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Jiovani Tavera

Disability doesn't dim Jiovani's enthusiasm for life

• Confined to a wheelchair, Jiovani Tavera credits the Arc for providing him a sense of self worth.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories leading up to the Arc Walk for Independence on March 23, which raises money for The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

DOWNEY – Jiovani Tavera has never seen himself anything other than normal – and maybe that's because he's as normal as they come.

Like almost every other 30-year-old American male, Tavera maintains a regular job, tackles his responsibilities around the house, and watches television with his little nephew.

"I try to be there for my mother," said Tavera, sporting an aqua-blue hoodie and Oakland Raiders cap. "I help her any way I possibly can."

Tavera, however, does all of this from an electric wheelchair.

"Even though I'm handicapped on my left side down, other people see myself as one of them," said Tavera. "I don't think of my disability as a disability, but more of an ability. I see myself as normal as usual."

Despite his challenges, the longtime client at The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties continues to exhibit resilience, refusing to let his immobility stop him from participating in all aspects of community life.

"The Arc is a second home to me," said Tavera, who first joined its programs in 2002. "It has helped me to come to realize that I can do a lot more with life than just staying at home playing video games or being lazy."

"The Arc really...helped me." Tavera sighed.

Since coming to The Arc,

which provides vital services and training for nearly 400 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, Tavera has participated in adult education classes, life skills courses, and employment training.

"I force myself to do things I can't do," Tavera said. "I tell myself, 'you can do this – the only thing stopping you is you.'"

Raissa Baguio, coordinator of counseling at The Arc, has watched the facility and its impact expand over the last 25 years, most recently under Executive Director Kevin MacDonald.

"The changes are all good – I've seen growth in the programs being offered," said Baguio. "Kevin is doing a great job taking the community-based programs, workshops, and employment services to the next level."

Administrators at The Arc, like Baguio, are counting on members of the community to support the 17th annual Arc Walk for Independence on March 23 in support of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Since 1997, the Arc Walk has raised funds and awareness for The Arc's various educational and occupational programs by inviting community members to walk either a one or three-mile

route around Stonewood Center.

Starting at 8 a.m., registered walkers who donate \$15 to The Arc will set out on the course, walking for independence.

Beginning at Acapulco Restaurant and Cantina, the 3-mile walk travels west on Firestone Boulevard to Lakewood Boulevard, up to Florence Avenue, around to Woodruff Avenue and back to Firestone. The Arc has seen its annual fundraising event grow from just 250 walkers in 1997 to nearly 4,000 last year.

A faithful participant over the last 10 years, Tavera maintains the Arc Walk is vital in order for him and other clients at The Arc to reach independence both economically and socially.

Currently, Tavera works in the warehouse of Southeast Industries, the packaging and assembling company owned and operated by the Arc, but the Warren High School graduate has his sights set on another job.

"At some point I want to get an outside job as a greeter," Tavera said with a smile. "The Arc Walk allows jobs to come in for people such as myself so we can become accomplished and feel good about ourselves."

"I would say [to the community], come and experience it. We could use the help and the funds for the programs we have."

Optimist Club names student essay winners

• Alyssa Moreno wins top prize in student essay contest sponsored by Optimist Club.

By Greg Waskul
Contributor

DOWNEY – "I believe that by getting my friends involved in volunteering, they realize that they are valuable and capable of great things in life. They see that no matter how big or small of a thing they do, they can make a difference or even change someone else's life. They, in fact, have made a positive impact on society."

These are the words of Warren High School senior Alyssa Moreno, writing on the subject "How Can I Help My Friends Realize Their Value?" in the 2013 Optimist Club of Downey Essay Contest.

"The Downey Optimists haven't held an Essay Contest for about 20 years, so it was an honor when they asked the Soroptimist International of Downey to judge the competition," said Beverly Mathis, who co-chaired the judging panel along with Soroptimist President Giggy Saab. Participation in the contest was limited to the nearly 200 members of the Warren High School Humanitarian Society, an affiliate of the Optimist Club whose students have performed more than 10,000 hours of service in the community during the last year.

Beverly said that the judges were very impressed by what they read. "First of all, the students were very sincere and each of them obviously put a lot of thought and effort into their essays," she said. "They were all creative, sincere and unique in their approach to the value of friendship, and their writing styles were amazingly effective. The competition was very, very close, because the quality of all the essays was so high."

The judges awarded honorable mentions to four students, including (in alphabetical order) Brandon Herrierias, Paul Lim, Emily Lopez and Valerie Marquez.

Beginning with sixth place, below are the winners who will be awarded cash prizes totaling \$2,500 from the Optimist Club of Downey, as well as comments from Humanitarian Society advisor and Warren High Spanish teacher Jackie Pardo.

Sixth place went to Ricky Amenero, who will be awarded \$100. "Ricky stands out for his kindness," Mrs. Pardo said. "He is friendly and always tries to make sure that others are enjoying themselves as they volunteer."

Jessica Lee was awarded fifth place, which wins her \$200. "Jessica is a quiet young lady who does many good deeds but doesn't like to be in the spotlight," Mrs. Pardo said. "She is a nurturer and takes care of others when assistance is most needed."

Fourth place was awarded to Ankur Papeja, which carries an award of \$300. "Ankur is blossoming into a wonderful young man," Mrs. Pardo said. "He shows a lot of maturity and dedication for his age. He is only a sophomore, which means I have the privilege of working with



Photo by Greg Waskul

Alyssa Moreno and Meredith Perkins volunteer at last year's pumpkin patch.

him for another two more years."

Debra Jeong won third place, which is worth \$400. "Deborah is bright and dedicated," Mrs. Pardo said. "She is outgoing and doesn't wait for things to happen. "She takes action and leads others by example."

The second place winner was Nancy Figueroa, who will receive \$500 for her efforts. "Nancy is a dependable young lady," Mrs. Pardo said. "She is always willing to help and do things beyond her responsibilities."

Finally, Alyssa Moreno was named the Essay Contest winner and will receive the first-place prize of \$1,000. She also moves on to the Pacific Southeast District Optimist essay competition, where first place is worth \$2,500. "Not only does she have a beautiful smile, but she has a beautiful heart," Mrs. Pardo says. "Alyssa makes those around her feel genuinely loved. Her dedication and passion for helping others will open many doors for her."

