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Astronaut to help mark Columbia tragedy

DOWNEY – NASA astronaut James M. Kelly, a crew member on the “Return to Flight” mission after the Columbia Shuttle tragedy, will be at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Feb. 1 to help mark the disaster’s 10th anniversary.

Kelly also was part of STS-102 Discovery, the eighth shuttle mission to visit the International Space Station. His experience includes more than 3,800 flight hours in 35 different aircraft.

The city will pay tribute to the Columbia crew, who lost their lives on Feb. 1, 2003 as the shuttle reentered the earth’s atmosphere. Killed that day were Rick Husband, Willie McCool, Michael Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, David Brown, Laurel Clark and Ilan Ramon.

The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. inside the space center, which serves as the official national memorial to the space shuttle Columbia.

“On this special anniversary event, we want to honor the courage and dedication of these true American heroes,” said Mayor Mario Guerra. “We will continue to pay tribute to the legacy of crew STS-107 and their heroic commitment to space exploration.”

The public is invited to the ceremony. Admission to the space center will be free from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

“We are extremely honored to have astronaut Kelly join us on this special day and look forward to welcoming him to our city,” added Guerra.

For more information, call the space center at (562) 231-1200 or log on to columbiaspacecenter.org.

Man fatally shot outside restaurant

DOWNEY – Downey Police are searching for the person who shot and killed a man in a brazen attack outside a popular Downey resident Sunday night.

The victim, publicly identified only as a man in his 20’s, was shot several times at about 8:30 p.m. outside Gloria’s Mexican restaurant near Florence Avenue and Old River School Road.

Downey paramedics transported the victim to the trauma unit at St. Francis Medical Center where he died.

A woman who says she lives “down the street” from Gloria’s tweeted that she heard “what I thought were 3 fireworks go off around 8:40.”

The suspect fled in a white four-door sedan before police arrived. He was described as a male Hispanic with a dark complexion wearing a hooded red sweatshirt.

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

Tips can be left anonymously by calling (800) 222-8477 or online at lacrimestoppers.org.

Ready and willing to work

• Special needs students from Downey have been trained to enter the workforce; now all they need is an opportunity.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – They may be likened to a group of soldiers awaiting further orders from a caring, solicitous commander. At this moment, a group of 60 eager 16 to 22-year old special needs students who have been attending Downey High, Warren High, and Columbus High, are awaiting word that a business or an organization has agreed to take them on for a specified period during the school day, usually from 8 to 11 a.m., to help with simple, routine tasks such as packaging merchandise in the warehouse, organizing store shelves, etc.—in the case of a store such as Big Lots—or doing routine office tasks in an office environment.

The students belong to a program called the Special Education Work Experience program run by career vocational education specialists Cindy Salceda and Melanie Adams. They work under the auspices of DUSD’s department of Career Vocational Education for special needs students. Program headquarters is located at Downey High School.

Salceda’s primary responsibility is the 16-18 age group (numbering 20 students from DHS and 10 students from WHS), while Adams’ is the 18-22 age group coming from the Columbus campus’ Adult Transition Program, which teaches such things as how to budget, survival skills, using public transportation, acting in restaurants and other public places, etc.. The areas of responsibility overlap.

The purpose of the work experience program is to give the special needs students the opportunity to participate in a meaningful hands-on work experience, to give them a taste of a real work environment. In

so immersing them in the rhythm of the workaday world, it is hoped that the students can gain familiarity with actual work situations and pick up skills they will need when they actually go looking for future employment. Salceda says, “We would like every student to leave school with some type of work experience that will promote independence and help with their transition into adulthood.” By law, a special needs student falls under the care of the state upon reaching the age of 22.

The program had actually been in operation for 15 years with the participation of Big Lots and for a lot less amount of time with Embassy Suites. Big Lots’ involvement was interrupted in mid-December last when the local store was confronted by the company’s Columbus, Ohio headquarters with liability issues. For reasons not entirely made clear, the program has had to live with the status quo, even as the Career Vocational Education department is renewing its appeal to the business community and other sectors to accommodate the students.

The department meanwhile has made it clear that the students are fully insured by the Downey Unified School District.

The benefits of the program go both ways. While benefiting the students tremendously, it also clearly gives the sponsoring party material as well as psychic advantages. As these are “fully-functioning” students (described as “able, well-balanced, and well-trained workers”), Salceda says their classroom instruction, training and coaching will have predisposed them to listen to and carefully follow instructions when they report to the work sites. Besides, they are always accompanied on the job by their supervisor/job coach.

This frees regular workers or employees from their usual posts during the duration of the students’ work periods, enabling the former to perform other meaningful work on the work floor or office. This could generate, obviously enough, savings (in time, labor) for the com-



Photo courtesy DUSD

Students in Downey Unified’s Work Experience program are trained for entry-level jobs.

pany/organization.

The group continues to grow in number, says Salceda. The program is aiming to inspire positive response from local businesses like hospitals, manufacturing firms, fast food restaurants, and small businesses to employ these “employables”—so that, she says, they will gain experience in a variety of occupational and professional careers, to learn the burden of responsibility at work, acquire good work habits, develop a positive attitude towards work so necessary for successful employment anywhere, and otherwise explore occupations and /or gain information to make better career choices.

“We need to expand the program,” said Salceda. “And we’re appealing to business and other sec-

tors in the community to help the program succeed.”

Indeed, for sponsoring firms, it’s an opportunity to demonstrate social consciousness and concern. For the eager and hopeful students, it’s a wonderful chance to take further meaningful steps towards cultivating traits of independence and otherwise becoming productive adults in society.

Examined more closely, it looks like a win-win situation.

“To help our program grow,” says Salceda, companies/organizations are urged to contact:

Melanie Adams at 562-869-7301, ext. 5534 or e-mail madams@dusd.net or Cindy Salceda at 562-869-7301, ext. 5564 or e-mail csalceda@dusd.net.

Car thefts at Downey shopping malls cut in half

DOWNEY – Car thefts at Downey Landing and Stonewood Center last year were cut in half from the previous calendar year, thanks in large part to proactive enforcement and collaboration with shopping center security, the Downey Police Department announced.

At Stonewood Center, car thefts are down 64 percent. They are down 49 percent at Downey Landing.

Vehicle burglaries declined as well, including a 42 percent drop at Stonewood and a 34 percent dip at Downey Landing.

The L.A. Fitness on Firestone Boulevard also reported a 52 percent decline in vehicle thefts and a 72 percent drop in car burglaries.

“The Downey Police Department, in conjunction with the Stonewood Mall, Downey Landing and L.A. Fitness management teams, developed comprehensive enforcement strategies during this same time period in 2012 to reduce crimes at these specific locations,” authorities said. “The collaboration and proactive efforts between Downey P.D. and these businesses are proving to be effective.”

Police officials also reported that violent crimes in Downey dropped 8 percent citywide in 2012.

“We will use every preventative measure and investigative resource at our disposal to deter these crimes and arrest those individuals who commit them,” officials said.



Photo by Eric Pierce

Signs at Stonewood Mall warn shoppers against possible theft.

Bicycling: a personal perspective

• After retirement, this old-timer rediscovered the joy of riding a bicycle.

By **Lars Clutterham**
Contributor

DOWNEY – Next month I will turn sixty-five, officially entering the ranks of the elderly. The term “elderly” carries with it a connotation of feebleness and fragility, just like the widely used health-care designation, “geriatric.” Of the several words used to describe those who are old, it seems to me that the expression “senior citizen,” or better yet, just “senior,” is the least condescending.

But I’m here to say that being sixty-five does not relegate me—at least not yet—to a life of stooped shuffling. And one of the reasons I feel vital and full of energy is because I’ve discovered bicycling.

This discovery occurred after I retired, in the fall of 2010 at the age of 62. With a lot more time on my hands, some health concerns, including osteoarthritis in my lower back, and the broad environmentalist perspective I bring to these articles every week, it began to occur to me that perhaps a bicycle would be a desirable alternative to driving a car around Downey for those nearby errands that rarely require going farther than a couple of miles.

I hadn’t ridden a bicycle much as an adult, though I did do some long-distance running before developing sinopulmonary health issues about ten years ago. So when my father-in-law offered me his 1939 Schwinn—then hanging in pieces in his garage—I jumped at the chance to rebuild and start riding it. (The final assembly was beyond my skill level and was expertly handled by Pat’s 605 Cyclery in Norwalk.) It was thrilling to be out and about on

a vintage bicycle, but the need for speed soon overtook me, and I accepted a 21-speed mountain bike as a gift from a friend.

That bike was everything I needed to get around Downey. I started with round trips not exceeding 3 miles and eventually built up my confidence to the point that I was comfortable riding my bike the five miles diagonally across town from my house to Kaiser Permanente.

At the time, I was involved in the study of some regional transportation issues that included an occasional meeting in downtown Los Angeles. I began to wonder if I had the courage and stamina to traverse the eleven miles to downtown L.A. So I checked out the bicycle option in Google Maps, which gives you the best and safest back-street routes for bike travel. And lo and behold, I discovered I could make it to Caltrans across from L.A. City Hall in one hour flat! That’s quicker than driving there, plus the parking’s free and right out front!

Last August I decided, for a combination of reasons, to return to my old job in Culver City. The same question arose. Could I actually ride my bike to work in Culver City—17 and a half miles one-way from my front door. Having exhausted myself last summer attempting that trip on Bike to Work day, I was a bit fearful, but cautiously optimistic. Another bike upgrade was necessary, to a bike specifically sized for my height. But I’ve worked up to the point where, if weather permits, by the end of this week I will have commuted to Culver City from my home in Downey five times for a one-week total of 175 miles.

Please forgive me for bragging. I recognize that not everyone is blessed with the same portion of good health that has allowed me to work up to this much cycling.

But it’s enormously important to recognize—especially for us

“seniors”—that a bicycle affords a low-key and low-stress option for exercise that’s almost unparalleled. It helps with balance—frequently an issue for seniors—though if that’s too much of a problem for you, adult tri-cycles are available which take care of the balance problems while still providing the opportunity for stress-free exercise. Besides your legs, your upper body gets a light workout, as well as your lungs and heart.

Finally, let me point out that, while the City of Downey dearly needs to develop its bicycle infrastructure to allow for bicycling as viable alternative transportation, the residential streets in Downey are already just about perfect for bicycling. Most Downey residential streets are wide enough for bicyclists to proceed along with two-way traffic. And from my experience, most of Downey’s residential streets are practically deserted most of the time. So you can stay away from the major arterials and get pretty much wherever you need to around town on residential back streets.

Now you’ll want to be familiar with the rules of the road. And your personal safety is of utmost importance, so venture out only if and when you’re comfortable that you can control a bicycle safely. But if you’re prepared on those two counts, then, whatever stage of “senior” you might be, you can still experience the healthy joys of bicycling.

