lessons.

Alexandra Kuykendall is editor of Mom and Leader Content for MOPS International, and a regular contributor to MomSense magazine.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November/December

- Wed. Nov. 30: **Grand opening**, Tacos Don Chente, 4 p.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 1: **Grand opening**, Simple Accounting & Tax Service, 12 p.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 1: **Tree lighting ceremony**, City Hall, 6 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 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 e-mail d Davis8787@me.com.
- 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., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 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 Sunrise Realty, 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.

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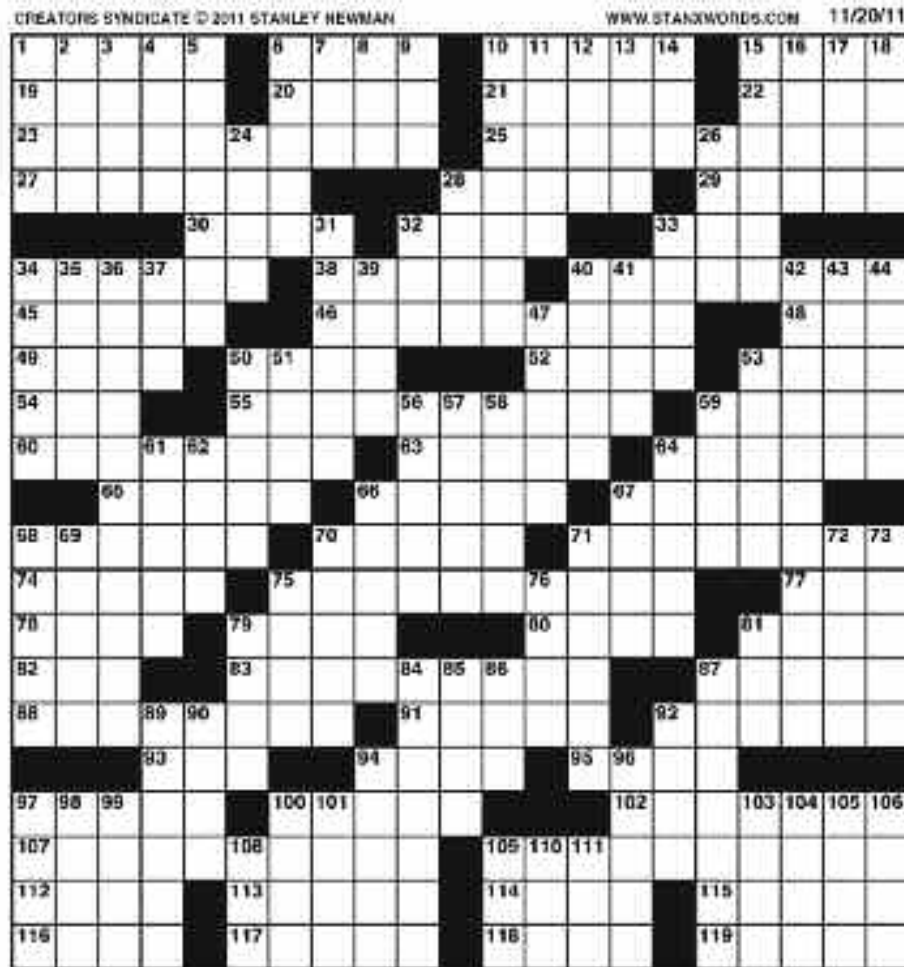
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By Dr. Alan Frischer



bleeding into the joint, but if it occurs from 2-24 hours after injury, it's likely a result of the joint producing large amounts of synovial fluid in an attempt to lubricate the injured area. A different cause of swelling is bursitis. It was known as "housemaid's knee" because it is associated with prolonged kneeling. The strain and trauma cause the bursa (closed, fluid-filled sacs) to become inflamed.

Pain and Tenderness: Pain that gets worse with activity often indicates tendonitis or a stress fracture. Pain and tenderness accompanied by swelling can be more serious, indicating a possible cartilage tear or a sprain. Pain after injury might also be caused by muscles spasms.

Locking: Locking suggests that a loose fragment (often cartilage) is keeping the knee from straightening. This particle may be as small as a grain of sand, or as large as a quarter.

Giving Way: Giving way can be caused by a kneecap that slips out of its groove for even a moment, or by weak leg muscles, or by an old injury to a ligament. The result is a lack of stability. If the cartilage of the meniscus is torn, it may not heal. Pieces may become trapped and cause instability, fluid buildup, and pain. Injuries to a ligament are common in sporting events where the foot is planted and the body is pushed forward. Often a click is felt at time of injury, followed by pain, instability, and swelling.

Snap, Crackles and Pops: Sometimes these noises are caused by loose particles floating inside the knee, and they may be harmless. Another common cause, most commonly found in teenagers and women, is a dislocating kneecap - one that often slips out of its socket. A pop resulting from trauma could indicate a torn ligament. Crackling, grinding or grating may indicate arthritis - most commonly, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, or gout. Chondromalacia also shows these symptoms, follows a prior injury or dislocation, and results in a softening and breakdown of the tissue that lines the kneecap.

For the vast majority of knee problems, treatment consists of R.I.C.E. (Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation). For many, physical therapy and anti-inflammatory medication provide relief and healing.

Some repairable injuries, such as a torn meniscus, require arthroscopic surgery. A small scope is inserted into the knee and all surgical functions are performed through the scope. Knee replacements are generally reserved for cases of very advanced degenerative arthritis, where the cartilage is completely worn out and bone rubs against bone.

As is true for so many conditions, if you are suffering from knee pain and see no significant improvement over time, seek the guidance of your personal physician.

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Overdoses from prescription painkillers reach epidemic levels

More than 40 people die every day from overdoses caused by prescription pain relievers.

The death toll from overdoses of prescription painkillers has more than tripled in the past decade, according to an analysis in the CDC Vital Signs report released this month from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This new finding shows that more than 40 people die every day from overdoses involving narcotic pain relievers like hydrocodone (Vicodin), methadone, oxycodone (OxyContin), and oxymorphone (Opana).

"Overdoses involving prescription painkillers are at epidemic levels and now kill more Americans than heroin and cocaine combined," said CDC Director Thomas Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "States, health insurers, health care providers and individuals have critical roles to play in the national effort to stop this epidemic of overdoses while we protect patients who need prescriptions to control pain."

The increased use of prescription painkillers for nonmedical reasons (without a prescription for the high they cause), along with growing sales, has contributed to the large number of overdoses and deaths. In 2010, 1 in every 20 people in the United States age 12 and older—a total of 12 million people—reported using prescription painkillers nonmedically according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Based on the data from the Drug Enforcement Administration, sales of these drugs to pharmacies and health care providers have increased by more than 300 percent since 1999.

"Prescription drug abuse is a silent epidemic that is stealing thousands of lives and tearing apart communities and families across America," said Gil Kerlikowske, Director of National Drug Control Policy External Web Site Icon. "From day one, we have been laser-focused on this crisis by taking a comprehensive public health and public safety approach. All of us have a role to play. Health care providers and patients should be educated on the risks of prescription painkillers. And parents and grandparents can take time today to properly dispose of any unneeded or expired medications from the home and to talk to their kids about the misuse and abuse of prescription drugs."

In April, the Administration released a comprehensive action

plan to address the national prescription drug abuse epidemic to reduce this public health burden.

Titled "Epidemic: Responding to America's Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis Adobe PDF file External Web Site Icon," the plan includes support for the expansion of state-based prescription drug monitoring programs, more convenient and environmentally responsible disposal methods to remove unused medications from the home, education for patients and healthcare providers, and support for law enforcement efforts that reduce the prevalence of "pill mills" and doctor shopping.

Already, 48 states have implemented state-based monitoring programs designed to reduce diversion and doctor shopping while protecting patient privacy and the Department of Justice has conducted a series of takedowns of rogue pain clinics operating as "pill mills." President Obama has also signed into law the Secure and Responsible Drug Disposal Act, which will allow states and local communities to collect and safely dispose of unwanted prescription drugs and support DEA's ongoing national efforts to collect unneeded or expired prescription drugs which have collected over 300 tons of medications over the past year.

"Almost 5,500 people start to misuse prescription painkillers every day," said Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Administrator Pamela S. Hyde External Web Site Icon. "Just like other public health epidemics, community-based prevention can be a proven, life-saving and cost-effective key to breaking the trend and restoring health and well-being."

The prescription painkiller death rates among non-Hispanic whites and American Indians/Alaska Natives were three times those of blacks and Hispanic whites. In addition, the death rate was highest among persons aged 35-54 years. Overdose resulted in 830,652 years of potential life lost before age 65 years, a number comparable to the years of potential life lost from motor vehicle crashes and much higher than the years of potential life lost due to homicide.