"The Essay Contest is one of many Optimist Club of Downey projects to help children throughout the community," said Optimist Past President and former Downey Mayor Meredith Perkins. "As one of the most active service clubs in Downey, we are excited to be sponsoring not only the Essay Contest, but our Oratorical Contest later this month as well."

Other notable Optimist Club projects in Downey include:

•The 24th Annual Tom Watts Memorial Golf Tournament held in memory of "Del" D'Alessandro, which will be conducted on Monday, April 29 at Rio Hondo Golf Club.

•The club's annual scholarship program, which helps support the college careers of exceptional students graduating from Downey's high schools.

•Supporting children with disabilities throughout the year at world-renowned Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

•Co-sponsoring the annual "Pumpkin Patch" at Apollo Park in Downey, an event that provides a safe and fun Halloween for thousands of local kids and their families.

•Making meaningful annual gifts to the Arc of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Downey Family YMCA, local Boy Scout troops and Darrell Jackson's Ten-Twenty Club.

"These programs are the heart of our efforts to bring the 'Spirit of Optimism' to our city," Meredith added. Clearly, the Essay Contest judges felt the magic of working with Downey's youth.





Data from the Kepler Space Telescope, launched by NASA in 2009 and surveying the Milky Way atmosphere, will be discussed at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on March 30.

Space center lines up events

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host its “Saturday Science” workshop March 30 from 1-3 p.m.

Guests will hear the latest results from the Kepler Space Telescope, what we know about planets outside of our solar system and the possibility of life outside of Earth.

“As we look out into the universe we’re beginning to come to an understanding that not only are planets common, but Earth-like planets are common too,” space center officials said.

On April 27, the space center will host the USA Science & Engineering Festival: Family Science Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guests can watch robotics competitions featuring Warren High students, participate in a robotics lab and experience all of the center’s hands-on exhibits.

Tours of the space shuttle mock-up Inspiration will also be offered. Meanwhile, teachers are invited to a free seminar April 20 offered by NASA and JPL.

Teachers can watch a showing of “Toys in Space II,” taped during the flight of STS-54. The video shows astronauts on the space shuttle and students back on Earth co-investigating the behavior of toys in space.

Video segments show the toys’ behavior in 1g (Earth’s gravity) and then their behavior in the microgravity environment of space.

The seminar is free for teachers but registration is required by calling (562) 231-1200.

Admission for all other events is \$5 (free for space center members).

For questions about any of the events, call (562) 231-1200 or go online to columbiaspacecenter.org.



Fire department earns award for explorer program

DOWNEY – The Downey Fire Department earned the Sponsor of the Year Award last Friday for its fire explorer program, which is now in its 28th year.

The award was presented by Learning for Life, the administrative division of Boy Scouts of America that oversees explorer posts in the L.A. area for ages 16-21.

In receiving the award, the Downey Fire Department was recognized as “a shining example of how Explorer programs can succeed at teaching our youth that through motivation and dedication your future is unlimited.”

A delegation of Downey Fire Department leaders attended to accept the award, including fire chief Lonnie Croom, battalion chief Bruce English, Capt. Scott Devereux and ambulance operator Adam Zipperian.

Also in attendance were four current Downey Explorers: Thomas Fokarino, Ricardo Marquez, Ricardo Palomares and Ismael Buenorosto.

“As an ongoing example of the positive relationship fostered with Learning for Life, we proudly say that in the DFD our chief, two battalion chiefs, four captains and two engineers were all DFD explorers,” the department said in a statement. “Furthermore, the Downey Fire Department currently has several of its former explorers in consideration for its recruitment process for hire.”

Barbershop to host art fair

DOWNEY – Number 34 barbershop in Downey will host an international art fair April 28, featuring vendors, art exhibits, gourmet food trucks, live demonstrations and performances, and more.

Representatives from several local arts organizations will be in attendance, including the Downey Museum of Art, Nuvein Foundation, South El Monte Arts Posse, Stay Gallery, Bellflower Theater, Downey Symphony, San Gabriel Valley Literary Festival, Orange County Fine Arts Association, the Epic Lounge and other groups associated with art, poetry, dance, theater and film.

Local Southern California artists will be exhibiting their art and vendors will be selling their goods.

The fair is from 11 a.m. to 6 a.m. and is curated by Roy Anthony Shabla. Number 34 is at 9029 Florence Ave. in Downey.

For more information, e-mail roy@downeyarts.org.

Salazar named director of Parks & Rec

DOWNEY – Arlene Salazar has been named director of the city’s Parks & Recreation Department, where she will oversee daily operations and manage a staff of over 230 employees.

The promotion is effective Jan. 22.

Salazar had served as interim director since Thad Phillips retired from the position more than a year ago.

First hired as a social services manager in 2007, Salazar oversees the Rio Hondo Golf Club, the Downey Theatre, local parks, sport field rentals, the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, Downey Cemetery, the McCaughan Gym at Apollo Park, transit operations, aquatics, summer concerts in the park and the city’s community-wide events.

She was previously employed by Norwalk for 12 years and Chino for seven years.

She attended Cerritos College and Cal State Los Angeles, and holds a bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership and a master’s in business administration from Azusa Pacific University.

Married with two sons, she is a first generation Nicaraguan and Mexican American.



“Our city is fortunate to have Mrs. Salazar leading one of the city’s most important departments, overseeing numerous divisions,” city manager Gilbert Livas said. “She is passionate about improving the overall quality of life for our community and her commitment is reflected in her many years of dedicated service.”

Mayor Mario Guerra also complimented Salazar and said he is “excited for the future” of the Parks & Recreation Department.

“Her experience, knowledge and dedication to the field is quite remarkable and we are confident that with her talent she will accomplish wonderful things for Parks and Recreation,” he said.

Salazar is currently overseeing the city’s first parks and recreation master plan, in collaboration with Cal Poly Pomona.

DUI checkpoint next Friday

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department will conduct a DUI and driver’s license checkpoint at an undisclosed location in Downey on March 15 between 8 p.m. and 3 a.m.

Drivers passing through the checkpoint will be checked for signs of impairment, officials said.

Officers will also ensure drivers are properly licensed.

