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## Matriarch, political activist Lucille Roybal dies at 95

• Mother of Downey congresswoman dies in her sleep; funeral is Friday.

**DOWNEY** – Lucille Beserra Roybal, the mother of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, died peacefully in her sleep Dec. 23, family members announced Wednesday. She was 95.

A viewing was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 3, from 3-8 p.m., with a Rosary at 6:30 p.m., at Calvary Mortuary Chapel and Cemetery in Los Angeles. The funeral Mass and interment will take place 11 a.m. Friday at the same location, with a reception to follow at Stevens Steakhouse in Commerce.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Roybal Foundation, 5253 E. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90022-2020.

Roybal was born on Jan. 5, 1917 in Los Angeles to Manuel Albert Beserra and Prudenciana Moreno Beserra. She was the third child of four siblings and was raised in Boyle Heights. Her father was a house painter and her mother a homemaker. Both of her parents instilled in their children the value of education and encouraged academic excellence, as well as the value of justice for all.

Her ancestral lineage included Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo (4 July 1807- 18 January 1890) the noted Californio military commander, politician, and rancher.

Roybal was a graduate of Roosevelt High School. She married Congressman Edward R. Roybal in September, 1940. Edward and Lucille Roybal had three children: Lucille, Lillian and Edward, Jr. They were married 65 years, until his passing in 2005.

Roybal's community involvement included the co-founding of the Community Service Organization (CSO), serving as one of the first Latina registrar of voters in Los Angeles. In addition to being a political activist and integral leader within Mr. Roybal's Los Angeles City Council and Congressional campaign team, she lent her time, energy and leadership to various grassroots and community based causes throughout her life. This included being an outreach representative on behalf of the Well Baby Clinic, the Red Cross and other public health and charitable organizations.

In recognition of her contributions to the Boyle Heights community, the City of Los Angeles named the Lucille Beserra Roybal Family Source Center in her honor. In 1993 and 1996 the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and



MANA (a national Latina advocacy organization) respectively honored Roybal with their highest award for her tireless dedication to the Latino community both in Los Angeles and nationwide. "Roybal was a Latina pioneer, an icon, visionary and a true leader of service," the Roybal Foundation said in a statement. "Her passing will reverberate throughout the Chicano/Latino community, and her spirit and works will stay with us forever."



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## Mayor spends NYE in hospital with detached retina

• Mario Guerra on bed rest after emergency eye surgery at UCLA Medical Center.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Mayor Mario Guerra spent New Year's Eve in a Los Angeles hospital after undergoing emergency surgery due to a detached retina in his previously "good" eye.

Guerra had a similar procedure on his other eye four years ago.

Guerra said he "felt a little strange" in his eye Sunday night and went to Downey Regional Medical Center as a precaution. He was transferred to see an eye specialist at UCLA Medical Center.

Due to the holiday, Guerra had to wait nine hours to be seen, according to the Downey Beat. The surgery was delayed even more af-

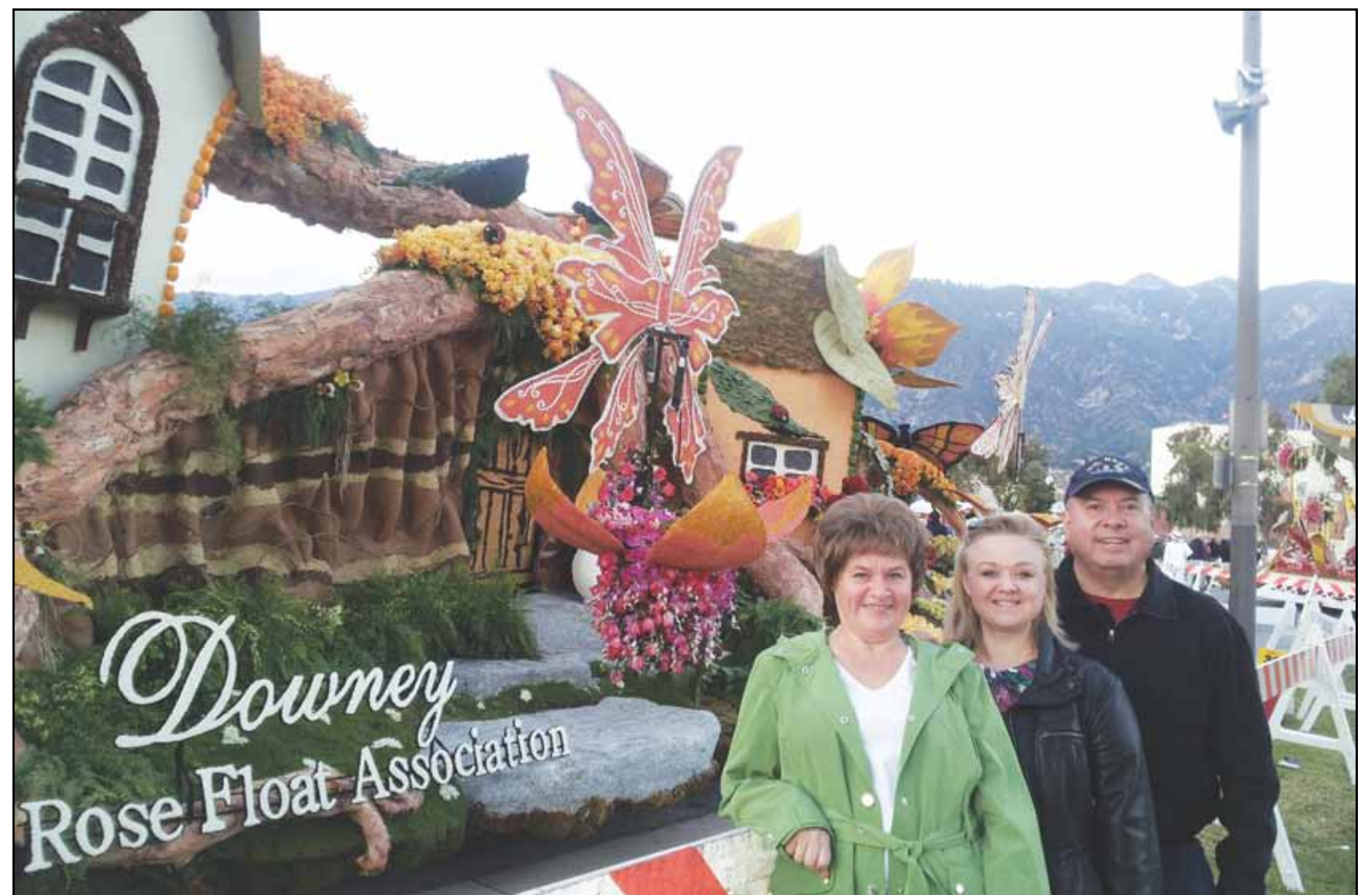
ter Guerra ate a candy bar.

The surgery was successful although Guerra is on bed rest and in pain. He has full use of one eye but "close up everything is a blur."

"Ann [his wife] and I spent the New Years Eve alone, and yet together as the clock struck midnight waiting for surgery room," Guerra told the Beat. "I am very grateful for the doctors. Very grateful for family, very grateful for prayers from so many and know I am on my way back. Set back but still blessed and I am so lucky to have such a support team. Thank you to all."

Guerra said he plans to preside over Tuesday's City Council meeting and insisted that the surgery will not force cancellation of his "Healthy Downey" initiative. As mayor, Guerra is promoting a health agenda to get Downey residents more healthy and active.

He has scheduled bi-weekly community walks, the first of which is scheduled for Wednesday.



Downey resident Jim Avila went to Pasadena on Jan. 1 to see the Rose Parade floats in person, taking along his wife, Natalia, and mother-in-law, Olga, who is visiting from Orenburg, Russia. "Olga, as well as the both of us, were very impressed with the variety of flowers and craftsmanship it took to create, build and arrange each float for the parade presentation," Jim said. "We were especially taken with the Downey float as we are residents of Downey and were proud to be represented at such a majestic international event."

## Downey rose float seen by millions

• Hundreds of volunteers help put together Downey's entry in Tournament of Roses Parade.

By Henry Veneracion  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Having won a trophy (be it the Founder's Trophy or the Lathrop K. Leishman) for its floats each of the past four years, it was only natural for the members and volunteers—averaging 300 a day commencing the day after Christmas—of the Downey Rose Float Association to expect a fifth consecutive winner.

After all, the same imagina-

tive team (Tom Neighbors, Jason Redfox, Jeff Shattuck, and current DRFA president Kelley Roberts) that was responsible for winning another Founder's Trophy last year also dreamed up this year's design, "Dew Drop By." The association had lavished the same loving care as was their wont all these years and decorated the float this year with 4,000 orchids and some 12,500 roses, along with thousands of square feet of marathon grass and moss as well as other materials—with a value totaling \$22,000—and costing \$12,000 to construct.

But, alas, there was no high-fiving this time as DRFA's float entry, "Dew Drop By," depicting a field of fairies, failed to impress the Tourna-

ment of Roses judges.

As the saying goes, "You can't win 'em all."

The cycle which governs the Tournament of Roses Committee of Pasadena schedule will begin anew, in a week or two, with the announcement of next year's Rose Parade theme. DRFA in turn will call for the submission of entries in consonance with the theme. The three best ideas/designs picked out by DRFA will then be forwarded to the Pasadena tournament committee, which will pick the best design of the three.

After this has been determined, a new round of float construction will begin with the actual shaping of the next float in April.

Association officials and members will in the meantime also continue their never-ending round of fundraising, including raising funds through such hugely popular activities as the Miss Downey Pageant, concerts in the park sponsorships, etc.

Thus, before you can blink an eye, it will be time to fashion a new float. It will be time to think of submitting another winning entry.

The DRFA 2013 float is now displayed in front of the Embassy Suites Hotel, its roses and orchids for sale, along with float-related memorabilia. It will be parked there till this Friday, Jan. 4.



Mayor Mario Guerra recovering from eye surgery in 2009.



# Manny Castro's winning formula: sound principles and hard work

• Downey Rotarian owns and operates his own business, Minuteman Press.

By Henry Veneracion  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – A few things early on hardly seemed to work in Manny Castro's favor. His parents had divorced when he was two years old. Then his father passed away when Manny was only seven. He could only finish 9th grade in his hometown of Usulután, El Salvador, due to the outbreak of civil war in his country.

