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Rancho foundation appeals for funds

• Foundation makes holiday appeal to continue support of Rancho miracles.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation has launched its 2012 Holiday Appeal, which supports many of the miracles that happen at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center each and every day.

The Foundation provides support to more than 40 Rancho programs, from the Art of Rancho to Zumba, that help Rancho's patients build bridges to more independent lives. Along the way, there are miracles at Rancho each and every day. Jamielyn Munoz, Rita Assoian and Katy Sullivan are three of those miracle Rancho patients.

Jamielyn was unable to move or speak when she came to Rancho in 2010 with a diagnosis of an inoperable brain tumor and just four weeks to live. But she didn't die. Inspired by an amazing princess birthday party on her fifth birthday Dec. 31, 2010, this wonderful girl fought back. She used the iPad the Foundation gave her to learn English. Against all odds, she returned to Rancho this spring and learned to walk again! Now she is back in school and looking forward to her third Christmas since she first came to Rancho.

Rita came to Rancho in a deep coma after she had been hit by a car traveling at more than 90 miles per hour. Her body was devastated with a broken neck, a major brain injury and broken ribs that punctured her lungs. Her liver was also punctured and she had more than 15 other broken bones.

Although she wasn't expected to ever regain consciousness, she awoke 22 days later. She had to relearn everything. Before her accident, Rita had been a member of the Glendale Community College track team. Her physical fitness served her well in her rehab. After a few weeks, she said her first words... "Hi Mommy!" when her Mom walked into her hospital room.

Then the real miracles began. She began to walk, then went on several outings while a halo device protected her broken neck. A few months later, Rita amazed her classmates when she went back to college. And in 2011, she amazed even herself when she returned to the track team and ran the 100, 200, and 400 meters, the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays and competed in the long jump. Today she is pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor.

This year, Katy Sullivan ended a seven-year quest that fulfilled her lifelong dream to run. She came to Rancho in 2005 after badly injuring her back while trying to run with her prosthetic legs. Rancho therapist Julie Kasayama helped Katy achieve her dream by volunteering

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Stay Gallery creative director Gabriel Enamorado and the TLC Center's Luz Perez and Claudia Ramirez-Garcoa sit with some of the toys donated last week.

Toy drive brings in hundreds of donations

• More than 350 toys were collected for the school district's TLC Center.

DOWNEY – A toy drive at the new Stay Gallery in Downtown Downey attracted more than 400 people throughout the day and resulted in 350 new toys donated to True Lasting Connections, the non-profit organization operated by the Downey Unified School District.

"They were really cool toys too, not just anything," said Gabriel Enamorado, the gallery's creative director. "We wanted to keep some; it wasn't easy to let them go."

"It was a great event with a fabulous turnout," said Dr. Robert Jagielski, a DUSD administrator who oversees the TLC Center. "I predict next year's will be twice as big."

The event featured live performances by the Warren High School choir and Father and Sons, a Long Beach-based band performing rock, '60s pop and folk.

There was also a live art presentation by Kris Black. The piece can be seen and is for sale at the gallery.

Former mayor Kirk Cartozian won the contest for having the ugliest Christmas sweater.

"Too bad he didn't even know we were going to be having an ugliest Christmas sweater contest that night," quipped gallery executive director Valentin Flores.

Many of the people in attendance also donated cash to Stay Gallery, which has raised \$17,200 since its grand opening Oct. 11. It needs \$2,800 by the end of the year to reach its \$20,000 goal.

"We are usually at the gallery from 9-6 p.m. If we are gone, it's usually for lunch or coffee," said Valentin Flores. "Once we finish building the gallery, we will have regular open hours. However, if we are in here working, please come in and say hello. We love company."

According to Flores, all money raised during this initial fundraising campaign will go to capital improvement projects. The space will eventually become a multi-functional art



Stay Gallery, located at Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard, collected more than 350 toys at its ugly sweater toy drive last week. The Christmas tree was decorated with donations, with help from Warren High School volunteers.

and culture gallery capable of hosting art exhibits, movie nights, live music, art workshops and classes, pop-up restaurant concepts and clothing brands, fashion shows, banquets "and basically any concept that could be used for storage."

"This is too much fun. The ideas are endless," said Enamorado. "As each day goes by, we realize that the community is behind our vision. We'd like to thank all those that have attended and enjoyed our first few events. And quite frankly, if you have enjoyed Stay Gallery up to this point, you are not ready for what the space is going to be like once we finish building our dream gallery – it's

going to be the jewel of Downey."

Stay Gallery is targeting late February to finish construction. Future but tentative plans call for a loft office concept that would add nearly 400 square feet to the gallery that could be used for storage.

The concept was designed by Alvarez Design Studio, located a block away from the gallery on Downey Avenue. Western Allied Construction is donating the labor and expertise.

"Since everything is based on donation, the rate of building the gallery is beyond our reach," Flores said. "Every company and individual that is helping us build the gallery is terribly busy but yet has the time to guide us as we make progress. This is just the type of community we have.

They understand that we are doing a good thing and want to help."

"If all goes according to plan, we want all of Downtown Downey to experience the good energy and fun that we are experiencing at Stay Gallery," added Joseph Manacmul, the gallery's operations director. "We want to make this place jump."

The gallery is in the midst of planning a New Year's Event, where it hopes to meet its \$20,000 fundraising goals. There are also plans to reveal a J. Arthur Morris Collection on Feb. 8, with details to be released next month.

To make a donation to Stay Gallery, log on to stay-gallery.com or e-mail info@stay-gallery.com.

Downey, WRD head to trial

DOWNEY – The cities of Downey, Cerritos and Signal Hill are heading to trial in their dispute with the WRD after a judge issued a ruling last week denying the water agency's argument that the cities do not have a right to a refund for allegedly illegal rate hikes.

A trial next year is expected to determine the size of a refund owed by WRD.

"We are pleased with the court's ruling and feel that it is the right thing to do for our city and our residents," said Mayor Mario Guerra. "As a city we stand for what is right and ethical and what WRD did was wrong on so many levels."

The three cities stopped paying their water bills more than two years ago, claiming that rate assessments by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California were illegal because they did not conform to Prop 218, which mandates that new taxes be approved by a two-third majority of voters or supported with a rate study.

The cities of Bellflower and Pico Rivera also stopped paying their water bills although they are not part of the lawsuit.

In April of 2011, the court ruled against WRD, ruling that its rate hikes violated Prop 218 because the new rates were initiated "without conducting a study to justify the proportionality of assessments to the services provided or allowing protests," Downey officials said.

City officials estimate that 40 percent of the average residential water bill is made up of WRD's allegedly illegal assessment.

A judge ruled in June that the WRD cannot shut down city water wells for non-payment.

The court will hold a case management conference on Feb. 7, where it is likely to set a trial date.

Soccer team raising money to play overseas

DOWNEY – Downey AYSO Region 24 is seeking donations from local businesses and residents to send its boys 10u travel team, Downey United, to international competitions.

In recent years, the team has played in tournaments held in Canada, Costa Rica and Hawaii. They will soon compete for a chance to play in a summer international tournament, with the location to be announced next month.

"It is with the help of generous community-minded businesses that we are able to provide great one-of-a-kind learning experiences to our travel team," said travel team coach Bruno Leal. "We look forward to partnering with interested Downey community members to continue to make the dreams of these young athletes possible here at home and beyond."

To learn about promotion and sponsorship opportunities, call team manager Paul Kim at (562) 391-7450 or e-mail paulswu@netzero.com, or contact team parent Francisco Ramos at (323) 514-8595 or fjrmosusa@yahoo.com.

Bank of America makes dreams come true for 43 families

• Bank volunteers ensure that Rancho families have a merry Christmas.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – When Santa Claus appeared at the Bank of America/Rancho Los Amigos Family Adoption Party last Wednesday at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, one precocious six-year-old boy raced completely around Café Amigos in the hospital's Support Services Annex building.

Nobody could catch him, because he was filled with joy. That was the prevailing mood at the 18th Annual Bank of America Holiday Family Adoption Event, where 43 Rancho families in need had their Christmas dreams come true. After enjoying a fantastic dinner they received presents that fulfilled their holiday wishes, bought and wrapped up for them by community volunteers from the Bank of America Branch that adopted them.

There were so many presents that they covered an area four feet high, five feet deep and 40 feet wide in Café Amigos.

"We are so proud of our community volunteers from branches throughout the greater Los Angeles area said Roger Ferguson, the Co-Chair of the Bank of America Community Volunteers program for

Southern California.

A longtime Rancho supporter, Roger works with Michele Quigley and dozens of other Bank of America community volunteers to help assure that every family gets just what they need for the holidays. "It's an honor to work with so many dedicated volunteers from throughout the Bank of America family. We all have a tremendous feeling of joy when we see the smiles from our adopted families as they get their gifts," he said.

Michele was one of the pioneers of the bank's help for the holidays at Rancho. "One father started crying and said we don't know how much a kind act like this can mean," Michele said. "I told him I completely understand, because my mother had five children and was on welfare. I know exactly what it's like to need help. Now that I'm in a position to help others, I've found it's much better to give than to receive."

Rancho is one of hundreds of organizations helped by the Bank of America Community Volunteer program, which has given nearly 50,000 hours of volunteer service throughout Southern California in 2012.

"This year, we had 61 families that needed help at the holidays, and Bank of America adopted over two-thirds of them," said Rancho Director of Volunteer and Support Services Debbie Tomlinson. "Bank of America has supported us since we started this program 18 years ago,



Photo by Diane & Greg Waskul

and the 43 families they adopted this year is the most in the history of the program," she added.