For the analysis, CDC reviewed state data on fatal drug overdoses, nonmedical use of prescription painkillers, and sales of prescription painkillers to pharmacies and health care providers.

The study found:
• State death rates from overdoses (from 2008 data) ranged from a high of 27.0 deaths per

100,000 people in New Mexico to a low of 5.5 deaths per 100,000 people in Nebraska.

• Nonmedical use of prescription painkillers ranged from a high of 1 in 12 people aged 12 and older in Oklahoma to a low of 1 in 30 in Nebraska. States with more non-medical use tend to have more deaths from drug overdoses.

• Prescription painkiller sales per person were more than three times higher in the highest state, Florida, than in the lowest state, Illinois. States with higher sales per person tend to have higher death rates from drug overdose.

While national strategies are being strengthened, states, as regulators of health care practice and large public insurers, can take the following steps to help prevent overdoses from prescription painkillers and reduce this public health burden:

• Start or improve prescription drug monitoring programs, which are electronic databases that track all prescriptions for painkillers in the state.

• Use prescription drug monitoring programs, public insurance programs, and workers' compensation data to identify improper prescribing of painkillers.

• Set up programs for public insurance programs, workers' compensation programs, and state-run health plans that identify and address improper patient use of painkillers.

• Pass, enforce and evaluate pill mill, doctor shopping and other state laws to reduce prescription painkiller abuse.

• Encourage professional state licensing boards to take action against inappropriate prescribing.

• Increase access to substance abuse treatment.

The CDC is also releasing "Policy Impact: Prescription Painkiller Overdoses," one in a series of issue briefs highlighting key public health issues and important, science-based policy actions that can be taken to address them.

Through this new publication, CDC supports state-based efforts to reduce prescription drug abuse while ensuring patients have access to safe, effective pain treatment.

Teen birth rate hits record low

The birth rate for U.S. teens aged 15-19 years hit a record low in 2010, according to a report released last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Births: Preliminary Data for 2010," from CDC's National Center for Health Statistics is based on an analysis of nearly 100 percent of birth records collected in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories.

The birth rate for teenagers aged 15-19 has declined for the last three years and 17 out of the past 19 years, falling to 34.3 births per 1,000 teenagers in 2010 - a 9 percent decline from 2009 and the lowest rate ever recorded in nearly seven decades of collecting data. Birth rates for younger and older teenagers and for all race/ethnic groups reached historic lows in 2010.

The report also documented the first decline in the rate of cesarean deliveries since 1996. In 2010, the cesarean section rate was 32.8, down slightly from 32.9 in 2009.

Other findings:
• The total number of births in the United States declined 3 percent, from 4,130,665 in 2009 to 4,000,279 in 2010.

• The overall fertility rate also fell by 3 percent from 66.2 births per 1,000 females aged 15-44 in 2009 to 64.1 in 2010. This is the third straight decline for the overall fertility rate in the United States.

• The total number of births to unmarried mothers declined for the second year in a row to 1,633,785, down from 1,693,658 in 2009.

• The birth rate for unmarried mothers also fell to 47.7 per 1,000 unmarried mothers in 2010 compared to 49.9 in 2009. The percentage of births to unmarried mothers also declined slightly in 2010 to 40.8 percent compared to 41 percent in 2009.

• The birth rate for women in their early twenties fell 6 percent in 2010. The rates also fell for women in their late twenties and thirties.

Recently I visited with some dear old friends, and we spent much of the weekend discussing...knees! Three generations of this family, from the 89-year-old matriarch to the 17-year-old high school student, are suffering from serious chronic knee problems.

Our knees bear enormous weight and pressure while providing flexible movement, and consequently they are the most complex, the largest, and the most vulnerable joints in our body. When we walk, our knees support one and a half times our body weight; when climbing stairs they support three to four times our body weight, and when we squat they support roughly eight times our body weight!

In order to understand what can go wrong, let's review the major players in our knees' anatomy:

• The two knee joints connect the femur (the thighbone and longest bone) to the tibia (the second longest bone), and the kneecap to the femur. These two joints work together to form a hinge that not only allows the knee to bend and straighten, but also to rotate slightly and from side to side.

• Ligaments are strong, tough bands that attach bones to bones and give strength and stability to the knee. They are not particularly flexible; once stretched, they tend to stay stretched, and if stretched too far, they snap.

• Tendons connect muscles to bones. Tendons are elastic tissues that are part of the muscle, and they serve to stabilize the knee. There are two major tendons in the knee—the quadriceps and patellar.


• In a joint, bones would rub against bones if it weren't for cartilage, connective tissue that covers the end of bones and protects them as the joint moves. Articular cartilage is a thin, tough, flexible, slippery surface, and is lubricated by synovial fluid. Medial and lateral meniscus cartilage absorbs shock.

• The two main muscle groups (quadriceps and hamstrings) in our legs keep our knees stable, aligned, and moving.

• The roughly 13 bursa in and around each knee are fluid filled sacs, which cushion the joint and reduce friction between muscles, bones, tendons and ligaments.

With this complicated system, pain can come from many sources, and symptoms come in many varieties. Pain might be dull or sharp; constant or off-and-on; mild to agonizing. The range of motion could be too much or too little. Here are a few of the more common complaints and symptoms:

Swelling: Swelling within the first hour of an injury indicates



Root Cause Of Pain

by Scheit S. Azot, D.D.S.

When a deep cavity or crack causes infection that damages a tooth's pulp (which contains blood vessels, nerves, and connective tissue), severe pain results. If left untreated, the damage can spread to the surrounding bone, causing further problems. For this reason alone, patients with an infection in the pulp of a tooth needs to undergo endodontic treatment that involves drilling to the core of the tooth; removing the damaged pulp; and then cleaning, shaping, filling, and sealing the tooth. A "root canal" procedure derives its name from the fact that the pulp branches down each root through canals that stop just short of the bottom tip of the tooth. Endodontic treatment preserves teeth and circumvents the need to extract them. I invite you to ask for more details by calling (562) 923-3714, or Email me at SAZERDDS@aol.com

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Downey can't overcome early hole in playoff loss

■ **FOOTBALL:** With running back Alex Martinez out, Vikings lose to Righetti.

BY MARK FETTER, CONTRIBUTOR

SANTA MARIA – The Downey High football team traveled to Ernest Righetti High School in Santa Maria last Friday to play in their C.I.F. first round game against a Warrior squad that was also a number two seed in their respective PAC 7 league.

The Vikings came up short and were defeated 31-24 in a highly competitive and entertaining game.

Righetti kicked the ball off to Downey to begin the game. There was no score until late in the first quarter when Righetti scored with 2:00 minutes to play on a rushing touchdown. The extra point was good and the Warriors took a 7-0 lead.

A short time later, Righetti managed to regain possession and kick a field goal with under a minute to play, still in the first quarter. The first quarter ended with Righetti ahead 10-0. At the 8:00 minute mark of the second quarter, Downey scored on a rushing touchdown from Dallas Lopez to cut the score to 10-6. The extra point was converted by former East Knight Andy Samayoa and the

score now stood at 10-7.

As Downey held the Righetti offense in check on their next possession, Downey promptly kicked a field goal two minutes later at the 6:00 minute mark, evening the score at 10. With just under a minute to go before the half, the Righetti offense scored a touchdown on a passing play. The extra point was good and the Warriors took a 17-10 lead into the intermission.

The third quarter began as Downey kicked the ball to Righetti. The third quarter saw both teams play sound defense and keep their respective offensive counterparts out of the endzone for the first eleven minutes of the quarter. With under a minute to play, still in the third quarter, Righetti scored a touchdown on a rushing play. The extra point was good and Righetti took a 24-10 lead.

Not to be outdone, Viking quarterback Dallas Lopez marched the Vikings down the field on their ensuing possession and orchestrated a scoring drive that culminated in another rushing touchdown for Lopez and the Vikings. The extra point was good and the third quarter ended with Righetti ahead 24-17.

The fourth quarter followed the previous three quarters with more trading of touchdowns. Righetti scored at the 8:00 minute mark on a rushing touchdown. The extra

point was good and Righetti held a 31-17 lead.

At the 3:00 mark Downey answered back and scored on a passing touchdown from Lopez to Anthony Gonzalez. The extra point was good and Downey, once again, pulled to within seven at 31-24.