His mom, who had remarried and eventually taken up residence in Maywood after residing in Mexico for a while, persuaded him to come live with her. Manny didn't hesitate for one moment: America was still the land of opportunity; besides he didn't fancy getting drafted into the Salvadorean Army. The next thing he knew, he was on U.S. soil. He was seventeen.

Because of the moral values and principles ("Respect people," "Don't steal or lie—follow the 10 Commandments," etc.) instilled in him at church and by his paternal grandma, who he says had the greatest influence on him growing up, along with his auntie, Manny had developed inner fortitude. This enabled him to focus his energies on the things that mattered, and not squander his time on inconsequential activities like partying all night and so on.

There were of course other pitfalls and challenges that lay ahead, but Manny had meanwhile also ac-

quired a positive attitude towards life and qualities like a good work ethic and determination that have served him in good stead through the years.

Laying out a course of action aimed at eventually bringing him a share of the good life he'd always fantasized about, he began by cashing in on a Chevron gas station in Westwood, while he took ESL classes at night at Bell High School.

"This was my foundation as far as my English was concerned," Manny said. "I learned further through friends. You might say also that I learned on-the-job, while pumping gas, and so on." After a while, he was promoted to store manager of the mini-mart. He was there for six years.

He spent the next six years again as cashier for a parking company, followed by still another 6-year stint as an independent contractor/driver, picking up and delivering items (mail, packages, etc.) in Los Angeles and Orange counties: a route, he says, that averaged 300 miles a day.

His next job broke the 6-year mode. This time Manny started as assistant manager, then moved up the ladder to become distribution zone manager for the Los Angeles Times. This lasted seven years.

In the meantime, Polan Ready, a former Downey Rotarian, had begun talking to Manny about taking over Ready's Minuteman printing business in Downey, since Ready was at best an absentee owner while attending to other ventures.

Agreeing to what seemed to him beneficial terms, Manny resigned from the Los Angeles Times, took out a loan on the equity of his

house, trained for 3 weeks in New York at the Minuteman headquarters (getting the fundamentals of the printing business right, intro to inventory, etc.), and steeled himself to run his own printing press business.

As a franchisee, Manny received good advice from The Minuteman Printing Press corporation, which has been in existence for 35 years and is reputedly the largest such franchiser in the world.

"One of the best pieces of advice I got from the company," Manny says, "was investing in digital press equipment."

Many of the old time printers who ignored the technological trend, Manny says, could not keep up with the digital competition that featured less set-up time and therefore a faster turn-around time, a machine that was cleaner for the environment, and less expensive to operate.

Manny adds: "We re-structured the whole operation, we focused on improving customer service, on turning out a better quality product, and could offer lower prices."

These are what customers valued most, he said: "I was able to fulfill the terms of my deal with Ready, paying him off within a year. Including the franchise fee to cover the brand name, the whole deal cost me about \$165,000."

"The new digital printing press can accomplish more things than the usual offset equipment," Manny continues. "The machine is capable of turning out 80 pages of full color (i.e., 4-color) saddle-stitched printing jobs."

He has a staff complement of four helping him run operations, which are now about 60 percent

digital. There's a pressman, who runs the old offset press (some customers still prefer 2-color offset for its brighter colors); a graphic designer and bindery man; a part-time employee in charge of marketing (preparing and implementing marketing plan/strategy; giving out samples, cultivating friendships and contacts, etc.); "We do a lot of follow-ups..."; and a typesetter, who does the artwork, runs the digital press, and handles the files.

Manny says the business, which he acquired in April 2007, has grown especially in the last two years. We have been in business almost six years, and I think this is quite an accomplishment considering the economic situation we're in. We've got customers in every major city in L.A. and Orange counties. Twenty five percent of our customers are found in downtown L.A., while the largest customers constitute 95 percent of the business. We hope to continue pushing ahead and grow the business."

It was Ready who introduced Manny to the Downey Rotary. Driven by his moral instincts, he has put his services at the disposal of the board. He has continued to actively participate/get involved with such Rotary activities as the Arc Walk, the blood drive, the 10K (Raffle) Night, the Pancake Breakfast, the annual Golf Tournament, the paint the house project, etc. Invited by then president Diane Davis to serve on the board, he has been put in charge of Vocational Services. He has served as greeter innumerable times.

His number one passion/goal when he was young, he says, was to be a black belter in karate. But the

demands of work and family (he got married at age 26) got in the way. He had to be content with being a second degree green belter. This is enough, he says, for self-defense purposes. He and his wife have since divorced.

Manny says his membership with the Rotary Club has done wonders for his social skills and psyche, which in any case is firmly anchored to his faith. He says of the Rotary: "I like what it stands for. I can relate to what it's trying to do. The idea of giving of yourself without expecting anything in return is important to me. Your reward is [a certain fullness of] the heart."

Thus, besides honoring God, and love of country, respect for another, and developing friendships, "Nothing gives me more joy than seeing my daughters growing up and seeing how they're developing on good foundations. Jackie, the eldest, is 18 and a senior at Downey High. She is bound for Cal State Long Beach and plans to be a teacher. My 16-year old, Christina, is a junior, also at Downey High, and she is already involved with three different clubs and this is very gratifying. Sophia, the youngest, is 7 and is a 2nd grader at Lewis. They are all well-behaved kids, and are all involved as well with the church. In my belief system, this supersedes everything, including worldly wealth."

"Every summer, I make it a point to take the kids on 3-4 day mini-vacations, say, to Yosemite, Bass Lake, Angel's Camp, or Vegas."

## Last chance to sign-up for NWDLL

**DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League will hold its final in-person sign-ups for the 2013 baseball season Jan. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Furman Park.

Kids ages 4-18 (as of May 1, 2013) are eligible to play.

For more information, go online to [nwdll.org](http://nwdll.org) or call Manuel Blanco at (310) 613-0614 or Guillermo Valdez at (213) 503-1365.

## American Legion honoring councilman, captain

**DOWNEY** – Downey American Legion Post No. 270 will recognize two people Jan. 14 for their support of the military and the American Legion.

The legion will honor Councilman Roger Brossmer for launching the military banner program. The street banners hang along Firestone Boulevard and pay tribute to active military personnel from Downey.

The legion will also honor Capt. Shen of the U.S. Army stationed in Long Beach. Shen has "provided support to the city of Downey and the American Legion by providing his time and military assets for the legion to use."

The ceremony starts at 7 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.



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## Published poet to read his work

**DOWNEY** – Gil Hagen-Hill will read some of his original poetry at Mari's Wine Bar on Jan. 17.

The event is part of the Downey Arts Coalition's Third Thursday Poetry session and starts with an open mike at 7:30 p.m.

Hagen-Hill graduated with a B.A. in theater arts from Cal State L.A. in 1973. Shortly thereafter he became a member of Scorpio Rising Theater founded by Downey resident Alistair Hunter.

He has also performed at the Century City Playhouse and, in 1994, "began finding poetry more important" in his life.

By 2000 his work had appeared in a number of poetry journals on the east coast and in the Midwest, including in the Schuylkill Valley Art Journal and Rochester, New York's "Hazmat Literary Review."

On the west coast he was associated with Lummo Journal and worked on several projects with poet RD "Rain Dog" Armstrong. He has also participated in writer's workshops at Angels Gate Art Center.

Hagen-Hill's poetry has been described as "hard to classify – sometimes confessional, sometimes surreal, but always evocative."

## Man allegedly shot, buried in concrete

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – A 45-year-old Santa Fe Springs man was charged Wednesday with fatally shooting a man that he later allegedly encased in concrete, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Juan Manuel Ramirez, aka Juan Alberto Galviz, was scheduled to be arraigned at Los Angeles Superior Court in Whittier.

Ramirez is charged with one count of murder with a special allegation that he personally discharged a shotgun. Prosecutors will ask his bail be set at \$1 million.

Ramirez allegedly fatally shot the victim, whose name is being withheld pending notification of relatives, on Dec. 23.

He later encased the body in cement and buried it inside a Santa Fe Springs business, said Deputy District Attorney Jennifer McDonald, deputy in charge of the Whittier Office.

Whittier police responded to a tip and discovered the body on Monday.

If convicted, Ramirez faces up to life in prison.



Photo by Diane & Greg Waskul

## Leos host New Year's carnival for Rancho patients

• Leos youth service club throws carnival for patients at Rancho Los Amigos.

**By Greg Waskul**  
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

**DOWNEY** – Paige Looney sang and danced at the very edge of the stage as a crowd of several hundred Rancho patients and community members cheered wildly for the charismatic young performer during Rancho's 18th Annual New Year's Carnival last Thursday at the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's Jacquelin Perry Institute Back Lot.

"She was so enthusiastic, I thought she was going to dance right off the stage," said Rancho's Director of Volunteer Services Debbie Tomlinson. "Paige is an exceptional performer, because she puts her whole heart into it...and the audience always responds to her incredible effort and the sheer joy she extends to everyone."

"It is so much fun to sing and dance, and especially for the Rancho patients," Paige said. She was one of nearly a dozen members of Rancho's Performing Arts of Ran-

cho Program who sang at the Carnival. The event was put on by more than 80 high school students who are members of Leos clubs at seven area high schools. The Leos are the student auxiliary of Lion's Clubs International.

"This is truly a 'Carnival of Hope' for our patients, because whether they are inpatients or outpatients at the hospital, they forget about their stroke, spinal cord injury or brain injury for a couple of hours and focus on having a good time," said Debbie.

"I am always impressed by the way the Leos give up part of their holiday vacation to make a special memory for Rancho's patients and staff," said Steve Stolar, a member of the City of Industry Lions Club, who chairs the event for the Lions. He said the Leos came from Firebaugh High in Lynwood, El Rancho High in Pico Rivera, Blair High in Pasadena, and Cerritos, El Monte, Bellflower and Bell Gardens High Schools.

"When you see the effort the Leos put into working with each patient to make sure they have a great time, it makes all the planning and preparation for this day well worth the effort," he said. The Leos treated patients to complimentary hot dogs,

nachos, cotton candy, popcorn, soft drinks and desserts. The Leos also manned the marbling booth under the direction of Rancho graduate artist Kenneth Younger, where patients created their own unique artworks.

"The games and entertainment are a great way to put some fun into our patients' New Year celebrations," Debbie said. "Nobody wants to be in the hospital over the holidays, but when you see the faces of the patients and their families light up, you realize the positive impact we are having in the lives of individuals who are recovering from disabling illnesses or injuries."