“Over the course of the past three years, there have been 333 DUI related traffic collisions in the city of Downey,” said police chief Carl Charles. “These DUI traffic collisions have claimed three lives and resulted in 83 injury crashes harming 140 of our friends and neighbors.”

Funding for the checkpoint is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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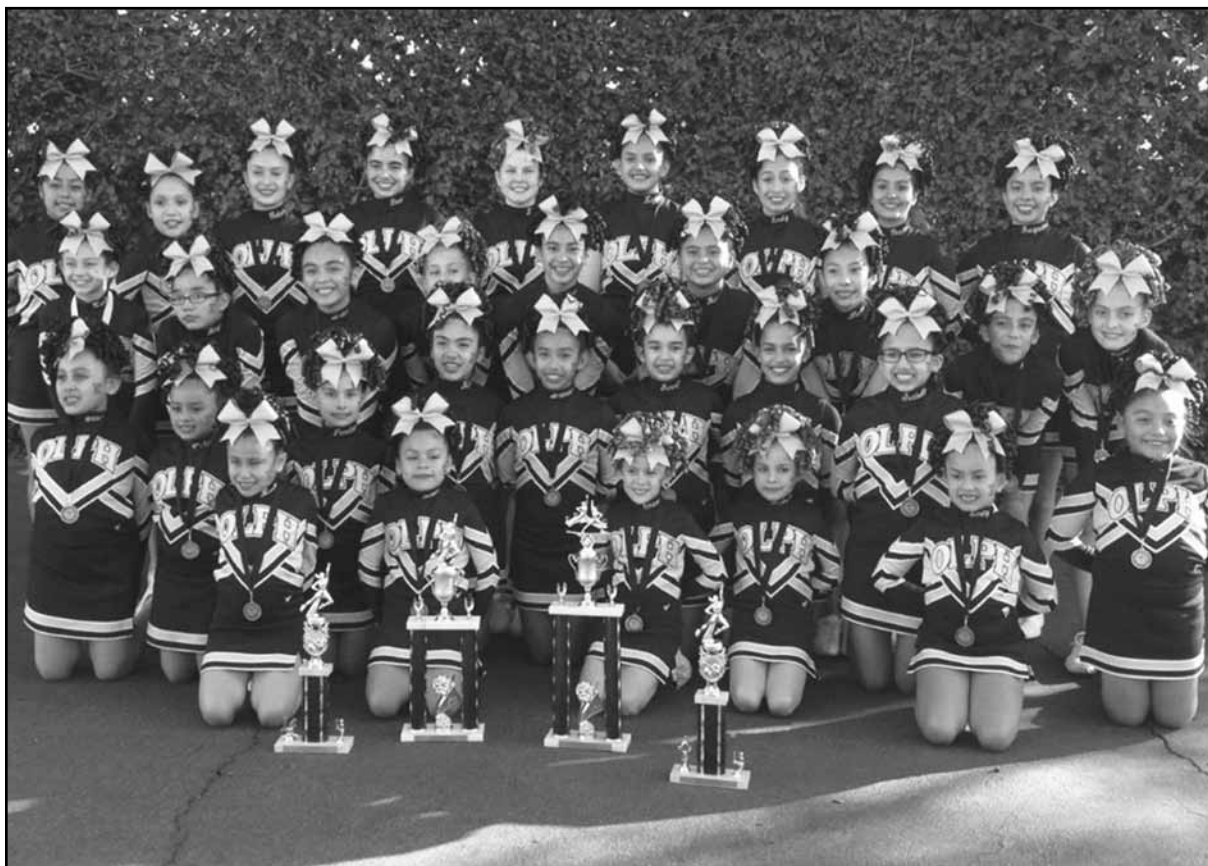
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 Guests at the Rives Mansion enjoyed a recent fundraiser for the Downey Museum of Art. For several years now, museum board members have been working to establish a new, permanent home for the collection which used to be housed in Furman Park. Among the attendees are (from left) Soroptimist International of Downey president Giggy Saab, Councilman Alex Saab, school board member Martha Sodemani, museum supporter Don Lamkin and local businessman Michael Chirco. Featured local artists were Hector Beltran and Calixto Shibaja.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School's cheerleaders started their competition season with two wins at a recent tournament. The girls competed in the CYO Cheer Competition held at St. Joseph's High School in Lakewood on Feb. 23. Girls in grades 4-8 competed in the "A" team division and those in grades 2-3 competed as "Mighty Mites". Both teams took first place in their division, earned the highest overall scores and were crowned Grand Champions. OLPH School's next competition is March 23 at Knott's Berry Farm.

Downey negotiating to buy land at intersection

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is in negotiations to purchase portions of several properties near the intersection of Firestone and Paramount boulevards.

The purchases are necessary, city officials said, to complete a \$5.7 million renovation project on Firestone that is expected to get underway later this year.

Officials are attempting to purchase parts of land at 11205 Paramount Blvd. (the site of an auto paint and body shop); 8001 Firestone Blvd. (76 gas station); and 8008 Firestone Blvd. (CVS Pharmacy).

Before the deals can be made, the planning commission needed to find that the purchases are consistent with Downey's General Plan. They did that Wednesday.

The city is currently accepting bids for the Firestone project, which includes street repair, landscaping, signal synchronization and other work between Brookshire Avenue

and Old River School Road.

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 side-

walks.

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.

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Citizenship workshop planned in Norwalk

NORWALK – Rep. Linda Sanchez is hosting a citizen workshop March 23 where legal U.S. residents can receive free help on their naturalization application.

The workshop is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Norwalk Church of Nazarene, 15000 Studebaker Rd.

Attorneys will be available for no-cost consultations on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To attend the workshop, residents must be at least 18 and a legal U.S. resident for at least five years (three years if married to a U.S. citizen).

Participants must also demonstrate a basic ability to read, write and speak English; have basic knowledge of U.S. history, government and civic principles; have been physically present in the U.S. for at least 30 months of the last five years; and have “good moral character”.

While the workshop is free, the naturalization application is \$595, plus \$85 for fingerprints. Fee waivers are available.

Residents attending the workshop should bring their permanent resident card, birth certificate, marriage or divorce certificate, California ID or driver’s license, passport, selective service regulation number and two passport-sized photos.

RSVP is required by calling (562) 267-9715.

Sanchez met with President Obama in late January to discuss a comprehensive immigration reform plan.