The Downey defense held the Righetti offense and regained possession with just under a minute to play. Despite the last effort to get the ball into the endzone for a tying score, the Downey rally fell short at mid field. Righetti held on to win 31-24 and advance to the second round of the C.I.F. Western Division playoffs.

Downey running backs coach Charles Lozano mentioned that he was extremely proud of the Downey effort and how hard his players competed. Interestingly, Coach Lozano also pointed out that standout running back and former East Knight Alex Martinez was out with turf toe and could not play. Martinez certainly was a difference maker in league play.

Downey finished their season at 5-6 overall and 4-1 in league. The 4-1 record in San Gabriel Valley League play earned the Vikings part of a tri-championship with Paramount and Dominguez.

Paramount and Dominguez also lost their first round games to St. Francis and Ventura respectively.



Vikings repeat as champs

■ **CYPRESS** – In the end, only four points separated Downey High School's girls volleyball team from Whittier Christian, but it was enough to give the Vikings their second consecutive CIF championship.

Downey successfully defended its CIF Div. 2A title against Whittier Christian last Saturday, beating the Heralds in five sets -- 25-16, 14-25, 24-26, 25-19 and 15-11 -- in a fever-pitch matchup at Cypress College.

The two schools appeared evenly matched, trading points until Downey rallied from a 2-1 set deficit and won the fifth and deciding match.

Senior Heather Schnars and junior Makayla Taylor each had 16 kills for Downey, which had just two return players from last year's championship-winning team.

Downey defeated Madera High School on Tuesday in the regional Division II playoffs, 25-21, 22-25, 25-21, 25-23.

The Vikings face St. Lucy's on Saturday at Damien High School in La Verne.

—Eric Pierce, city editor



Warren can't muster offense in CIF loss

■ **DOWNEY** – The Warren High water polo season came to an end last Tuesday with a first round C.I.F. loss at Upland High School.

The Bears lost a tough game 16-6.

The Bears were led by Jonathan Iglesias' 3 goals, Michael Arceo's 2 goals and David Romero's 1 goal. Bear goalkeeper Bernabe Perez also had 11 saves in net as he tried to slow down the Upland attack.

The Bears qualified as the third team in the San Gabriel Valley League behind league champion Cerritos and second place finisher Downey. The Bears finished with an overall record of 9-17 and a league record of 3-2. Paramount finished fourth, Whitney fifth and Gahr sixth.

The Bears were led this season by junior Jonathan Iglesias' 106 goals. He was a standout in the water and will return for his senior season next year.

In addition to Iglesias, the Bears will also return Romero, Perez, and most improved Bear Micah Lopez. Coach Nichols is looking forward to next season already and credits a three game stretch in league play this year as a huge key in developing some of his younger players.

Interestingly, Upland lost to eventual champion Agoura in the next round of C.I.F. 16-3. Agoura then defeated Redlands East Valley in the quarterfinals 18-7, Troy in the semifinals 10-6, and same league runner-up Royal in the final 13-3.

Agoura was certainly an excellent squad and well deserving of being C.I.F. Division IV champions.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Little Leagues taking sign-ups

■ **DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League will hold sign-ups for its 2012 baseball season starting Dec. 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Furman Park, and again on Dec. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kids ages 4-18 (as of May 1, 2012) are eligible to play.

For more information, call Guillermo Valdez at (213) 503-1365 or James Veloff at (562) 861-2696.

Details are also online at nwdll.org.

West Downey Little League will hold sign-ups for the 2012 season Dec. 6 and Dec. 10 at West Middle School.

Cost is \$75 for t-ball (ages 4-6) and \$100 for older divisions. The fee includes uniform shirt, hat, yearbook, trophy and pictures.

To register, bring a certified birth certificate (no abstracts accepted) and three forms of proof of residency (such as ID, utility bill or vehicle record).

CONGRATULATIONS FERNIE!

Downey Resident and Maude Price Elementary student "Fernie Gomez" ended his first full season with the Downey Razorbacks Jr. Pee Wee Division this past weekend. Fernie Gomez, 10 years of age had an outstanding first year season. Gomez scored a total of 13 touchdowns and averaged 70-100 yards per game. He was voted MVP by his teammates and will participate in the All Star Game in the coming weeks. Gomez, No. 23, is a very versatile player with an unmatched speed which enables him to play a variety of positions such as running back, receiver, quarter back (throws 40 yards), safety, defensive line, and special teams. Gomez not only excels in the playing field but in school as well; he is an honor roll student and is expected to make honor roll this first trimester. Gomez's goal is to attend USC after high school and continue to work hard in sports and his education. Gomez is the son of Rosie and Fernando Gomez. "Congratulations on a great season son. We love you!"



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Experts reveal secrets to taking better pictures

■ A few basic rules can help anyone take better pictures, regardless of camera.

It used to be that the art of picture taking was something only hobbyists and professionals worried about, but today most cell phones and smartphones have built-in cameras that border on the quality of the top cameras of only a few years ago.

So, basically, everyone has gotten into the act. Judy Holmes and Greg Baer think most people could use a little help. OK, in some cases, a lot of help.

"Taking good pictures is about so much more than pointing and shooting," said Holmes, a 20-year veteran professional photographer. She and co-author Greg Baer have just written the friendly, no-nonsense, how-to book "That Picture Stinks!"

"While there are many things that make a bad picture, there are three things that jump to mind: they're too light or dark, the composition is poor or people don't use the flash enough," said Baer. "The results can range from lousy to boring to, well, embarrassing. With just a few basics, people can dramatically improve the quality of their pictures and ensure that they capture memories worth preserving in a manner that's worth showing."

Holmes's and Baer's tips include:

Too Light or Too Dark – Too many people see the program mode or auto mode on the camera and think, "That's for me!" It's isn't. The auto mode should be the last mode anyone thinks of using. If you want that beautiful sunrise or sunset to be all it shouldn't be, or that winter wonderland to look more like nuclear fallout, by all means use the auto function! Otherwise, learn where to point the camera to "fool" it and give you the perfect exposure. Hint: want the sunset deep and dark? Baer says point at the lightest area. Want the snow nice and bright? Point at the darkest area.

Photo by Godzilla – Sometimes people take bad pictures of their kids, and they know the shots are bad, but they can't put their finger on why they're bad. The primary reason kids' photos turn out bad is that, as grown-ups, we usually take pictures of our kids from the angle of looking down on them. After all, they're small and we're tall. As a result, we create all kinds of shadows, awkward poses and perspective issues that make it look like Godzilla is towering over them, grabbing a shot of them with our iPhone for a Facebook page. If you want to take consistently better pictures of your kids, get down. Really, get down on the floor and take pictures head-on from their level. You'll get more of them in the shot, their eyes won't be squinting from looking up at you into the



sun, and the perspective will show a normally proportioned child (instead of this tiny creature with a huge head, skinny arms and feet that poke out from under their pants). Do the same with your pet pictures for an "Ahh" reaction instead of the normal "Ugh" one.

A Little More Light Please – Adding a flash to outdoor photographs, especially with people in them, is one of the quickest ways to look like a genius. Taking pictures in the bright sun can cause horrible dark shadows on your subject or worse, make them squint so they go blind. Turning the flash on instead of "auto flash" will help in these situations. It can help to lighten the shadows and balance the picture and if you move your subjects into a more shady area, using the flash will light up their faces. If you think that's cool, just wait until you show off that picture. Then you'll really see their faces light up!

"There are a lot more ways people can improve the quality of their photography, just by tapping on a few icons on their point and shoot," Holmes added. "However, if they can follow these three basic rules, they'll produce a lot fewer stinky pictures."

Tips to celebrate holidays with an Alzheimer's patient

The holidays are a time full of celebration, joy and special occasions with family and friends. But for people living with Alzheimer's disease, the season can present special challenges.

The Alzheimer's Association, California Southland Chapter has prepared "Home for the Holidays," a handy guide with tips and advice for families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease.

"Home for the Holidays" is available for download through the chapter's website at alz.org/socal or by calling (800) 272-3900.

Anyone with questions about Alzheimer's is encouraged to call the 800-number as well. Experts are available to speak about cognitive health and can assist family members and friends seeking information or resources.

Highlights from the "Home for the Holidays" guide:

Caregiving responsibilities layered on top of keeping up with holiday traditions can take their toll on Alzheimer families, especially on the caregivers. With some preparation, your celebrations can be filled with joy and magical moments to cherish.

Adjust Your Expectations – No one, including yourself, should expect you to maintain every holiday tradition or event.