Adding up all its service to Rancho, Bank of America has been supporting the world-renowned hospital for 39 years. In 2007, the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation presented the bank with the hospital's highest honor, the Amistad Award for its

service to patient families in need.

"We also get strong support for the holiday adoption program from many other organizations, including Southern Wine & Spirits, Farmer John and Rancho Los Amigos Country Club," Debbie said. "This holiday season, volunteer passion has definitely been in fashion at Rancho,"

Michele perhaps summed up the feelings of all those who help Rancho at the holidays, and especially her colleagues at Bank of America. "I cannot express how much it means to me to be involved with Rancho, because it makes me understand just how blessed I am during this time of giving and caring."

City offices to close for holidays

DOWNEY – Several city facilities will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

The following facilities will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1: City Hall, the Downey City Library, Parks & Recreation, the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, Depot Transit Center, ASPIRE office, the Apollo Park gym and the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Offices and facilities will reopen with regular business hours on Jan. 2.

For more information, log on to downeyca.org.

Rose Float decorating starts next week

DOWNEY – Volunteers are invited to help decorate the Rose Float starting next week.

Decoration week is Dec. 26-31, with volunteers working daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The float is located on the south Rancho property at 13030 Erickson Ave.

For more details, go online to downeyrose.org.

WINTER WORSHIP GUIDE

You are invited to:
"A Christmas Celebration"
Dec. 23, 2012 @ 6:00 p.m.
A musical presentation by the F.S.B. Church of Downey Adults and Kids Choirs
Join us for a wonderful evening of music & refreshments.
FREE ADMISSION
First Southern Baptist Church of Downey
12382 Downey Ave, Downey, CA 90242 • (562) 869-6673

Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve
7:00 PM Monday, December 24
Christmas Service
10:00 AM Tuesday, December 25
Christ Lutheran Church
7707 Florence Ave • Downey 90240
562.927.4421 Rev. Nancy Hamm

GOOD SHEPHERD
Lutheran Church
13200 Columbia Way, Downey
562.803.4459
Join us for worship
Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm
Christmas Day at 10:00 am
New Years Eve 7:00 pm

Downey Memorial Christian Church
Sunday, December 23
Traditional Worship, 10:15 am
Praise Worship, 12:00 noon
Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:00 pm
8441 East Florence Avenue • 562.869.7291
Visit us at downeymemorial.org

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
10711 Paramount Blvd., Downey
(562) 923-1215
Christmas Eve
Candle Light Service
Monday, December 24
5:30pm

First Baptist Church of Downey
Family Christmas Eve Service
Monday 12/24/12 at 6:30 PM
Christmas Sunday Service
Sunday 12/23/12 at 9:15 AM
8348 3rd St. Downey, CA • (562) 923-1261

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve - Vigil Masses Thurs. Dec. 24th
5:00 pm — Children's Mass with School Choir
9:30 pm — Christmas Carols with combined Parish Choir
10:00 pm — Candlelight Vigil Mass with combined Parish Choir
12 Midnight — Misa de Gallo (en Español)
Christmas Day Masses Dec. 25th
7:00 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am
St. Raymond Catholic Church
12348 Paramount Blvd. Downey, CA 90242-3538
(562) 923-4509

First Presbyterian Church of Downey
A Multicultural Congregation
Dec. 16 SPECIAL CHOIR PRESENTATION 10 a.m.
Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE & PLAY 5:30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 11 p.m.
10544 Downey Ave. (& 7th Street) (562) 861-6752

Christmas Eve
Worship Service
Monday, December 24th
4:30 pm
You are invited to join with others in remembering the birth of Christ and in celebrating the real reason for the Christmas Season. At DFCC, the night before Christmas will be filled with candlelight, communion, music and message. Typically Christmas Eve has been a great opportunity for the family to spend time together at church during the holiday season, so make plans now to bring loved ones to an incredible December 24th service at 4:30 pm at Downey First Christian Church. There will also be a 10:00 am family worship service on December 23rd.
10909 S. New Street Downey, CA 90241
(one block north of the Krikorian Theater)
562-862-2438 (english)
562-862-7418 (español)



Broadway drama packs the house three nights running

• **REVIEW:** 'A Civil War Christmas' an authentic look at Christmas 1864.

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – Last weekend members of the First Baptist Church of Downey and the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church of Lynwood filled the house three nights in a row with their compelling performance of A Civil War Christmas.

Closing night alone saw nearly 600 people in attendance for this play by Pulitzer Prize-winning dramatist Paula Vogel. Some very inventive staging techniques were used to present the complex story in the church sanctuary.

Set in Washington on Christmas Eve, 1864, with a multitude of characters, the play is many things all at once: historical drama, passion play, musical, and pageant. If there is a central character, it is the Civil War itself and its underlying cause of slavery.

The play is not one story, but many, as it seeks to offer an ambitious snapshot of life in and around the capital as the armies on either side of the Potomac hunker down one bitterly cold evening toward the end of the war.

Vogel's themes are the large issues facing human society throughout the ages: finding and keeping hope amid murderous times, and the desire for revenge versus the cleansing liberation of forgiveness. And for Americans, Vogel highlights the question, "What does it mean to be a Christian?"

The multiple story lines (with flashbacks) weave and intersect up to a parallel climax with two children, one lost in the city and one

captured by Union forces, facing imminent death. The tension builds amid the striking counterpoint of the chorus singing the joyful African-American Christmas spiritual "Children Go Where I Send Thee."

While there was some trouble at times with hearing all of the dialogue, the amateur cast, directed by Lana Joy Wahlquist, did a remarkable job of conveying the essence of the various plot lines and the underlying emotions. Their efforts clearly brought forth a magical moment of theater. Twenty-seven people played a total of sixty-four characters, often switching costumes, and having to remember to change mannerisms and voice. The play includes real historical figures who interact with fictional characters in order to present a tableau of the effects of the war on all levels of society.

There was also cross-cultural casting, which Wahlquist says was partly from necessity, and partly from a desire to underscore our common humanity and unity as Americans. This was also done in the Broadway production.

Referring to her commitment to bring more theater to Downey, Wahlquist says, "We want to give people a whole range of communal experiences and help them realize the bond they share with one another."

Manny Garay had great presence as Decatur Johnson, a composite figure based on two Black union soldiers who received medals of Honor. Johnson is understandably filled with unrelenting rage after southern soldiers kidnap his wife from their farm, and he later learns of mass executions of captured Black soldiers. His vow to "Take No Prisoners" is put to the test in a shocking development when he must ask himself what it means to be a Christian.

Aimee Callegari interpreted the

real historical figure of Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave who bought her own freedom, and later became the seamstress and confidante of Mary Todd Lincoln. Keckley is haunted by the death of her only son George who died in battle as a Union soldier, and grief fuels her desperate search to find a young girl lost in the city before the child dies from exposure.

Jessica Perez presented a mature and poised performance as Jessa, the young girl lost and alone in a night of bitter cold.

Mack Rhinelander was magnificent as the crazed assassin John Wilkes Booth, who plots with others in the Surratt boarding house and stalks Lincoln on one of the holiest of Christian nights.

The staging of the play was similar to productions in New York and Boston. The setting was sparse, with only enough props to identify difference locations around the capital and the surrounding battlefields. Period costuming helped the audience keep track of the multiple characters as they moved in and out of the action.

The musical pieces are well-known songs from that period, and were specifically arranged as part of the drama. Music Director Pastor David Stanton led the musicians and chorus in a near-professional performance.

Being staged in a church rather than a theater made this production all the more remarkable. Wahlquist used various levels of platforms to separate different action and suggest movement throughout the city or in the countryside. Elizabeth Keckley's quilt-covered chair was positioned on a high platform over the church organ. Many of the characters had individual microphones, and general microphones were hanging overhead.



This particular production was guided by the Downey Arts Coalition, but it was funded by the First Baptist Church of Downey as a gift to the community. FBCD normally presents a performance every Christmas and Wahlquist has directed three in the past. But the scope and nature of this performance was unique.

All of the pastors performed in the play, and it was Pastor Rich Holt who provided access to the period costumes. Holt is a fan and participant in Civil War re-enactments and the Northern and Southern uniforms gave the play a very authentic look.

Wahlquist says that she is looking forward to other projects for Downey next year.



Photos by Andrew Wahlquist

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Credit union awards \$7,735 to Downey teachers

• Seventeen teachers have plans for grants issued by Downey Federal Credit Union.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A check for \$7,735 was presented to the Downey Unified School District office by Downey Federal Credit Union for distribution to the winners of the 2012 Student Enrichment Grants Program.

The program awards grants in varying amounts to teachers in both public and private schools in Downey whose envisioned projects for their students are adjudged especially noteworthy for their uniqueness and creativity in advancing the students' learning and enhancing their educational experience.

There were nine \$255 award winners: 1) Old River Elementary's Stephanie Hathaway—To replace their old table tennis wooden paddles with rubber-faced ones, for their physical education class; 2) Maude Price's Shelly Keele—To purchase toys and materials for thematic learning of special needs students; 3) Downey Adult School's Kelly Holt—To purchase a Wii system

to teach adults 55 years and older about proper ways to exercise; 4) Griffiths Middle School's Kellie Russell—To sew 'Burrito Baby' onto doll blankets to give as gifts to orphaned children in Guatemala; 5) Ward Elementary's Jackie Graves—To purchase Monarch caterpillar larvae for her 2nd grade science project showing butterfly life cycles; 6) Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Helen Alexander—To provide a field trip to the Lazy W Ranch Time Capsule; 7) Imperial Elementary's Diane Anderson—To purchase stability balls to heighten movement to promote alertness and develop core muscles; 8) East Middle School's David Hedden—To obtain CD's to help with educational songs for pre-Algebra classes; and 9) Rio Hondo Elementary's Naomi Griswold—To purchase materials for hands-on experiments for Science Discovery Day program.