“Our country was built on a great tradition of diversity that allows everyone the opportunity for success,” Sanchez said. “We should allow those people, who work hard and abide by our laws, the opportunity to educate themselves and help our great nation prosper and grow.”

Frantone’s hosting Sister Cities fundraiser

DOWNEY – Downey Sister Cities is hosting a fundraiser March 19 at Frantone’s as it works to raise money for a trip to Roscommon, Ireland, Downey’s newest sister city.

The restaurant is donating 25 percent of all food purchases made between 5-10 p.m. to Sister Cities.

Applications will also be available for potential sister city members.

DJAA taking sign-ups

DOWNEY – The Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA) is now accepting registration for its spring baseball season.

Sign-ups will be taken Saturday and March 16 at Apollo Park.

Boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible to register. All kids will have an opportunity to play.

For more information, go online to djaasports.org.

Opening Day is scheduled for April 6 with a parade of teams, homerun derby, running the bases ceremony and more.

Landlord workshop at library

DOWNEY – Local landlords are invited to a free workshop hosted by the Fair Housing Foundation on March 18 at the Downey City Library from 3-5 p.m.

Landlords will learn how to seek prospective tenants and information on the rental process and credit checks.

They will also learn about fair housing laws, and their rights and responsibilities as a landlord or property manager.

To RSVP, or for more information, call (800) 446-FAIR.

Tango Evolution comes to Downey Theatre

DOWNEY – Tango Evolution, a show featuring original tango dances from the 19th and 20th centuries, will be performed March 24 at the Downey Theatre.

Audience members will be treated to the songs and dances of malambo, boleadoras, chacarera, milonga and, of course, tango.

Last year’s performance at the Woman’s Club of Downey sold out. Tango Evolution is produced by Eduardo Sidi and directed by Zita Gonzalez. It features the tango dancing of Giovanna.

Tickets start at \$22 and can be purchased at the Downey Theatre box office or online at downeytheatre.com.

Fundraiser walk Sunday

DOWNEY – Sissi’s Medical Uniforms is hosting a fundraiser walk this Sunday outside its location at 9451 Firestone Blvd. in Downey, with proceeds benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The event is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will feature a DJ, food and vendor tents at the front and rear of the store.

The public is invited.

Acting class performing free show

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School’s acting class will perform a free show this Wednesday in the theater at Downey High School.

Student actors will perform “new, funny and classic scenes” starting at 7 p.m.

Downey High’s theater is located next to the D. Mark Morris building, directly behind the portables.

Visitors should park in the lot at Firestone Boulevard and Brookshire Avenue.

‘Nightmare’ bacteria detected

• Resistant to antibiotics, CRE bacteria is increasing among U.S. hospitals and there is no cure.

A family of bacteria has become increasingly resistant to last-resort antibiotics during the past decade, and more hospitalized patients are getting lethal infections that, in some cases, are impossible to cure.

The findings, published Tuesday in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Vital Signs report, are a call to action for the entire health care community to work urgently – individually, regionally and nationally – to protect patients.

During just the first half of 2012, almost 200 hospitals and long-term acute care facilities treated at least one patient infected with these bacteria.

The bacteria, Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), kill up to half of patients who get bloodstream infections from them. In addition to spreading among patients, often on the hands of health care personnel, CRE bacteria can transfer their resistance to other bacteria within their family. This type of spread can create additional life-threatening infections for patients in hospitals and potentially for otherwise healthy people.

Currently, almost all CRE infections occur in people receiving significant medical care in hospitals, long-term acute care facilities, or nursing homes.

“CRE are nightmare bacteria. Our strongest antibiotics don’t work and patients are left with potentially untreatable infections,” said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. “Doctors, hospital leaders, and public health, must work together now to implement CDC’s ‘detect and protect’ strategy and stop these infections from spreading.”

Enterobacteriaceae are a family of more than 70 bacteria including *Klebsiella pneumoniae* and *E. coli* that normally live in the digestive system. Over time, some of these bacteria have become resistant to a group of antibiotics known as carbapenems, often referred to as last-resort antibiotics.

During the last decade, CDC has tracked one type of CRE from a single health care facility to health care facilities in at least 42 states. In some medical facilities, these bacteria already pose a routine challenge to health care professionals.

The Vital Signs report describes that although CRE bacteria are not yet

common nationally, the percentage of Enterobacteriaceae that are CRE increased by fourfold in the past decade. One type of CRE, a resistant form of *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, has shown a sevenfold increase in the last decade.

In the U.S., northeastern states report the most cases of CRE.

According to the report, during the first half of 2012, four percent of hospitals treated a patient with a CRE infection. About 18 percent of long-term acute care facilities treated a patient with a CRE infection during that time.

In 2012, CDC released a concise, practical CRE prevention toolkit with in-depth recommendations for hospitals, long-term acute care facilities, nursing homes and health departments. Key recommendations include:

- enforcing use of infection control precautions (standard and contact precautions)
- grouping patients with CRE together
- dedicating staff, rooms and equipment to the care of patients with CRE, whenever possible
- having facilities alert each other when patients with CRE transfer back and forth
- asking patients whether they have recently received care somewhere else (including another country)
- using antibiotics wisely

In addition, CDC recommends screening patients in certain scenarios to determine if they are carrying CRE. Because of the way CRE can be carried by patients from one health care setting to another, facilities are encouraged to work together regionally to implement CRE prevention programs.

These core prevention measures are critical and can significantly reduce the problem today and for the future. In addition, continued investment into research and technology, such as a testing approach called Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD), is critical to further prevent and more quickly identify CRE.

In some parts of the world, CRE appear to be more common, and evidence shows they can be controlled. Israel recently employed a coordinated effort in its 27 hospitals and dropped CRE rates by more than 70 percent. Several facilities and states in the U.S. have also seen similar reductions.

“We have seen in outbreak after outbreak that when facilities and regions follow CDC’s prevention guidelines, CRE can be controlled and even stopped,” said Michael Bell, M.D., acting director of CDC’s Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. “As trusted health care providers, it is our responsibility to prevent further spread of these deadly bacteria.”

Vita Chirco, 93, passes away

DOWNEY – Vita Maltese Chirco, 93, passed away March 3 at her home in Downey surrounded by family.

She was born Feb. 20, 1920 in Sicily, Italy to Salvatore Maltese and Fara Pellerito. She had two brothers and one sister.