Give yourself permission to do only what you can reasonably manage

Choose holiday activities and traditions that are most important to you

Host a small family dinner instead of throwing a big holiday party Consider serving a catered or takeout holiday meal. Many grocery stores and restaurants offer meals to go

Start a new tradition. Host a potluck dinner where family or friends each bring a dish

Involve the Affected Individual in Holiday Festivities – People with memory loss can often share in activities. Here are a few ideas:

Wrap gifts

Bake favorite holiday recipes together. The person can stir batter or decorate cookies

Set the table. Avoid centerpiece with candles and artificial fruits and berries that could be mistaken for edible snacks

Talk about events to include in a holiday letter

Prepare simple foods such as appetizers

Read holiday cards you received together

Look through photo albums or scrapbooks. Reminisce about people in the pictures and past events

Watch a favorite holiday movie together

Sing seasonal carols or read passages from favorite books

When the Person Lives in a Care Facility – A holiday is still a holiday whether it is celebrated at home or at a care facility. Here are some ways to celebrate together:

Join your loved one at the facility-planned holiday activities

Bring a favorite holiday food to share

Sing holiday songs. Ask if other residents can join in

Read a favorite holiday story or poem out loud

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization committed to research, care and support for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their families.

'Cats' tickets go on sale Sunday

COSTA MESA – "Cats," the show that revolutionized musical theater, is coming to the Segerstrom Center in Costa Mesa for eight performances starting Jan. 17.

Tickets start at \$20 and go on sale Sunday.

This national tour of "Cats" is the only production in North America sanctioned by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"Cats" celebrated its 30th anniversary on May 11, 2011, holding its place as the longest continuously touring Broadway musical in history.

Tickets can be purchased online at scfta.org, at the box office, or by calling (714) 556-2787.

Hawaiian concert in Whittier

WHITTIER – Dancers and musicians from the Polynesian Paradise dance troupe will perform a high-energy concert Dec. 10 at the Whittier High School auditorium.

The show, titled "A Rockin' Polynesian Review," includes Hawaiian songs rearranged to "rock the house."

The concert will also include the debut of Mantura, an original drum composition and Tahitian choreography, and an opening performance by the Academy of Polynesian Performing Arts, featuring many students from Downey.

The performance starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

For more information, call (562) 945-2599 or send an e-mail to booking@polynesianparadise.net.

Tickets to see Big Bad Voodoo Daddy on sale

DOWNEY – Tickets are still available to see Big Bad Voodoo Daddy perform a holiday concert Dec. 2 at the Downey Theatre.

The band will put their funky twist on favorite Christmas carols.

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Rancho coalition returns from spinal cord conference in Washington

■ Conference allows Rancho physicians and researchers to collaborate with colleagues from around the nation.

BY GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center sent four clinical and research leaders to Washington, D.C. last week for the kickoff conference for the new Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Centers Program.

The Rancho delegation was headed by Chief Medical Officer Mindy Aisen, M.D., who will be directing the world-renowned hospital's efforts on the prestigious Model Systems Centers Program, which includes 14 of the nation's premier spinal cord injury centers. Dr. Yaga Szlachcic, who will be leading the clinical program, and Drs. Sara Mulroy and Philip Requejo, who will be leading the research program, were also part of the Rancho team.

The kickoff conference included a number of wide-ranging sessions, including a special meeting held at the White House. "The fact that this meeting was held at the White House underscores the importance of the Model Systems program in the future of rehabilitation medicine," said Rancho Chief Executive Officer Jorge Orozco. "Rancho is proud to be one recognized as one of the very best spinal cord injury centers in the nation. We look forward to building upon our capabilities by participating in this industry-leading program."

"Our clinical strategy at Rancho is very simple," Dr. Aisen said. "We intend to continue to provide the best possible care for our patients, and to do so we need to remain at the cutting edge of clinical practice and advanced technology. One of the wonderful things about the model systems program is that we will be collaborating with many of our most talented colleagues throughout the nation over the next five years to help develop advances to help patients with spinal cord injury."

The Southern California Spinal Cord Injury Model System at

Rancho is a collaboration between Rancho and the Keck School of Medicine of USC. "USC Drs. Helena Chui, Demetrios Demetriades, Carolee Winstein, and Florence Clark, as well as many other leaders at the Keck School of Medicine will be involved in our team," Dr. Aisen said. "We often work together with our colleagues at USC and other major universities to help us remain at the cutting edge of research and clinical practice."

Dr. Szlachcic was very impressed with her first-ever trip to the White House. "I was honored to represent my Rancho colleagues at this meeting," she said. "I had goose bumps when I entered the White House complex, and I was in total awe of the majesty and beauty of the building. It also brought home in a very real way how important this Model Systems program is to spinal cord injury patients across the nation."

"It was also inspiring to see the breadth of federal support for this program, which included not only NIDRR, but the National Institutes for Health, the Department of Health and Human Services and many other organizations across the federal healthcare landscape," Dr. Szlachcic said.

The Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems Centers Program was established in 1970, and is conducted under the auspices of the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDRR). Its goal has been to improve care and outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injury. The model systems approach is based on research that demonstrated the superiority of comprehensive versus fragmented spinal cord injury care.

The 14 Spinal Cord Injury Model System Centers currently funded by NIDRR provide a multi-disciplinary system of rehabilitation care ranging from emergency services through rehabilitation and re-entry into full community life. Model System centers also conduct research, provide education and disseminate information with the goal of improving long-term functional, vocational, cognitive, and quality-of-life outcomes for individuals with spinal cord injury.

Each model systems center will conduct research and contribute data to the National Spinal Cord Injury



Photo by Greg & Diane Waskul

Statistical Center located at the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

"Rancho Brings specialized expertise to the program in several key areas," Dr. Aisen said. "This is principally due to our longstanding record in pathokinesiology created at the Rancho Pathokinesiology Laboratory established by the legendary Dr. Jacquelin Perry and continued by Dr. Perry and her team, now headed by her protégé Dr. Sara Mulroy."

Rancho's seminal work in understanding shoulder mechanics and pain, as well as developing protocols to best align arms and shoulders when they become the limbs of locomotion after a spinal cord injury occurs, have helped establish best practices in these areas.

Another important factor is the expertise of Dr. Requejo, who has developed protocols for using position activity monitor systems for comprehensive monitoring of health and activity in the community for persons with spinal cord injury.

In addition, the groundbreaking work of Dr. Szlachcic, who has published extensively about issues related to women's health and the impact of spinal injury on endocrine and cardiovascular systems, will continue to play a key role in Rancho's efforts.

Rancho will now contribute to the National Spinal Cord Injury Statistical Center located at the University of Alabama,

Birmingham. The Statistical Center tracks the long-term consequences of spinal cord injury and conducts research in the areas of medical rehabilitation, health and wellness, technology, service delivery, short- and long-term interventions, and systems research.

"In addition to conducting research on its own and in concert with other institutions, the Rancho-USC team will contribute data to the Statistical Center on pre-injury, injury, acute care, and rehabilitation services and reports of outcomes at one and five years post-injury and every five years thereafter," Dr. Aisen said. "This is the largest spinal cord injury database in the world. It is also a rich source of data for researchers."

"The clinical excellence of the Spinal Cord Injury Model Systems program has provided the foundation from which clinical research focusing on key health issues of persons with spinal cord injury has grown dramatically," Dr. Aisen said. "The program is one of many ways that Rancho is advancing the art and science of rehabilitation medicine, and leading the way in the future of spinal cord injury treatment for our patients."

For further information, call the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at (562) 401-7053 or visit rancho.org, facebook.com/rancholosamigosrehab or twitter.com/ranchorehab.

Hospital settles sexual harassment suit

LOS ANGELES – Garfield Medical Center, an acute care facility in Monterey Park, will pay \$530,000 to settle a lawsuit alleging the sexual harassment of its staff, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced this week.

According to the federal agency, several of the female targets of harassment were either retaliated against or compelled to quit after their complaints were ignored by hospital management.

The EEOC said that starting in 2007, the hospital allowed a male emergency room admitting representative to harass a class of female employees by subjecting them to inappropriate touching, propositions for sex, graphic discussions of sexual activities, and obscene pictures and comments regarding female body parts, including those of underage patients.

One employee was terminated after reporting the harassment, while others were compelled to quit rather than endure the hostile work environment, the agency said.

Despite complaints to hospital management, the offending employee was not terminated until 2009, more than two years after the initial complaints were lodged.

The EEOC originally filed suit against the hospital in August 2010. As part of the settlement, Garfield Medical Center entered into a three-year consent decree providing for the monetary relief for at least 10 named victims along with "sweeping injunctive relief designed to prevent and appropriately deal with future instances of harassment."