The six \$555 award winners: 1) Downey High School's Brandy Ordway-Roach—To provide for a field trip to the Renaissance Faire to learn about the Elizabethan era and 'Hamlet'; 2) Columbus High School's Darren Peterson—For a field trip to Cal State Fullerton and Fullerton College for students to experience college; 3) Ward Elementary's Jami Piercy—To purchase T-shirts to reward 1st graders who know the first 100 sight words for reading; 4) Old River School's Jennifer Robbins—To provide Gator TV to involve students in writing scripts and editing news stories for broadcast purposes; 5) Old River School's Julia Wright—To purchase special books on mysteries, fantasy and science fiction for special learners; and 6) Columbus High's Robert Hecker—For a field trip to attend the Long Beach Opera pro-



Donald LaPlante, president of Downey Board of Education, accepts check from Barbara Lamberth, president/CEO of DFCU.

duction of "The Fall of the House of Usher."

The two big winners (\$1,055 grants each) were: 1) Warren High's Scott Lane—To build a greenhouse, grow and sell crops, and manage the money earned for his business class; and 2) Downey High's Michelle Napoli—For converting an office to a photo studio for the Yearbook and Online newspaper.

The awards have ending '55' digits to commemorate the credit union's 55 years of service to the community.

More than 75 teachers vied for the grants this year. Of the entries received, the 17 winners were chosen by a committee from the credit union. The grant money was distributed among the educators from each of the academic

levels: elementary, middle, high school and adult education.

In her brief acceptance speech, DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty said, "We can't thank DFCU enough for this yet another financial gift to help our teachers in their efforts to educate our children. We've had a long and beneficial relationship with the credit union."

DFCU president and CEO Barbara Lamberth said she hopes to increase the grant amounts every year.

Kari Volen, community education and development representative, added: "We are truly honored to sponsor the SEG program and give back to Downey educators, who initially founded the credit union."

Masonic lodge to install officers

DOWNEY – Downey United Masonic Lodge No. 220 will conduct its 143rd annual installation of officers Jan. 20 at the Downey Masonic Temple located on southwest corner of 3rd Street and Downey Avenue.

The ceremony starts at 2 p.m. and is open to the public.

The formation of the lodge began in 1871 when the area was still known as Los Nietos. It has met at its current location since 1923 and in its current building since 1966.

The fraternity's goal is "to make good men better. Membership in the fraternity is available to all good men and true who may apply for the purpose and may be found worthy."

This year's presiding officer, known as the worshipful master, will be Howard Phillips. He will be supported by the 390 members of this local lodge and 13 other elected and appointed officers, including Stephen White, senior warden; Szu-Yu Chang, junior warden; Bob Udoff, P.M., secretary; Gary Phillips, assistant secretary; Sergio Martinez, P.M., chaplain; Patrick Green, marshal; Jose Valdez, senior deacon; Raj Champaneri, junior deacon; Bill Wood, senior steward; Arturo Delgado, junior steward; Jesus Cosio, organist; and David McLintock, tiler.

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Letters to the Editor:

Downhill spiral

Dear Editor:

To those of you who believe President Obama is on the right path – we are in a terrible deficit mess and he is too busy to meet with those in Congress to try and work out a tax plan to keep us from, as it is termed, “going over the cliff.”

Of course, he’s busy getting ready for a three-week vacation at Christmastime in Hawaii. According to the Daily Caller on the Internet, it will cost taxpayers \$4 million or borrowed Chinese money. Travel is very expensive for them because he and Michelle always take two planes.

They have 54 Christmas trees at the White House. The president always wants us to give him our money to share with others; maybe they could share a few Christmas trees with the poor. I’m convinced he is either trying to take our country down or he didn’t learn in high school what debit and credit meant.

Every man, woman and child now owes \$400,000. Ready to pay your bill? We’re told by 2016 our debt won’t be over \$16 trillion but \$21 trillion. Do you realize President Obama wants to fund more “green energy”? Solyndra wasn’t enough. I never heard how many of the stimulus projects turned out. I never heard of the outcome of the project to find out why Chinese prostitutes drink so much or how many drinks college coeds must drink before they give in to sex or what a shrimp did on a treadmill. Did the frogs send a “thank you” for the bridge built for them with stimulus money? Now Obama wants more stimulus money. There are 47 million people on food stamps.

We are now giving foreign aid to 158 out of 191 countries -- including \$10.5 billion to Egypt – most borrowed from China and the rest from IMF. Because of Obamacare, 35,000 new government jobs will be created to handle paperwork, etc. and 16,000 new IRS employees to check on us. Right now 73 percent of new jobs are government-created. When we’re all under government edicts, it brings to mind the Nazi regime. Be mindful that they will all receive pensions, so we can borrow more money from China.

Please wake up and realize that we can’t afford this and many other mandated programs. The government wants money (taxes) – no cuts, except to our defense department budget. The Democrats won’t cut public TV or radio. Sandra Bluke, the 32-year-old college student at Harvard, can’t attract a man who can afford a condom but wants the government to support her expensive contraceptive habits. One wonders how she finds time to study! Then if girls don’t use contraceptives and get pregnant, they want the government (us) or the Chinese money to kill her baby and pay for it. We are a sick nation: killing babies, San Francisco having to make a law that men could not go into a restaurant and eat while nude, Mayor Bloomberg not letting people feed the poor because the food might have too much fat or salt in it. Because one person complained, “A Charlie Brown Christmas” movie couldn’t be shown.

Every year the ACLU and Freedom from Religion try to do away with anything to do with God, Jesus Christ and Christmas, not realizing that church was held in the place Congress met when our founding fathers established this country. We in California have the initiative process but it does no good. Prop. 187 was passed but not implemented and was turned over to a court. We passed a bill saying marriage was between one man and one woman – turned over to a court. Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act – turned over to a court. Now Washington and Colorado voted to legalize marijuana, but we have a federal law that supersedes it. Let’s see what happens.

We are going downhill not only financially but morally. Christians are not standing up for their beliefs and most of our government “leaders” are morally bankrupt. This is a very small list of the craziness that the people of the U.S. are allowing to happen and most don’t even know or care about it.

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Personal choices

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to Greta Campbell’s “Failing Grade for Mayor” rant (Letters to the Editor, 12/13/12).

Week after week I read her letters to the Patriot about the plight of the homeless in Downey. In her last letter she actually upped the number of homeless to 1,500. In prior weeks she wrote of 800 homeless.

Has Ms. Campbell personally taken a poll of the actual number? Also, her proficient writing skills make me wonder – is she employed? If not, she should be. Either as a consensus worker or advocate.

Ms. Campbell may think I am some “uppity Downey lady” with no understanding or compassion. Wrong. I spent years living on the edge. I ate very little for weeks until my minimum wage paycheck came. I had no family and few friends because I was ashamed of my situation. I knew in my heart that it was my responsibility to help myself.

I got a part time weekend job to supplement my weekly pay. Yes, I worked seven days a week.

I shopped thrift stores, never took a vacation and tried to save money. Some days I felt so depressed I didn’t know if I could go on. My motto was, “Tomorrow is another day – a better day.”

I guess I could have got food stamps but my foolish pride told me no. Now, 20 years later, I can look back and know that I can and will survive. I never let a soul know how much I was hurting. I felt it was my own responsibility due to the choices I made.

Mary J. Kemp
Downey

Christmas parade

Dear Editor:

This was the first year in a long time that it rained on the Downey Christmas Parade. As a participant for the last seven years with the Downey Bachelor and Bachelorettes Square Dance Club, I want to give a big “thank you” to all the people that stood out in the rain to cheer us on.

There were people with umbrellas and raincoats, and babies bundled into strollers covered with plastic and more umbrellas, just as if it were a bright, sunny day.

I saw the Downey queen and her court early in the day trying to stay dry and keep their dresses from touching the ground and getting soiled. Later after 3 p.m., when their float finally made it down the avenue, they were still smiling and as gracious as they had been earlier, only a lot more wet and chilled after hours of intermittent rain.

Thank you to the city of Downey and all the parade sponsors who work so hard to enable us to have an annual Christmas parade. My most heartfelt thanks goes out to the wonderful people of our community that were there for us, come rain or shine.

Merry Christmas to all!

Toni Emily
Downey

Gun control

Dear Editor:

The tragedy in Newtown, Conn., makes us all depressed and shocked, and our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

We should really not be shocked, however, because with 300 million guns on our streets in this country, continuing violence like this is inevitable. It will take many years to resolve this carnage as America has not yet matured from a wild west culture, as the nation is only about 260 years old.

European and Asian countries have witnessed untold violence over thousands of years but now have civilized gun control laws which have almost eliminated gun murders. Several years ago there was a similar incident in Scotland where 16 school children were murdered by a deranged individual which resulted in very strict gun laws and 165,000 guns were turned in by the population voluntarily.

The 2nd Amendment was written by wealthy slave owners 224 years ago when the country was an entirely different place. Automatic handguns and rifles did not exist. Slave ownership was considered lawful but the country changed that.

People in these other countries are happy to have strict gun control laws as do 53 percent of the United States. However, 43 percent resist this because they buy into the myth that owning a gun makes them safer. Statistics prove that you are 7 percent more likely to be killed if you own a gun. The mother of the killer in Connecticut was murdered by her own guns.

The 2nd Amendment says a “well regulated militia in the event of a national emergency is the criteria for gun ownership.” Private citizens are not well regulated.