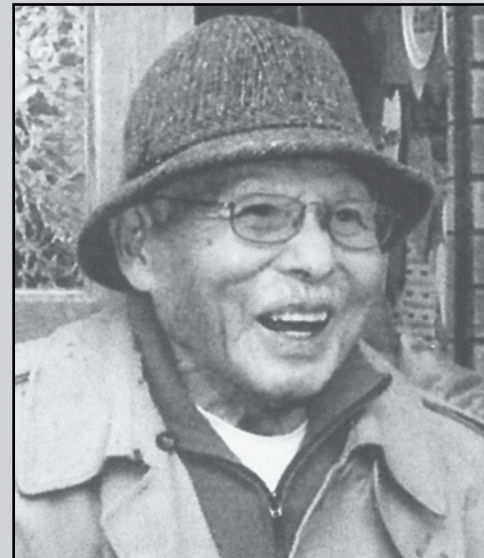
In fact, why not come out this Saturday for the Downey Bicycle Coalition’s first official monthly community bike ride? It’s at Apollo Park at 8 a.m. Bring your bike and a helmet, be prepared to sign a waiver, and if you’re a child under 14, bring an adult along for supervision.

Because bicycling’s not just for kids anymore. It’s great for us seniors too!



Roger Pardo, pictured at left with Steve Perez, was guest speaker at Wednesday’s Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting. Pardo is a founding member of the Downey Bicycle Coalition, which is holding its inaugural bike ride this Saturday at 8 a.m. at Apollo Park, rain or shine.

Remembering a very special Doctor Kei H. Ozaki, M.D.



It has been 2 years since you left us here on earth. I still feel your presence in my life. What gives me the strength to carry on is knowing that you are always with me and now my angel. I always think of what an amazing person you were. Such a caring and loving doctor to all your patients, and how you always saw good in everyone. Your life and your legacy will live on in our hearts forever. Your memory is all around and you will never be forgotten. Forever our Hero, and until we meet again, May God HOLD YOU IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS.

To remember him on January 27 we invite all that knew Dr. Ozaki to have a special thought or say a prayer in his memory. We the office staff in honor of him will send up white balloons to the heavens. We know he will be watching.

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Concert to feature talented oboist

DOWNEY – She is a stalwart of the orchestra, this tiny, personable lady, an A-Team all by herself.

Before a concert by the Downey Symphony, out of the glorious cacophony of the orchestra tuning up onstage, there comes a wonderful moment when Catherine Del Russo's oboe sounds a pure, calm A, and heed is paid. Section by section, the musicians tune to her A, to her absolute word, and then they're good to go.

Catherine has been our symphony's principal oboe for years, but at Saturday evening's concert in the Downey Theatre she will appear under another guise, as English horn soloist in Aaron Copland's "Quiet City." This is an atmospheric, brooding work, scored for string orchestra and two virtuosic soloists on English horn and trumpet.

Joining Catherine is trumpeter Conrad Jones, winner of the Downey Symphony's 2012 Young Artist Competition. As the composer wrote, "Quiet City is challenging music for its soloists," but not to worry. It's all in good hands here.

Also on this program: a Mozart Divertimento, Benjamin's Britten's delightful Simple Symphony composed in 1934, and Conrad Jones playing Johann Neruda's Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra, from around 1750.

Music Director Sharon Lavery will give an informative discussion of the music to be heard at 7:15, and the performance starts at 8 in the Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Parking surrounding the theater is free.

Tickets, \$35, \$30 and \$10 with student ID, are available at the theater box office or by calling (562) 861-8211.

The next concert in this 55th season of the Downey Symphony will be on April 6, and it's a doozie. We welcome you to all these performances, and invite you to browse our website at downeysymphony.org.

–Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony

Restaurant gets OK to sell liquor

DOWNEY – A Mexican seafood restaurant on Imperial Highway can now serve liquor and host a DJ after approval from the Planning Commission last week.

Following the recommendation of city planners, commissioners OK'd La Perla del Mar's request for upgraded liquor and entertainment licenses. Out of respect for nearby homes, however, the restaurant is required to keep its doors closed at all times to reduce noise levels.

Customers are also prohibited from gathering in the rear parking lot after closing time.

The restaurant was previously allowed to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption only.

To prevent the restaurant from becoming a bar, more than half of the restaurant's gross sales must come from food, and alcohol sales are required to stop at 1 a.m., one hour before closing time.

Restaurant owner Jesus Magana said he plans to hire a disc jockey to add to his entertainment lineup of dancing and karaoke.

The Downey Police Department initially objected to La Perla del Mar serving liquor after problems with a nearby nightclub, El Maguey, that also served liquor. El Maguey closed more than a year ago, however, and its liquor license was surrendered.

Police officials said they responded to La Perla del Mar seven times during the last 12 months for complaints that ranged from an assault with a deadly weapon to drinking in public and being loud in the parking lot.

Fire department offers insurance

DOWNEY – Downey homeowners may notice an additional \$48 charge on their water bill as the enrollment period has opened for the fire department's Emergency Medical Transport Program.

The program is supplemental insurance that eliminates additional out-of-pocket expenses for residents who find themselves in need of emergency medical transportation.

Without the supplemental insurance, the cost of each paramedic transport starts at \$1,521. Basic life support transportation starts at \$1,028.

The \$48 subscription fee covers all permanent household residents between March 1, 2013 and Feb. 28, 2014.

Fire department officials say the program helps offset the costs of staffing two paramedic squads and a basic life support ambulance. The fire department transports 4,500 residents to the hospital each year.

To enroll in the program, residents should add the \$48 to their water bill payment. Residents who live in apartments or condos, or who do not receive water bills, can sign up by visiting the City Hall cashier or calling (562) 904-7254.

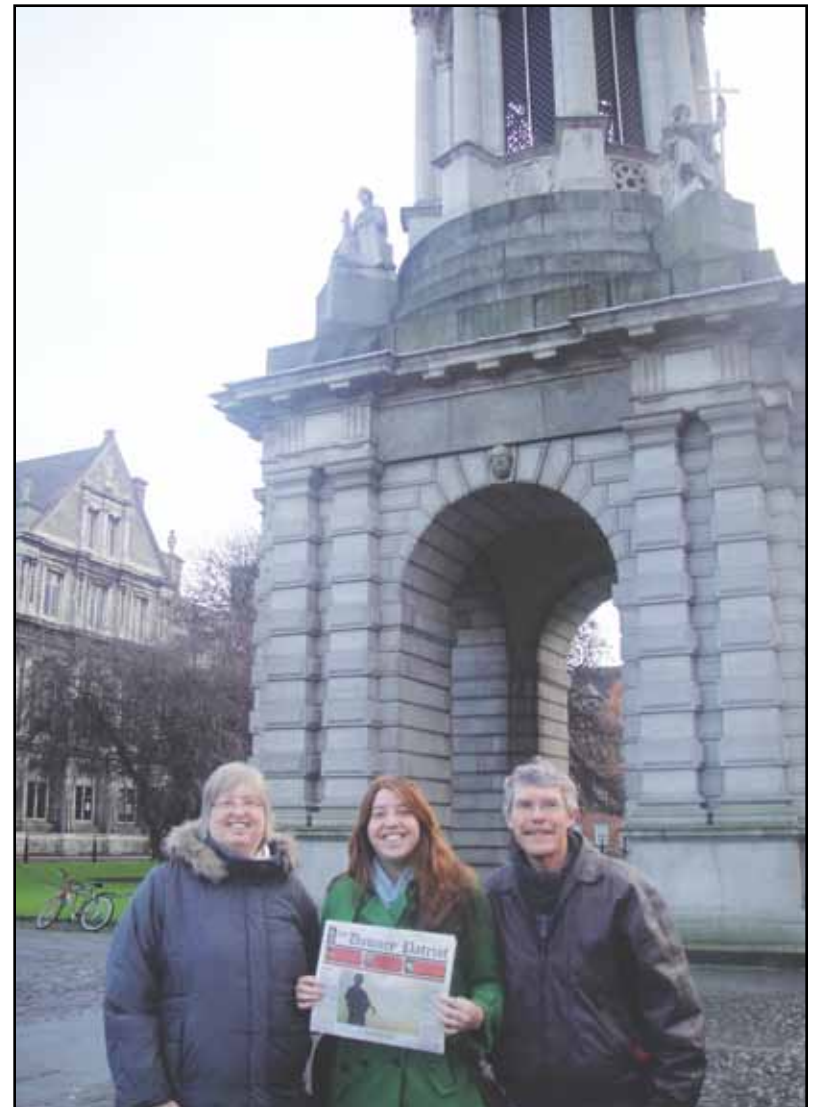
Last call for Miss Downey sign-ups

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association is still accepting applications for the Miss Downey, Teen Downey, Little and Jr. pageants. Applications are online at missdowney.com and are due by Feb. 4.

Contestants should print out an application and bring it with them, along with a \$18 fee, to one of the following rehearsals: Jan. 26 or Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. for ages 5-12; Jan. 28 or Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. for ages 13-23.

Rehearsals are held at in the Dance Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

For more information, call Gary DeRemer at (562) 260-8503.



Julie, Heather and Mark Adamson took their copy of *The Downey Patriot* to Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, where Heather, a 2011 graduate of Warren High, is studying this semester.

Residents asked to help with parks master plan

DOWNEY – Downey residents are invited to get involved in planning the city's first ever Parks & Recreation Master Plan, a document that will set a future direction for Downey parks, programs, services and capital improvements over the next 10 years.

The first meeting will be held Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Golden Park. A second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2 at Apollo Park.

All residents are invited to attend, including children.

The master plan is being developed by the city's Parks & Recreation Department in partnership with the Department of Urban & Regional Planning at Cal Poly Pomona.

"This is a great opportunity to become involved as we prepare for the future of Downey Parks & Recreation," city officials said in a statement.

For more details, go online to downeyca.org or call (562) 904-7238.

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Downey councilman Luis Marquez

Downey councilman elected party delegate

DOWNEY – Councilman Luis Marquez, his wife Alma, and Downey public works commissioner Marybeth Vergara were elected as delegates to the Democratic Party State Central Committee for the 58th Assembly district.

Voting took place two weeks ago.

The Democratic State Central Committee is the official legislative body of the California State Democratic Party. Its duties include approving the party's platform and endorsing Democratic candidates for office.

A large part of the committee's membership is determined by elections held every two years in each Assembly district.

Candidate slates endorsed by Marquez and former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza won 23 of 24 available committee seats representing the 57th and 58th Assembly districts and both of the executive board representatives in those two districts.

In the 57th Assembly district, the slate endorsed by Marquez and Mendoza swept all 12 available seats. In the 58th, the Marquez/Mendoza slate won 11 of 12 delegate seats.

"I am truly honored to have been elected along with a great group of people that are part of our slate and will have input in the direction of the State Democratic Party," Marquez said in a statement. "I look forward to working closely with former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza in representing our cities."