She married Michele Chirco in 1947 and they had three sons, Anthony, Salvatore and Giuseppe.

They came to the United States by boat in 1960, a voyage that lasted two weeks, bringing only the items they could fit into a medium sized green trunk.

When they arrived in New York on April 7, 1962, they were received by several members of the Chirco and Lo Chirco family, who took them to Detroit for a short period before they traveled to California.

Her husband began work at a roofing factory in South Gate and she as a seamstress at a factory.

She is survived by two sons, Anthony and Giuseppe Chirco; daughters-in-law Mayra, Marina and Fara; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and six great-grandsons.

She was predeceased by a son, Salvatore, in 2003.

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Letters to the Editor:

City's response to Central Basin

Dear Editor:

The City of Downey, along with Cerritos, Signal Hill, Pico Rivera, and Bellflower, has taken action to protect our residents against illegal and excessive water replenishment fees imposed by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD). It is certainly true that WRD must perform a replenishment function for the benefit of all who rely upon the groundwater in the basins; however it is patently false that residents must pay WRD's fees whether they are legal or not.

Mr. James Glancy, as chairman of the Central Basin Water Association and representing the City of Lakewood, has taken the lead in attacking Downey and the other cities for enforcing the rights of its residents. Downey and the other cities have successfully challenged the questionable fees imposed by WRD which constitute up to 40% of our residents' water bills.

Mr. Glancy notably omits in his letter published in the Downey Patriot on March 1 that the Superior Court twice ruled that the replenishment fee charged by WRD are wholly unconstitutional and illegal. (City of Cerritos, et al vs. WRD, No. BS128136.) The voters of California passed Proposition 218 to ensure procedural and substantive mandates designed to protect against excessive fees. WRD has repeatedly refused to submit its unwarranted fees to the voting and proportionality requirements set forth in Proposition 218, resulting in tens of millions of dollars in overcharges to our residents and others overlying the Central Basin District. Additionally, WRD has refused to make any refunds or to provide some other remedy to Downey to address its willful violations.

A trial is scheduled soon to address the refund Downey and other cities are entitled to as a result of the unlawful and excessive fees charged by WRD.

Rather than demand that WRD comply with the law, Mr. Glancy, on behalf of some in the Central Basin Water Association, has chosen to attack Downey and the other Cities, who have chosen to safeguard their residents' funds. As public agencies, Downey and the other Cities, have withheld payment of illegal fees to avoid making gifts of public funds to WRD.

Indeed, the Court denied WRD's request to shut down the Cities' wells for non-payment. In this case, the Court's ruling that WRD violated ALL requirements of Proposition 218 is especially significant, because WRD's fees make up a whopping 40% of our residents' water bills.

It is important to note that Downey and the other Cities own their water rights and do not purchase any water from WRD. WRD imposes a fee as a tax upon the Cities' groundwater pumping and may use those funds only for limited replenishment functions.

However, WRD has for many years taxed the cities excessively without voter review. It is difficult to understand why some other cities in the Central Basin Water Association, such as Lakewood, would continue to support WRD's illegal and excessive fees to the detriment of its own residents.

Perhaps Mr. Glancy needs to explain to the families and businesses in Downey the true reasons behind his assertions that we should continue to pay WRD's unlawful assessment.

The residents and business owners of Downey have the right to question and demand that any payment for their unlawful assessments to WRD be stopped immediately. The residents of Downey can be assured that its elected officials will continue to work hard to protect its best interests and comply with the law.

I, for one, will not sit idle as a gross injustice is forced upon the residents of Downey.

Alex Saab
Downey City Councilman

Uninhabitable house

Dear Editor:

On a recent trip to Downey, I was informed there were two homes that were unoccupied. I am in the real estate business and I went to look at the homes that are located next to each other at 11835 and 11841 Horton St. in Downey. I wanted to look at the exterior of the homes prior to asking about their availability for sale.

When I looked over the properties they looked as if they were in need of minor repair from the outside but when I looked through the window I saw something I was not expecting nor prepared for. Both of the homes were full of trash.

I could only get a look in one room of each home through a kitchen window in one and a living room window in the other. The inside of each home was disgusting. There were many cats in one of the homes and everything I could see was shredded. The smell was sickening.

As a landlord, I have seen some unbelievable things when it comes to rental property. From what I understand, these homes are in this condition because of the owner and up until last year the woman who owns the homes lived in one of them in its current condition.

I asked around the neighborhood and was informed that for years the city of Downey, animal control and Downey PD had all been informed of the "nuisance" and nothing was done.

As a former resident of Downey, I was shocked to hear the city had lowered its standards to allow unsafe and unsanitary conditions in this once first class city.

Ray Rowland
Los Angeles

Residents hoodwinked

Dear Editor:

The Downey City Council says they don't have enough money for police and fire services.

They take a one-time grant and hire firemen for lifetime positions. Now they vote to spend \$15,000 on a PR firm to hoodwink voters into a new tax.

Is that as bad as paying an assistant city manager about \$300,000 a year for water barrel distributions, questionable connections on the Porto's Bakery and Verizon redevelopment projects or paying retired police chief Roy Campos over \$600,000 in his last year?

Speaking of the police chief, if no one was qualified to allow Campos to go on vacation, why were the two following chiefs hired from within?

How much were the golden handshakes for the recently retired police chief and city manager? Were the payouts pensionable?

Wish City Hall was more like the Downey Unified School District.

Randy Evans
Downey

Welfare reform

Dear Editor:

I have the solution for our increasing welfare costs.

Everyone signs up for a certain number of adults and a certain number of children. If any children were added later, they should be immediately deducted from this family's income. This would cut the number of people significantly. You can't be dedicated to finding work while increasing the size of your family.

Welfare used to be a supplement to help people through rough times. It has turned out to be a way of life and a legacy handed down from one generation to another.

If the government needs any help in going through the files, I'll donate my time to help.

Do you have a better answer?

Betty Stockton
Downey

Fire petition

Dear Editor:

My husband and I were approached at our home by someone requesting we sign a petition for the fire department.

The woman stated that she worked for the fire department. I knew this was a lie. The woman said she had a list of registered voters for our neighborhood and my name was bold-faced on the list which meant that I already signed the petition.