"This has been a very meaningful way holiday season at Rancho," she said. "We have had more than 60 of our patient families in need adopted for the holidays, we have had many groups of carolers sing for our patients (including the renowned LA Opera carolers), and now we have made our patients happy again with this very successful carnival."

"We thank each and every Leo who made this such a meaningful experience for our patients and staff, and we want to wish all our friends throughout the community a very Happy New Year!"

## Magazine lists 'best value' public colleges

**LONG BEACH** – Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) has been named to Kiplinger's Personal Finance's 2012-13 list of the top 100 best values in public colleges.

The ranking recognizes four-year institutions that combine outstanding education with economic value.

The annual public school rankings appear in Kiplinger's February 2013 issue, which hit newsstands on Jan. 1. The list also can be found online at kiplingers.com.

CSULB appears at No. 82 on the list (up from No. 98 last year) and is one of 12 California institutions to make the rankings. Three other CSU campuses were among the top 100—Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (40), San Diego State (77), and Cal Poly Pomona (89).

The other eight California schools were University of California campuses.

"The ability to afford a college degree is the most important factor when it comes to access to higher education, and at Cal State Long Beach, we are doing what we can to keep costs down for students wherever possible," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "We are pleased to once again be recognized by Kiplinger's as one of the best value public colleges in the nation, and our improvement on the list by more than 15 spots over last year certainly speaks well of our efforts to maintain lower costs for our students."

Alexander also noted that the Kiplinger ranking clearly shows students and their parents that the high price tag of many colleges and universities nationwide has little to do with the quality of the education experience being offered.

In addition, visitors to Kiplinger's website will find CSULB among 10 schools in the country earning recognition in another area that Alexander finds very important—public colleges with the lowest debt for graduating students. On this list, CSULB comes in at No. 2 with an average debt for its graduating students at \$12,401. Two other CSUs also made this list—San Diego State at No. 7 (\$16,400) and Cal Poly Pomona at No. 10 (\$16,815).

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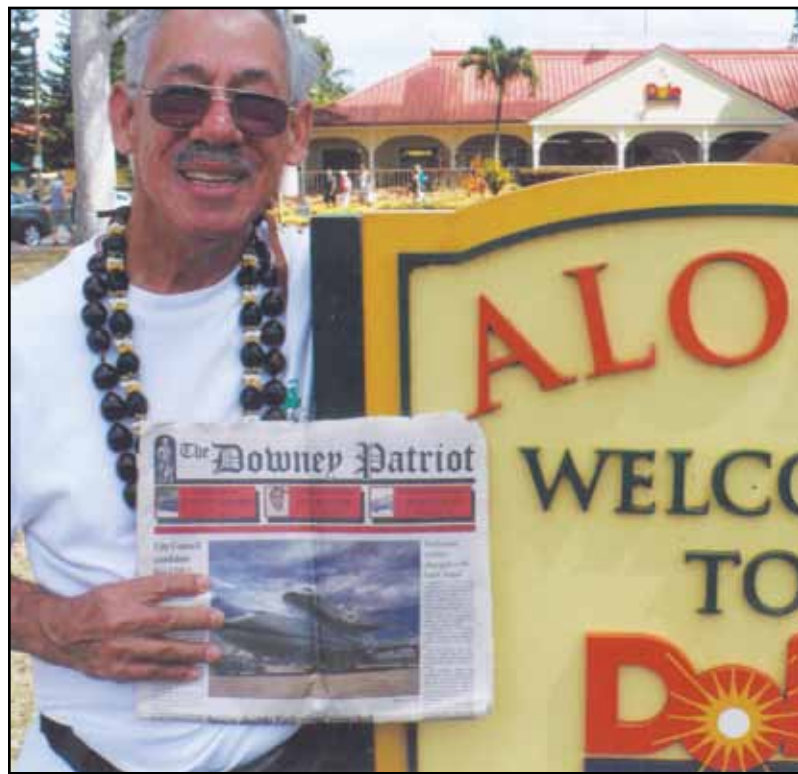
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A Downey dentist has been appointed to the California Dental Board by Gov. Jerry Brown, state officials announced Wednesday. Luis Dominicus, 59, has operated Dominicus Dental Care at 8202 Florence Ave. since 1993. A Democrat, he is a long-time member of the California Dental Association and the Latin American Dental Association. He earned a doctorate degree in dental surgery from the Universidad de Guanajuato. The position does not require Senate confirmation and pays \$100.



Downey residents Juan and Aselia Cardoza spent two weeks on the North Shore of Hawaii, visiting Oahu, the Dole plantation and the Pearl Harbor memorial. They took along *The Downey Patriot*.

## Eleanor Miller services Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Eleanor (Ellie) Miller, a Downey resident for more than 25 years, passed away at home surrounded by loved ones on Dec. 28. She was 80.

She was born in Great Bend, Kans., on Jan. 27, 1932 and moved to California in 1963.

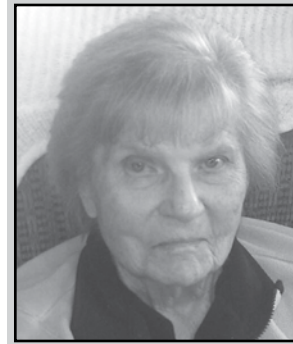
A born-again Christian, she made her living as a waitress and retired from Johnie's Broiler when they closed for business on New Year's Eve 2001.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Jeter; son, Ron Miller; grandchildren, David, Jennifer, April and Christopher Miller and Nicholas Smith; and sister, Marcy Davis.

Services will be held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Rose Hills.



## In Memory of Patricia J. Weidknecht



Patricia J. Weidknecht passed away Dec. 22, 2012. Born Mar. 10, 1930, Patricia was raised in Downey, graduated Downey High School in 1948 and was a teacher for the Downey Unified School District for over 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband John, was the beloved mother of Lila May and John, and loving grandmother to Christian and Jordan. You filled our lives with love. You will be missed more than you will ever know. Viewing at Rose Hills Memorial Park at 6pm on Jan. 11; services at 11 am on Jan. 12.

## Irene Bradshaw mourned by family

**DOWNEY** – Wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Irene Amelia Bradshaw passed away peacefully on Nov. 21. She was 97.

Born in Eau Claire, Wis., on Aug. 15, 1915, she taught school in a one-room school house in rural Wisconsin. She moved to Downey with her husband, Francis, nearly 70 years ago.

Irene is survived by her husband, Francis R. Bradshaw (age 104); grandchildren Jean, Yvonne, Daniel and Gil; and great-grandson Damian, along with many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her son, Robert Bradshaw; parents Leila and John Weinstock; and six siblings.

She and her husband were Downey business owners for many years, running Downey Body Works until they retired in the '70s.

During retirement, they traveled throughout the U.S. in their motor home, visiting many national parks and monuments. They also traveled to several European countries and heard the Pope speak at the Vatican.

She was very involved with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, assisting with the weekly money count. She also belonged to Soroptimist International of Downey, AARP and the Lakewood Poetry Society. Irene was a publish poet, writing mostly about nature, family and her faith.

Services will be held Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Capital Improvement Fund, or a charity of your choice.



## Man killed at NYE party

**HAWTHORNE** – One man was fatally shot and three others wounded at a New Year's Eve house party in Hawthorne.

More than 40 people were at the party on the 13500 block of Cerise Avenue when shots rang out shortly after 1 a.m.

Hawthorne police officers stopped a vehicle that was speeding from the scene and discovered the driver was taking a victim to a hospital. The victim died at the hospital.

Another gunshot victim was also driven to the hospital by a friend. Two gunshot victims remained at the party and were taken to area hospitals by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries.

Authorities did not release information on a suspect or motive.



Downey resident Robert Arana got a closeup view of the space shuttle Endeavour at Los Angeles International Airport before it moved to its final location at the California Science Center.



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To the Community and Patients of Downey Regional Medical Center:

PIH Health understands the importance of wellness within the communities we serve, and is exploring the possibility of coming to your neighborhood. We are seeking to expand our services to the community of Downey with the anticipated acquisition of Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC).

If an agreement is reached, DRMC will become one of two nonprofit hospitals operated by PIH Health, which currently includes the Whittier-based PIH Health Hospital, plus 16 medical offices serving the communities of Fullerton, Hacienda Heights, La Habra, La Mirada, Montebello, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier.

This potential affiliation is about two nonprofit organizations doing what nonprofits were created to do: offer service to the community to fulfill their charitable purpose. If PIH Health and DRMC are able to join together, you can count on us to deliver the same quality of healthcare DRMC has provided for decades, including the excellent ER services that are so important to the community of Downey.

More than 50 years ago, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital opened its doors to the community of Whittier. Today we are PIH Health, and as the regional leader in healthcare we offer a wide range of services. From inpatient and outpatient care to community education, urgent care, chronic disease management, home health and hospice care, PIH Health continues to grow throughout the region as an integrated healthcare system.

In these changing times for healthcare, an integrated system such as PIH Health is vital to securing the future of services as well as managing the total health of a community. Working together, we will help you focus on your families' wellness. Of course, we will also be there in your times of need, with a first class hospital you have come to rely on for decades.

We are enthusiastic about the prospect of teaming up with DRMC to meet these future challenges, and partnering with you to meet your family's healthcare needs. As we make progress with this affiliation, we will be sure to keep you informed. In the meantime, we wish everyone in the Downey community a healthy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

James R. West  
PIH Health President and Chief Executive Officer



## Letters to the Editor:

### Downey first responders

Dear Editor:

During the week of Dec. 17 our family witnessed first hand how quickly and efficiently the Downey Fire Department responds to an emergency.

On Tuesday evening, my husband had returned from the wound care clinic at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center when all of a sudden he began to bleed profusely. It was uncontrollable. I called 911 and within 3-4 minutes six paramedics arrived and immediately took his vitals, started an IV and called Downey Regional Medical Center's emergency room to alert them of my husband's condition.

His blood pressure had dropped to 64/44. He was pale and slipping into a non-responsive state. He was taken to DRMC and the ER doctor performed emergency surgery to his wound.

The following day, we needed to call the paramedics again because his wound began to bleed once more. since his physicians worked out of Long Beach Memorial, the paramedics took him there whereby he was hospitalized for two days.