Mendoza said the election results "are a reflection of the community's desire for progressive leadership and a rejection of the 'pay for play' politics that have too often been a major characteristic of our area's representation in the state legislature."

Business Spotlight:



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Gala fundraiser planned in support of symphony

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Guild's "Spring Gala" is gathering speed and will soon take place in the Regency Room of the Embassy Suites in Downey on Friday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m.

The guild cordially invites the community to this annual kick-off to benefit Music in the Schools and

the Downey Symphony Orchestra.

The evening will showcase a trio of musicians from our orchestra who will entertain with strings and mingle with guests answering any questions pertaining to the music and their part in the orchestra. The guild is truly happy to feature them for your enjoyment.

The meal will feature a delicious chicken cordon bleu, served with salad, vegetables, potato, dessert and beverage.

Spring in all its glory will be evident in the room regardless of the weather and that warmth will prevail throughout the evening.

Tables full of enticing treasures will tempt and a live auction is planned.

We hope you plan to be with us that evening and meet with guild of-

ficers who make these galas happen.

Your response is requested by Monday, Jan. 28. Cost for the evening is \$65 per person, a portion of which is tax deductible.

Please make checks out to Downey Symphony Guild and mail to 9400 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240.

Questions: call (562) 861-8507.

—Rosalie Sciortino,
 Downey Symphony Guild

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Letters to the Editor:

Petition

Dear Editor:

On Monday in front of Fresh & Easy, there was a table set up to gather signatures for a petition to put on a special ballot to take our fire department and police department and make them county employees.

Not one police officer or fireman that I have asked wants this to happen.

What bothers me is that the people working the tables to gather signatures stated outright lies and misled everyone that this petition is backed by the Downey Fire and Police. So, of course, people were eagerly signing their names.

I think a special ballot measure is not only a waste of financial resources but is contrary to what most of the citizens of our community want. Unfortunately, we are not given the truth at these petition gathering tables.

Keep the Downey fire and police departments independent. Do not sign the petition!

Marie Augimeri
Downey

Dear Editor:

There have been people out front of Stater Brothers with petitions to sign. They ask if you're a Downey voter, then the guys says "sign the petition to keep the Downey Fire Department."

This petition is not to keep the fire department but to put it on the ballot to replace the Downey Fire Department with the county fire department. The guy doesn't tell you that!

If you tell people a half truth you are still telling a lie. I didn't sign and won't vote for it.

Helen Burns
Downey

Dear Editor:

Shame on the Downey Fire Department for trying to deceive residents with their petition. They are telling people the petition is to save the Downey Fire Department but in fact it would authorize a ballot to replace them with county firefighters.

Why are Downey firefighters lying? It is offensive that they think Downey residents are too stupid to see through their actions.

Do not sign the petition!

Sandra Eckstrom
Downey

Undocumented but still illegal

Dear Editor:

I'm writing in response to Melissa Nunez's front page article regarding Claudia Retamoza's immigration status here in the U.S., or should I say Miss Nunez's use of Miss Retamoza's situation to further her agenda to get millions of illegal immigrants U.S. citizenship without going through the legal process by getting the DREAM Act passed ("Undocumented and unafraid," 1/17/13).

The United States of America is a country of laws. Our constitution is not just a series of nice ideas that we aspire to but a carefully laid out set of laws by which we are governed. Break the law and you pay the consequence.

From the very beginning of our country it has been assumed and put in writing that a well-regulated immigration process was a necessary part of our federal laws so that as a nation we could control the influx of immigrants. We decided when more or less immigrants were needed to enhance our economy. Never in our history have we allowed the illegal actions of immigrants to dictate our immigration policies.

But now we have millions of illegal immigrants brought here by their illegal immigrant parents and because of inactivity by authorities and good lying abilities, they have been allowed to stay, even though it was not the will of the people based on our policies that were in place. These children have been secretly educated via our school system and now they say they have rights to be educated in our system as far as they can go. They also want to become citizens of the United States with all the rights and privileges of a citizen just because they have evaded deportation for so many years.

Let's say that my parents had robbed a bank when I was 18 months old, evaded the authorities so that they were never apprehended or charged with the crime and they had invested the stolen money so the interested gained was now worth millions. Do you think I am entitled to the interest amount of that stolen money? After all, I have a dream to use that money to further my business or my education or whatever.

You see, according to Miss Nunez, as long as you have a dream, it's OK to break the law and not suffer the consequences.

If you ask me what I think should be done at this point it's this: Miss Retamoza should be deported back to Mexico where she can use her high school education to improve the economy of her community and eventually of her country. Then, she and others like her, could make Mexico, or whatever country they came from, a country of dreams. A country as appealing to immigrate to as the U.S.

Steven Mansell
Downey

Lance Armstrong vs real heroes

By Jay Platt

What is a hero? Webster's dictionary defines a hero as someone who's admired for his achievements and noble qualities, and one who shows great courage. Fortunately, today we have many examples of real heroes. Look no further than the U.S. military, police and firefighters -- men and women who put their lives at risk for others.

A real hero also is the person who is fighting cancer or some other chronic illness, and does so with great dignity and grace. Though they may be in pain or discomfort, they somehow make those around them feel better, do better, and be better.

Which brings me to Lance Armstrong.

I was a supporter of his since his first Tour de France win. Coming back from cancer the way he did, and racing the way he did drug-free (supposedly), inspired me to no end. When others questioned how he was able to do the things he did without any help from performance-enhancing drugs, I defended him as if he were a personal friend.

As a cancer survivor myself, and someone who continues to battle the disease daily, he inspired me. He gave me strength when I felt like I had none. He even motivated me to challenge myself by attempting demanding physical feats, like hiking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail beginning to end. When I got tired and wanted to quit, I'd think to myself, "If Lance can do the things he does, I can do this, too."

So, his recent revelations to Oprah Winfrey hit me like a 50-pound sledgehammer to the chest. When he admitted to lying about taking performance-enhancing drugs, I felt like he had personally lied to me. And that's when I knew that he is nothing more than a fake hero.

Fake heroes have none of the qualities of a real hero. Rather, they lie, cheat, steal, and do whatever it takes to make themselves look good and heroic. Winning, to them, is the most important thing, and who they hurt in the process really doesn't matter. All of which, sadly, describes Lance Armstrong.

I know he still will have his defenders. I've already heard from people who have basically said, "Well, what about all the good he's done for cancer research?" While that is true, and I certainly hope that Livestrong is not

negatively affected by Armstrong's admission, the fact is that the whole organization was started based on a lie.

He never would have had the millions of dollars, the fame, and the incredible story if it had not been for the lie that he told for so long. And, although it is uncomfortable to say so, how do we know that he did not get cancer because of his taking performance-enhancing drugs? Would that have changed his story? I'm sure, for many, it would have.

And what of his admission now? Surely, that took courage? It was heroic, right? Hardly! First of all, look at to whom he chose to tell all of the details. Oprah Winfrey. I have no doubt that was a well-thought-out strategy on his part. He, undoubtedly, was advised to go where he would most likely garner sympathy and do it before an audience that probably knows little about cycling, and that is most likely to give him a pass on his transgressions.

Even with all that though, he still could have done the heroic thing. But he did not. He could have looked into the camera and said in the sincerest way he could muster that steroids are not the way. That he, in all likelihood, gave himself cancer in his quest for fame. Think of the kids who could have benefited from hearing such a thing. Instead, however, he defiantly said that since everyone else was supposedly doing it, he felt justified in doing it, too. Very hero-like, huh?

Jay Platt was medically retired from the Marine Corps in 1998 after suffering complications from the cancer von Hippel Lindau (VHL), a genetic disease that resulted in brain and spinal tumors, kidney cancer, and the loss of his left eye. Told his future would be considerably dimmer than his past, Platt set out to rebuild himself physically, mentally and spiritually, and to challenge himself by setting demanding physical goals. He is one of fewer than 300 people to have hiked the 2,100-mile southbound Appalachian Trail; one of three to swim from Alcatraz Island to San Francisco with hands and feet tied; and the only person to swim across the Mississippi while blindfolded, handcuffed and shackled. Proceeds from his adventures and sales of his documentary benefit non-profits, including the VHL Family Alliance. For more information, visit: livingunstopable.com.

NBA owner shares tips for happiness

In his years as a successful entrepreneur creating and selling corporations to the likes of Coca-Cola and Kimberly-Clark, Richard Jaffe, one of the owners of the Phoenix Suns, found a few constants to guide him in business and in life.

"Love myself; live my values, and learn to give back," says Jaffe, who gained respect as an inspirational leader.

The most important of these and the key to happiness, he says, is learning to love himself. It's a recurring theme in the poetry he's been writing for decades and recently published in, "Inner Peace & Happiness: Reflections to Grow Your Soul," available at richardjaffe.net.

"I've found that loving myself is fundamental to my happiness," he says. "The one person I have a relationship with for my entire life is myself, so it's essential to make that relationship my priority. When I have the inner peace that comes from loving myself, I don't have to look to others to fill my emotional needs and wants."

How does one learn to love him- or herself and to be happy? For Jaffe, it came from living and acting on his values in business and in his personal life, whether he was struggling or succeeding.

"These are the things that have worked for me," he says. "Values guide my choices, and my choices affect how I feel about myself and how I interact with others."

These are some of the values and tenets that have helped make Jaffe an exceedingly happy man.

- Find your passion and indulge in it. Jaffe has been expressing himself through poetry for 30 years – that is one of his greatest passions. "Poetry helps to provide me balance in life between work, family and other external

commitments," he says. "When I allow myself time to indulge in my passion, I recharge my spirit, my mind and my body."

- Remember - givers gain. Even when he was a broke young entrepreneur, Jaffe and his wife of 28 years, Ann, always made sure to give to the community, to their temple, to charity. "Give even when you have nothing," he says. "It always comes back to bless you, though sometimes from a different source."

- Don't rely on anyone else to make you happy. It doesn't work, Jaffe says. When your happiness is dependent on your love for someone else, they control your happiness. Love doesn't always stick around – sometimes it comes into our lives in order to teach us how to care. We have to rely on ourselves.

- Be the very best you can be at whatever you do. Don't compare yourself to your competition, to history, to anyone else. Instead, raise the bar on yourself. "Even if I get knocked down at something, I can be happy when I know I gave it my very best effort," Jaffe says. "I don't always succeed, but I can give an even better effort the next time because I will have learned from being knocked down. Defeat is being knocked down; failure is the unwillingness to get back up!"

- Control your thoughts and keep them positive. "My kids used to come to me to complain when they were unhappy about something," Jaffe says. "I would tell them, 'If you do not like the way you feel, just change the way you think!' It drove them crazy!" But they did eventually understand that their negative thoughts were making them feel bad. Jaffe says beware -- thinking positively is habit-forming, at least for him.

To get ahead at work, ditch the flip-flops

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg aside, for many men, the days of wearing hoodies and flip-flops to work are over.