I told her that after reading an article in the Downey paper, I feel like I was misled into signing the petition and I wanted my name removed from it. She said she couldn't do that. She was very rude and ignorant.

It bothers me that I got bamboozled into signing a petition under false pretenses.

Unfortunately, due to the misleading nature of these petitioners, I will not be signing any more petitions and will politely ask them to leave my property.

Cindy Winegar
Downey

Global warming myth

Dear Editor:

After reading "Children: Our Greatest Green Legacy" by Jeff Feldman, I shook my head in disbelief. (The Downey Patriot, 2/21/13).

Mr. Feldman and his wife were concerned about the "egregious impact" the birth of their child might have on the environment. Horror of horrors! I have some suggestions that might alleviate his conscience.

When I was a child my mother put a huge metal tub on all four burners of the stove, filled it with water and cut up a bar of ivory soap and did her laundry. Then she hung it out on something called a "clothesline." There they were dried by wind and solar energy.

Perhaps Mr. Feldman shouldn't buy the disposable diapers, which cause landfills to fill up so fast. Just get the soft cotton washable ones and launder them. They smell so fresh when you take them off the clothesline. Think of the gas and electricity you will save. Be sure to live close to your doctor, then you won't pollute when taking the baby for a checkup.

Maybe we in the U.S. shouldn't have babies. It must please Mr. Feldman that 55 million have been aborted. I hope the mothers don't live far from the abortion clinics, so as not to pollute with gasoline.

Perhaps the Feldmans should move to China where he says the long term environmental impact of each U.S. baby will cause 25 times that of one in China. Hang in there, sir; China may soon own the U.S. Have you ever seen photos of the air pollution in Beijing? They are wearing masks so as to breathe.

Are you aware of all the payback money that has been put into "green" projects which we, the taxpayers, paid for with Chinese-borrowed money, that are now bankrupt and China is buying them for our technology?

What I wish Mr. Feldman and Lars Clutterham would address is that the people who are pushing this "global warming" at the highest levels are those who are making the most money and polluting much more than the citizens are. Al Gore made mega bucks off this and flies – and maybe still is – the plane that burned the most fuel of any other.

Other than airline pilots, who has burned more fuel than Air Force One? President Obama has almost lived in it campaigning and is still campaigning. Did he really need to fly to Nevada to give a speech? Could it not have been televised from D.C.? Now he is flying to 30 states to push his spending (overspending) programs. The Air Force One expenses come out of our defense budget. Of course, we could go back to the horse and buggy days, but then we would have to hire more government employees to clean the streets and freeways.

For the inauguration, one runway closed down in D.C. for corporate airplanes to land. Some in Congress have their own aircraft. Please address why these people are allowed to pollute without comment.

One last statement: I remember when, over 20 years ago, Time magazine had on its cover that the world would have famine because the earth was cooling and there would not be enough sun to grow food. These were scientists. Please, Downey Patriot, print some articles of scientists who do not believe in global warming. There are many. Let's hear both sides.

One question: please explain how tropical animals have been found frozen in ice glaciers. What fossil fuel caused that climate change?

I'm more concerned about the moral decline that is polluting the U.S. than I am of global warming. If we all turned to God, He can take care of both these concerns.

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

The missing link in immigration reform

By Yvette Donado

In recent weeks, immigration reform has garnered everyone's attention, including policymakers on both sides of the aisle. At this point, we cannot foresee what the bill will look like, but there will be a bill. The big question, however, is what happens after it passes, particularly with regard to educational opportunities for more than 11 million residents?

Last July, the Obama administration decided not to deport children of undocumented immigrants. I wrote then that little attention was being given to the need for easier access to educational opportunities for those who would be coming out of the shadows.

Now is the time to prepare to address the education needs of these 11 million persons who we hope will, regardless of the nature of citizenship pathways in the bill, become full-fledged, lawfully present, productive residents.

Imagine a physician from another country who, because of his or her current immigration status, drives a cab or works in a field other than medicine. That person, came here without records of his or her academic credentials and has little, if any, prospect of acquiring them easily from the country of origin.

Multiply that by the tens of thousands — or millions — of future "regularized" residents who, despite good intentions and many sacrifices, lack proof of the education and experience that qualifies them for work in their profession or trade. Holding them to the same documentary requirements as citizens and current legal residents would prove to be an impossible task.

Here's what needs to happen:

1) Employers and academic institutions, from high schools to graduate programs, must be flexible.

2) Private sector and educational institutions must equip themselves with skilled counselors to attract, employ, train, educate and develop workers and students.

3) Newly enfranchised residents must recognize that credentials matter to employers and academic institutions, and that scores on a high school equivalency, college admission or English-language test carry weight, even if they are not required for a job or a place in an academic program. Tests help level the playing field, eliminating superficial judgments based on country of origin, native language or English proficiency.

4) Latino organizations, schools, counselors and others must help build a college-bound culture in the families of newly documented persons. The journey to a more productive role can be made easier through education of the entire family.

Latino organizations, schools, universities and government agencies at all levels must provide efficient services to smooth that journey.

The legislative path is unpredictable. What is predictable is that this issue will be addressed — and soon. Through efficient implementation of the law, by providing helpful services and by creating greater educational opportunities, they can become more productive, pay more taxes, improve bottom lines and empower their families.

Yvette Donado is the Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice President, People, Process and Communications, for Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J.

Acceptance of special ed students

For orthopedic surgeon Sean Adelman — a father of three, including Dev, a high-school age daughter with Down syndrome — life lessons are not the exclusive province of the young.

"As a dad, I have often been reminded of the poet William Wordsworth and his line, 'The child is father of the man,'" says Adelman, author of Sam's Top Secret Journal (www.raiseexpectations.com), the first in a Nancy Drew-style children's book series featuring a protagonist with Down syndrome.

"I think most parents have this experience that, while it's our job to teach our children how to grow up and function in a society, we are constantly learning ourselves. They force us to rethink the basics as we help mold them into mature human beings."

Of course, much of a child's development is out of the hands of parents, he says. School and other social functions provide many first worldly experiences that are so important to developing students. And that makes diversity so important.

Various studies have shown that not only do those with learning challenges benefit from "inclusive education" — a movement that integrates special-ed students with non-special-ed students — but also the rest of the student body.