Then on Saturday morning as I was driving out of my driveway on Brookshire Avenue, a red Toyota Corolla traveling at a very high rate of speed struck me broadside, spun my car around and landed me on the opposite side of the street. I couldn't get out of my car; the car door would not open. The police department, fire department and paramedics were called and took me to DRMC. A few tests were taken and luckily I am fine.

I want to personally thank the Downey Fire Department, the Downey Police Department and Downey paramedics for their tenacity, composure and excellent knowledge of handling not only this emergency, but the daily emergencies they are called to perform throughout our city. They saved my husband's life and handled my car accident injury with finesse and expertise, thus allowing our family to experience the best Christmas present ever.

I understand the city needs to cut expenditures, but please Mayor Guerra, do not cut any services from the Downey Fire Department or the Downey Police Department. They save lives every day and serve our community extremely well.

**Melodie Santana**  
Downey

### Christmas in Iraq

Dear Editor:

After reading Mr. Rojo's first-hand account as to what happens over there and what our brave men and women fighting for our country have to face every day, I have no words other than "thank you"!

**Elizabeth Torres**  
Downey

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed Alex Rojo's story about his experiences in Iraq that appeared on page 1 of the Dec. 27 Patriot. The story was very well-written. Thank you, Alex.

What a waste of human lives, limbs and money by this fiasco. Didn't our leaders learn anything from the Vietnam catastrophe? Foreign countries have their own structures and cultures. They do not need other cultures to tell them how to run their countries.

How would we react if a foreign army invaded our soil and told us to do things their way? I am sure that there would be a lot of resistance to the invading army.

We are in desperate need of some real leadership in Washington.

**Frank Myers**  
Downey

### Class warfare

Dear Editor:

In the past elections, the country voted overwhelmingly to punish successful people by raising their income taxes, or so it is claimed. I did not vote that way. Nonetheless, I can understand the envy and jealousy that less gifted people have of the successful ones, which was very well cultivated by the winning party.

Class warfare is the favorite tool of successful socialists like presidents Chavez in Venezuela, Correa in Ecuador and Morales in Bolivia. It works as it has been proved in the U.S. in the last election.

However, I don't think that class warfare has accomplished everything they could. I propose that the same warfare be introduced in our educational system. High school students having a 3.0 or higher unweighted GPA should not be allowed to enroll in the University of California or in the California State University system. This would give the middle class students, those with 2.0 to 2.99 unweighted GPA more opportunities to enroll in public colleges in California, which they certainly deserve.

The elite students then should attend private college; their parents could probably afford them, or migrate to other states that would welcome talented students with scholarships. After all, who needs talented people when we are all mediocre.

**Jorge Montero**  
Downey

# County water measure a taxpayer rip-off

By Don Knabe

Many county residents have been receiving letters in the mail regarding a Clean Water, Clean Beaches Measure. I am here to tell you that I strongly oppose this Measure, and believe that the way the process is being managed is a sneaky attempt to get it passed.

This is a two-step process. What you received is the first step, a Notice of a Public Hearing and Protest Form, which was sent to all residential, business and public parcel owners in Los Angeles County. If you oppose the Measure, please be sure to fill out and mail in the Protest Form that is attached to the Notice. At the Public Hearing on January 15, 2013 if a majority protest of the parcel owners throughout the County has been received, then the item will be rejected. If the protest fails, the Measure is currently scheduled to go to the second step, which could be a mail-in ballot next Spring.

The special election mail-in ballot would be sent only to property owners. It is being done this way because polls show that if a ballot measure went to all registered voters, the initiative would be much less likely to pass. While this process is in line with the letter of the law, it is not in the spirit of the law. I see this as an underhanded attempt to pass this initiative and am strongly against this taxpayer rip-off.

This Measure is a proposed fee on parcel owners that will generate funding to complete projects that protect public health, and increase drinking water supplies, by cleaning up our rivers, lakes, bays, beaches and coastal waters. I have consistently supported clean water projects throughout the County, and remain committed to improving water quality. However, I believe that every voter in the County should have the opportunity to decide on this fee, through an open and transparent initiative process, which should be putting it before the voters and not in a mailing.

The Public Hearing for this Measure is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room. At that time, if there is no majority protest, then I will again push for a Regular Ballot on an election day. I will not support the item if it is a Special Election by mail and only for property owners.

If you have any questions on the specifics of the Measure itself, please call (800) 218-0018 or visit [lacountycleanwater.org](http://lacountycleanwater.org).

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# Obama needs to focus energy policy on change, not hope

By Robert L. Bradley Jr.

Just prior to the election, battery-maker A123 Systems filed for bankruptcy. As the recipient of \$249 million in federal money, the Massachusetts-based company represents just the latest in a long line of troubled taxpayer-enabled green ventures - some 34 companies and \$7.5 billion to date. How little different this is from Houston-based Enron's forays into wind and solar in the 1990s, which even with federal subsidies were never profitable.

Failed bets on politically correct, market-incorrect energies are part of the trillion-dollar federal deficits that shake America's living rooms. Yet President Obama seems determined to continue throwing good money after bad, setting up companies and their workers for failure. Meanwhile, resources are taken from the private sector where consumer-supported jobs originate.

Such is just part of the president's grander, misdirected energy policy, one that is at odds with the Big Three Energies of oil, gas and coal.

Consider, for example, the president's take on the cause and cure for high gasoline prices. A CNN poll earlier this year found a three-fold increase in the number of Americans viewing high motor fuel prices as the nation's most significant economic issue. The national average has abated to \$3.42 per gallon, and gasoline prices in California have recently dropped below \$4 per gallon. Still, stagnant oil production on federal lands compared to state and private lands is a missed opportunity for producers and consumers alike.

So what does the president say? That renewable energy is "the only way we'll break this cycle of high gas prices."

The truth is that the big forces pushing up gas prices can't be solved with wind, solar and ethanol. Global demand for crude oil is high, and the supply is hampered by political instability in oil-rich places such as the Middle East and North Africa. And U.S. policymakers have weakened the dollar.

Then there's the president's take on taxes. Obama constantly hammers "big oil" for supposedly not paying its fair share. And he claims these companies are benefiting from billions of dollars in taxpayer giveaways. But the fact is that the three biggest oil companies - Chevron, ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips - all pay tax rates above 40 percent. Compare that to other major American

corporations. Apple only pays 9 percent. GE, thanks in part to its windpower unit, pays just 7 percent.

Then there's the claim from the White House that oil companies are leasing thousands of acres of land but leaving them idle.

To make its case against expanded drilling, the administration misleadingly defines "idle" to include such things as seismic testing on the land and preparing rigs to drill.

True, at this stage companies aren't physically pulling resources from the ground. But the land certainly isn't idle. Oil and natural gas developers are just taking necessary first steps before actual drilling and, hopefully, production occurs.

Compare this to genuine idleness when federal policies have unnecessarily delayed drilling permits. And don't forget the Keystone XL pipeline, which remains one White House decision away from overcoming idleness.

Obama's effort to paint green-tech as the future of American energy is predictably backfiring. While heavily subsidized wind and solar companies continue to flail, the traditional energy sector is flourishing, while developing more environmentally friendly ways of doing business.

Indeed, the U.S. Energy Information Administration projects that by 2035, oil and natural gas alone will supply about 55 percent of America's energy needs, compared to less than 11 percent from government-dependent wind, solar and ethanol.

And if federal budget reforms eliminate energy subsidies, expect this market-share differential to become much more pronounced.

With his second term just around the corner, President Obama should rethink his failing energy policy for one premised on free markets, consumer sovereignty and deficit-reduction.

One can hope for change, right?

*Robert L. Bradley is CEO and founder of the Institute for Energy Research and author of seven books on energy. He blogs at [masterresource.org](http://masterresource.org).*

### Open letter to Newtown, Conn.

Dear Editor:

Mere words are so inadequate to tell you how sorry and heartbroken I am over what happened in your town at Sandy Hook Elementary. I applaud your courage to endure and carry on and I pray the healing process will begin as soon as possible.

I'm an old WWII vet and would gladly give my life if in exchange I could wave a magic wand to make your hurt and devastating heartbreak go away - since that isn't possible, you are in my daily prayers that as time passes the hurt will ease up.

We can only hope that something good will result - that other children's lives will be saved because of the exorbitant price you've had to pay for the loss of your precious little ones.

Our nation and many other parts of the world are mourning and crying with you. May god bless and comfort you and hold you in His healing, loving arms.

Your friend and fellow mourner,

**Harold Houglan**  
Downey

### Bush's national debt

Dear Editor:

I agree with Ms. Van Leuven's letter "Downward Spiral" in that it is not a perfect world and unfortunately never will be.

I am sorry for the obvious misery she is experiencing but we should consider the facts with regard to the venom she displays for our current president. The current administration inherited an \$11 trillion debt passed on by one of the worst presidents in history. He sent thousands of troops into Afghanistan to search for the perpetrators of Sept. 11 even though they all came from Saudi Arabia, and then forgot what the end game was and invaded Iraq on a lie of "weapons of mass destruction."

Those two wars have cost billions of dollars and some 5,500 Americans killed and over 100,000 wounded, not to mention over 200,000 innocent civilian deaths.

President Obama took care of Osama bin Laden with 20 Navy seals and is bringing to an end these costly and unnecessary wars. He went to Hawaii - where he was born - with one plane, not two. Should he fly commercially? At least he went home and not to the Cayman Islands to visit tax sheltered money which his recent opponent favored.

Regarding the stimulus money, has Van Leuven ever heard of the American Car Industry, which was saved by this administration, not to mention the thousands of jobs which were in jeopardy? George W. Bush, who inherited a surplus, is responsible for the national debt and he recently was the highly paid guest speaker in the Cayman Islands at \$10,000 per person on how to manage off shore tax-sheltered money (this was closed to the press).

Finally, the Christmas trees at the White House were all donated and have been used for White House tours for underprivileged families and have brought great joy to everyone.

Whether you like President Obama or not, he was fairly elected for the next four years and it's time to accept that fact and wish him well.

**Colin Clarke**  
Downey

### Warren carolers

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank all of the Downey residents that opened their doors and hearts to our Warren band Christmas carolers. It was our pleasure bringing them to your neighborhood to spread some Christmas cheer.

I would like to also let you know that your acceptance brought a sense of care and appreciation to our kids. It's good to know that we live in such a good community that even our own mayor, Mario Guerra, welcomed our carolers unexpectedly into his own Christmas party.