After a decade of increasingly casual office dress requirements (inspired by Zuckerberg's 1990s Silicon Valley predecessors), CEOs began demanding a more polished look beginning with the 2001 recession. By 2002, more formal dress codes had been reinstated by 19 percent of com-

panies with more than \$500 million in revenues, according to a Men's Apparel Alliance survey.

"The 2001 recession gave Americans a taste of the tougher job market," says Darnell Jones, a business professional and creator of TUKZ Undergarments for men, (tukz.com), which have clasps that ensure shirts stay tucked.

"Then along came the Great Recession in December 2007 and, with it, the layoffs and high unemployment we're still experiencing. Today, if you want to get hired and if you want to get promoted, you've got to look like you mean business."

Jones notes that it's not just corporate leaders who want a more professional-looking workforce. In a 2012 survey by Salary.com, nearly 25 percent of respondents said their workplace's dress code is too lenient. Less than 10 percent said theirs was too strict.

"Right or wrong, how much care you take – or don't take – with your appearance communicates a lot about you," Jones says. "If you take pride in how you look, you probably take pride in the work you do. If your outfits are thrown together or dated, you may be reckless with details and not up on the latest in your profession."

If you're ready to give up your office hoodie, but aren't sure what to replace it with, Jones offers these tips:

- Get a navy blue or gray blazer or suit coat: Solid colors are best, although pinstripes are fine, too. Get the best material you can afford. If wearing a jacket all day doesn't fit with your workplace vibe, keep one in your office or cubicle to have handy just in case.

- Watch your feet: Invest in a good pair of lace-up shoes -- brown, black or, better yet, both. (The color should complement your trousers and match your belt.) Avoid square-toed shoes -- they're dated.

- Avoid the peacock effect: Your shirt should be a solid color – no patterns and no hot pinks. Be sure it's pressed. An undershirt is a must; it helps prevent unsightly perspiration stains and unwanted views of underlying body parts.

- Flatter your face with a V-neck: A good-quality gray, V-neck pullover sweater worn over a blue dress shirt is a great look for business casual. The bottom of the sweater should stop at your belt line.

"You'll be amazed at how much more seriously people take you when you look the part," Jones says.

Aborted babies

Dear Editor:

Twenty children and six adults were tragically killed in the horrible incident in Newtown, Conn. Our hearts and prayers go out to all the families affected.

We also pray for the churches in the area that will be ministering to those families. This was the senseless act of one deranged individual.

By the way, on that same day over 3,000 babies were aborted in this country. This was the willful act of many.

Do we even care about them? I wonder what God thinks.

Russ Johnson
Downey

Bicycle coalition

Dear Editor:

I would hope that the upcoming Downey Bicycle Coalition ride set for Jan. 26 will have the good graces to observe all traffic regulations and signals – unlike some of the "swarms" we see in other communities. ("How About a Nice Bike Ride?," 1/17/13)

Also, to Lars Clutterham, bicycles are not exactly "fossil-fuel free": most tires are made of synthetic rubber which is derived from petro-chemicals, plus as they wear they put rubber-dust into the air; then there is the lubricant for the chain and bearings; and last but not least, the petro-chemicals that are used to make the paint.

Modernity is just "heck"!

Drew Kelley
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

- Sat. Jan. 26: **Community bicycle ride**, Apollo Park, 8 a.m.
- Sat. Jan. 26: **Pancake breakfast**, Warren High, 8 a.m.
- Sat. Jan. 26: **Symphony concert**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Tues. Jan. 29: **Homeless count**, Moravian Church of Downey, 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. 24, 1908:** The first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.
- 1965:** Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.
- 1986:** The Voyager 2 space probe swept past Uranus, coming within 50,679 miles of the planet.
- 1989:** Confessed serial killer Ted Bundy was executed in Florida's electric chair.
- 1995:** The prosecution gave its opening statement in the O.J. Simpson murder trial.
- Birthdays:** Singer Neil Diamond (72), gymnast Mary Lou Retton (45), actor Ed Helms (39), actress Tatyana Ali (34), former Angels pitcher Scott Kazmir (29) and actress Mischa Barton (27).

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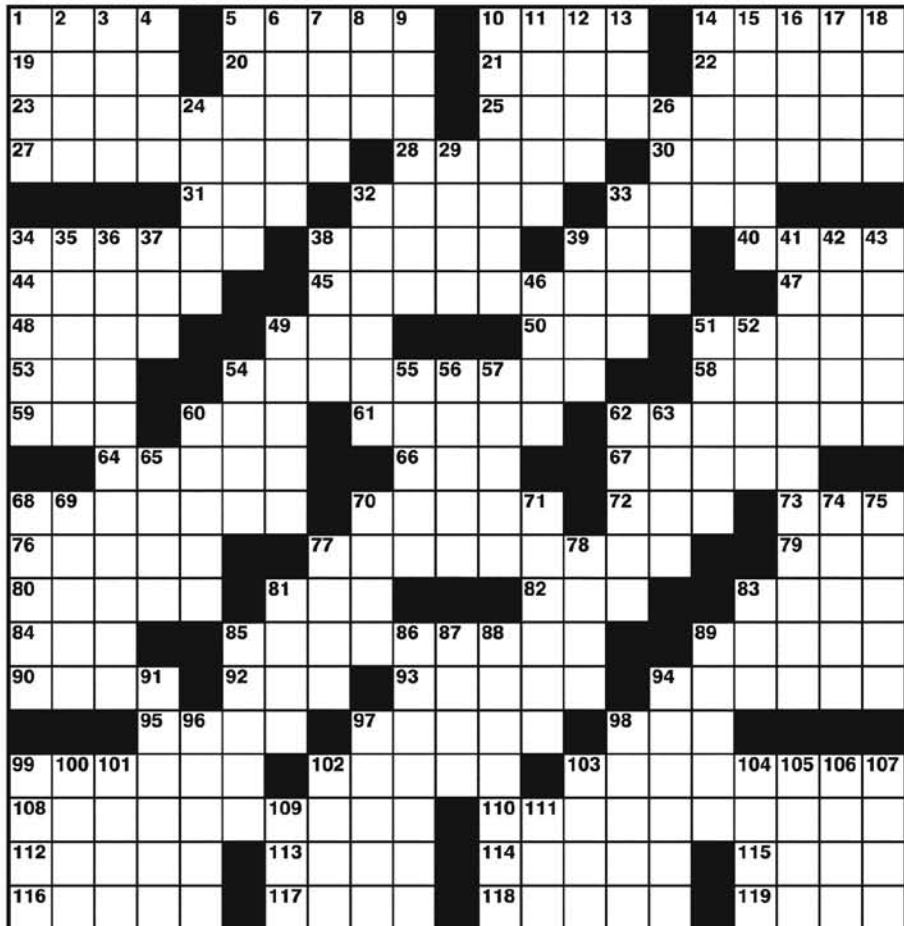
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by Fred Piscop

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



ter. Throw your tissue away after use. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

If you have avoided the flu so far, keep up the good work. Whenever possible, stay away from sick people! This is the time of year to avoid crowds. Ideally, stay away from malls, movie theaters, and other crowded places. When possible, do your grocery and other shopping early or late in the day.

Everybody's talking about the current flu epidemic. Although winter always brings with it the flu season, it appears that this year's is hitting us early and hard. A few reminders about prevention can't hurt!

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that everyone over six months of age be immunized with the flu vaccine. In my experience, this especially applies to those who are elderly, often get the flu, work with the public, or whose immune system is compromised by illness or underlying chronic medical conditions. The strains chosen for this year's vaccine should cover most of the flu germs circulating out there.

Be on the lookout for flu symptoms, and seek medical attention immediately. Influenza is a virus, and although there is no cure for the common cold virus, there do happen to be powerful anti-flu prescription medications (such as Tamiflu). They can be quite effective if started during the first few days of becoming ill. Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. If you are not suffering from fever and body aches, it is unlikely that it is the flu.

If you are sick, please don't be the one to share your germs. Stay home while getting well, and seek medical care if necessary. Practice good hygiene! Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or do it into the crook of your elbow. Wash your hands after coughing or sneezing for 30 seconds with soap and wa-

Be aware that surfaces such as elevator buttons, handrails, office phones, and doorknobs are all excellent sources for germs. Every time you shake hands, wash yours - this is the time to wash your hands much more often than you might otherwise. You can use alcohol-based wipes or hand sanitizers if a sink and soap are not handy. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated. Remember that purses pick up germs too; choose a vinyl or leather instead of a cloth purse. They can easily be wiped down with antiseptic wipes.

The Superbowl is right around the corner, and that means parties. Don't double-dip those chips, and be on the lookout for those who may not be practicing good hygiene.

Smoking increases your risk of getting infections. Cigarettes dry out the mucous membranes, stun the cilia that line the airways and work to clean them, and generally depress the immune system. (Yes, this is yet another great opportunity to quit smoking...)

Do you still bite your nails? This is an excellent way to deliver flu germs directly into your mouth. Time to stop! (The same applies to touching your eyes, mouth or inside your nose...)

Finally, keep your immune system strong. Eat nutritious foods, exercise, get plenty of sleep, stay hydrated, and...keep smiling. Your positive mental outlook really will help.

Stay healthy this winter!

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Downey High senior Mario Galvan won't let cancer defeat him

• Galvan expects to make full recovery after doctors discover three cancerous masses, including one in his chest.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - When the Downey High School football team won the 2012 C.I.F. Southeast Division title, the Vikings had standout players at many positions. Sophomore running back Justin Huff was selected as the C.I.F. Southeast Division Offensive Player of the Year. Senior linebacker Robert Salazar was selected as the Defensive Player of the Year and Jack Williams was selected as Coach of the Year.

Sophomore quarterback Jorge Reyna, senior offensive tackle Mark Kozhaya, junior outside linebacker/strong safety Tristan Esparza, senior wide receiver Jeremy Villa and junior defensive tackle Anthony Florida were all selected to the All-Southeast Division Team.

The Vikings' special teams were solid too. Downey senior kicker Mario Galvan was consistently floating kickoffs that caused opposing team's upbacks to "fair catch" kickoffs. Galvan would float the ball off a kickoff tee to the opposition's 25-yard line.

This was significant for three reasons. First, the opposing team's speedy return men never got a chance to return a kickoff. Second, the ball would not go out of bounds and result in a penalty that would have the opposition start at the 35-yard line. Last, a floated kick would force the opposing team's upback, often times not a very good receiver, to catch a ball. This led to botched catch attempts and Viking special teams fumble recoveries.

Galvan floated kicks well but he also did a good job connecting on field goals inside 37 yards. The best example of this was when Galvan iced the second round C.I.F. game against Norwalk when he nailed a 37-yard field goal that gave the Vikings a 45-35 lead with little time to

play. Norwalk scored a late touchdown but Downey held on for the 45-42 win because of the field goal.