Of the settlement amount, \$100,000 will be set aside as a class fund for victims who have yet to be identified.

The settlement also requires the hospital to maintain a toll-free complaint hotline; retain a consultant to monitor and track complaints; provide anti-harassment and anti-retaliation training for all staff; and report compliance efforts to the EEOC.

"In order to be productive, employees deserve a workplace free from sexual comments, repeated propositions and inappropriate touching," said Anna Park, regional attorney for the EEOC's Los Angeles district office. "We commend Garfield for agreeing to sweeping injunctive relief remedies to ensure this does not happen again."

Auction items on display

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library is now displaying items from the silent auction currently being conducted by Friends of the Downey City Library.

Auction items include "Ancient Egypt" by Lorna Oaks and Lucia Gashin, an illustrated reference to the myths, religions, pyramids and temples of the land of the Pharaohs; "A Charlie Brown Christmas" VHS video and "The Joy of a Peanuts Christmas" book, Charlie Brown and his friends discover the true meaning of Christmas plus 50 years of holiday comics; "A Beatrix Potter Treasure," the original and authorized editions of 10 classic tales all with their original illustrations.

Bids can be placed inside the Friends' book store until Dec. 10. A complete list of auction items is online at downeylibrary.org.

All sales benefit the library.

Mormon choir in concert

DOWNEY – The famed Southern California Mormon Choir will appear in a pre-Christmas concert at the Downey Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The Downey Stake Center is located at 12425 Orizaba Ave.

The 80-voice choir has performed more than 1,000 times here and abroad and is one of the best-known choirs in Southern California. A full night of entertainment is planned.

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College students observe huge asteroid

NORWALK — Cerritos College astronomy students set up large telescopes and observed historic passage of an aircraft carrier-sized asteroid on Nov. 8.

The 26 students of Dr. Thad Szabo's Astronomy 105 class got a hands-on lesson they will never forget.

"This is the first time we've ever had information of one of these asteroids ahead of time and be able to set up and be ready to photograph it as it came passed," said Szabo.

And he took advantage of the information for his students to get the once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"You can't see it with naked eyes but when it shows up this big on a computer screen, you get the feel for it and how massive it is," said student Chris Rodriguez.

KNBC Channel 4 was on campus to feature the students and the footage aired on the evening news. According to NASA, the last time a similarly-sized asteroid passed this close to Earth was 1976, and the next comes in 2028.

Ozomatli takes part in mental health panel

NORWALK — Grammy Award-winning band Ozomatli and Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA) took part in a mental health panel last Thursday at Cerritos College.

The congresswoman spoke about the Mental Health in Schools Act, which provides funding for mental health services at schools.

"The mental health needs of our young people are not being met," Napolitano said. "Too many students lack access to mental health services and struggle with their issues alone. Studies show that professional mental health assistance can help our students feel happier, stay on track in school and avoid the serious problems that can arise when issues go untreated. We must invest in mental health services to help the next generation meet their full potential."

Ozomatli credits group therapy for much of the success they have experienced over their 15-year career. Band members Raul Pacheco and Ulises Bella encouraged students to seek mental health care if needed and urged kids not to be ashamed or embarrassed to ask for help.

Student panelist Laura Munro shared her experiences with "mentally tough times." She co-founded a student peer support group, Active Minds, that help students with mental health issues.

"I want to help other students realize that there are people who want to help and will help them, that there's hope for a life besides the mental illness, and that doesn't have to dictate your life," said Munro.

Munro is a psychology major and is now on the dean's list and president's list.

The panel also discussed mental health resources available on campus as well as community resources, and the college's Mental Health Worker Program.

"Good mental health helps us with relationships, with family and friends, and allows us to focus and do our work," said Samantha Shepherd, president of Active Minds.

Cal State Long Beach to host mock trial competition

■ Teams from across the nation will compete in Supreme Court simulations.

LONG BEACH — Cal State Long Beach will host the 10th Annual American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMA) Western Regional competition on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, the 10th consecutive year the event has been held on campus.

The competition is scheduled to take place on Friday, Dec. 2 in the University Student Union and in Health and Human Services 1 Building, and on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the College of Business Administration Building. The event is free and open to the public.

On Friday, the event will run from 5-9 p.m., and on Saturday competition will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Forty two-person teams are expected to compete at the Western Regional with five of those teams from CSULB. Other institutions participating in the regional will include BYU-Idaho, Carroll College (Montana), Drake University (Iowa), Fresno State, Cal State Fullerton, Mt. St. Mary's College, Patrick Henry College, University of North Texas, University of Tampa, Weber State University and Westwood College.

Three of the past nine national champions have won the Western Regional en route to the national finals, including a team from CSULB that captured the title in 2002-03. The regional has produced at least seven national semi-finalists, including four in the last six years.

Moot Court, also known as mock Supreme Court and Supreme Court Simulation, is a simulation of an appellate court proceeding. It involves teams of student contestants, clients burdened by a legal problem, briefs and oratory detailing of the dimensions of the legal problem before an appellate court, and the judging of performances by panels of law students, attorneys, professors, law faculty, or, on

occasion, members of the judicial branch of government. Teams from colleges and universities throughout the nation will be arguing the same case.

This year's hypothetical case asks: a) Whether the federal government's issuance of an administrative subpoena requiring a commercial Internet Service Provider (ISP) to turn over the content of a subscriber's chat room dialogue violated the Fourth Amendment; and b) Whether petitioner's facilitation of a chat room in which conversations pertaining to allegedly threatening the president occurred was protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Moot court teams are made up of two individuals, and their combined oral argument must be 20 minutes with each member of the two-person team presenting a minimum of seven minutes. Not knowing which viewpoint it will be presenting, each team should have the ability to support both arguments. Moot court judges ask students questions and grade the students on the basis of their knowledge of the case, their response to questioning, their forensic skills and their demeanor.

Members of CSULB's moot court team are all new to the program with only six of the nine having gained limited experience last spring. None of the current members have participated in any regional and national tournament competitions.

"We have all new people, so we're rebuilding," said Lewis Ringel, a CSULB lecturer in political science who is in his sixth year serving as director of the campus' moot court program. "They haven't faced the kind of pressure that comes with this and that's one challenge. It's getting their forensics, it's getting their style. You can't speak in front of the court the way we do in regular conversation and be as successful. You sometimes need to know when to stop talking. You need to work on transition. A lot goes into the forensics side. It's not just about substance of what you say, but it's also how you

say it."

CSULB students competing in the 2011 regional are: senior Ruth Anderson, a political science major with a certificate in American Indian Studies from Long Beach; senior Taylor Carr, a political science major from Cypress; junior Ryan Chapman, a political science major from Long Beach; senior Jessica Johnson, a political science major from Long Beach; senior Andrew Kemper, a political science major from Lancaster; junior Robert Lane, a political science major from Long Beach; senior Wyatt Lyles, a political science major from Carson; junior Yasmin Manners, a political science major from Laguna Niguel; and senior Peter Vasilion, a business marketing major from Rancho Palos Verdes.

"I'm extremely optimistic about this group," said Ringel, who himself was a moot court participant when he attended Trenton State College, now known as New Jersey State. "They're bright and they work hard. The six who were in the spring class have good skills, but we're rebuilding. We use the pre-season to really hone their arguments and hone their style."

Along with a number of state judges and one former and one present federal judge, scheduled to serve as judges at the regional are Erwin Chemerinsky, the current and founding dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Law; John Eastman, the former dean of law at Chapman University; California Court of Appeal Justices Paul Turner and Fred Woods, and Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert.

The ACMA 2012 National Tournament will be held Jan. 13-14 at Chapman University Law School.

For more information, Ringel can be reached by phone at 562/985-4708 or by e-mail at LSR67@verizon.net.

Museum censorship is topic of panel discussion

LONG BEACH — The Carpenter Performing Arts Center at Cal State Long Beach will host "Censorship in the Museum," a free panel discussion focusing on current controversies surrounding art and censorship in museum exhibitions, on Wednesday, Nov. 30, beginning at 5 p.m.

The event is part of "Banned, Blacklisted and Boycotted: Censorship and the Response to It" (also known as "The B-Word Project")—a campus-wide program exploring all aspects of censorship. The project is coordinated by the Carpenter Performing Arts Center and funded by the Association of Performing Arts Presenters and the Doris Duke Charitable Fund.

In 1989, the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., canceled the Robert Mapplethorpe exhibit called "The Perfect Moment" because it did not want to adversely affect congressional funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. Instead of defusing the controversy, however, the censoring of the show sparked a national debate over public funding for the arts, the question of how to define obscenity and who gets to decide, and whether censorship is acceptable.