Even those that don't celebrate the holiday were welcoming to these young musicians.

Thank you for not turning us away. It's you that make a difference in our community.

**Carmen and George Plascencia**  
Downey

### Offended by art

Dear Editor:

What the hell were you thinking?

I submit that a recent *Downey Patriot* photograph is an example of why violence is a way of life in our society. The article cited the success of a Stay Gallery toy drive but the large picture (a knife slicing a woman's lip and dripping blood) on the gallery wall next to the decorated tree and collected children's gifts is horrific.

Your photo is reprehensible. Shame on you!

**Bonnie Beall**  
Downey

### Nida story

Dear Editor:

What a surprise to read in a long front-page article, followed by an entire one-half page with a photo, about Michael Nida ("FBI May Investigate Nida Shooting," 12/27/12). Wow. This is just another criminal case which is over and finished, so what's so special to give it all this space?

Downey has a great police department - the very best. Police work is a dangerous, difficult and thankless job. We in Downey are fortunate to have the very best people in that profession. They do a great job for us. They protect us 24/7 to keep our city safe. Without them we would live in a jungle. This article is highly unjustly critical of our police department.

With a possible lawsuit coming from this affair, be assured a stable of very intelligent, sharp lawyers will spend hours and days looking for a loophole in this case to pry millions of dollars from us long-suffering taxpayers. Remember that long running OJ Simpson case? Most everyone thought him guilty but the jury found him innocent.

One of his sharp attorneys came up with this clever trick: "If the glove doesn't fit, you must acquit." Soon OJ was on the road again...innocent.

**Byron Dillon**  
Downey

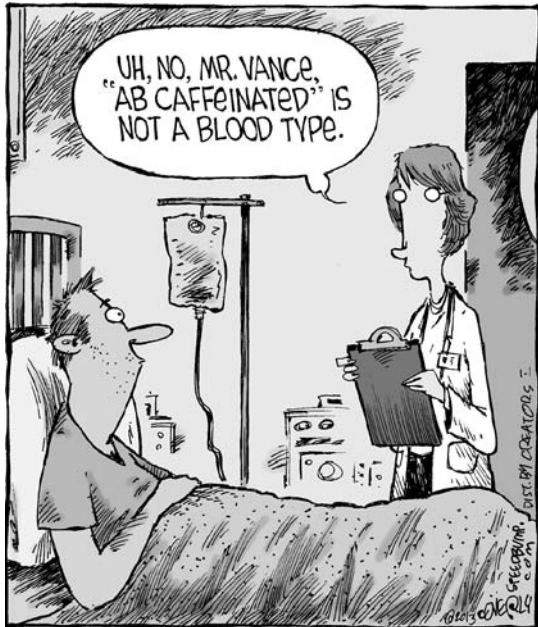
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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

Thurs. Jan. 10: **Three Guys Rant live radio broadcast**, Mambo Grill, 7 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 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...

**Jan. 3, 1521:** Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.  
**1959:** President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state.  
**1961:** The United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.  
**2000:** The last new daily "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.  
**Birthdays:** Actor Robert Loggia (83), hockey hall of famer Bobby Hull (74), actor Mel Gibson (57), actress Danica McKellar (38) and quarterback Eli Manning (32).

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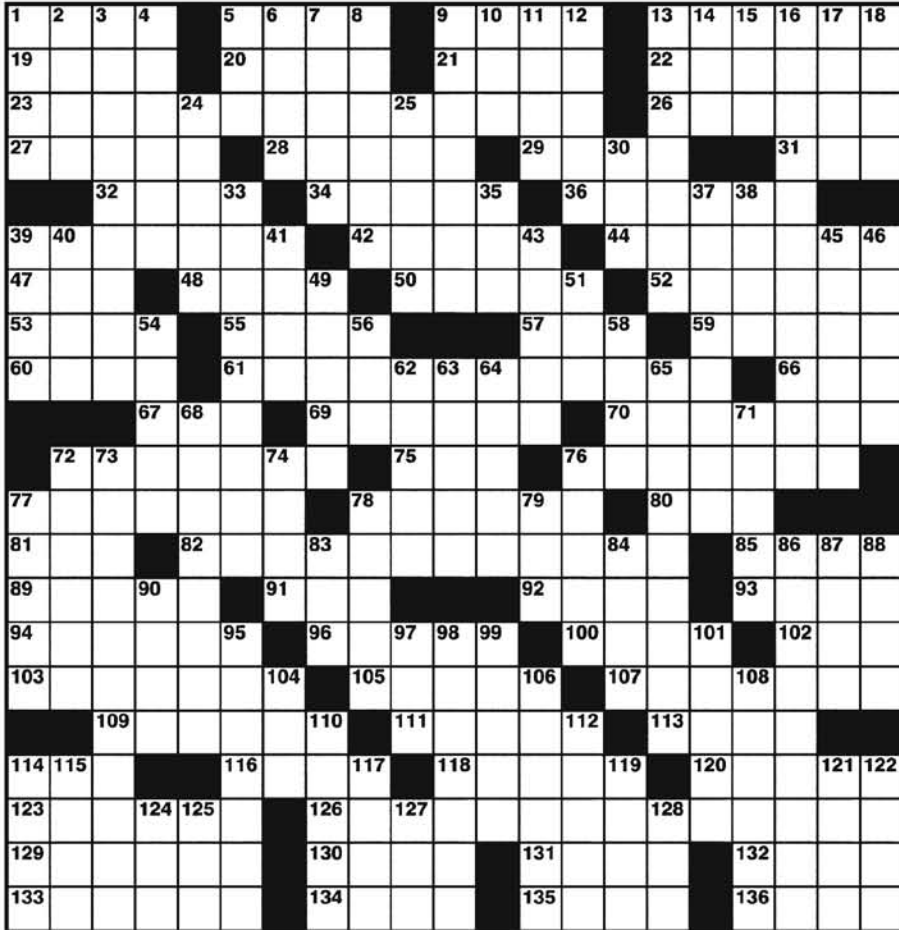
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## McDonald's owner appointed to Lakewood city council

**LAKWOOD** – Ron Piazza, owner of the historic McDonald's in Downey, has been appointed to the Lakewood City Council to fill the vacancy created by the death of longtime council member Larry Van Nostran, who died Nov. 9.

Piazza was appointed Dec. 27 and will be publicly sworn-in Jan. 22. He will finish the remainder of Van Nostran's term, which runs through March 2015.

Piazza was one of 20 candidates to apply for the council seat.

Piazza grew up in Lakewood, moving to the city in 1959 at the age of 8. He is a partner and franchise owner of McDonald's restaurants in Downey, Lakewood and other cities, and is a longtime leader in the McDonald's Operators Association of Southern California, which oversees advertising and public relations for all 680 McDonald's in the region.

He has been an active resident and civic leader in Lakewood for many decades, and has been closely involved in numerous Lakewood community events, including the Youth Sports Hall of Fame, Concerts in the Park and Pan American Fiesta.

He also chaired the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California for six years, and spearheaded fundraising for the successful effort to build the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House.

"I am delighted to have Ron join the city council," said Mayor Diane DuBois. "He has given so much to Lakewood and knows our community extremely well. I think he will be a great addition to our city government and help us to maintain the quality service we provide residents and guide Lakewood into the future."

"I continue to be impressed by the quantity and the quality of the council applications we received, both from long-time civic leaders and average residents who want to serve their community," DuBois added. "The full range of applications was really heart-warming to me, and it showed that Lakewood is full of smart, caring residents who are ready to serve their city. We were fortunate to have so many great residents from whom to choose for this council vacancy."

Lakewood officials estimate the city saved up to \$100,000 by appointing a council member and avoiding a special election.

Van Nostran died suddenly in November after more than three decades on the city council. First elected in 1975, he was the longest-serving councilman in Lakewood's history.

## Bell Gardens bans soda in city-owned vending machines

• City does away with sugar-loaded drinks in an effort to curb youth obesity.

**BELL GARDENS** – The healthy choice is now an easier choice for residents of Bell Gardens after city officials passed a healthy vending policy for city-owned youth recreation centers and parks, officials announced this week.

The vending policy will eliminate children's access to regular and diet sodas and other sugar-loaded drinks, including sports drinks and energy drinks.

The new food standards will match the requirements of the Montebello Unified School District's policy, which will reduce the allowable calories, fat and salt in products available for purchase.

In a move that city leaders said demonstrates Bell Gardens' commitment to fighting the obesity crisis on the front lines, the policy will "help to reach parents and their families where they live, work, learn and play," officials said. The five City Council members voted unanimously in favor of the new policy.

"The city of Bell Gardens wants to be a model for children and families who use our facilities," said Mayor Pedro Aceituno. "Sugar-sweetened beverages and high calorie, fat-laden snacks are hindering our efforts to reduce childhood obesity in our city."

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The economic costs associated with being overweight or obese and lack of physical activity cost Los Angeles County nearly \$12 billion in health care and lost productivity in 2006, and these costs are not declining, according to statistics provided by Bell Gardens. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's RENEW L.A. County initiative is working with cities like Bell Gardens to establish policies that will promote health for all residents.

"Communities, businesses, health care providers and governments can play a supportive role in providing helpful information and fostering environments that support parents' healthy choices," said Dr. Paul Simon, MD, director of chronic disease and injury prevention at the L.A. County Department of Public Health.

Last year, Bell Gardens joined the Healthy Eating Active Living Cities Campaign (HEAL), a statewide campaign led by the California Center for Public Health Advocacy that supports city policies and environments to reduce local obesity and physical inactivity rates.

"Being a HEAL city and adopting this policy provides better resources for our families," said mayor pro tem Sergio Infanzon.

One in four California kids be-



tween the ages of 9-16 is obese, with a 29 percent prevalence of childhood obesity in Bell Gardens.

The council heard from several proponents, including city staff and a local community-based organization, The Family Health Care Centers of Greater Los Angeles, before adopting the new policy. They also heard testimony from the L.A. County Department of Public Health in support of health policy changes as a means of improving population health.

Local children also appeared at the council meeting and voiced their support of the policy.

Bell Gardens joins Baldwin Park, El Monte, Huntington Park, La Puente and South El Monte as cities to pass healthy vending policies.

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# Lillian Sneed, founder of iconic Norwalk Records, dead at 82

• Sneed was nicknamed the "Queen of Norwalk Records."

By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** — Lillian Sneed gave Edie Gonzales her first real job as a sales associate at Norwalk Records.