Adelman explores how inclusion benefits the entire student body:

- Empathic development: To a significant extent, society is a social contract among citizens. That means, at the very least, good behavior is required of individuals. At best, however, citizens recognize that we are social creatures who need each other, and the best way to a better society is to have empathy for our fellow human beings. During the 1990s, inclusion of special-ed students jumped from 48 percent to 70 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Despite concerns at the time about teachers' ability to attend to the needs of all their students in such classes, a Zigmond and Baker study showed teachers did not lose their effectiveness. The famous study also showed that the students treated each other better in general. Children learn that everyone needs help from time to time, and it's as gratifying to provide it as to receive it.

- Diversity and the real world: Children who attend inclusive schools, where all children are mainstreamed, are better able to navigate the complexities of our diverse adult society. Students with and without special needs benefit from exposure to classmates who face different life circumstances. Studies from the National Center for Special Education Research, among others from throughout the world, support claims of mutual benefit from special-ed and non-special-ed students with integration. For a well-rounded character and personality, young people need to be exposed to the many faces of humanity in terms of race, economic background and those with special needs. In addition to this personal edification, a professional career demands social grace and comfort in a diverse work environment.

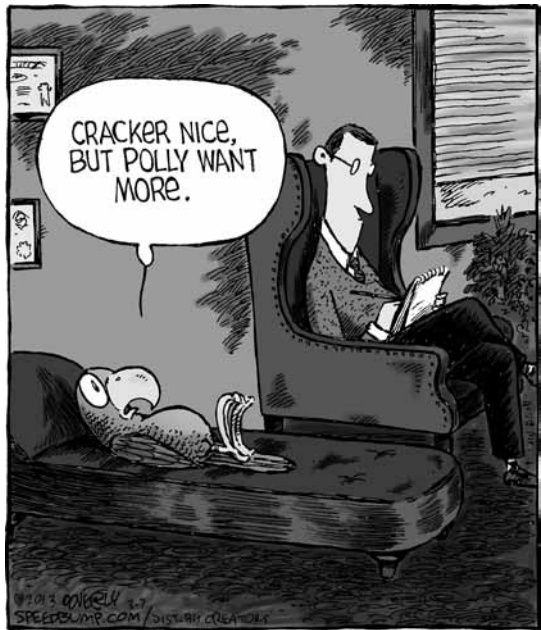
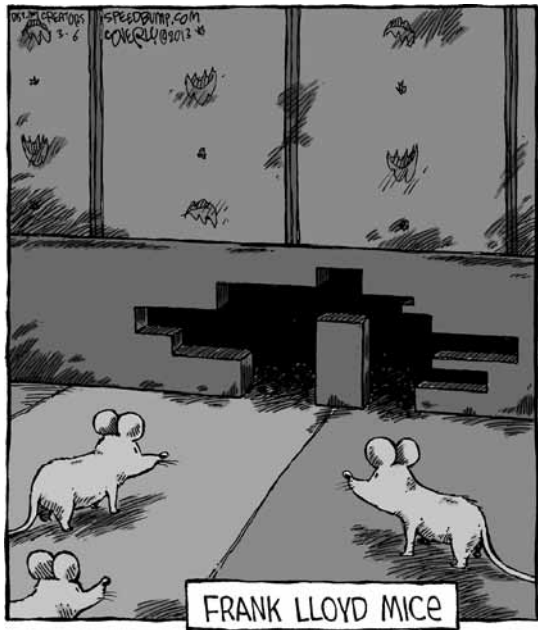
- The meaning of friendship: Children need to develop social skills and to know how to create and sustain meaningful friendships for a healthy adult life. We may lose wealth, youth, health, and spouses. Friends, however, are often the most reliable emotional resource in life. Friends must learn to accept one another's limitations and flaws, and to complement one another's weaknesses by contributing their strengths. Friends also quickly learn that superficial differences are far less important than shared values, trust and humor.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Sun. March 10: **Fundraiser walk**, Sissi's Medical Uniforms, 11 a.m.
 Wed. March 13: **Acting class performance**, Downey High School theatre, 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 Cindy 803-4048.
 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...

March 7, 1850: In a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.
1876: Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for the telephone.
1926: The first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York City and London.
1965: State troopers and a sheriff's posse broke up a a march by civil rights demonstrators in Selma, Ala.
Birthdays: Comedian Wanda Sykes (49), retired baseball player Jeff Kent (45), actress Rachel Weisz (43), actor Peter Sarsgaard (42) and actress Jenna Fischer (39).

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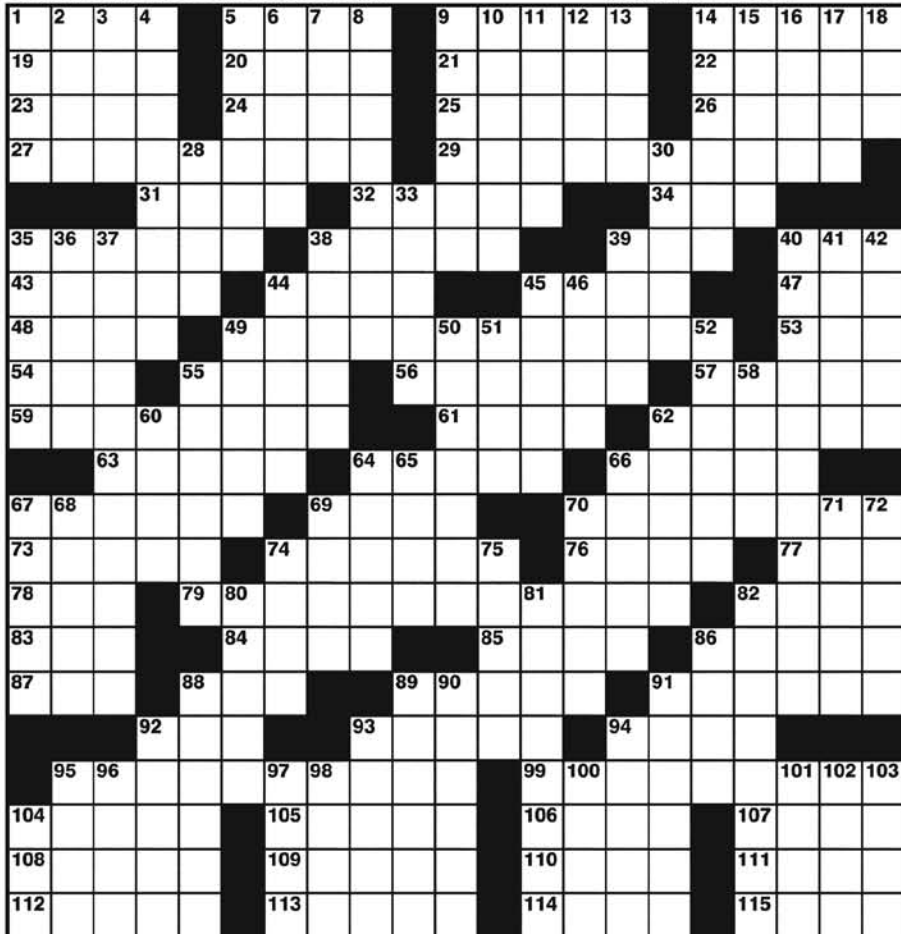
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by Gail Grabowski