A decade later, in 2010, the Smithsonian removed a work by David Wojnarowicz from the "Hide/Seek" exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery due to conservative pressure. Is this a new wave of the Culture Wars that characterized the controversies surrounding censorship in the 1990s, or have the Culture Wars been continuing all along? What is the state of art censorship today and its implications for artists, curators and the public at large?

Moderated by Chris Scoates, director of the CSULB University Art Museum, the panel discussion will include three speakers, each of whom has a strong stake in these issues and has been outspoken on the subject. Among the speakers will be:

•Andrea Fraser is professor of new genres in UCLA's Department of Art. Her artwork spans performance, video, context art and institutional critique, and she has done major projects all over the world. "Museum Highlights: The Writings of Andrea Fraser" was published by MIT Press in 2005. She is also the author of "A Sensation Chronicle" about the controversies of 1999 when New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani attacked the Brooklyn Museum for its plan to present "Sensation: Young British Artists from the Saatchi Collection."

•Jonathan Katz is chair of the Visual Studies Doctoral Program at SUNY Buffalo and curator of "Hide/Seek: Difference, Desire and the Invention of Modern American Portraiture" at the National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution. The first major LGBT art exhibition in U.S. history, "Hide/Seek" was both critically acclaimed and at the center of a censorship controversy that stirred up much critical response, which has been chronicled on the Internet and on Facebook.

•Richard Meyer, an associate professor of art history at USC, has written extensively on censorship and the public sphere, giving special emphasis to "the ongoing cultural debate over sexuality and gender and its effects upon modern art and visual culture." Meyer is the author of the award-winning book, "Outlaw Representation: Censorship and Homosexuality in Twentieth-Century American Art."

Co-sponsored by the CSULB Department of Art Visiting Artist Lecture Series as well as The B-Word Project, "Censorship in the Museum" is free and open to the public. The Carpenter Performing Arts Center is located at 6200 Atherton Street. Convenient parking is located directly in front of the Carpenter Center entrance for \$5.

For more information on the panel discussion, contact Beto Gonzalez, B-Word project coordinator, at 562/985-7007 or e-mail him at beto@bwordproject.org. More information is also available on The B-Word Project at bwordproject.org.

Phony fire inspectors target businesses

LOS ANGELES — District Attorney Steve Cooley warned residents this week that scam artists claiming to be fire inspectors are targeting businesses in Los Angeles County and throughout the state.

Cooley advised businesses and their employees to be on the lookout for the phony inspectors who claim to be inspecting fire extinguishers, smoke alarms or sprinkler systems.

The phony inspectors trick employees into signing documents that are used to bill the business owner.

Local fire departments are responsible for inspections and do not charge a fee.

'Intensive' English class offered at Cerritos

NORWALK — Registration for Cerritos College's Intensive English Program for the spring 2012 semester is now underway. The program begins in January.

In this program, F-1 students will develop English skills and acquire the level of English needed to continue studying in their major field of study.

The program costs \$1,900 for an eight-week session. The cost covers tuition, assessment testing, orientation and welcome reception, books and class materials, field trips and certificate of completion.

There is also a one-time \$50 application fee and expenses for a passport, room and board, and

more.

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

Students who are not from overseas, including California residents, green card holders and U.S. citizens whose second language is English, can also take the class.

For more information, call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2121.

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LEGAL NOTICES CONT.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE WAY DESIGN & PRINT STUDIO, 9731 IMPERIAL HWY, APT B10, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHELLA ALVITES, 9731 IMPERIAL HWY, APT B10, DOWNEY, CA 90242 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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SHELLA ALVITES This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 21, 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. 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).

DAUS, 5738 E. CONANT ST., LONG BEACH, CA 90808 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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SHELLA ALVITES, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 18 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. 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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GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-11-00238

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of December, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-11-00238 (Conditional Use Permit): A request to allow indoor batting cages on property zoned C-M (Commercial Manufacturing).

LOCATED AT: 12434 Bellflower Boulevard At that time and place all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed case. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Planning Division, Downey, California, Telephone # 562-904-7154.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1, (Existing Facilities). If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

Bid No. 9599 NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received at the City of Downey Purchasing Department, until **Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 at 3:00 pm** local time for the following item(s): **Bid No. 9599, Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Towing and Storage Services.** On said date and time the proposals will be publicly opened and read for furnishing and delivering, in accordance with the City of Downey plans, specifications and contract documents.

Proposals shall be delivered and addressed to: City of Downey Attn: Purchasing 11111 Brookshire Ave Downey, CA, 90241

Proposal responses shall be labeled "**Bid No. 9599, Proposal for Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Towing and Storage Services**" and returned by **Tuesday, December 13th, 2011 at 3:00 pm** local time. It is the responsibility of the proposer to confirm that proposals submitted shall have sufficient time to be received by the Purchasing Department prior to the Proposal Submittal Deadline. Proposals received after the designated time and date will be returned to the Proposer unopened. No oral, telegraphic, electronic, facsimile, or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered unless specified in writing. The receiving time in the Purchasing Department will be the governing time for acceptability of proposals. Proposals must bear original signatures and figures.

Specifications for this bid are available upon request from the City of Downey Purchasing Department at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California. Specifications may be mailed upon request at (562) 904-7257. The City of Downey reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award, if made, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT (562) 904-7257.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Joyce E. Doyle, Interim City Clerk Date: November 17, 2011, November 24, 2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-11-00246

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of December, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-11-00246 (Conditional Use Permit): A request to install four (4) solid oxide fuel cells to produce electricity, on property zoned M-2 and PB (General Manufacturing and Parking Buffer)

LOCATED AT: 9521 Dalen Street At that time and place all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed case. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Planning Division, Downey, California, Telephone # 562-904-7154.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15329, Class 29, (Cogeneration Projects at Existing Facilities). If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED

THREE (3) MONTH REVIEW OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-10-08149

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of December, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-10-08149 (CUP), a three month review of Conditional Use Permit No. 08-04 which allows live entertainment at an existing restaurant (Habana Cafe) on property zoned C-2 (General Commercial)

LOCATED AT: 11406 Old River School Road At that time and place all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed case. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Planning Division, Downey, California, Telephone # 562-904-7154.

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CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES ADOPTED

On November 22, 2011, the City Council adopted the following Ordinances: Ordinance No. 11-1296 amending the Code relating to Speed Limits on Gallatin Road between Tweedy Lane and Paramount Boulevard. Ayes: Gafin, Guerra, Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Brossmer, Mayor Marquez Noes: None.

Ordinance No. 11-1295 amending the Downey Municipal Code, Chapters 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Article III, adopting by reference the 2010 California Fire Code and implementing documents. Ayes: Gafin, Guerra, Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Brossmer, Mayor Marquez Noes: None.

Ordinance No. 11-1297 prohibiting Smoking in Public Parks and during City-Sponsored Events, except in Designated Areas. Ayes: Gafin, Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Brossmer, Mayor Marquez Noes: Guerra

Copies of the full texts are available in the office of the City Clerk.

Joyce E. Doyle, Interim City Clerk Date: November 24, 2011

TRUSTEE SALES

Trustee Sale No. 11-01261-5 Loan No. 0022837967 Title Order No. 788994 APN 6251-029705 Official Records in the office of the Recorder in Default Under a Deed of Trust DATED 12/29/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/25/2011 at 09:00 AM, the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA, Power Default Services, Inc., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on 01/24/2007, as Instrument No. 2007042385 Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, CA, executed by: JOEL AGUILAR AND MYRNA AGUILAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GMAC MORTGAGE, PUNTA VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST, as set forth heretofore described and being "this is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7934 IRWINGROVE DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust, as set forth in this Notice. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, a duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ADILIA H RABANALES, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 01/12/2005 and recorded 1/19/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-0125848, in Book Page 3, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/08/2011 at 11:00AM, the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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 set forth in this Notice. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1808 LOS ALISOS CIRCLE, NORWALK, CA 90658. 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 as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, as provided in said Note, shall be greater than the total amount of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of Section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgage, beneficiary of the Note, shall be provided to the bidder. The Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's office, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281-8219 If: Pamela Schneider, Authorized Representative of RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4110209 11/17/2011, 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11, 12/1/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 11-0075410 Title Order No. 11-0006920 Investor/Insurer No. 089359494 APN No. 8015-014-075 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/12/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 12/1/11, 12/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-11-461955-TC Order #: 11037834-CA-BFI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/5/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to 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. DATED: 11/23/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4120339 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