Finally, there will be 48,000 murders in President Obama’s next four years and 134,000 children have been murdered on our streets in the last 30 years. Hopefully, this last tragedy will stop the rhetoric and finally get us out of the dark ages.

Colin Clarke
Downey

Enforcing handicapped parking

Dear Editor:

In reading the letters about handicapped parking, I believe the main issue was overlooked. No answer to the issue was given. The blame was put on everyone involved.

My answer: as in Los Angeles and other cities, the city’s parking enforcement department has a special unit used for handicapped parking violations. Downey would not have to create a unit dedicated to this issue because we already have one.

After Downey’s parking enforcement department is done with citing illegal street sweeping parking, their priority can be patrolling all city-owned parking lots. Private parking lots may be another issue but federal handicap parking laws apply to them also.

This action would free Downey police to respond to more serious calls. Illegal parking is considered a low priority in mostly all police departments.

I believe this would reduce illegal handicap parking, freeing the spaces for handicapped seniors, the medically handicapped and handicapped veterans.

It would also create much-needed revenue for the city of Downey.

Vince Diaz
Downey

Same old politics

Dear Editor:

This is in no way directed at the many dedicated teachers, government employees and administrators that are working many hours to help people and, in some cases, using their own money for supplies.

Gov. Jerry Brown promised us that if we passed his Prop. 30 to raise our taxes he would protect the fund for schools. Already he has failed us.

Gov. Brown was against this but it did no good because he could not stop the regents from giving the new UC Berkley president \$50,000 a year more than the outgoing person was making. He will make \$487,000 a year. He is also receiving a signing bonus and moving expenses, and on top of this we had to hire his professor wife for an additional salary.

Couldn’t we find a qualified person who would love that position for around \$250,000 a year?

I also heard that the California teachers union hired a Wall Street investor who lost close to \$552 million.

I live in Downey and we gave \$635,000 to our former police chief Roy Campos because in his 30 odd years of service he never took a vacation. That’s what I call working your way up.

Our California State Prison Authority who, because there is no money to build new prisons, has instituted an early release program. And they paid a psychiatrist over \$800,000 last year’s (that’s twice what the president of the United States makes) because he had so much overtime. He worked six weeks straight without a break. We couldn’t find a prison psychiatrist to relieve him?

As long as we keep re-electing the same people who keep doing the same thing and keep raising our taxes so they can spend our money on their friends to get the re-elected, it will never change.

Maurie Thomas
Downey

Justice for some

Dear Editor:

In 1971 I was sworn in as an American citizen. It was a proud moment for me.

Now I think the pledge should read: “I pledge allegiance to the flag for America and for the Republic for which it stands, one nation without God, with liberty and justice for some.”

Dieter Oltersdorf
Downey

Credit card surcharges

Dear Editor:

I love supporting small business, especially local business. However, I’ve noticed many tack on surcharges or convenience fees when consumers pay with credit cards.

I know this is against California state law according to civil code section 1748.1 Do they know it’s against state law? Does the city of Downey do anything to protect its local consumers?

I don’t feel it is wise to carry cash during the holiday shopping season. I now avoid making any purchases if there are convenience charges imposed. Not because I cannot afford an additional 45 cents but because I feel the retailers are aware of their deceitful and unethical practices and continue to defraud their customers.

We don’t need business owners like this in Downey.

Yulma Castro
Downey

Kids and chores

Dear Editor:

Dr. Wellborn’s article (“Kids Need Chores, Doctor Says,” 12/13/12) is full of statements I find offensive because of their negativity and mean-spiritedness. If I spoke to my husband the way Dr. Wellborn sounds in his article – “I’m not your maid.” “You helped create this mess, now get up and help clean it up” – how could I possibly expect to have a successful marriage? If I spoke to my young sons this way, how could I possibly expect them to want to be home and part of our family?

I chose to have my kids, meaning I invited them into my home. Why would I treat them so harshly? Would I speak to a guest in my home (someone else I invited) like this? Only if I wanted to chase them away.

Dr. Wellborn’s advice sounds more like the fast track to having so-called “typical” rebellious teenagers. How about demonstrating for your children how to work kindly and calmly together as a team to tackle normal household chores? Honestly, most chores can be done satisfactorily on the fly. And a perfectly clean, organized home can wait until your kids are grown and gone. Some kids will even pitch-in with some chores willingly, especially if they can see the benefit, like “Let’s wash these dishes so we have a clear space to bake cookies.”

Age and temperament have more to do with a kid’s interest in helping than whether a kid is forced under the premise of some ridiculous “time-honored parental expectations,” as Dr. Wellborn puts it.

Preparing your kids for the real world, as Dr. Wellborn refers to chores, is better accomplished by example. If your kids see your consistently behaving responsibly, showing personal obligation, organizing and prioritizing, demonstrating sensitivity to others (including them), pride in a job well done and self-sufficiency, they’re likely to follow in your footsteps, just as they’ll be likely to treat your grandkids badly if that’s how you’ve treated them. Think about it.

Judy Wyhowanec
Downey

Exercise instructor

Dear Editor:

For many years I have searched outside of Downey for a fun exercise class that would motivate me to make exercise a part of my life. I actually wasted these years because my search ended in my own city.

The city of Downey has an exceptional instructor teaching classes and his name is Carl Causly. He teaches old or young, small or large, beginners or advanced and is able to do it all at the same time in the same class.

Carl is very current in style, plays music to get your mind off the exercise and can be heard clearly over the music. He shouts out an exercise and shows how to increase or decrease the intensity. The best part is that the city offers these classes at a reasonable price.

Carl greets everyone with a great big smile and motivates all with his upbeat personality. It’s very obvious that he loves his job.

V. Prieto
Downey

Moral decay

Dear Editor:

America is so morally decayed and corrupt and it continues its downward spiral.

No longer are we privy to untold blessings. Instead, we have become Satan’s playground.

Issues such as gay/lesbian, same-sex marriage, free sex, athiests offended by Christmas scenes and, of course, the Sandy Hook tragedy, to name but a few, bombard us daily.

When people stop demanding their rights and do what is right, perhaps we will become a nation blessed again.

Beverly Smith
Downey

Support for Stauffer Elementary

Dear Editor:

I would like to add my support to the idea of naming an elementary school after Dr. Mary Stauffer.

As a member of the Warren High School robotics team, I have been greatly impacted by all of the contributions Dr. Mary Stauffer and her foundation to our engineering program. Because of Dr. Stauffer’s help, Warren Robotics was given the opportunity to compete and win a tournament in Las Vegas. Additionally, Dr. Stauffer’s actions have allowed me to expand my knowledge and love of engineering.

I am extremely grateful to Dr. Stauffer for all of her support, because if it weren’t for her and her foundation, Warren Robotics would not have been able to do all that it has done this year. I know that I speak for all of my teammates when I say “Thank You Dr. Stauffer!”

Bernabe Perez
Downey

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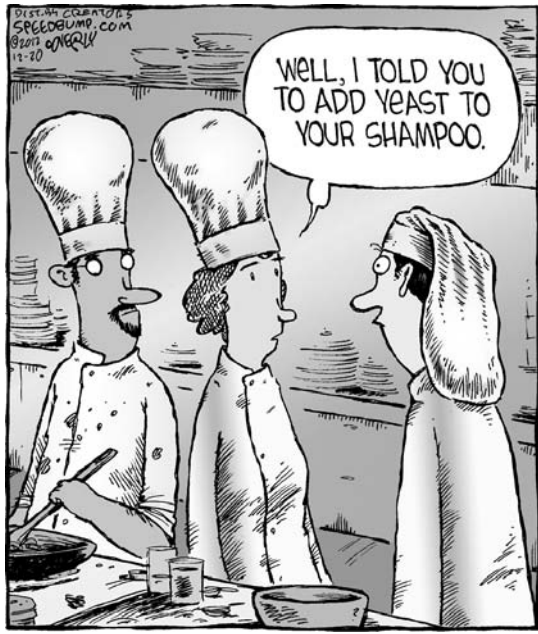
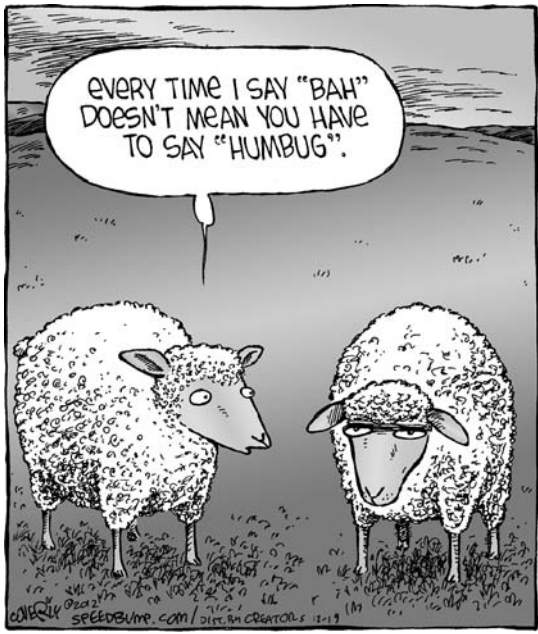
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For December

Wed. - Mon. Dec. 26 - 31: **Decoration week**, Rose Float site, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

City Meetings

- 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, 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 806-2100.
- 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 Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
- 6 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
- 6:15 p.m.: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
- 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 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 Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 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.
- 9:30 a.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 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.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
- 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.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 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, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: AAUW, Los Amigos Country Club.

On This Day...

Dec. 20, 1803: The Louisiana Purchase was completed as the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

1879: Thomas Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light.