Mario Galvan was recently diagnosed with a form of cancer and has not attended school since the middle of December. He is currently taking medication and his doctors are expecting a full recovery. Galvan is expected to be out of school for four more months and arrangements have been made for him to get his last four classes done.

Galvan, a three-year varsity soccer player for the Vikings as well, is missing this soccer season due to his illness. Galvan, despite this setback, is in good spirits as he recovers. Galvan enjoys watching his favorite soccer team, Real Madrid, and the popular television show "How I Met Your Mother."

Galvan first noticed a weakness in his legs the week of the Norwalk game. He felt as if he had no strength in his legs to kick the ball. The next week against Santa Fe the feeling did not go away and was "significantly worse." Galvan went to see his doctor the Thursday before the championship game on Saturday.

Galvan could no longer kick field goals but was physically able to float kickoffs. Galvan enjoyed the victory over La Serna in the C.I.F. title game but shortly thereafter had an MRI done because the x-ray he took that Thursday was inconclusive. The MRI detected three masses. One was in his chest, one was just above his left collar bone and the third mass was in his lower back. The mass in his lower back is what was causing the weakness in his legs.

Galvan was admitted to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center on Dec. 18 for further tests. He was in and out of the hospital between Christmas and New Year's, and is now resting at home with a 15-pill daily regimen to treat his illness. Galvan's father, Mario Sr., has been trained by the medical staff at Long Beach Memorial and helps administer what Mario needs.

Mario is resting comfortably and is expected to make a full recovery. The early detection has played a key role in Mario's diagnosis and well-being. Best of luck to Mario as he recovers.

Hospital offering tours of new tower

WHITTIER - PIH Health's new Plaza Tower will be ready for occupancy this March, but the public is invited to attend a community open house on Feb. 9.

Guests will be able to tour the new hospital tower from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free event will also include informational booths, entertainment and light refreshments. It will be held at PIH Health Hospital (previously known as Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital) at 12401 Washington Blvd. in Whittier.

Construction on the Plaza Tower began in February 2010 with demolition taking place a month before.

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Photos of late philanthropist to go on exhibit

DOWNEY - The new Stay Gallery in Downtown Downey has taken possession of the J. Arthur Morris photography collection and will host its first showing Feb. 8 at 6 p.m.

The event will celebrate the life and work of the late philanthropist and photographer.

Grace Eshilian, a close friend of the Morris family, reached out to the gallery last year to share Morris' photographs.

"Since then, the Morris family has been generous enough to lend the entire J. Arthur Morris Collection to Stay Gallery in order to curate exhibits dedicated to their father's work, and to help Stay Gallery fundraise," officials said.

Admission to the event is free but the gallery is accepting \$20 donations to help curate future events featuring Morris' work. The collection includes more than 300 pieces that have been divided into several series for exhibition at a later date.

The Feb. 8 opening will also feature live music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

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DUSD open enrollment starts in February

DOWNEY – Parents who want to send their children to a school outside their attendance area can apply during an open enrollment period the entire month of February.

Applications are available at all Downey schools and must be turned in to the district office by Feb. 28.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. Instead, the district uses a lottery system to place students on a waiting list for the 2013-14 school year.

Schools may accept students from the waiting lists according to priority but only if space is available.

New students (including kindergarteners) entering a Downey school for the first time and wishing to apply for an out-of-area school should also register at their assigned school to guarantee admission.

For more information, call the Office of Student Services at (562) 469-6554.

City Council approves Firestone Boulevard overhaul

DOWNEY – A plan to redevelop a 1.25 mile stretch of Firestone Boulevard into a safer and pedestrian-friendly corridor is moving forward after the City Council on Tuesday authorized the project to be put out to bid.

City officials hope that by adding median islands to Firestone between Old River School Road and Brookshire Avenue traffic collisions will decrease while also making the boulevard more pleasing to the eye.

Between La Reina and Dolan avenues, crews will install ornamental street lighting, median landscaping with palm trees, benches, trash receptacles, bicycle racks, bus shelters, trees and decorative sidewalks.

The roadway will also be replaced with new asphalt to better handle the nearly 40,000 cars that travel Firestone every day.

The entire project is estimated at \$5.7 million.

Formerly State Route 42, Firestone Boulevard was relinquished by the state to Downey in 1992 and has since never undergone pavement rehabilitation, said public works director John Oskoui.

Homeless count in Downey begins next week

• Volunteers needed to canvas Downey streets and count the homeless.

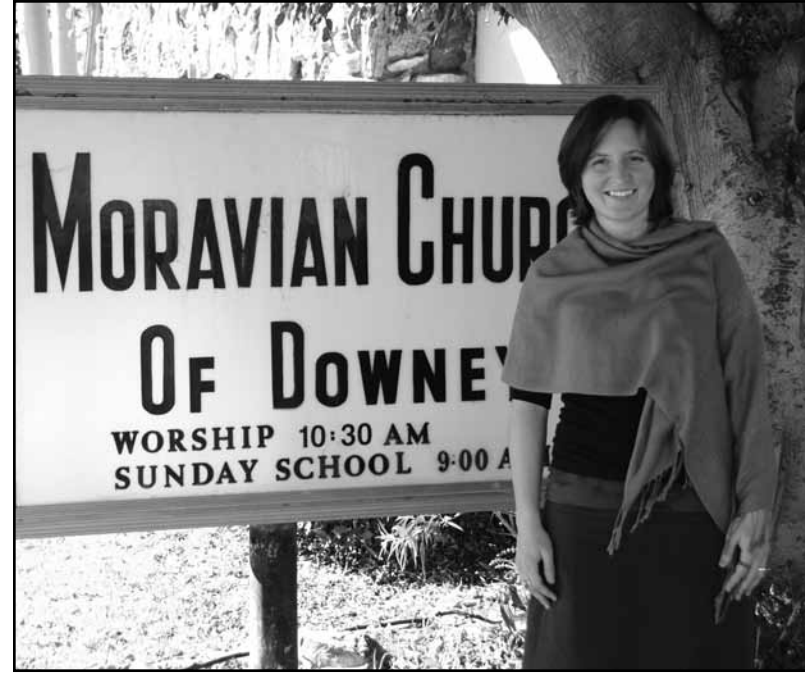
By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – Beginning next Tuesday night, a corps of volunteers, including several city councilmen, will fan out across the city in a unique survey that they hope will aid in addressing the chronic homelessness of so many residents.

Organizers of the “Downey Counts” Registry Week seek to create a by-name registry of people who are homeless in this city, and identify those who are most vulnerable at this point in time.

Survey teams will gather at the Moravian church on Old River School Road Tuesday, January 29. From 7 pm – 9 pm volunteers will travel along designated routes to count the homeless for that period of time. They will not retrace their steps in order to avoid counting someone twice. Teams will then return the next two nights to survey needs.

“Cold nights are the most troubling,” said Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons of the Downey Moravian Church who is coordinating the effort with Bob Varden of the Downey First Christian Church. Organizers will also meet with the police chief to discuss “hotspots” of homeless individuals.



Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons, above, is coordinating an effort to count Downey's homeless population.

“Housing is the number one priority,” Melby-Gibbons explains. “Some people just need a little help to be connected with a family member or the right mental health services.”

The Downey Registry Week is part of the greater Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LA-HSA) effort. The homeless count is taken every two years, and it enables private and public agencies to identify resources and better assist homeless families and individuals.

Data will be entered and organized at the Southern California

Rehabilitation Services (SCRS) at the Barbara J. Riley Center on Quill Drive, and presented at a press conference on Saturday, February 2.

Andrew Wahlquist of the First Baptist Church is urging people to spread the word and volunteer if possible. Citing Downey's lack of infrastructure to provide services for the homeless, Wahlquist says, “This project is an important first step.”

People can sign up at: theycountwillyou.org, or inquire by email to: christie@downeymoravian.org.

OLPH School honoring alumna

DOWNEY – OLPH School alumna Yvette Lapayese will be honored as a 2013 “Distinguished Graduate” during a ceremony at the church Feb. 2.

After graduating from OLPH School in 1987, Lapayese earned bachelor's degrees from Cal State Fullerton and the Sorbonne University in France, a master's in international relations from USC and a doctorate in international and comparative education from UCLA.

She is currently an associate professor at the Loyola Marymount University School of Education.

The ceremony begins with a social from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Carey Center, followed by Mass at 5 p.m. A school open house follows Mass.

RSVP by calling (562) 869-9969.

Calvary Chapel School hosting open house

DOWNEY – Calvary Chapel Christian School in Downey will host an open house Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Guests can tour the campus and chat with teachers, administrators and students. The Papa's & Dogs food truck will be on-site serving dinner.

For more information, contact Sharon Armstrong at (562) 803-4076, ext. 335, or e-mail sarmstrong@calvarydowney.org.

The school is located at the corner of Woodruff Avenue and Imperial Highway.

Golf Classic to help stop child abuse

DOWNEY – The 23rd annual Golf Classic benefiting the Community Family Guidance Center Foundation will be held May 20 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

For details, call Juan Aceves at (562) 924-5526 or e-mail jaceves@cfgcenter.com.

Construction of a 50-unit affordable housing complex downtown should start by March 6, city officials said this week.

Developer National Community Renaissance expects to close escrow on the property at 8314 2nd Street by Feb. 4, clearing the way for construction.

The \$19.5 million project will offer two- and three-bedroom units to families who meet federal income guidelines.



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Warren High well-represented on Dream Team

DOWNEY – As the boys' cross-country and girls' tennis seasons have come to an end, the Long Beach Press Telegram continues with its annual Dream Team selections.

Warren High School is well-represented with honorees from both sports programs.

Warren sophomore standout Benjamin Gonzlez has been selected to the PT Dream Team First Team and Warren senior standout Fortino Santana has been selected to the Dream Team Second Team for boys' cross country. Warren sophomore Isabella Lopez was also selected to the Press Telegram's First Team Dream Team for girls' tennis.

Benjamin Gonzalez was the 2012 San Gabriel Valley League

champion. Gonzalez won the S.G.V.L. title in a record time of 15:31 at La Mirada Regional Park in the third cluster meet. Gonzalez finished in 32nd place at the C.I.F. Southern Section Division I Final.

Bear teammate Fortino Santana was selected to the second team as was cross-town rival Downey's Andres Velasco. St. John Bosco's Myles Smith was selected as the Press Telegram's Dream Team Runner of the Year.

Isabella Lopez was the 2012 San Gabriel Valley League runner-up in girls tennis. Lopez advanced to the third round at the C.I.F. Individual tournament. Lopez defeated two league champions in C.I.F. and finished her outstanding season with an overall record of 66-5.

Cross-town rival Erin Freeman of Downey was also selected to the First Team Dream Team. Other S.G.V.L. First Team Dream Team selections included seniors and doubles players Bianca Felix and Mayra Briones of Paramount.

Millikan senior standout Cindy Nguyen was selected as the Press Telegram's Player of the Year. There were no Second Team Dream Team selections from the San Gabriel Valley League.