"She hired me on my 19th birthday," Gonzales said. "Now I've been with the family for 28 years — I'm the store manager."

From hair appointments to trips to the grocery market, Gonzales spent a lot of time driving Mrs. Sneed around town.

"Lillian was special. She knew what the customers wanted. She

knew all the artists. She was the queen of Norwalk Records."

Lillian Sneed, founder of the iconic Norwalk Records, known for its voluminous collection of pop, R&B, and oldies music, died Christmas Eve after succumbing to complications related to kidney failure. She was 82.

Beloved by aspiring artists, record collectors, and music lovers alike, Sneed is being remembered as a local icon who sold and promoted classic R&B, soul, and oldies even after they fell out of popularity.

"When you walked into the record shop, she had a certain poise that led anyone to just know, that must be the owner," said Melinda Bliss, a former employee at Norwalk Records. "She was also a delight to watch strut along as a Patsy

Cline song came on the overhead sound."

Sneed began selling records with her first husband Arthur Walker in 1958. Together they founded Auction City Records on the southwest corner of Studebaker Road and Firestone Boulevard.

Every weekend, the couple would welcome hundreds of people to their music booth inside the grand, outdoor carnival and zoo Auction City, which hosted many local vendors.

As sales began to grow, Walker bought the former Bank of Norwalk building on Front Street and reopened it as a warehouse to house all of the overstock records.

However, when Auction City closed down in 1965, the warehouse became the store's primary



Lillian and Richard Sneed.

location and was renamed Norwalk Records.

By 1967, Lillian was remarried to Richard Sneed, a young military veteran who once worked at the shop himself.

"We were married for 45 years," he said on Wednesday. "She was gorgeous, a great wife...and knowledgeable about music. You could hum a tune and she knew what it was."

Through the years, Norwalk Records, located at 12142 Firestone Blvd., slowly evolved. Starting out with an inventory of primarily 45 rpm singles and 33-1/3 rpm long play albums, the store eventually adopted both four track and eight track tapes.

When cassettes arrived in the mid-1970s, they dominated sales for several years until the compact disc arrived in 1985. Today, the shop carries a wide range of Soul, Latin hip hop, Jazz, and Pop hits in mostly CD format.

In 2005, Lillian retired, leaving daily operations to her husband Richard.

"It was a blessing to work for her, she was compassionate and generous and I believe she worried

for her employees almost as much as her own children," said Bliss. "If she knew her employee was in need, she was always there to help in anyway she could."

A public memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries in Cypress followed by a reception at the Norwalk Elks Lodge, located at 13418 Clarkdale Ave.

"It's going to be a hell of a funeral. She's been selling music for 52 years. A lot of people want to come and pay their respects," said Richard Sneed. "Some car clubs will be coming...parking in the lot to reminisce. She had three generations of customers."

Over the last several days, Gonzales says she's been touched hearing story after story of Sneed's generosity and the impact she left on the lives of customers and former employees.

"We've been seeing the cream of the crop of customers stop by," Gonzales said. "Different people with different stories about Lillian. She made the community happy because music brings back memories and makes new memories."

"She was so giving and compassionate," Gonzales added. "She will be dearly missed."

Born Jan. 1, 1930, Sneed is survived by her husband Richard Sneed, a son and daughter, William Walker and Diana Jean Conenna, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

## Construction underway at South Gate intersection

**SOUTH GATE** — Drivers heading into South Gate can expect delays due to street construction at Firestone Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue that is expected to last until March.

Traffic lanes on Firestone have been shifted from the railroad crossing at Mason Street to Kauffman Avenue as crews construct temporary road lighting, water lines and work on curbs and gutters.

Two lanes of traffic will be open at all times in both directions and left turns will continue to be permitted at Firestone and Atlantic. However, left turns from west-bound Firestone to side streets between Atlantic and Kauffman are prohibited.

Similar work is being completed on Atlantic from Firestone to Wright Place.

Parking is not permitted on the north and south sides of Firestone or on the east and west sides of Atlantic.

Construction began Dec. 18 and is expected to last until March 17.

The project will result in numerous street improvements, city officials said, including a wider intersection; new traffic lights at the intersection of Firestone and Atlantic; upgraded street lighting; new curbs, gutters, sidewalks, handicap ramps and concrete approaches, raised landscape medians; street paving; new drainage facilities; upgraded sewer and water infrastructures; and upgrades at the railroad crossing.

"This key intersection is already congested and will be impacted significantly by the proposed I-710 freeway widening project," city officials said in a statement. "The proposed intersection improvement is essential to reduce traffic congestion and enhance traffic flow through the intersection. The project limit extends from Hunt Avenue to approximately 400 feet east of Atlantic Avenue on Firestone Boulevard, and from Firestone Boulevard to Patata Street on Atlantic Avenue. Sully Muller is the city's contractor for this project."

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## Dakari Archer scores 28 to lead Vikings in tournament win

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 8-8. The Vikings recently competed in and won the MaxPreps Holiday Classic Slice Division, which was held in and around the Palm Springs area, by winning three out of four games.

The Max Preps tournament took place from December 26-29 and featured many teams from both inside and outside of California.

The Vikings competed in pool play against three other schools before they advanced to the championship game. Downey defeated El Camino 50-40 on 12/26, lost to Los Osos 59-54 on 12/27, defeated Citrus Hill 53-37 on 12/28 and defeated Capistrano Valley in the Slice Division championship game 53-41 on 12/29.

Viking standout and last year's S.G.V.L. co-M.V.P. Dakari Archer scored 28 points to lead Downey in the championship game.

Downey hosted Schurr yesterday in their final preseason game (score unavailable at press time) and will open S.G.V.L. play against cross-town rival Warren on January 9th at Downey.



Front row, l-r: Crystal Olide, Kristin Johnson, Brianna Provencio, Maribel Coss, Kim Peraza, Isabel Coss, Ayla Pruneda. Back row: Coach Nate Harris, Angel Gonzalez, Bukky Adefeso, Bonnie Shilling, Tiffany Gilmore, Nona Carter, Tifany Pastor, Asst. Coach Ronn Guier.

The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-4 and have won seven straight games. The Lady Vikings recently competed in and won the Southern California Holiday Prep Classic NCAA Division, in San Diego, December 26-29. The Lady Vikings defeated San Pasqual 51-42 on 12/26, defeated San Diego 47-41 on 12/27, defeated Olympian 39-29 on 12/28 and defeated Sonora in the championship game 47-44 on

12/29. Tiffany Gilmore was named MVP of the tournament by scoring 18 points in the championship game.

The Lady Vikings finish their preseason schedule today when they host Bellflower. Downey will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host cross-town rival Warren on January 9th. Coach Harris and his team are looking forward to the start of league play.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## Wrestler Andy Garcia finishes 3rd at Mann Classic

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School wrestling team has had a busy December.

The Bears competed in the Long Beach Poly Jackrabbit Invitational on December 8th and followed that up with the Downey Viking Invitational December 14-15. The Bears then competed at the Mann Classic at Rancho Santiago Community College December 21-22 and closed the month of December at the Clinch Gear Tournament of Champions held at Tustin High School December 28-29.

Bear standout Andy Garcia (106) placed 3rd at the Mann Classic by defeating Jorge Campos of Colony 4-2. Warren Bear Richard Medina, (also 106), finished in seventh place by defeating Raymond Shoats of Elsinore by fall at 3:25.

Warren Bear Adrian Duarte (113) finished in eighth place after losing a decision to Joey Rodriguez of Arroyo 11-7. Overall, the Bears finished in 31st place with 79.5 points. There were over 50 teams competing at the Mann Classic. Laguna Hills was the tournament winner with a team score of 273.5 points. Laguna Hills had 11 of their 14 wrestlers place in the top eight of

their respective weight classes.

Andy Garcia (106) was the only Bear who placed at the Clinch Gear Tournament of Champions held last weekend at Tustin High School. Garcia finished in fifth place after pinning Isai Villalta of San Pasqual at the 2:34 mark. Overall, Warren finished in 28th place with 57.5 points, Gahr was 30th with 48.5 points and Paramount was 31st with 48 points, respectively. There were over 40 teams competing this past weekend at the Clinch Gear Tournament of Champions. Long Beach Poly was the tournament winner

with a team score of 187.5 points. The Jackrabbits had seven of their 14 wrestlers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

Warren will begin their S.G.V.L. schedule against cross-town rival Downey at Downey on January 10th. The winner of this early dual meet will have the inside track to the S.G.V.L. title. Things will certainly heat up once these two teams wrestle each other in league competition.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## Bears basketball perfect during winter break

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-3 and recently competed in the Whittier Tournament over the Christmas Break.

The Bears won all four of their games that were scheduled from December 26-29. The Bears defeated Artesia 61-13 on 12/26, defeated

Hoover 73-62 on 12/27, defeated Wilson 39-32 on 12/28 and defeated Claremont 49-46 on 12/29.

The Whittier Tournament served as a solid tune up for the start of league play. San Gabriel Valley League play begins next week.

The Bears traveled to Schurr on

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## Roybal-Allard releases statement on fiscal cliff deal

Late Tuesday night, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 257-167 to pass legislation to prevent tax rates from rising on middle class families, delay "draconian" federal spending cuts by two months and ensure unemployment compensation is available for the long-term unemployed.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-Downey) voted in favor of the legislation and released the following statement:

"I am pleased that we were able to pass a bipartisan compromise to protect middle class individuals and families from being hit with a major tax increase. Although I am gratified we were able to find a way to compromise to protect hard-working Americans and those working hard to find unemployment, I am disappointed that we have yet to reach agreement on further efforts to get the economy moving and create jobs.

"I hope that as the new Congress convenes we can redouble our efforts to get the economy back on track for the sake of the millions of Americans that remain unemployed."

## FDA approves new TB medication

**WASHINGTON** – Late last month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Sirturo (bedaquiline) as part of combination therapy to treat adults with multi-drug resistant pulmonary tuberculosis when other alternatives are not available.

TB is an infection caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and is one of the world's deadliest diseases. It is spread from person to person through the air and usually affects the lungs, but it can also affect other parts of the body such as the brain and kidneys.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 9 million people around the world and 10,528 people in the United States became sick with TB in 2011.