1963: The Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

Birthdays: New York Mets third baseman David Wright (30), "American Idol" winner David Cook (30), actor Jonah Hill (29) and singer JoJo (22).

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Music community gathers to remember radio DJ

• DJ Tawn Mastrey remembered five years after her death from Hepatitis C.

DOWNEY – The Milky Way sparked over the venerable Columbia Memorial Space Center on Oct. 21 when the entertainment and rock community gathered to celebrate the life and career of veteran rock radio DJ Tawn Mastrey, who died in 2007.

The Minnesota-born on-air personality that helped ignite so many high volume campaigns during her nearly three decades on the radio was remembered by a colorful cast of characters committed to raising

awareness for Hepatitis C, the disease that took her life.

A robust silent auction raised funds for the Tawn Mastrey Foundation, the organization founded by Tawn's sister, Cara, devoted to stopping the spread of Hepatitis C.

In her remarks, Cara thanked Sir Richard Branson, founder of Virgin Group, for his words of encouragement, and Patrick Gurrola, who organized the event.

Cara's daughter, singer and songwriter Xaria Rose, performed a passionate set of rock classics with guitarists Dean Williams and Keli Raven.

Other notables in attendance

were Hollywood Reporter's Dianne Bennett, rock journalist and author Lonn Friend, musicians Carlos Cavazo, Robert Sarzo, Alan Krigger, Lanny Cordola, Nadir D'Priest, Ralph Reickerman, Simon Daniel and Chas West, vocalist Neil Turban, K-NAC's Rebecca McLaughlin, DJ Mike Stark, songwriter Skip Stanley, Allied Artists CEO Kim Richards, publicist Monica Wild, actor Matthew Harrison and journalist Adriana Rubio.

Veteran rock photographer and author Neil Zlozower donated dozens of signed books and Canter's Deli owner Marc Canter provided a festive array of delicacies.



The Rehabilitation Services and Wellness Center at Downey Regional Medical Center hosted its 23rd annual Christmas dinner last week. The dinner is held for current and past patients, along with their families and friends. As guests stood in line to fill their plates, the Warren High School Vocal Ensemble performed their renditions of old Christmas standards. More than 200 people attended the dinner, which was funded by donations from the department's staff.

Downey mayor buys online news site

• Mayor Mario Guerra takes over Downey Beat website.

DOWNEY – The Downey Beat is back with a new owner – mayor Mario Guerra.

Guerra confirmed this week that he purchased the site from Ben Baeder, who ran DowneyBeat.com until family obligations forced him to give it up in September. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

The site's new editor is John Zander, a local photographer and videographer who operated Reel Reel Entertainment until a stroke two months ago forced him into a different career path.

In a letter posted online Tuesday, Guerra said he will write a weekly blog "to sound off on the issues that I am concerned about" but political stories will be handled by Zander and Baeder, who is staying on "for a while" to help in the transition.

The re-launched site isn't expected to carry the hard-hitting style the Beat was previously known for under Baeder's control.

Instead, it will take a light-hearted approach, profiling local residents, students and business owners contributing to the Downey community.

"If you are asking why I am doing this, the answer is simple. I




John Zander and Mario Guerra.

love Downey and I love our community," Guerra wrote in his letter. "I have always said the more you know about our city and the people who make this a special place, the better we all are. With our 90-plus churches and 14 service organizations, we are a city of givers and a city of people who care. And this is what I want to showcase and highlight in the Downey Beat and help make Downey an even better place

for all of us." Guerra also downplayed competition between the Beat and the Downey Patriot.

"I love the Downey Patriot and look forward to it every week. That will not change," Guerra said. "The Downey Beat is a different community news and event outlet and it will continue to evolve based on the direction our community takes it."

–Eric Pierce, editor



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Laura and Jake are home for the holidays

• Young Rancho patients will spend Christmas Day at home.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – Rancho patient Laura Bonsell wheeled her wheelchair out of her hospital room and asked Santa for a simple holiday wish—to be home for Christmas. Jake Velasquez inspired hundreds of Rancho patients and staff and even artists from the LA Opera when he sang along as they performed holiday carols.

In the last two weeks more than 60,000 people read the stories of these amazing young Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center patients in the online edition of *The Downey Patriot*, making these the two most-read stories in the newspaper's 11-year history.

This week, each of these very special young people were involved in holiday magic that raised their hope for the holidays.

Laura's Christmas Dream

Santa's first Rancho appearance of the year on December 3, made with the Assisteens holiday carolers, set the stage for Laura to bring the meaning of the holiday season to life with her simple Christmas

wish.

After Santa visited her room, the excited 22-year-old came rolling out into the hallway, took a deep breath, looked Santa right in the eye and made her simple holiday wish: "Santa...all I want this year is to go home for Christmas, she said."

The Assisteens, their advisors, Santa and even the nursing staff were all choked up by Laura's emotional Christmas wish. Rancho's Pediatrics Department Chief Dr. Luis Montes later said that Santa had spoken to him about Laura, and Dr. Montes promised Santa that Rancho's clinical team would do everything they could to get Laura home before Christmas.

Last week, Santa sent flowers to Laura's Rancho hospital room along with a note telling her that she was in his thoughts and that he was working on her holiday wish. Then last Saturday, a true Rancho miracle occurred that reverberated all the way to the North Pole when Laura returned home for the holidays!

"I promised Santa that we would have Laura home for Christmas, and we made sure her wish came true," Dr. Montes said. "Now she is at home, sharing a most memorable holiday season with those who love her most."

Jake's Joyful Journey

A 6-year-old little angel in a power wheelchair stole the hearts of

LA Opera artists and their audiences during two special holiday performances at Rancho on December 5. Jake's determination to sing along with the stars touched the hearts of the hundreds of Rancho patients and employees who attended the two special performances, to say nothing of the LA Opera carolers.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," said LA Opera's brilliant soprano Karen Hogle Brown. "That incredible boy was singing along with every one of our carols, and he had such a beautiful smile on his face each time we finished a song."

Jake came to Rancho October 9 after being critically injured in a horrific rollover automobile accident. His injuries were so severe that he stopped breathing and had to be revived by paramedics. Jake suffered a major spinal cord injury that left him with quadriplegia.

At Rancho, Jake learned how to maneuver a power wheelchair and regained his ability to draw and paint despite a lack of fine motor control that prevented him from picking up objects. Jake progressed dramatically at Rancho. He quickly regained enough strength for his clinicians to discard the "halo" device that protected him after his devastating injury. He has also been weaned off his ventilator for up to eight hours.

Today, Jake completes his inpatient rehabilitation at Rancho and is

returning home to Bloomington in San Bernardino County. He will get to enjoy Christmas with his family, where his incredible smile, loving spirit and boundless enthusiasm will warm the hearts of those he loves most.

Rancho Recreation Therapist Julie Helgren traveled to Bloomington to meet with teachers and administrators at Jake's elementary school to clear the way for his return to the classroom. "Like everyone who knows him, the students and adults at his school love Jake," Julie said. "It was the best school visit I have had in my 29 years at Rancho."

Jake will be returning to school with his class on January 7, which completes his return to the community. In less than 3 months from the day he was rolled into Rancho with a halo on his head, this little angel will have created his own Rancho miracle!

"Laura and Jake have done more than make remarkable recoveries here at Rancho," Julie said. "They have brought the Spirit of Christmas to life in a way that has melted the hearts of many, many people this holiday season. In their own special fashion, each of these great kids have made the season of giving a lot more meaningful for everyone whose lives they have touched."

"On behalf of Laura and Jake, and all those at Rancho who worked so hard to make their Christmas miracles happen, we wish all our friends in the community an especially Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year," Dr. Montes said. "As you ponder your New Year's resolutions for 2013, dream big and always remember that if Laura and Jake can make their dreams come true, you can, too!"

FOUNDATION: financial support makes miracles possible

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to walk her around the Rancho campus and then teaching her to jog safely at a nearby park. Six weeks later, Katy could run!

Two years later she became the first double above-the-knee amputee to compete in an international track meet. She not only won, she set a world record in the 200 meters! This year, Katy's goal was to make the U.S. Paralympic Track Team in the 100 meters.

In her Paralympic trials race in Indianapolis, Katy trailed by 10 meters a third of the way through the race, but fought back with every stride and won the race as well as the opportunity to represent America at the Paralympic Games in London. She achieved her dream and set a new American record in the 100 meters in her category while racing before 80,000 people in London's Olympic Stadium!

"A gift to the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation keeps giving throughout the year to Rancho patients like Jamielyn, Rita and Katy," said Rancho Los Amigos Foundation President Consuelo Martinez. "The Downey Patriot has published many stories of how Rancho patients overcame their disabling illnesses and injuries to return to meaningful lives in the community. Donations by Rancho supporters make possible many of the programs that help fuel these achievements," she said.

For example, in October the Foundation co-sponsored the Rancho Women's Health Conference and helped fund the Spinal Injury Games and the Rancho Haunted House. In November, it was the Art of Rancho Exhibition and the Arts and Crafts Show. This month, the Foundation brought artists from the LA Opera to sing holiday carols for Rancho patients and staff, a program made possible by funding from Supervisor Don Knabe. Working with its partners in the community, the Foundation is also helping provide holiday turkeys and hams for patient families in need this holiday season.

Earlier this year, the Foundation provided Rancho with two ReWalk Exoskeleton robots (the first for any hospital in the Western U.S.) that are helping paralyzed Rancho patients walk again. It also works with Supervisor Knabe and Rancho clinicians on the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program, Performing Arts of Rancho, Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program and many more programs and services that help patients restore their self-esteem and learn to set and achieve personal goals.

"Making a gift to the Foundation is so easy, and it will make such a difference in helping our patients realize the power of their dreams," Connie said.