Coaches Ramon Miranda and Mary Starksen are very pleased and proud of their respective athletes' dedication and well-deserved recognition.

–Mark Fetter, contributor



Photo courtesy Dorothy Pemberton

Warren High's girls water polo team traveled to Coronado last week where they finished 3-2 in tournament play.

Downey wrestlers lose close contest

DOWNEY – The Downey High School wrestling team currently has a dual meet record of 13-2 and league record of 2-1 after defeating cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Jan. 10, 37-18.

The Vikings then defeated Gahr at Gahr on Jan. 15, 61-10, and fell to Paramount at Paramount last Thursday, 34-22.

The Vikings hosted Dominguez yesterday (score unavailable at press time). The Vikings will compete in San Gabriel Valley League Finals on Saturday, February 2nd, at Warren.

The Downey-Paramount match was tightly contested. The dual meet began at 132 pounds when Paramount wrestler Brandon Vista scored a pin against Downey's Eli Aparicio. Paramount took the early 6-0 lead.

Downey's Dylan Moreno decided his Paramount opponent 7-1 at 138 pounds and Downey cut Paramount's lead to 6-3. Downey's Antonio Santana lost a 6-2 decision to Jose Estrada at 145 pounds and Paramount took the lead back at 9-3.

Downey captain Juan Soto recorded the only Viking pin of the evening when he pinned his Paramount opponent at the 4:35 mark and Downey had tied Paramount 9-9.

Downey's Jacob Beltran lost a close 3-2 decision to Alfonso Robles at 160 pounds and Downey's Steven Chavez won a 2-0 decision at 171. The score after six matches was tied at 12.

Downey's Jorge Guerrero lost to Paramount's Kevin Uriarte 15-2 at 182 pounds and Viking 195 pounder Ben Cuellar was pinned by Paramount's Travion Mathews at the 4:52 mark. Paramount had opened up a ten-point lead, 22-12.

Downey standout and captain Anthony Florido was pinned by Noe Sandoval at the 5:15 mark at 220 pounds and Viking heavyweight Angel Baez lost a hard-fought 5-0 decision to Chris Borrayo at 285 pounds. Paramount had opened up a 31-12 lead and things didn't look good for the Vikings with only four matches left to wrestle.

The Downey lower weights provided a spark. Viking 106-pounder

Mark Lopez defeated his Paramount opponent 9-2 and 113-pounder Johnny Robles decided his opponent 9-0. The score now stood at 31-19 Paramount, with only two matches left to wrestle. The Vikings needed two pins in the last two matches to pull off a tie.

Downey 120-pounder Ronald Casasola lost a tough 5-4 decision to Steven DeLeon and with that win, Paramount clinched the dual meet victory. The score stood at 34-19 and a pin could not make up the difference.

Downey captain Daniel Martinez won his match 4-0 at 126 pounds and closed the final score to 34-22, Paramount.

Although Paramount won this dual meet by twelve points, I am almost certain the outcome will be different if the two teams wrestle again. I am looking forward to a rematch of these two teams in the C.I.F. Dual Meet Championships and perhaps, in the Final. The wrestling is simply that competitive and equally as entertaining to watch.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Bears wrap up Coronado tournament

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' water polo team competed in the America's Finest City (AFC) Tournament this past weekend in Coronado and finished in 13th place out of 32 teams competing.

The Lady Bears finished the tournament with a 3-2 record and their overall record now stands at 11-9. The Lady Bears currently are 2-0 in league play after defeating an always competitive Cerritos squad on Jan. 17.

The Lady Bears defeated Division IV number three-ranked Los Altos 9-8 in their first round game Friday afternoon. The Lady Bears then played Division II number eight-ranked San Clemente Friday evening. The Lady Bears lost this

game in a nail-biting, buzzer beater 11-10.

Coach Cordero saw glimpses in this game of how well her team could play and was inspired by her team's effort. The Lady Bears then played Long Beach Wilson Saturday morning. Warren lost to the Division II number ten-ranked L.B. Wilson squad 9-3. Coach Cordero conceded that this was not one of her team's better games.

The Lady Bears then played and defeated Mira Costa, 8-6. Ironically, Warren had previously lost to Mira Costa by the same score two weeks ago. It was nice for the Lady Bears to win the rematch by the same score they lost by earlier. Warren then played Redlands East Valley, the Division V number three

ranked team, in their fifth and final game of the tournament. The Lady Bears avenged another earlier season loss to R.E.V. 15-13 by winning the rematch 6-3.

In this game against R.E.V., Alexis Huerta scored a hat trick with all three goals coming in consecutive fashion for the Lady Bears. The first goal was scored with 4:06 left in the third quarter, the second goal was scored with 3:25 left in the third quarter and the last goal was scored with 2:06 remaining in the fourth quarter. Goalies Graciela Salinas and Whitney Pemberton were huge in the cage for Warren by stopping a breakaway shot and Redland East Valley's time out play at the end of the game.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

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College faculty performing in concert

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plished musicians in the greater Los Angeles area and will encompass a wide variety of musical genres.

"The faculty is honored to offer their talents in support of their students, many of whom have gone on to pursue degrees from USC, UCLA, Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Fullerton, Berkeley School of Music, the San Francisco Conservatory and Chapman University," the school said in a statement.

The performance will take place at 2 p.m. in the school's Burnight Center Theatre.

Pre-sale tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 for students, seniors and Cerritos College faculty, and \$8 for children ages 5-12. Ticket prices increased the day of the concert.

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Services scheduled for Deborah Stoltman

DOWNEY – Deborah Jean Stoltman, born June 21, 1956 in Huntington Park, passed away Jan. 18 in Downey.

Services will take place in Downey and also in Little Falls, Minn.

A viewing was held at Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel on Wednesday and a funeral Mass on Thursday at St. Raymond Catholic Church.

A visitation is scheduled for Jan. 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Emblom Brenny Funeral Service, followed by interment at 10 a.m. at Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, north of Little Falls.

Deborah is survived by her parents, Eugene and Shirley Stoltman; aunts Janet West and Barbara Oswowski; and many cousins.

Doctor speaking to Christian club

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet Feb. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Los Amigos Country Club for a Valentine's Day-themed meeting.

Dr. Paul Risser is guest speaker. His topic is "From Heart to Heart."

Admission is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch. For reservations, call Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Meetings are open to men and women.

American Legion honors local supporters

DOWNEY – Councilman Roger Brossmer and U.S. Army Capt. Victor Shen, company commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Company based in Long Beach, each received plaques on Monday from American Legion Post No. 270, which honored them for their efforts on behalf of American military personnel—veterans and those in active service.

In accepting his plaque, Capt. Shen, a West Point graduate, said a lot of things are going on in various trouble spots in the world right now. He pointed to conflicts in Somalia, in Mali, in the Horn of Africa, in the Philippines, and elsewhere, while reminding everyone of the sacrifices being made by "our brothers and sisters in protecting us" and thus "We should not forget to thank them."

A prior press release referred to Capt. Shen for his role in "providing support to the city of Downey and the American Legion by lending his time and military assets for the legion to use."

Brossmer, who was cited for launching the military banner program that adorns Firestone Boulevard, said: "Even though we came late to the game, it's never too late to do the right thing." And the right thing to do, he said, was for the city council to recognize the servicemen and women coming home from the field of conflict.

This led, Brossmer said, to the construction of the Veterans Memorial in front of city hall. "I think it's beautiful," he said. "We'll add some more names to it."

The brief presentations were made at the American Legion Post No. 270's regular dinner meeting, with about 35 members and lady auxiliaries present. Presiding was Post Commander John Quagliani, who, acknowledging a visiting Legion commander from another district as well as the simple ceremony honoring Capt. Shen and Brossmer, said: "I hope we do this more often."

—Henry Veneracion, staff writer

Dulles Elementary gets 3 years to improve enrollment

• La Mirada school was in danger of closing due to low enrollment numbers.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

NORWALK – Dulles Elementary will remain open at least three more years after a last-minute reprieve from the Norwalk-La Mirada board of education Tuesday.

The school board saved the school from closure after hearing new projected budget figures but stipulated that the school hire a full-time principal. Dulles, located in La Mirada, currently shares a principal with Foster Road Elementary.

School district officials notified parents last month that it intended to close Dulles in June due to declining enrollment numbers. The school has 268 students – about half its capacity – and maintaining the campus is difficult and expensive, said superintendent Dr. Ruth Perez.

Dulles students would have been transferred to La Pluma and Eastwood elementary schools.

But district officials received positive news last week when Gov. Jerry Brown released his proposed 2013-14 budget, which calls for the first increase in educational funding in five years, thanks in large part to the passage of Prop. 30 in November.

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Based on the new information, Perez recommended the board wait "another year or two to allow Dulles to rebuild itself."

Board member Darryl Adams said the school should remain open at least three years to give the new principal enough time to improve its enrollment numbers.

A three-year commitment will also take parents "off an emotional roller coaster," said Adams, noting that the school district has threatened to close Dulles in the past.

"Dulles has more lives than a cat," Adams quipped.

Hundreds of parents packed the school board meeting in support of Dulles and erupted in applause after the unanimous 7-0 vote.

"Now it's time to bring up those enrollment numbers," supporter Mary Bielemeyer wrote on the Norwalk Business Call's Facebook page. "Dulles is a wonderful little school tucked into (a) great neighborhood. Hoping to see lots of new faces next year so we can prove that Dulles was worth saving. I am proud of the Dulles community!"

According to Estuardo Santillan, the school district's assistant superintendent of business services, Norwalk-La Mirada Unified expects to receive from the state \$18 million more than originally anticipated in three years, even when factoring in

a cost of living increase for teachers. He cautioned, however, that the spending plan still requires approval from legislators later this spring and is susceptible to factors such as the economy and rising healthcare costs.

Board members Ana Valencia and Margarita Rios were cautious about the budget figures but said they were pulling for Dulles.

"There are no guarantees with numbers," Rios said. "But if we're making the commitment to keep one school open, we're committing to keep all schools open, whether that's in Norwalk or La Mirada."

Perez, the superintendent, said parents will be involved in selecting the new principal. She also encouraged parents to recruit more students to Dulles.

Local parents said they were already working on ways to help the school long-term.

"We will try our very best to get a principal that works well with us parents," a Facebook page named Save Dulles posted Tuesday night. "We will then increase enrollment at Dulles through different avenues. And in three years, the board will not even consider closing it."

Nearly 2,000 people signed a petition to keep Dulles open, parents said.



Mari's Wine Bar closes unexpectedly

• Owners cite slumping sales as reason for closure.

By Tina Vasquez
Contributor

DOWNEY – Mari's Wine Bar, Downey's first wine bar and a hub for the emerging arts scene, closed its doors for the last time on Friday, Jan. 18.