Multi-drug resistant TB occurs when *M. tuberculosis* becomes resistant to isoniazid and rifampin, two powerful drugs most commonly used to treat TB. Sirturo is the first drug approved to treat multi-drug resistant TB and should be used in combination with other drugs used to treat TB.

Sirturo works by inhibiting an enzyme needed by *M. tuberculosis* to replicate and spread throughout the body.

"Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis poses a serious health threat throughout the world, and Sirturo provides much-needed treatment for patients who don't have other therapeutic options available," said Edward Cox, M.D., director of the Office of Antimicrobial Products in the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "However, because the drug also carries some significant risks, doctors should make sure they use it appropriately and only in patients who don't have other treatment options."

Sirturo is being approved under the FDA's accelerated approval program, which allows the agency to approve a drug to treat a serious disease based on clinical data showing that the drug has an effect on a surrogate endpoint that is reasonably likely to predict a clinical benefit to patients. This program provides patients earlier access to promising new drugs while the company conducts additional studies to confirm the drug's clinical benefit and safe use.

The FDA also granted Sirturo fast track designation, priority review and orphan-product designation. The drug demonstrated the potential to fill an unmet medical need, has the potential to provide safe and effective treatment where no satisfactory alternative therapy exists, and is intended to treat a rare disease, respectively.

Sirturo carries a Boxed Warning alerting patients and health care professionals that the drug can affect the heart's electrical activity (QT prolongation), which could lead to an abnormal and potentially fatal heart rhythm. The Boxed Warning also notes deaths in patients treated with Sirturo.

Nine patients who received Sirturo died compared with two patients who received placebo. Five of the deaths in the Sirturo group and all of the deaths in the placebo arm seemed to be related to tuberculosis, but no consistent reason for the deaths in the remaining Sirturo-treated patients could be identified.

Sirturo's manufacturer, Janssen Therapeutics, will distribute the drug from a single source and will provide educational materials to help ensure the drug is used appropriately.

Sirturo's safety and effectiveness were established in 440 patients in two Phase 2 clinical trials. Patients in the first trial were randomly assigned to be treated with Sirturo plus other drugs used to treat TB, or a placebo plus other drugs used to treat TB. All patients in the second trial, which is ongoing, received Sirturo plus other TB drugs. Both studies were designed to measure the length of time it took for a patient's sputum to be free of *M. tuberculosis* (sputum culture conversion, or SCC).

Results from the first trial showed patients treated with Sirturo combination therapy achieved SCC in a median time of 83 days, compared with 125 days in patients treated with placebo combination therapy. Results from the second trial showed the median time to SCC was 57 days, supporting the efficacy findings of the first trial.

Common side effects identified in the clinical trials include nausea, joint pain, and headache.

Janssen Therapeutics, a division of Janssen Products LP, is based in Titusville, N.J.

## PT reflects on Viking football season

**DOWNEY** – As the 2012 prep football season has come and gone and Downey High School won their first C.I.F. championship since 1957, the *Long Beach Press Telegram* has published their "2012 Year in Review." This brief list describes the top ten stories focusing on Long Beach area sports accomplishments this past year. The number five ranked sports event of the year was appropriately named "55 Years Later." This recognition reflected the Downey High School football team's run through the C.I.F. Southeast Division playoffs.

In this summary, Justin Huff is recognized as the C.I.F. Southern Section Southeast Division Player of the Year. The summary also reflects on Downey's 1957 season and reminds "veterans of Downey football to recall the great days of Randy Meadows."

Downey finished the regular season with a record of 7-3 and a tri-S.G.V.L. championship with Dominguez and Paramount, respectively. From that point on however, Downey caught fire and defeated Rowland 55-21 in the first round of the C.I.F. playoffs, Norwalk 45-42 in the second round, Santa Fe 35-3 in the semi-final round and La Serna 33-25 in the title game. The Vikings finished their championship season with an overall record of 11-3. Downey will return quarterback Jorge Reyna, running back Justin Huff and defensive tackle Anthony Florido next season, amongst others. Things certainly look good for the future of Downey football.

Interestingly, "The Valencias of Bosco" were ranked the number seven local sporting event of 2012. Zahid and Anthony Valencia of St. John Bosco became the only freshmen brothers to both win California state wrestling titles in the same year. Zahid had an overall record of 50-0 at 106 pounds and Anthony had an overall record of 45-1 at 126 pounds.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

## SPORTS: Warren basketball preps for league opener

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Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will open S.G.V.L. play against cross-town rival Downey at Downey on January 9th. If Warren is going to make a run at the league title, senior and two time All-S.G.V.L. point guard Joseph Campos will be leading the charge. Coach Hart and his team are looking forward to the start of league play.

The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 3-9 and recently competed in the Edison Tournament over the Christmas Break. The Lady Bears lost to Corona Centennial 72-53 on 12/26, lost to North Torrance 63-59 on 12/27 and defeated Marina 61-49 on 12/28. The Edison Tournament provided a valuable opportunity for the Lady Bears to get better for the start of a very competitive San Gabriel Valley League.

Warren will begin S.G.V.L. play on January 9 at Downey in the league opener for both schools.


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Trustee Sale No. 254821CA Loan No. 0017436049 Title Order No. 1009180 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/28/2006 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 11/01/2013 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, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) ACTING SOLICITORS AS TRUSTEE FOR BEAR STEARNS REAL ESTATE 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 national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized 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 provisions of the deed of trust, 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) to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$581,643.00 (estimated) Street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property to be sold is purported to be 12373 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 of the Financial Code, the mortgagee, 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 first class mail; by personal delivery; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12/17/2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee DEREK WEAR-RENE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Sales Information: [www.lpsasap.com](http://www.lpsasap.com) or 1-714-730-2727 [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com) or 1-714-573-1965 [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) or 1-800-280-2832 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 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.recontrustco.com](http://www.recontrustco.com), using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 07-0043037. 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. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4331609 12/20/2012, 12/27/2012, 01/03/2013

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](http://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](http://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](http://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

#### The Downey Patriot 12/20/12, 12/27/12, 1/3/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-495785-RM Order No.: 120035874-CA-GT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/12/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, plus interest thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): GERARDO RIVERA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 12/21/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2838992 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 12/24/2012 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA \$1766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$446,956.18 The purported property address is: 15503 LEIBACHER AVE, NORWALK CA, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8078-007-016 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 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.recontrustco.com](http://www.recontrustco.com), using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-495785-RM. 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. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall be liable to the Trustee for the monies set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.** Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-4600. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold is approximately \$446,956.18, plus costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$293,196.34. It is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized 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, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. 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 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 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. 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#### The Downey Patriot 1/3/13, 1/10/13, 1/17/13

Trustee Sale No. 254269CA Loan No. 0670894520 Title Order No. 975784 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11-20-2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 01-24-2013 at 9:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 02-24-2004, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 04 0414395, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: LEROY B. RACE JR., A WIDOWER, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property 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: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 131 OF TRACT NO.

18850, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 468 PAGE(S) 25 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$476,853.86 (estimated) Street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property: 9380 VIA AMORITA DOWNEY, CA 90241 APN Number: 6286-008-029 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 of the Financial Code, the mortgagee, 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 first class mail; by personal delivery; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-27-2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee DEREK WEAR-RENE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Sales Information: [www.lpsasap.com](http://www.lpsasap.com) or 1-714-730-2727 [www.priorityposting.com](http://www.priorityposting.com) or 1-714-573-1965 [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) or 1-800-280-2832 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 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.recontrustco.com](http://www.recontrustco.com), using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-495785-RM. 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 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale

#### The Downey Patriot 1/3/13, 1/10/13, 1/17/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0076964 Doc ID #0002170313692005N Title Order No. 12-0138056 Investor/Insurer No. 204628372 APN No. 8018-009-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/16/2010. 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 DENISE SMITH, dated 11/16/2010 and recorded 4/27/2010, as Instrument No. 20100564238, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/14/2013 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property situated in said County and State is: GARD 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 \$293,196.34. It is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized 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, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. 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 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 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.recontrustco.com](http://www.recontrustco.com), using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0076964. 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 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale

Information (626) 927-4399 By: - Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4334365 12/20/2012, 12/27/2012, 01/03/2013

#### The Downey Patriot 12/20/12, 12/27/12, 1/3/13

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0035856 Doc ID #0001068355242005N Title Order No. 12-0142650 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 62667-006 YOU ARE UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/19/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ELLEN KIM, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 10/19/2005 and recorded 10/27/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2589149, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/24/2013 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: 8536 TWEEDY LANE, DOWNEY, CA, 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$581,896.36. It is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized 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, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee,







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The Downey Patriot 12/27/12, 1/3/13

Trustee Sale No. 12-519136 SLE Title Order No. 7167120-A-80702017 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08-01-07. 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 01/23/13 at 9:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/08/07 in Instrument No. 20071865023 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: Jose Berumen, a Married Man, as Trustor, in favor of Citi of Peak 2012-1 Loan Trust Mortgage Backed Notes, Series 2012-1, by U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 14627 DEVLIN AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$449,151.39 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Requirements of SB1137 have been met pursuant to the Notice of Sale Declaration of record. DATE: 12/5/12 Robbie Weaver Assistant Secretary & Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation c/o 4665 MacArthur Court, Suite 250 Newport Beach, CA 92660 Phone: (866) 260-9285 or (602) 222-5711 Fax: (847)627-8803 www.aztecfsc.com 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, (714)730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, https://www.lpsasap.com/, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9526-2324. 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. P1009636 1/3, 1/10, 01/17/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 9526-2324 TSG Order No.: 120311666-CA-LMI A.P.N.: 6281-003-014 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/05/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE

SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 05/17/2006 as Document No.: 061085023, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: HUMBERTO VILLEGAS, A SINGLE MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, and more particularly described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date and Time: 01/22/2013 at 11:00 AM Sale Location: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9947 BELCHER ST, DOWNEY, CA 90242. 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$385,936.35 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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, (714)730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, https://www.lpsasap.com/, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9526-2324. 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. 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. The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.5(a) was fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded on 09/26/2012 NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: https://www.lpsasap.com/ or Call: (714)730-2727. NBS Default Services, LLC, Gaby Ospino "We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." A-4343076 12/27/2012, 01/03/2013, 01/10/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-11-472904-VF Order No.: 110472663-CA-GDI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust,

interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELEG TO BID** THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ASSET FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by WILLIE BLACKWELL, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, recorded on 6/18/2012, as Instrument No. 2012089636, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-RIL-12013105 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/11/02. 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 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, (714)730-2727, or visit this Internet Web site www.fidelityasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RIL-12013105. Information about postponements that are very