"Please think about the impact the Foundation has on the lives of patients like me, because without their support, I would not have been able to represent our country in the Paralympic Games in London this summer," Katy said.

"Without the assistance of the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, many of the special programs that got me back into college and back onto the track would not have existed," Rita said. "Today I am pursuing my dream of becoming a doctor, but that dream wouldn't have been a possibility if I hadn't had help along the way from the programs funded by the Foundation. I hope you will consider supporting the Foundation this holiday season, because every gift you give will help make a Rancho miracle for patients like me."

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Warren Bears with the Benson Memorial Cup.

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Bears win Benson Tournament

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' water polo team currently has an overall record of 6-4 and will begin league play in January.

The four Lady Bear losses have come against Rosary (Division II #10), La Serna (Division IV #2), Redlands East Valley and Dana Hills. These teams represent some of the best water polo schools in all divisions of C.I.F. The Lady Bears began their water polo season with eight games in six days.

"That was rough," Coach Cordero said. "Last minute scheduling changes forced that situation and we had to get through it."

Warren won the Benson Tournament where Kayla Casas was named the Tournament MVP and Jocelyn Castro, Melanie Weyers, Star Meza

and Whitney Pemberton were all selected for All Tournament First Team. In this tournament, the Lady Bears defeated Villa Park, Valencia, Dana Hills, Yorba Linda and Vally-halla of San Diego.

Coach Cordero is very pleased with the play of her goalies Whitney Pemberton and Graciela Salinas and maintains "our team has been lucky to have two solid goalies who can compete at the level of play we are at." Cordero further said that Jennifer Ortega "has been doing a superb job as one of Warren's primary two meter defenders" and that "Ortega has been making very good decisions on defense and she is finding her groove as a shooter on offense."

When the Lady Bears return from Christmas Break, they will play Mira Costa (Division III #4), Los

Osos (Division 2 #2) and participate in the always competitive Coronado Tournament. The Lady Bears will then focus on the start of the S.G.V.L. season and prepare for the C.I.F. playoffs.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Sports roundup

•The Warren High School wrestling team recently competed in two very large tournaments.

On Dec. 8 the Bears wrestled at the Long Beach Poly Jackrabbit Invitational and last weekend the Bears competed at the Downey Viking Invitational. Both tournaments featured some of the area's best wrestlers and introduced many in the wrestling community to some local grapplers that coaches need to keep an eye on.

Bear senior Andy Garcia (106) won both tournaments, at his respective weight class, and was impressive in doing so. Garcia decided Downey Calvary Chapel's Wyatt Gerl 6-4 to earn his second title in as many weekends. Garcia's overall record now stands at 16-2 and is widely considered one of the area's best wrestlers at his respective weight class. For Garcia's two titles in consecutive weekends, he has been selected as the Long Beach Press-Telegram's Athlete of the Week. Coach Brogden was very pleased with Garcia's tournament results and L.B.P.T. honor; but maintains it is not a huge surprise because he was an excellent wrestler last year as well.

Warren junior standout and team captain Darren Donate (126) finished in third place at the Downey Invitational but was hampered with a shoulder injury he sustained while finishing in second place the previous week at the Long Beach Tournament. Donate will need to rest his shoulder, while at the same time, maintain his conditioning this week if he wants to wrestle in the Mann Classic this weekend at Rancho Santiago Community College.

Area teams competing this weekend at the Mann Classic will include, but will not be limited to, Mayfair, Los Alamitos, Long Beach Poly and Warren. In all, 48 teams will be represented and many of the southland's most elite wrestlers will be trying to win their individual weight classes. There will certainly be several wrestlers who will potentially qualify for the state meet who will win their respective weight classes at the Mann Classic this weekend. Wrestling starts Friday and will conclude with the championship matches Saturday evening.

•The Downey High School wrestling team is currently ranked eighth by the Long Beach Press-Telegram as of Tuesday. Cross-town rival Warren is ranked fifth and Paramount is ranked ninth.

Downey competed in the Long Beach Poly Jackrabbit Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Dec. 8 and finished in tenth place over-

all. Valencia High School was the tournament champion.

Several Viking wrestlers placed and brought home medals for their efforts. Mark Lopez (106) placed seventh, Johnny Robles (113) placed seventh, Daniel Martinez (126) placed third and Juan Soto (160) placed second. Standout Anthony Florido (285) did not participate in this tournament because he had just finished winning a ring as the starting defensive tackle for the C.I.F. Southeast Division champion Viking football team.

Downey hosted the Viking Invitational Wrestling Tournament Dec. 14-15 in which 32 schools were represented. The Vikings finished in 13th place overall with 102 points. The tournament champion was Corona Centennial with 234 points. Anthony Florido (285), now back in wrestling, was named the TMI Upper Weight MVP after four decisive wins by pinfall and a bye. Mark Lopez (106) placed 7th, Ronald Casasola (120) placed 8th, Daniel Martinez (126) placed 7th, Juan Soto (160) placed 7th and as previously mentioned, Anthony Florido (285) was the tournament champion.

Downey will be busy over Christmas Break conditioning and working to get better. The S.G.V.L. will once again be very

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competitive as cross-town rival Warren and a resurgent Paramount squad will provide solid competition. I am certain Coach Soto and his wrestlers will be aiming to get back to another C.I.F. title match. The Vikings are four-time C.I.F. Finalists and have won two titles in the past four years.

•The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 6-4 and will begin league play Jan. 9 against cross-town rival Warren at Downey.

The Lady Vikings have had a busy preseason schedule in which valuable game time experience has been gained. The Lady Vikings finished 2-2 at the Downey Classic Tournament, 11/24-29, with wins over El Monte and Bellflower and close losses against Santa Fe and North Torrance. The Lady Vikings were also 2-2 at the Glenn/Norwalk Tournament, 12/5-8, with wins over Bishop Conaty-Loretto and Bell Gardens and losses against St. Paul and South Torrance.

More recently, the Lady Vikings defeated Cal High 48-26 on 12/11

and Immaculate Heart 67-27 on Dec. 13. Downey continued their pre-season schedule with a game against Norwalk at Downey yesterday (score unavailable at press time). The Lady Vikings will travel to San Diego December 26-29th where they will play in the San Diego Southern California Prep Classic. The Lady Vikings will play such teams as San Pasqual, Olympian and San Diego. The Lady Vikings will conclude their pre-season schedule with a home game against Bellflower on January 4th before they begin league play at home on January 9th.

Coach Harris maintains that some early losses were attributed to the Lady Vikings gaining experience at the varsity level. Harris is very pleased with the continued, consistent play of Tiffany Gilmore, Kristin Johnson, Maribel Coss, Nona Carter and Bukky Adefeso. Coach Harris concluded by saying that Downey's preseason schedule and game experience will serve the Lady Vikings well once S.G.V.L. play begins. Coach Harris and his players are looking forward to the start of the league season.

—Mark Fetter, contributor



The Downey United AYSO 10u team recently competed in the Cerritos Thanksgiving Tournament. To read about the team's fundraising efforts, see page 1. From left (top row): Jose Linares, Brandon Nguyen, Andrew Luna, Aldo Lucio, Kahikili Martinez, Axel Kim ; (bottom row) Nathan Morales, Edward Moreno, Justin Ramos, Kristopher Leal, Team Coach Bruno Leal. Not pictured are: Christian Casillas and Andres Varela.



Former Warren High School cross country champion Dani Moreno is making strides at UC Santa Barbara where she currently captains the Lady Gauchos NCAA Div. I cross country team. Moreno recently won the UCSB MVP award for the 2012 season after leading the Gauchos to a third place finish at the Big West Championship in Riverside, where she placed sixth. She also won the All Big West Conference award in the 6,000 and 10,000 meter runs and was recognized as the school's athletic department as a Scholar Athlete for 2012. Moreno and other Gaucho distance runners are now gearing up for the 2013 track season. Moreno majors in World Studies and is considering a career in federal law enforcement.

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The production, organizers said, features “marvelous dancing with suspense, comedy and acrobatics.”

After Clara’s mysterious uncle Drosselmeyer concocts his magic at the party and Clara battles the fierce Mouse King and his army of eight giant mice, the audience will visit a magical winter wonderland with snowflakes in a flurry of white tulle and falling snow.

The production features Russian performers Lilia Babenko and Youri Nelzine in a dazzling Russian dance. Babenko and Nelzine, both born in Moldavia, an Eastern European region near Romania, received their training in Russian and Eastern European folk dance at the School of the State Academic Folk Dance Ensemble. Upon graduation, they joined the performance company and quickly rose to the ranks of principal dancers.

Touring throughout Europe and the former Soviet Union, Nelzine and Babenko became known for their acrobatic elements in their solo dances.

This weekend will be no different, with the audience treated to a whirlwind of uplifting music and dance.

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Heber Da Silva passes away at 76

DOWNEY – Heber “Berito” Da Silva, a Downey resident for more than 33 years, passed away Dec. 10. He was 76.



He was born April 5, 1936 in Vichadero, Uruguay. He was the second born, having one younger and three older sisters, all preceding him in death.

Da Silva immigrated to the United States in 1960 and would settle in New York. He was married in 1962 and had two children.

Together with his wife and kids he moved to California in 1979. He worked as a painter for 52 years and owned his own business for the majority of that time. He also played soccer and belonged to several club teams.

He and his wife, Olga, celebrated their 50th anniversary this year, a celebration made more special because Da Silva was the recipient of a heart transplant nearly 20 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Olga; daughter, Mariela Da Silva; son, Herb (Ana) Da Silva; and grandsons, Tommy, Ricky, Andy and Christian.