On Jan. 15, the official announcement of the bar's impending closure was posted on Mari's Facebook page by bar co-owner Anthony Flores. Well wishes quickly flooded in from former patrons and fans of the bar's monthly poetry readings and the Downey Art Coalition's (DAC) Art on the Vine gallery series, a popular event hosted at the wine bar.

The bar seemed to have a promising future when it opened in November 2010 to a great deal of fanfare, especially after partnering up with a number of the city's arts organizations. According to Flores; however, signs of trouble came around the bar's one-year anniversary.

"I knew we were in trouble when things didn't pick up this past summer like we thought they would," Flores said. "Things got very slow and they never picked up again. We're not talking about a 20 percent drop in business; we're talking about half of our business just not being there."

Flores says there were a number of contributing factors, the most notable of which was the near-impossible parking situation that developed after the city prohibited street parking along the busy Firestone Boulevard corridor directly in front of Mari's. At the same time, construction was taking place in the back parking lot and at the corner of Firestone Blvd. and Downey Ave. in preparation for the new Downey

Gateway food court development.

Mari's also wasn't easily visible from the street, making it mostly a spot only known by locals. The bar's Yelp page, which is rated as having three out of five stars, also hints that service might have been an issue, with many complaining of the absence of a wine list, a lack of diversity in the wine selection, and long wait times.

Mari's was the first business for both Flores and co-owner Maribel Del Real, both of whom came from the auto industry. According to Flores, both intend to return to the auto industry, with Flores hoping to join a dealership.

"People have come in and said goodbye and thanked us for our service. They seem sad, but I don't think it's really hit me yet. I haven't dealt with the reality of the closing yet," Flores said.

Flores spent the last week packing up merchandise, most of which was being sold for a 50 percent discount, and saying goodbye to customers like Ernest MacMillan. MacMillan was one of the wine bar's most loyal patrons. The attorney's Downey law practice was located near the bar and MacMillan would drop in every night for a glass of wine before heading home for the night.

"I liked the bar immediately. At first it was the novelty of it because it was the only wine bar in Downey, but eventually I came to enjoy their wines and speaking with the owners about the wine taught me a lot," MacMillan said. "I heard they were going to close from Anthony and to be honest, I wasn't surprised. As a business owner myself, I would have done the same thing. Each night fewer and fewer people were coming in. This is also a rough economy for small businesses and the parking situation made things more difficult. It's just so unfortunate. I'm sad to see them go."



Michael Murray, right, with Councilman Alex Saab.

Shakeup on planning commission

DOWNEY – After eight years, Michael Murray has served his last planning commission meeting.

Councilman Luis Marquez beat Murray last November to win re-election to the city council. But Marquez switched from district 5 (city-wide) to district 1 (south Downey) and brought his planning commissioner, Hector Lujan, with him.

Marquez also appointed Betty Monroy to the Library Advisory Board, Janet Molinaro to the Green Task Force, and Patrick Owens and Marybeth Vergara to the Public Works Committee.

Alex Saab, the new district 5 councilman, tapped Jim Rodriguez to serve on the planning commission.

Meanwhile, the planning commission has revised its rules and regulations to more closely match the order of city council meetings.

Meetings will now have designated times for non-agenda public comments, along with Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. A paragraph was added to the agenda to explain that consent calendar items will be approved in a single motion unless a commissioner or citizen pulls an item for discussion.

State hospital hosting mental health fair

NORWALK – Metropolitan State Hospital will host a community mental health fair this Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair will take place inside James Hall and feature information on children and post-traumatic stress disorder, women and medications, Prop. 63, cultural-specific mental health issues, Norwalk social services, alternative treatment options, the Norwalk's Sheriff's Station, community resources and more.

The mental health fair is the first ever hosted by the hospital.

Garcia to hold public swearing-in

MONTEBELLO – Newly-elected Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) will take part in a public swearing-in ceremony Feb. 9 at the Armenian Cultural Center in Montebello.

Although Garcia was officially sworn into the state Assembly in December, the event will allow the public to meet Garcia and dignitaries from all of the nine cities that make up the 58th Assembly district.

Special guest will be Assembly Speaker John Perez. He will be joined by former Assembly member and state senator Martha Escutia and mayor Ali Saleh of Bell, who will officiate the ceremony.

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 S/MELANIE LEE, LCSW
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 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/RICARDO LOPEZ TORRES, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2012
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012253015
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) R & J SUPPORT SERVICE, 14231 BROADWAY, WHITTIER, CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICARDO LOPEZ TORRES, 14231 BROADWAY, WHITTIER, CA 90604
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/RICARDO LOPEZ TORRES, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2012
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013004811
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MING TREE APARTMENTS, 13938 RAMHURST DRIVE 15, LA MIRADA, CA 90638
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NICHOLAS T. SPENCER, ESQ., 15451 GOLDEN RIDGE LANE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/05/2012
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/NICHOLAS T. SPENCER, ESQ., ATTORNEY AT LAW
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 20, 2012
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CRAIG KIRKPATRICK TRUSTEE, 13938 RAMHURST DR 15, LA MIRADA, CA 90638
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by a Trust
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/CRAIG KIRKPATRICK
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 8, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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The Downey Patriot
 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013001302
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) R AND D CONSULTANT 4937 1/2 ELIZABETH STREET, CUDAHY, CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ORSI R ASCENCIO GARCIA, 4937 1/2 ELIZABETH STREET, CUDAHY, CA 90201
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/02/2012

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/ORSI R ASCENCIO GARCIA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 4, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013008904
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VAPE STREET, 17510 PIONEER BLVD. SUITE 207, ARTESIA CA 90701, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 9231 PARK ST. #A, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANIEL NGUYEN, 9231 PARK ST. #A, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DANIEL NGUYEN, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 14, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012253015
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELLS WINGS, 8333 BUHMAN AVENUE, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIBEL GARIBAY, 8333 BUHMAN AVENUE, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/MARIBEL GARIBAY, OWNER, MARIBEL GARIBAY
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 2, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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

The Downey Patriot
 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2013001088
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/2006
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DOLLY BONNET, PRESIDENT, ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 3, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012257986
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/2006
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DOLLY BONNET, PRESIDENT, ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 3, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

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File Number 2012257986
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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/2006
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DOLLY BONNET, PRESIDENT, ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 3, 2013
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

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File Number 2012257986
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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
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 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DOLLY BONNET, PRESIDENT, ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING
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The Downey Patriot
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FICT. BUSINESS NAME

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 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING, 10136 ARTESIA PLACE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Corporation
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/10/2006
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/DOLLY BONNET, PRESIDENT, ADVANCE PRECISION ENGINEERING
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 3, 2013
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The Downey Patriot
 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

S/RICARDO LOPEZ TORRES, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2012
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2012249625 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DAWN CHIROPRATIC GROUP, 12103 LAKEWOOD BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ARTURO ALCALA

statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

GOVERNMENT NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, 2:00 PM on February 4, 2013, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid No. 12/13-07 New Bleachers for the Gymnasiums at Downey and Warren High Schools

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained from the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse, Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey CA 90241, (562) 469-6531. Each bid shall be accompanied by (1) the security referred to in the contract documents; (2) the list of proposed subcontractors; (3) the Noncollusion Affidavit; and, (4) a list of three similar jobs that the contractor has completed in the last three years.

An optional bidders' conference and job walk will be conducted on January 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM, beginning in Room 169 of the District Office address noted above. Contractors wishing to submit a bid to the District for this project are recommended, but are not required, to attend. Arrive early! Parking may not be readily available!

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

Copies of schedules of rates so determined are available on the Internet (http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics_research.html) and are on file and available at the District Office address noted above.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LILLIAN MARY COOPER Case No. VP014913 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ESTATE OF LILLIAN MARY COOPER

Downey Unified School District is an "Equal Opportunity" employer. Qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) are encouraged to participate in this project.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M. Director, Purchasing and Warehouse Downey Unified School District Los Angeles County, State of California

The Downey Patriot 1/17/13, 1/24/13 CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

On January 22, 2013, the City Council introduced an ordinance to amend Section 2910 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to Purchasing Procedure-Local Vendor Preference, by increasing the 3% credit to 10% credit in bids submitted by vendors whose businesses or sales office or place of manufacture is located in the City of Downey.

Copies of the full texts are available in the City Clerk's Office.

The Downey Patriot 1/17/13, 1/24/13

NOTICES SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NICOLASA REYES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name NICOLASA REYES to Proposed name NICOLE REYES. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: 4-3-13, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department C, Room 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER.

The Downey Patriot 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK COURTHOUSE - SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner OSEME CLAIRE JIMENEZ GALVAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name OSEME CLAIRE JIMENEZ GALVAN to Proposed name OSMI INES CLAIRE JIMENEZ-GALVAN. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/BERNAL CHIROPRACTIC GROUP INC, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 17, 2012

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AVALON VALERO, 4368 AVALON BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) 5545453, INC., 2235 SIMON ST., FULLERTON, CA 92833 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA This business is conducted by a Corporation

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SUNG JU YOON, PRESIDENT, 5545453, INC.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARA'S EXPRESS CLEANING, 12200 SANTA FE AVE. #3, LYNWOOD, CA 90262, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARACELI TACUBA, 12200 SANTA FE AVE. #3, LYNWOOD, CA 90262 State of Incorporation: CA

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ARACELI TACUBA, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 2, 2013

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FERNANDO SLDING MATERIALS, 2810 N FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90065, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN PLANCARTE, 1144 E21ST ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90011-1207 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/JUAN PLANCARTE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 27, 2012

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRAND-SHOES4SALE, 8523 10TH ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO ANGULO, 8523 10TH ST., DOWNEY, CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SERGIO ANGULO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 4, 2013

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLINGING THE WORD, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) BLINGING U HOME

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELVIRA FIGUEROA, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) JEANIE RUIZ, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ELVIRA FIGUEROA, GENERAL PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 9, 2013

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLINGING THE WORD, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) BLINGING U HOME

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTURO ALCALA, 11526 BAYLOR DR, NORWALK, CA 90650 (2) SHAWNA ALALA, 11526 BAYLOR DR, NORWALK, CA 90650 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Married Couple

The Downey Patriot 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013000390

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARA'S EXPRESS CLEANING, 12200 SANTA FE AVE. #3, LYNWOOD, CA 90262, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARACELI TACUBA, 12200 SANTA FE AVE. #3, LYNWOOD, CA 90262 State of Incorporation: CA

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ARACELI TACUBA, PRESIDENT This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 2, 2013

The Downey Patriot 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013000314

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ZIBA BEAUTY, 500 LAKEWOOD BLVD #355, LOS ANGELES, CA 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 3435582 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TAAJ BEAUTY INC, 500 LAKEWOOD BLVD #355, LOS ANGELES, CA 90712 State of Incorporation: CA

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/TAAJ BA TRA, PRESIDENT, TAAJ BEAUTY INC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 2, 2013

The Downey Patriot 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013008593

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STAGE FILMS, 9167 ROSE ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 13737 ANOLA ST, WHITTIER, CA 90605

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRIAN ALVAREZ, 13737 ANOLA ST, WHITTIER, CA 90605 State of Incorporation: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/BRIAN ALVAREZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 14, 2013

The Downey Patriot 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013011010

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STAGE FILMS, 9167 ROSE ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 11526 BAYLOR DR., NORWALK CA 90650

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTURO ALCALA, 11526 BAYLOR DR, NORWALK, CA 90650 (2) SHAWNA ALALA, 11526 BAYLOR DR, NORWALK, CA 90650 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by a Married Couple

The Downey Patriot 1/17/13, 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013001087

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEZ BOUTIQUE, 12041 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA MARTINEZ, 12115 SAMOLINE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: CA

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SANDRA MARTINEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 3, 2013

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AVALON VALERO, 4368 AVALON BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90011, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) 5545453, INC., 2235 SIMON ST., FULLERTON, CA 92833 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SUNG JU YOON, PRESIDENT, 5545453, INC.