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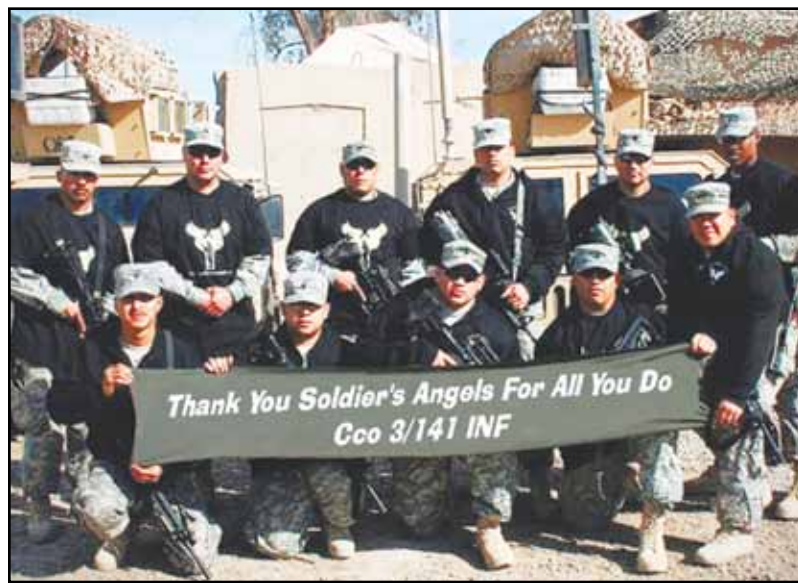


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Red Carpet Heritage Realty is thanking the community for contributing to its food collection drive last month. "Through the generous contributions from Downey residents, we were able to send boxes of food items to several families of our service men," the company said in a statement.



## Toastmasters club installs new president

**DOWNEY** – Ralph Diaz was named president of Dynamic Forcemasters Club 587 in Downey last week after the Toastmasters chapter hosted its officer installation dinner at the Embassy Suites.

Other newly-installed officers include Salvador Cervantes, vice president of education; Raul Castillo, vice president of membership; Rebecca Banuelos, vice president of secretary; Rene Estrada, treasurer; and Agustín Duran, vice president of public relations and sergeant at arms.

Each will serve from January through June of 2013.

Jennifer Elam, Toastmaster Division E governor, conducted the installation ceremony.

Toastmasters helps members develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth, officials said.

It is also useful for residents whose English is their second language.

The club meets every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey. Visitors are welcome.

## Writing contest open to students

**LOS ANGELES** – Students are being invited to participate in a national writing competition this spring.

The essay contest features divisions for grades 3-6, 7-9 and 10-12, with 10 top winners in each division.

To enter an essay, write between 100-250 words on any non-fiction topic. Deadline is Feb. 19.

The poetry contest has divisions for grades K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12, also with 10 top winners in each division. Poems should be original, in English and 21 lines or less.

Deadline to submit a poem is April 11.

The contests are sponsored by Creative Communication. There is no entry fee or required purchase to be published.

For more information, go to [poeticpower.com](http://poeticpower.com)

# Is your life too plastic? More on recycling

• Recycling plastic can be more complicated than it sounds.

By **Lars Clutterham**  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – We closed last week's discussion with a website list of recyclables from CalMet Services, which provides trash collection and recycling for the City of Downey. That list is a rudimentary introduction to the subtleties of recycling. It includes metals, such as aluminum cans, foil, tin cans, and metal coat hangers. Also on the list are paper products such as magazines, brochures, newspapers, wrapping paper, phonebooks, cardboard, cereal boxes, junk mail, and cardboard, but not foam, egg cartons. Glass bottles and jars are mentioned as well.

Finally, with a single word, "plastics," the CalMet list sums up all seven categories of plastic chemical configurations, each of which must be separately processed in the world of recyclable plastics. You will have seen these numbers inside the nearly ubiquitous triangle-shaped recycling arrows printed on the bottoms of plastic containers

and on many types of plastic wraps and packaging.

There are six plastic resin formulas, each one with a number designation. These varieties of plastics must be reprocessed separately in order to maintain their particular characteristics upon remanufacture. Plastic designated with a "7" constitutes an "Other" category, which is a hybrid formula that comes from remanufacturing recycled plastic that is a mixed combination of resins, and therefore is only recyclable for use not requiring the specific properties of the pure resins.

Lest this article devolve into a chemistry lesson, it's sufficient to say here that #1 PET and #2 HDPE plastics are the most recyclable, constituting over 50% of all plastic recycling recovery. Incidentally, according to the EPA, plastic waste generated 12 percent of the entire U.S. waste stream in 2010--31 million tons--of which only 8% was recycled. Obviously those of us committed to plastics recycling have a big job ahead.

Curiously, CalMet alludes to another plastic category on its website, which it calls "unsoiled foam cups/plates." This reference seems to be to the plastic known to most of us by its brand name, "Styrofoam." Styrofoam is actually expanded

polystyrene (EPS), #6 PS by its category label as described above. EPS is considered not recyclable in many communities because it is both too light and therefore too expensive to reprocess in volume. So CalMet's reference to cardboard only egg cartons on its website, as mentioned above, seems to contradict its other suggestion that foam cups and plates are recyclable.

Another ambiguity on the CalMet website is that "bottle caps" are on the list. CalMet doesn't specify whether it means metal or plastic bottle caps. But plastic bottle caps have long been a problem for recyclers for three reasons: first, they're small and can clog machinery; second, they are almost always of a different plastic configuration than the bottles to which they're attached; thirdly, attached plastic bottle caps can explode and become projectiles in some recycling facilities when compressed by machinery, thereby creating a hazard to workers.

Local cities, such as Lakewood and Long Beach, provide more complete information on their websites than is available for Downey. This writer also stumbled on an impressively thorough recycling guide for Morris County, New Jersey, which addresses some of the questions raised above. So, until we can provide more specific local information, what follows is a synthesis of recyclable plastics and paper de-

rived from other sources.

First, paper, as spelled out in detail in the Morris County recycling guide: "Recycle office paper, file folders, junk mail, envelopes, flyers, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, paperbacks and phone books, wrapping paper, paper bags, tissue and cookie boxes, paper towel cores, toilet tissue rolls, frozen food boxes, cartons and boxes used for milk, juice, soup, broth, etc., clean pizza boxes [or their clean tops], 6-pack and 12-pack cartons from soda, clean paper ice cream containers. No need to remove stamps, address labels, staples, cellophane address windows. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened."

Less complete, but still useful, Morris County recommends recycling plastics coded #1, 2, 4, 5, and 7. This excludes #3 PVC (which has an entirely different set of recycling issues), and #6 PS (polystyrene), as discussed above. Morris County also reminds customers that containers must be empty and requests that those problematic plastic bottle caps be put in the trash.

Finally, *Los Angeles Times* online archives offer a fascinating and instructive photo gallery under the title, "Can I Recycle...?" which provides information on recycling everything from Ashes and Bubble wrap to Zip-loc bags. Just log onto [latimes.com](http://latimes.com) and search for "Can I Recycle...?"

## Two charged with murder in alleged street racing crash

**POMONA** – The drivers of two cars that allegedly were street racing on West Covina streets on Christmas day were charged last week with murder in connection with the death of a 90-year-old wheelchair-bound woman who was thrown out of the van in which she was riding when it was hit by one of the vehicles.

Vincent Lopez, 30, and Victor Hugo Sanchez, 34, each was charged with one count of murder and one count of driving under the influence causing injury. Bail for each was recommended at \$1 million.

Lopez, the driver of the car that allegedly hit the van, remains hospitalized for injuries received in the crash. Sanchez, driver of the second car, was not hospitalized.

If convicted, each man faces a possible maximum state prison term of life with the possibility of parole.

Authorities said the two men were at a West Covina tavern with friends earlier in the day. They left in two cars to go to a home in the area. Authorities said the cars were seen darting in and out of traffic on Lark Street and exceeding the posted 40-mph limit.

The crash occurred at Lark Street and Merced Avenue when the car driven by Lopez allegedly struck a van driven by Jaime Ochoa, who was injured. Ochoa's mother, Celia Latorre, who was in the back of the van in a wheelchair, was thrown out and killed. The second car left the scene and Sanchez was not arrested until several hours after the crash.

The case, investigated by West Covina police, was filed by Deputy District Attorney John Monaghan, assistant head of the Pomona branch office. The assigned prosecutor is Deputy District Attorney Vanessa Robles.

## County looks to honor green leaders

**LOS ANGELES** – L.A. County is now accepting applications for its Green Leadership Awards program, honoring residents, businesses, local governments and community-based organizations that show "innovative and creative solutions to challenges involving environmental issues."

"As one of the largest employers in Southern California, the County of Los Angeles practices and promotes good environmental stewardship," said county CEO William Fujioka. "The Green Leadership Awards program provides a unique opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to recognize the outstanding efforts of both the private and public sectors to improve environmental sustainability."

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**Immaculate!**

Immaculate single story condo! This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a updated kitchen with granite counters and tile floor. It is on a corner lot with an extra private garden. Included appliances are free standing gas stove, microwave, dishwasher, refrigerator and a stackable washer and dryer. One year home warranty also included with the sale. The HOA amenities include pool, spa, tennis, gym, woodgolf, club house, billiards and a putting green. **WOW!! Call today for more information!**



**Amazing!!**

This custom built 2 story home is located on a corner lot on a tree-lined street in a very desirable neighborhood. This beautiful property features 4 bedrooms with 2 master suites, 6 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 balconies and a gourmet kitchen. The backyard is perfect for large parties with a covered patio, pergola, built-in seating and a secluded dog run. **This is a MUST SEE!!**

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This is a beautiful tri-level home. It features wood 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms with each of the bedrooms having their own full bath. Also, this home has a patio, wood floors and a 2 car garage. If that's not enough, it also features a fireplace in the living room, beautiful wood shutters and a balcony off the kitchen. **Call today for more information on this great opportunity!**



**Turnkey**

Welcome to this beautifully updated 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home. It features refinished wood floors, an updated kitchen with quartz counter tops and newer cabinets. Both of the bathrooms have been remodeled as well as the 2 car garage. **This is a must see! Call for more information today!**



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