Page Trust Recorded 03-28-2006, Book N/A, Page N/A. Instrument 06-0652517 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: YEUNGJIA KIM, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, AS TRUSTOR, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as beneficiary, will sell at public auction, 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, 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 hereinabove 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 said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 11/23/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4120339 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 11/27/11, 11/24/11

Trustee Sale No. 439016CA Loan No. 10236039348 Title Order No. 219576 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09-20-2006. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-08-2011 at 9:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 09-28-2006, Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: JOSE LOPEZ SANCHEZ, A SINGLE MAN AND JOSEFINA MARTINEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, 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, 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 hereinabove 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 said 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: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$674,863.35 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9349 SAMOLINE AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6365-023-008 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; or by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 11-04-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE RIKKI JACOBS RIKKI JACOBS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4116202 11/20/2011, 11/17/2011, 11/24/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11, 12/1/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0075287 Title Order No. 11-0068030 Investor/Insuror No. 060991472 APN No. 044-002-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/08/2005. 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 CHENG WOONG KIM, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 02/08/2005 and recorded 2/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0012668, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, will sell on 12/15/2011 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard 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: 8812 LOWMAY DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA, 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the 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 \$594,643.09. 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. DATED: 11/19/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4116324 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11, 12/1/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA1100034958 Loan No 0655545941 Insurer No. 1698751661 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/25/2005. 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. 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 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, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 11/23/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4116324 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 751764CA Loan No. 3061895003 Title Order No. 110388988-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03-14-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-01-2011 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed

\$193,093.68, 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. Date: 11/22/2011 Executive Trustee Services, LLC dba ETS Services, LLC 2265 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3120. Insurer: Title Order #730-2727-11/24/2011 TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# FNMA4132141 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0079058 Title Order No. 11-0063140 Investor/Insuror No. 125490861 APN No. 8042-030-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/19/2011. 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 GEORGE CASTILLO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 11/14/2005 and recorded 11/23/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-2860875, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/15/2011 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard 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: 14350 COOLBANK DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this notice is \$726,359.00. 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 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: 11/23/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 41116888 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0072538 Title Order No. 11-0058617 Investor/Insuror No. 108710771 APN No. 6365-003-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/17/2005. 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 CAMILLO A. OJEDA P. REMONDO DAVID CUI HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 08/17/2005 and recorded 8/25/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2042457, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/19/2011 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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, shown herein. The total amount 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 \$451,324.71. 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. DATED: 11/21/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 41193089 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 12/1/11, 12/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0072538 Title Order No. 11-0058617 Investor/Insuror No. 108710771 APN No. 6365-003-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/17/2005. 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 CAMILLO A. OJEDA P. REMONDO DAVID CUI HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 08/17/2005 and recorded 8/25/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2042457, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/19/2011 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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, shown herein. The total amount 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 \$451,324.71. 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. DATED: 11/21/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 41193089 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0072538 Title Order No. 11-0058617 Investor/Insuror No. 108710771 APN No. 6365-003-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/17/2005. 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 CAMILLO A. OJEDA P. REMONDO DAVID CUI HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 08/17/2005 and recorded 8/25/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2042457, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/19/2011 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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, shown herein. The total amount 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 \$451,324.71. 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. DATED: 11/21/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 41193089 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 12/1/11, 12/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-11-437256-AB Order #: 5298697 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08-10-2006. 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 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, 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: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$451,324.71 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8812 LOWMAY DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6365-023-008 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; or by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 11-14-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE MARCO RIVERA RIKKI JACOBS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com P893644 11/17, 11/24, 12/01/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 12/1/11, 12/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0075287 Title Order No. 11-0068030 Investor/Insuror No. 060991472 APN No. 044-002-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/08/2005. 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 CHENG WOONG KIM, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 02/08/2005 and recorded 2/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0012668, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, will sell on 12/15/2011 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard 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: 8812 LOWMAY DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA, 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the 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 \$594,643.09. 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. DATED: 11/19/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4116324 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 12/5/2011 at 9:00am PST Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 in the Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$359,570.80 The purported property address is 8812 LOWMAY DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 MIRADA 90638 Assessor's Parcel No. 8037-047-077 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property to be sold 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 Trustee's insurer 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. 2110 North Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-545-7711 For Non Sale Information only Sale Line: 800-280-2891 or Login to: www.auction.com Reinstatement File: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704

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 DEBT. THIS NOTICE IS NOT INTENDED TO CREATE 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 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. IDSPub #0013868 11/10/2011 11/17/2011 11/24/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/10/11, 11/17/11, 11/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0078304 Title Order No. 11-0062515 Investor/Insuror No. 01698626708 APN No. 6368-005-033 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/29/2005. 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 HONG SEOK KIM AND SUNG SOOK KIM, WHO ARE MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, dated 04/29/2005 and recorded 6/8/2005, as Instrument No. 05 1345702, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/15/2011 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard 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: 9911 SERRANO DRIVE, CHATSWORTH, CA 91311. 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 this notice is \$244,482.19. 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: 11/23/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4117881 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 12/1/11, 12/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0082019 Title Order No. 11-0064447 Investor/Insuror No. 118912686 APN No. 6260-009-063 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/30/2005. 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 JUANITA HERNANDEZ, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 04/05/2006 and recorded 4/18/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0842434, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/20/2011 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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: 12849 DOWNEY 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 \$600,898.98. 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: 11/23/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tappo 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# 4126916 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

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Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$487,262.95 The purported property address is: 13023 GREYSTONE AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8049-030-001 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained 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 Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704 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# 4136628 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/24/11, 12/1/11, 12/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0078074 Title Order No. 11-0062684 Insurer/Trustee No. 0118855095 APN No. 8064-026-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/17/2006. 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 LISSETH C M DOMINGUEZ, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 03/17/2006 and recorded 3/30/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0674543, in Book (Page), Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/15/2011 at 11:00AM. By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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 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: 16028 TADDEY STREET, NORWALK, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of sale is \$598,357.11. 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, 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 BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TRUSTOR(S): ANA RAJES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN RECORDED: 12/26/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2860552 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California. Date of Sale: 1/17/2012 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale:** By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$741,649.34 The purported property address is: 7422 CHEROKEE DR DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6249-011-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained 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 Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704 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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-380702-CL Order #: 100491927-CA-LPI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 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 BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TRUSTOR(S): ANA RAJES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN RECORDED: 12/26/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2860552 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California. Date of Sale: 1/17/2012 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale:** By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$741,649.34 The purported property address is: 7422 CHEROKEE DR DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6249-011-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained 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 Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704 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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-398497-LL Order # 624481 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/11/2006. 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 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 BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TRUSTOR(S): ANA RAJES, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN RECORDED: 12/26/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2860552 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California. Date of Sale: 1/17/2012 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale:** By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$741,649.34 The purported property address is: 7422 CHEROKEE DR DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6249-011-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained 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 Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.lpsasp.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704 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

day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TRUSTOR(S): VERONICA GONZALEZ, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND ELVA GONZALEZ, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN RECORDED: 12/15/2006 as Instrument No. 20062793559 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California. Date of Sale: 12/1/2011 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale:** Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$388,633.01 The purported property address is: 13223 ALBURTTIS AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8008-020-020 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 of the sale of the property, 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 Americas Servicing Company 1 Home Campus 20504 Alicia Drive, Dallas, TX 75240, 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 commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does apply to this notice of sale. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.prioritposting.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 INFO RMATION 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. IDSPub #0015670 11/10/2011 11/17/2011 11/24/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/10/11, 11/17/11, 11/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0069989 Title Order No. 11-0056764 APN No. 8053-028-022 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/18/2007. 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 RUDY FERNANDEZ, A SINGLE MAN, dated 05/18/2007 and recorded 05/25/2007, as Instrument No. 20071273888, in Book (Page), Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, State of California, will sell on 12/08/2011 at 11:00 AM. By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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 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: 11230 TADDEY STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650-3761. 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 \$427,862. It is possible that at the time of the 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. If required by the provisions of Section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgage, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale, duly recorded, with the California County Recorder of Los Angeles County, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-91504-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281-8219 By: Pamela Schneider, Authorized Signer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4107113 11/17/2011, 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11, 12/1/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. CA1100038554 Loan No 0177350204 Insurer No. 472673378 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to 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 BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TRUSTOR(S): DANIEL CRUZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY RECORDED: 02/07/2007 as Instrument No. 20071030933 in Book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 12/12/2011 at 11:00 A.M. Place of Sale:** By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Property Address is purported to be: 12720 Inwood, Irvine, CA 92618 APN#: 6260-012-011 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$416,254.19, 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 ETS Services, LLC Date: 11/09/2011 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 leanna Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 4124584 11/17/2011, 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11, 12/1/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0075443 Title Order No. 11-0060947 Insurer/Trustee No. 11-0015971 APN No. 6255-012-029 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/15/2005. 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 MONICA G. MENA, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 12/15/2005 and recorded 12/23/2005, as Instrument No. 05 3169607, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/15/2011 at 11:00AM. By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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: 11511 MCGOVERN AVE SAN DIEGO, 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 \$529,658.80. 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: 11/19/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-91504-01-94 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# 4123421 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011, 12/08/2011