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RIMEK, 15721 GEORGIA AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOFIA RIOS, 15721 GEORGIA AVE., PARAMOUNT, CA 90723 State of Incorporation: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SOFIA RIOS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2012

The Downey Patriot 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013000182

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALIFORNIA PARKING SOLUTIONS, 472 1/2 S ROXBURY DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICK MARTIN RAMIREZ, 11526 PLUTON ST, NORWALK, CA 90650 (2) YONATAN BERDUGO, 472 1/2 S. ROXBURY DR., BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 State of Incorporation: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/RICK MARTIN RAMIREZ, CO-OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 2, 2013

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOLDEN CONNECTION LOGISTERS, 821 DEVENIR ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL DELEON, 8121 DEVENIR AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: CA

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/MICHAEL DELEON, OWNER, MICHAEL DELEON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 8, 2013

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLINGING THE WORD, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) BLINGING U HOME

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELVIRA FIGUEROA, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) JEANIE RUIZ, 11430 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/MICHAEL DELEON, OWNER, MICHAEL DELEON This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 8, 2013

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SWAIN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN W. SWAIN in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN W. SWAIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval.

A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD IN THIS COURT AS FOLLOWS: MAR 05, 2013 AT 8:30 AM IN DEPT: L ROOM: 506 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval.

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The Downey Patriot 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13

PROBATE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LILLIAN MARY COOPER

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ESTATE OF LILLIAN MARY COOPER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Cheryl Ann Damman in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Cheryl Ann Damman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval.

A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013 AT 8:30 AM IN DEPT. NO. L ROOM 506, LOCATED AT 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, ROOM 101, NORWALK, CA 90650

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: JORDAN K ATZFEQ SBN 75726 1517 E 4TH ST SANTA ANA CA 92701

The Downey Patriot 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13

TRUSTEE SALES NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0052428 Doc ID #0001852695442005N Title Order No. 10-6-476468 Investor/Insurer No. 201092382 APN No. 8054-009-005 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED OF THE TRUSTEE'S SALE DATE: 08/29/2008 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust and Assignment of Beneficial Interest, dated 08/29/2008, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

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A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD ON FEB. 13, 2013 AT 8:30 AM IN Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER.

Yvonne T. Sanchez Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner in Pro Per Oseme Claire Jimenez Galvan 10323 Birchdale Avenue Downey, California 90241 (562) 234-3561

The Downey Patriot 1/24/13, 1/31/13, 2/7/13, 2/14/13

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK COURTHOUSE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner (present name) EVER DANIEL VILLAGOMEZ has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing petitioner's name to (proposed name): EVER DANIEL VILLAGOMEZ.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: MARCH 13, 2013, Time: 1:30 P.M., Department C, Room 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER.

The Downey Patriot 1/31/13, 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13

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A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013 AT 8:30 AM IN DEPT. NO. L ROOM 506, LOCATED AT 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, ROOM 101, NORWALK, CA 90650

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Attorney for petitioner: JORDAN K ATZFEQ SBN 75726 1517 E 4TH ST SANTA ANA CA 92701

The Downey Patriot 1/10/13, 1/17/13, 1/24/13

PROBATE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARION ALICE WOODS

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARION ALICE WOODS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Lorre Hambery in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Lorre Hambery be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval.

A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HEL

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Legal Description: LOT(S) 113 OF TRACT NO. 10341, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 152 PAGE(S) 25 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$449,275.93 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 12803 DOWNEY AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6260-009-056 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 01-04-2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee BRECK 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. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following three companies: LPS Agency Sales & Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting & Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), or auction.com at 1-800-280-2832 or visit the Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (526) 527-4399. 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-4346797 01/10/2013, 01/17/2013, 01/24/2013

Book Page of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/11/2013 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: 14831 PILIMA 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 \$513,933. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the 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, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0146774. 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 (526) 527-4399. 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-4346797 01/10/2013, 01/17/2013, 01/24/2013

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: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. Legal Description: LOT(S) 47 AND 48 OF TRACT NO. 16201, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 309 PAGE(S) 14, 15 AND 16 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,160,838.75 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9919 RICHEON AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6245-002-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 01-18-2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee MARIA MAYORGA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. 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appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 07-17-1998, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 98 1221209, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California, executed by: JUAN SANCHEZ BALBUENA AND VIRGINIA SANCHEZ HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. 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: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. Legal Description: LOT 5 OF TRACT NO. 16201, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 366 PAGE(S) 47 AND 48 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$162,340.64 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9919 RICHEON AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6359-016-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 01-09-2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee BRENDA BATTEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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. 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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 this property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following three companies: LPS Agency Sales and Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting and Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), or auction.com at 1-800-280-2832 or visit the Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4349458 01/17/2013, 01/24/2013, 01/31/2013

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T.S. No.: 2012-21895 Loan No.: 7100817993
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/10/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, 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. Trustor: MANUEL MORA AND VELIA MORA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS. Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Recorded 4/30/2007 as Instrument No. 20071033137 in book ---, page --- and rerecorded on --- as --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 2/8/2013 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale:

By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$417,452.54 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11037 PADDISON AVE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 A.P.N.: 8015-005-019 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the time frame for giving Notice of Sale specified in subdivision (a) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. **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. 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Air Force Airman Bryan Dominguez graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Dominguez completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Dominguez is the son of Enrique Dominguez, of Downey. He graduated from Downey High School in 2011.



Air Force Airman Fernando Torres Lopez completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio and earned distinction as an honor graduate. Lopez completed eight weeks of training and earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Fernando and Julia Lopez of Menifee and graduated from Calvary Chapel Christian School in Downey in 2007.



Stephen Joshua Kobata, son of Robert and Shulamite Kobata; Jason Joo-Young Lee, son of Bruce and Chris Lee; and Garrett Paul Rodriguez, son of Jim and Connie Rodriguez, from Downey Troop 2 were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in a court of honor held Dec. 15 at Downey United Methodist Church.



Four Warren High graduates earned Eagle Scout rankings. From left: James Schuck (son of Robin and Brad Schuck), Michael Soza (son of Ana and Salvador Soza), Thomas Foskarino (son of Rose and Tom Foskarino) and David Viramontes (son of Priscilla and Carlos Viramontes).



The Downey F.C. girls 11u soccer team recently won the Cypress Cup Tournament. Pictured above, front row, from left: Jassmin Ortiz, Anahi Corrales, Audrey Zatarian, Beatriz Ramos, Katelyn Aguirre, Hennessy Silva and Priscilla Sanchez. Middle row: Yadira Rodriguez, Arlene Vargas, Mikaela Posada, Elizabeth Castillo, Deserie Olvera and Kimberly Games. Last row: Hailee Vargas, Serena Urzua, Lauren Lizarraga and Alice Hernandez. Not pictured: Alissa Villalobos.



Kyle Hirsch helped paint 101 light posts throughout Downey as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Downey teen completes Eagle Scout project

DOWNEY – Kyle Hirsch, a Boy Scout from Downey Troop 441, completed his Eagle Scout project by recruiting a team of 40 volunteers and painting 101 light poles and street posts throughout the city.

The work was done in neighborhoods near the Rio San Gabriel Riverbed, between Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

Kyle, 16, has been with Troop 441 since age 11. He has not only attended many camps with the troop – including a 50-mile hike in the Sierras this summer – but participated in the World Jamboree that took place in Sweden in July 2011 and as a staff member at the Boy Scout National Youth Leadership Training the past two summers.

Kyle painted 101 poles as a nod to the fact that he is on target to become the troop's 101st Boy Scout.

He attends Santa Fe High School where he is an honor student and competes on the cross country and track teams.



The Downey AYSO girls all-star soccer team placed third in the 2013 Area 11Z AYSO Championship tournament this past weekend. The girls played four games in two days after losing in a penalty-kick tiebreaker in the semi-finals against Long Beach after the game ended in a 0-0 tie after regulation. The team was led by Giselle Ramirez, Brooklyn Ramirez, Hailey Harris, Juliet Sullivan, Xol Guerrero, Mariana Saucedo, Ashley Ramirez, Cynthia Robledo, Yairet Jimenez, Carisia Raygoza, team parent Laura Ramirez and coaches Jaime Ramirez and Rudy Ramirez.

Young men earn Eagle Scout honors

DOWNEY – Four scouts from Boy Scout Troop 2 were presented the Eagle Scout rank during a Court of Honor ceremony Jan. 5 at Downey United Methodist Church.

The four scouts, under the guidance of Scoutmaster Jack Gesner and a staff of assistant scoutmasters, brings the total to 98 boys from Troop 2 that have earned the rank of Eagle, scouting's highest rank.

Troop 2 is Downey's oldest Boy Scout troop having been in operation since 1923.

The new Eagle scouts include James Schuck, Michael Soza, Thomas Foskarino and David Viramontes. All are graduates of Warren High School.

To achieve the Eagle Scout rank, honorees must have earned countless merit badges and volunteered hundreds of hours working in and around Downey on a variety of community service details. Each invested a minimum of 11 years in scouting.

"It is an amazing accomplishment when you consider the many potential distractions our youth face today," said assistant scoutmaster Bob Kobata. "These young men had the determination and willpower to stick with scouting when there were many other issues competing for their time and attention."

Totalling more than 1,000 hours, the boys each planned and completed a Boy Scout Leadership Eagle Project to benefit the community. The boys and other volunteers completed four separate projects that refurbished the campuses at Warren High and Calvary Chapel of Downey.

At Warren, the boys were active on campus, involved in activities ranging from varsity football and water polo to marching band and yearbook. All four graduated in June 2012 and are freshmen at Cal Poly Pomona, Cal State L.A. and Cal State Long Beach, pursuing majors in engineering, biology, fire science and communications.

Troop 2 is currently recruiting for its next generation of Eagle Scouts. Young men in grades 5-10 are invited to join. For details, call Tom Foskarino at (213) 627-5307.

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