Services were held Dec. 16 at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Protecting our kids: a call to action

By Jarad Sanchez

The tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School this past week has put child safety at the forefront of the American consciousness. There has never been a more violent or dangerous period for children in the U.S. since the Civil War and many children find themselves under attack nearly every day. This tragedy exposed just how vulnerable our children really are.

Suffice it to say that action must be taken to prevent and curtail violence against children at school, in their neighborhoods and even in their own homes. We must look at gun violence and why irresponsible and dangerous people have such easy access to them. We must look at gang violence and ask why gangs flourish from generation to generation despite every effort to curtail them. We must also look to examine domestic violence, why it persists and how to stop it cold.

Indeed there is no greater threat to children today than an abusive parent. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that between 1,200 and 1,500 children die each year from child abuse and neglect.

Sadly, Health and Human Services also reports that they believe that number could be double because local law enforcement and child protection agencies across the nation report the cause of death as something other than abuse. To put those numbers in perspective, more children have died from child abuse in the U.S. since 2001 than have American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. The status quo on child safety is no longer acceptable.

So what can we do to stop the madness? Who can we call to assist us? How can we keep our kids safe? It is true that in the coming weeks and months, our legislative leaders will offer solutions that we all hope will end the insanity or at least reduce it dramatically. And there will be much debate as to what the source of the dangers are and how best to preempt it. But one piece of legislation worthy of our consideration is House Resolution 3653, the Protect our Kids Act of 2011. The Protect Our Kids Act would create a national commission whose expressed purpose would be to identify the means to prevent fatalities due to child abuse

and neglect. Some of the areas of interest to the commission include identifying the factors that contribute to or encourage child abuse as well as getting rid of the bureaucracy that prevents law enforcement and child welfare professionals from identifying parents who pose a danger to their children. The bill also requires that the nation's most effective child abuse prevention programs and policies be identified so that states and counties can replicate them nationally.

Legislation like the Protect Our Kids Act has already proven it can work. A recent study indicated that the number of child abuse deaths in some states was significantly reduced as a result of simply updating their reporting practices and data systems. The commission will dissect exactly what these successful states did and show law enforcement and others how they can replicate this success locally.

If we are truly serious about protecting children, we must not wait for another tragedy to take action. We must push our leaders, our neighbors and even ourselves to declare that no other child will suffer at the hands of a belligerent adult, not if we can help it. Let not another mother cry at the loss of her child. Let us, all of us, stand up for children. Let us act today!

Jarad Sanchez is a Downey resident and 2005 Reebok International Human Rights Award nominee. He is a Master's of Social Work candidate (2013) at the University of Southern California.

Resident working to help homeless

DOWNEY – Local resident and business owner Marcela Arrieta is collecting toiletries and non-perishable goods through Dec. 31 to benefit Mercy House, a walk-in center that provides food and services to the homeless.

Acceptable items for donation include shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder detergent, razors, feminine products, infant diapers (size 3 is most common) and instant food items.

To donate, call Marcela at (562) 869-2311 or e-mail marcela.dht@gmail.com.

Students surpass toy drive goal

SANTA FE SPRINGS – St. Pius X Parish School recently completed its annual community service project in support of the Spark of Love campaign.

With the support of school families, staff and parishioners, students were able to collect more than 100 toys and various sports equipment for underserved children and teens in Los Angeles and surrounding counties.

“The enthusiasm and generosity of our students and parishioners never ceases to amaze me,” said principal Greg Climaco. “Each year we are able to collect more gifts, and so share the joy of Christmas with other children in need. It is just one of many worthy projects our student council has identified in our year-round program to help others in our community.”

Beginning in January, students at St. Pius X will begin collecting spare change in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Greater Los Angeles. To donate, call Tricia Aguirre at (562) 864-4818.

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First and foremost, Cara sends special thanks to Sir Richard Branson of Virgin Management Limited for his words of encouragement and to the brain child of the Space Center event, Patrick Gurrola. Cara's daughter, singer/songwriter, Xaria Rose performed a passionate set of rock classics with guitarists Dean Williams and Keli Raven. Other notables in attendance were Hollywood Reporter's Dianne Bennett, rock journalist/author, Lonn Friend, musicians Carlos Cavazo, Robert Sarzo, Alan Krigger, Lanny Cordola, Nadir D' Priest, Ralph Reickerman, Argentinean singer, Simon Daniels, Chas West, vocalist Neil Turban, KNAC's Ravishing Rebecca McLaughlin, DJ Mike Stark, songwriter Skip Stanley, Allied Artists CEO, Kim Richards, publicist Monica Wild, actor Matthew Harrison and journalist Adriana Rubio.

Veteran rock photographer/author Neil Zlozower donated dozens of signed books and Canter's Deli owner Marc Canter provided a festive array of delicious delicacies.



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Request for Proposal #2012/2013-01 Long Distance Voice Services (E-Rate)

Sealed proposals must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 100, Downey, CA 90241 between 11:00 AM on Monday, January 14, 2013.

Companies interested in submitting a proposal may obtain the documents on the District's website at www.dusd.net, or should request a printed proposal document from the Purchasing Department, (562) 469-3500, ext. 6532

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. No proposer may withdraw their proposal for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days after the date set for the receipt of proposals. Refer to the Request for Proposal documents and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SANTIAGO N. RODRIGUEZ aka JAMES N. RODRIGUEZ Case No. P014632

To all heirs, beneficiaries, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SANTIAGO N. RODRIGUEZ aka JAMES N. RODRIGUEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Santiago M. Rodriguez, the Superior court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Santiago M. Rodriguez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held January 08, 2013 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. L located at 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0228500 Doc ID #00070649562005N Title Order No. 12-047456 INVESTOR/INSURER No. 097973450 APN No. 8050-024-011 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/17/2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS 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 ALMA CASTELLANOS, SINGLA AND WEN Y WU, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 03/17/2005 and recorded 3/30/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0728193, in Book n/a, Page n/a, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/17/2013 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 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: 13008 ELMCROFT AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$409,400.63. 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 Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Deed of Trust executed by said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15502 WILDER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in 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.

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APN: 8082-028-016 TS No: CA05000815-12-1 TO No: 6553077 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 12, 2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 17, 2013 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom at Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC FINANCIAL INC., d/b/a TRUSTEE CORPS, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on March 26, 2008 as Instrument No. 20080516315 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by YH FINANCIAL INC. AND WEN Y WU, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) as Lender and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC as nominee for lender, successors and assigns, 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 heretofore described as being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15502 WILDER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$305,117.9 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal 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 Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstruct.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0228500. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91357. Phone: (800) 281-8219. Sale Information (626) 469-3500. 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. A-4341061 12/20/2012, 12/27/2012, 01/03/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0066990 Doc ID #000724798552005N Title Order No. 11-0053277 Investor/Insurer No. 1704056981 APN No. 6263-005-020 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/25/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GLORIA M. MORAN, MARGARET W. WOOD AND JAMES M. WOOD SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 05/25/2007 and recorded 6/1/2007, as Instrument No. 20071329179, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/17/2013 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: 8734 RUPP ROAD, 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 \$264,061.99. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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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 \$264,061.99. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, 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 Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Deed of Trust executed by said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8734 RUPP ROAD, DOWNEY, CA, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/10/2013 at 09:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 11/15/2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 06 2525236, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: ROBERTO SABORIO, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, FORTITUS ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) ACTING SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, BEAR STEARNS RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, as provided by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) as 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 and as more fully described in the attached map: \$581,643.00 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 12937 SAMOLINE AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6245-027-012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by overnight facsimile; or by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12/17/2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee DEREK WEARENNE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop, CA-2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311-4379. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING BIDDING ON THIS PROPERTY, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE RISKS INVOLVED IN BIDDING AT A TRUSTEE AUCTION. YOU WILL BE BIDDING ON A LIEN, NOT ON THE PROPERTY ITSELF. PLACING THE HIGHEST BID AT A TRUSTEE AUCTION DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLE YOU TO FREE AND CLEAR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE LIEN BEING AUCTIONED OFF MAY BE A JUNIOR LIEN. IF YOU ARE THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE AUCTION, YOU ARE OR MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING OFF ALL LIENS SENIOR TO THE LIEN BEING AUCTIONED OFF, BEFORE YOU CAN RECEIVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVESTIGATE THE EXISTENCE, PRIORITY, AND SIZE OF OUTSTANDING LIENS THAT MAY EXIST ON THIS PROPERTY BY CONTACTING THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE OR A TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, EITHER OF WHICH MAY CHARGE YOU A FEE FOR THIS INFORMATION. IF YOU CONSULT EITHER OF THESE RESOURCES, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SAME LENDER MAY HOLD MORE THAN ONE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST ON THE PROPERTY. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following three companies: LPS Agency Sales & Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting & Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), or auction.com at 1-800-280-2832 or visit the Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. P1006050 12/20, 12/27, 01/03/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 8053-036-023 TS No. CA09002713-12-1 TO No. 5908221 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED June 21, 2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 3, 2013 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom at Doubletree Hotel, Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC FINANCIAL INC. dba TRUSTEE CORPS, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on June 30, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 1543772 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by CALVIN TRONG TRUONG, AN

UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of EZ FUNDING CORPORATION as Lender and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for Lender, its successors and/or assigns, 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: LOT 55, OF TRACT NO. 16200, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 360, PAGES 12 THROUGH 17, INCLUSIVE, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPTING THEREFROM ALL MINERALS, GAS, OIL, PETROLEUM, NAPHTHA AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES, IN AND UNDER SAID LAND LYING BELOW A DEPTH OF 100 FEET FROM THE SURFACE, WITH OIL IF HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF SURFACE ENTRY, AS RESERVED OR EXCEPTED IN DEED(S) OF RECORD. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is: 14013 SYLVANWOOD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$281,365.71 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 or visit the Internet Web site address on the previous page for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09002713-12-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: December 3, 2012 TRUSTEE CORPS TS No. CA09002713-12-1 7100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Lupe Tabla, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL AUCTION.COM at 800.280.2832 TRUSTEE CORPS MAY BE ACTING AS DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TO THE EXTENT YOUR ORIGINAL OBLIGATION WAS DISCHARGED, OR IS SUBJECT TO AN AUTOMATIC STAY OF BANKRUPTCY UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE, THIS NOTICE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND/OR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR TO IMPOSE PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR SUCH OBLIGATION. HOWEVER, A SECURED PARTY RETAINS RIGHTS UNDER ITS SECURITY INSTRUMENT, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO FORECLOSE ITS LIEN. A-4337102 12/06/2012, 12/13/2012, 12/20/2012

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APN: 6359-013-001 TS No: CA08000715-12-1 TO No: 120252734-CA-BFI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 18, 2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 7, 2013 at 09:00 AM, behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA, MTC FINANCIAL INC. dba TRUSTEE CORPS, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust

Recorded on February 1, 2005 as Instrument No. 050243921 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by OLGA RAMIREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, A FEDERAL ASSOCIATION, 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. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9603 RICHOEN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Deed of Trust, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$514,056.43 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Priority Posting and Publishing at 714-573-1965 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address on the previous page for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000715-12-1 7100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Tina Godoy, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL AUCTION.COM at 800.280.2832 TRUSTEE CORPS MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1007292 12/13, 12/20, 12/27/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-028915 Doc ID #000164494842005N Title Order No. 08-8-125997 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 6249-006-014 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/05/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SUSANA GARCIA, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 04/12/2007 and recorded 4/19/2007, as Instrument No. 20070940856, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: MARIA TERESA FRANCO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(d), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/09/2013 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA, STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8606 CHARLONA DRIVE, DOWNEY,

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 \$967,356.35. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$514,056.43 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 08-028915. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91357. For more information, call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 08-028915. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-16-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/23/2008 as Instrument No. 20080917503 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: MARIA TERESA FRANCO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(d), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/09/2013 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA, STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8606 CHARLONA DRIVE, DOWNEY,

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drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 80, OF TRACT NO. 14810, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 368, PAGE(S) 30 TO 32 INCLUSIVE, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$409,433.66 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8608 NADA STREET DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6258-012-037 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-19-2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee DEREK WEARENNE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop, CA-2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311-4379. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING BIDDING ON THIS PROPERTY, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE RISKS INVOLVED IN BIDDING AT A TRUSTEE AUCTION. YOU WILL BE BIDDING ON A LIEN, NOT ON THE PROPERTY ITSELF. PLACING THE HIGHEST BID AT A TRUSTEE AUCTION DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLE YOU TO FREE AND CLEAR OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE LIEN BEING AUCTIONED OFF MAY BE A JUNIOR LIEN. IF YOU ARE THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE AUCTION, YOU ARE OR MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING OFF ALL LIENS SENIOR TO THE LIEN BEING AUCTIONED OFF, BEFORE YOU CAN RECEIVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVESTIGATE THE EXISTENCE, PRIORITY, AND SIZE OF OUTSTANDING LIENS THAT MAY EXIST ON THIS PROPERTY BY CONTACTING THE COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE OR A TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, EITHER OF WHICH MAY CHARGE YOU A FEE FOR THIS INFORMATION. IF YOU CONSULT EITHER OF THESE RESOURCES, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE SAME LENDER MAY HOLD MORE THAN ONE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST ON THE PROPERTY. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following three companies: LPS Agency Sales and Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting and Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), or auction.com at 1-800-280-2832 or visit the Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4338799 12/20/2012, 12/27/2012, 01/03/2013

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Nursery school ensures book drive is a success

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union has sponsored a November book drive to benefit Downey elementary school students for the last seven years and, once again, the credit union recently received a pleasant surprise from a neighboring school.

For the second consecutive year, Margot Villa, director of Downey United Methodist Nursery School, encouraged students to contribute books to help other children. The

donation from children and their parents made a “huge difference” in the number of books donated to Old River Elementary School, the credit union’s second adopt-a-school.

“Thanks to the generosity of Downey United Methodist Nursery School, the number of books collected increased from 70 to 170 new books, suitable for children ages 5 to 10 years old,” credit union officials said.

The nursery school children,

accompanied by their parents and teachers, dropped the books into a collection bin. The book donations created quite a line-up of well-wishers at the credit union’s front entrance at New and 3rd streets.

Kirby Kangaroo, the credit union’s youth account mascot, greeted the children as they made their donations.

“Downey United Methodist Nursery School, DFCU members and staff have truly embraced the gift of reading by donating books for others,” said Kari Johnson, the credit union’s community education and development representative. “By providing books for well-deserving Downey youth, the credit union helps children learn to read, the first and most important step in learning.”

“The children understand the spirit of giving and helping those less fortunate than themselves in the community,” Villa added.



Vanessa Buenrostro, a fifth grader at Rio Hondo Elementary, was presented a Citizenship Award on behalf of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club.

It’s Christmastime! Rejoice, reuse and recycle

• Make Santa Claus proud by recycling your Christmas packaging.

By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

DOWNEY – With the Christmas holidays comes some of the year’s heaviest buying—\$147 billion in the ten days before Christmas last year, according to James Covert of the New York Post. Worldwide, MasterCard holders used their cards an average of 4 million times per hour during peak hours on Black Friday this year. At their heaviest, transactions took place at the dizzying pace of 1,200 per second.

Those holiday goodies come with a lot of paper, plastic, and other kinds of packaging. And it turns out December accumulates more trash than any other month of the year. Santa, bless his heart, delivers everything without using fossil fuel. (We do hope he composts the byproducts of his chosen mode of transportation.) And lastly, good ol’ Saint Nick models the “REUSE” maxim by always wearing the same suit.

In that spirit, there’s a lot we too can do this holiday season to extend the life of our precious resources. First, if you haven’t finished all your shopping yet, you can embrace Santa’s “REUSE” ethic by picking up some creative gifts at thrift and secondhand stores.

But let’s say you’ve bought all those gifts, and you and your family are just waiting expectantly for the sound of reindeers clip-clopping on your roof. In Downey, CalMet

Services has made things easier by providing single-source recycling, so we can focus on the celebration without having to sort out every little thing. But we CAN help them out by using a little care in how and what we recycle. So after all the gifts are opened, here are some ideas about what to REUSE or recycle this Christmas:

Recycle clean cardboard. Unless of course you’re going to REUSE the boxes. (If you’re really diligent, you could recycle the clean tops of used pizza boxes, though not the greasy bottoms.)

Gift boxes, of course, can be recycled too, the ones that use the same type of paperboard as cereal boxes. (You’re recycling those already, right?) Again, you could also put that box in your collection to REUSE for another gift next year.

When you’re finally done with the Christmas leftovers, instead of throwing them in the trash, compost your food waste. By the way, if you’re already composting, Christmas tree needles, which are acidic, can be used in your compost to balance out the alkaline content.

As for wrapping paper, you will need to sort out the paper with plastic or metal content and put that in the trash. The rest can be recycled in the CalMet blue bin, or shredded and saved for later use as protective packaging for future gifts. You can also use wrapping paper, as well as old newspaper, for streak-free window cleaning. Kids can use wrapping paper for origami.

Christmas cards can be cut up into squares or rectangles to be REUSED as gift tags or bookmarks. They can also be saved as card stock for craft projects.

If you’re getting rid of old Christmas lights—perhaps upgrading to LED’s—the copper in those wires can be separated at electronics recycling facilities, such as CalMet’s in Paramount.

And last but not least, CalMet has traditionally recycled Christmas trees for Downey residents, which get a second life as mulch.

You can find out more about recycling at earth911.com, an American company which “specializes in providing consumers with accessible and actionable recycling information across the country.” In addition, this author borrowed a number of suggestions from the UK site, “How Can I Recycle This?” at recyclethis.co.uk/recycling-at-christmas.

So Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Rejoice, REUSE, and Recycle! And make Santa proud!



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CRIME REPORT

Thursday, Dec. 13

At 8:50 a.m., two males entered a home in the 10900 block of Hasty, when they were confronted by the resident inside. The two suspects fled through a window and ran to a vehicle driven by a third suspect. The victim was not injured. Detectives are investigating.

At 11:00 a.m., a Downey resident parked his vehicle in the parking lot of Coffee Bean at 8550 Firestone. While he was inside the business, suspect(s) smashed his passenger side window and stole a bag containing a large amount of US currency. Detectives are investigating.

Friday, Dec. 14

At 1:30 p.m., a female victim was walking in the area of Lakewood and Imperial when she was approached from behind by a male who forcibly pulled a necklace and medallion from her neck. The victim struggled with the suspect and was able to get her necklace back, but the suspect ran away with her medallion. The victim was not injured. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, Dec. 15

At 5:05 a.m., a group of five females and one male entered the Rite Aid on Firestone. While inside, the suspects concealed several items in their purses before attempting to leave. A security guard attempted to block their exit, but was pushed away by the group. The suspects entered a vehicle and drove away. It is believed that these suspects are responsible for similar crimes in San Diego and Long Beach. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by the Downey Police Department



The Blackout, a 14u Downey Ponytail fall softball team, finished their season 16-4, wrapping things up by competing in a local Toys for Tots tournament this past weekend where they finished in fifth place.



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