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-366180-RT Order # 100348339-CA-BFI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/24/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 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 BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TRUSTOR(S): DEBORA TAYLOR DANCLER AND JOHN DANCLER, WIFE AND HUSBAND, AS JOINT TENANTS RECORDED: 8/1/2007 as Instrument No. 20071816201 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California. Date of Sale: 12/12/2011 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale:** By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$462,729.88 The purported property address is: 14312 LEIBACHER AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 9075-006-021 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided, 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 Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. 3815 S.W. Temple Salt Lake City UT 84115-4412. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. " I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct. Date: FEB 10 2010 Owen Loan Servicing, LLC. By: John Miller, Authorized Signer Date: 11/19/2011 Old Republic Default Management Services, A Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee 500 City Parkway West, Suite 200, Orange, CA 92868-2913 (866) 263-5802 For Sale Information Contact: Priority Posting and Publishing (714) 573-1965 or Toll Free 1-800-954-7788. Trustee Sale Office We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." P898397 11/17, 11/24, 12/01/2011

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# 4132635 11/17/2011, 11/24/2011, 12/01/2011

The Downey Patriot 11/17/11, 11/24/11, 12/1/11

T.S. No.: 10-38381 TSG Order No.: 100257701-CA-MSI A.P.N. 6287-022-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/22/2006. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/27/2011 at 9:00 AM, Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust, Recorded 1/2/2007 as Instrument No. 20070003664 in book ---, page --- And modified by un-recorded Loan Modification Agreement Dated: 04/23/2009 With a new unpaid Principal Balance of \$571,668.12. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check 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, 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 thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$355,616.97 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 was fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded on 5/3/2010 The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.54 is attached as Exhibit A EXHIBIT "A" SERVICER'S DECLARATION TO NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: 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 recorded. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. " I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Florida that the foregoing is true and correct. Date: FEB 10 2010 Owen Loan Servicing, LLC. By: John Miller, Authorized Signer Date: 11/19/2011 Old Republic Default Management Services, A Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee 500 City Parkway West, Suite 200, Orange, CA 92868-2913 (866) 263-5802 For Sale Information Contact: Priority Posting and Publishing (714) 573-1965 or Toll Free 1-800-954-7788. Trustee Sale Office We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." P898397 11/17, 11/24, 12/01/2011

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Warren finishes 10th at CIF Finals

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys cross country team finished their season on a strong note by finishing 10th at the C.I.F. Finals held at Mt. SAC last Saturday.

Warren standout Omar Torres led the Bears by finishing 24th overall in a time of 15:27 followed by Alec Dominguez who was 60th in a time of 16:01.

Freshman Benjerman Gonzalez was 61st in a time of 16:02, freshman Jonathan Rodriguez was 67th in a time of 16:05, Fortino Sanatana was 73rd in a time 16:10, Jaime Barrillas was 76th in a time of 16:12 and Micheal Guzman was 119th in a time of 17:23.

Warren, as a team, finished behind Division I C.I.F. champion Arcadia in a time of 1:19:45. That time smashed last year's time.

Coach Miranda was very pleased with his squad's effort and attributed their showing to a solid work ethic and a strong desire to compete.

Warren shared this year's San Gabriel Valley League title with cross-town rival Downey. Downey finished in 15th place at C.I.F. Finals in a time of 1:21:43. Ventura finished 11th, Long Beach Poly was 12th, Burbank Burroughs was 13th and Corona was 14th to round out the schools finishing between Warren and Downey.

Both schools had solid seasons and should be proud of their athletes. –Mark Fetter, contributor



Bette Lloyd, center, president of the OLPH Women's Guild, is pictured above with luncheon co-chairs Charlene McCluskey and Joyce Prokop. Not pictured is Pat Smith.

OLPH luncheon Dec. 3

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will host its annual Christmas Luncheon at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 3 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for kids ages 5-11. Children 4 and younger are free.

To make a reservation, send a check made payable to OLPH Women's Guild to Pat Smith, 10330 Downey Ave., #31, Downey, CA 90241 and indicate your preference of chicken picatta or salmon.

School official convicted of conflict of interest

LOS ANGELES – A former Beverly Hills Unified School District official was convicted Monday of conflict of interest and taking more than \$1.3 million through a building management contract she steered to herself.

Karen Anne Christiansen, 53, was convicted of four counts of conflict of interest with an excessive taking allegation of more than \$1.3 million found true.

Christiansen was immediately remanded into custody by Judge Stephen Marcus, who also increased her bail to \$400,000.

Christiansen faces eight years in prison when sentenced Jan. 5.

Christiansen – the former facilities director who was hired in 2004 at an annual salary of \$113,000 – encouraged the school district to borrow money for a building campaign while planning to steer the management contract to

herself.

Her company, Strategic Concepts, ultimately received the contract and began drawing more than \$200,000 a month until she was fired.

Christiansen also negotiated contracts with an energy firm, Johnson Controls, to do work for the district while simultaneously negotiating contracts with her own company and Johnson Controls.

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Funeral services next week for David Leyba

DOWNEY – Downey resident David A. Leyba, born Sept. 24, 1937, passed away Nov. 19.

He was born in Peñasco, New Mexico and raised in Bingham Canyon, Utah. He attended Bingham High School and was the president of Brettler Corporation.

David was one of nine children born to Nicolas and Juanita Leyba. He was the husband of Evangeline Giron-Leyba for 52 years. He is also survived by his sons Kenneth and Michael Leyba, daughter-in-law Berenice, grandchildren Andrew and Katie, sisters Ruth Gonzales, Florence Cruz, Francis Noorda and Mary Rogers, and brothers Nicolas and John Leyba.

He was preceded in death by brother Gilbert Leyba and sister Ida Gonzales. He will also be remembered by brother-in-law Leo Giron and sisters-in-law Cecilia Berry and Ann Mortensen, along with nieces and nephews and other family members.

Viewing and rosary services will be held at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary on Monday, Nov., 28, from 5-8 p.m., with the rosary at 7 p.m. Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

The family will be hosting a reception after the interment. It will be held at the North Downey Church of Christ, 8836 Lindell Ave., in Downey.



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Excellent Downey Home

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Another Satisfied Client

This is a very cute single story home with an open floor plan. Some of the features include an upgraded kitchen, fresh exterior paint and solar panels. Located close to schools and shopping, this one should be at the top of your list. Priced at \$307,000

A Unique Opportunity!

You don't see this everyday! This unique Downey property features a studio unit and a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom main house. There is also a conversion that features a 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom unit and a large room that was being used as a library. Located on a private st. and having a 15,000 sq.ft. lot makes this a must see at \$399,999.

Downey Delight

This is a nice home located in North Downey. It features 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and formal dining room with french doors leading to the large backyard with a pool. This property has had some recent remodeling done and is turnkey. Priced to sell at \$405,000.

This Is The One!

This is a beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home located in a desirable area. It features a spacious living room with a fire place, formal dining room and a laundry room. The master bedroom has a spacious walk-in closet and the property features newer copper plumbing. Priced at \$395,000.

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 \$329,000

Downey Charmer

This is an adorable North Downey home! The property features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1700 sq.ft of living space, and a large family room. Relax by the fireplace in the formal living room or step outside and enjoy it's nearly 6000 sq. ft. lot. Put this one at the top of your list because it's priced to sell at \$395,000.

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Students cook up dinner for seniors

DOWNEY – More than 300 local senior citizens enjoyed a free Thanksgiving meal at West Middle School on Nov. 16.

The dinner, an annual tradition at West, was a school-wide effort. Mrs. Maples, the math teacher, MC'd a pre-meal bingo game and the jazz band performed during dinner.

Teachers and faculty helped prepare the food, while students from Warren High School's culinary program cooked the turkeys. Middle school students prepared the sides, and the art department decorated the cafeteria. The eighth grade Builders Club served food.

"It was a great group effort and truly a thankful event for the seniors that attended," said Kat Clark, a foods teacher at West Middle School. "Lots of happy faces."

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