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Downey teen wins new car and \$50K

• Andrew Saldana, 18, wins national contest and takes home a Nissan Altima.

DOWNEY – Downey resident Andrew Saldana won a new car and a \$50,000 college grant after he was chosen the winner of a national contest conducted by Nissan North America.

Saldana, 18, was chosen from a field of more than 80,000 contest

entries.

The contest, conducted last year between Aug. 29 and Oct. 12, asked entrants to submit innovative ideas for new products, services or applications “that could improve people’s everyday lives.”

Each concept was limited to 500 words and began, “Wouldn’t it be cool if...”

All accepted entries were published in an “idea gallery” designed to inspire other innovative concepts.

Professional judges selected two winners based on originality, impact and feasibility. A third winner was chosen by the public.

Judges chosen Saldana as the top winner, awarding him a fully-equipped 2013 Nissan Altima and the \$50,000 grant.

Saldana took possession of the prizes Friday during a ceremony at Downey Nissan.

Resource fair aimed at helping veterans



WHITTIER – Rose Hills Memorial Park will be hosting a resource fair, concert and homeless veteran burial service to commemorate “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” on March 24.

The evening service will feature Jesse Cozean, author of “My Grandfather’s War: A Young Man’s Lessons from the Greatest Generation” and musical performances by New Directions Veterans Choir. It will be followed by a military funeral service for four American veterans who died homeless.

The Resource Fair will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to the right of the main entrance with the concert and homeless burial funeral service in the SkyRose Chapel starting at 6 p.m.

All events are free and open to

the public.

“Our theme this year, ‘Bridging the Gap: From Vietnam to Afghanistan and Iraq,’ not only reflects our commitment to all veterans, but that of our community as well,” said Bruce Lazenby, executive director of business development of Rose Hills. “Together with Vietnam veterans, we are proactively reaching out to our returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan to be sure they receive the welcome and care they deserve as heroes.”

Cozean will share anecdotes and important life lessons passed on by his grandfather after 50 years living with the memories of life as a German POW. While recovering from heart surgery, Cozean’s grandfather Robert lived with him. Along the way, their relationship changed from

that of a kid and his Papa to two men seeing each other for the first time.

The New Directions Veterans Choir is an award winning a cappella group that sings renditions of doo-wop, soul, traditional gospel and popular music.

The choir is composed primarily of men and women who served in the U.S. military and became homeless upon their return home.

The resource fair will provide information, support and services to veterans. Non-profit organizations and businesses scheduled to participate in the fair include the American Red Cross, the state’s Employment Development Department, CareMore, Kaiser Permanente, Walgreens, Rio Hondo College, Salvation Army, Long Beach Veterans Administration and more.

Remember the mimeograph! (But go paperless)

• Technology is becoming more environmentally friendly, helping to save trees.

By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

DOWNEY – Remember the mimeograph? If you’re of a certain age, you might recall school days long ago when the ink on class tests was lavender or purple in color. If you were a teacher way back then, perhaps you remember the light smell of alcohol in the faculty work room, or waiting your turn to run this week’s pop quiz on that somewhat noisy machine with the big drum that rolled out enough copies for everyone in the class. Of course, if you were running late, those pages might still be a bit damp and odorous as they landed on the desks of your students.

For those of you who didn’t live those grand old days, the mimeograph machine offered a widely popular low-cost printing method which peaked out in the 1950’s through the early 70’s and has since been superseded by more sophisticated printing options, such as photocopying. Like “Xeroxing,” the best known brand name for photocopying, the term “Mimeograph” was originally also a trademark. It was invented by Thomas Edison through two patents filed in 1870 and 1880, which were then licensed in 1887 by the A.B. Dick Company in Chicago.

Less widely known, but used for higher quality small-scale printing needs, was the Ozalid process, which came into being in the early 1920’s. Ozalid printing was used where the quality of a mimeograph would have been inadequate. For example, it was the gold standard for printing multiple copies of music in the L.A. film music industry as recently as the 1990’s, when this writer became familiar with the process.

Speaking of obsolescent O-words, ever heard of the ophicleide? The ophicleide was a widely popular musical instrument of the nineteenth cen-

tury which gave way at the turn of the twentieth century to the modern tuba. It also bore several design similarities to another instrument invented in the mid-1800’s by one Adolphe Sax. That instrument, of course, was the saxophone. So the ophicleide, like the dinosaur, eventually became extinct, replaced by two other instruments which are now standards of the musical palette, from marching bands to modern jazz. In fact, it would be hard to imagine the existence of jazz without the saxophone.

Returning to the topic of printing the written word, when was the last time you rolled a piece of paper into a typewriter? The typewriter is another formerly ubiquitous device that has largely faded with the advent of the personal computer. And nowadays the term “carbon copy” has meaning only as a reference to the past, for the “portable document file,” going by the acronym “pdf,” has digitally replaced that messy old carbon paper. You can

send copies to anybody anywhere by hitting the ‘enter’ key. You can even fill out forms, as the more recent versions of software programs such as Adobe Reader allow for digitally embedding text and signatures.

The point of this trip down memory lane is that the old ways of doing things have been supplanted, even in recent memory, by more sophisticated processes. In this case, the new technology is also more environmentally friendly, saving trees that we desperately need to help convert a lot of CO2 back into oxygen.

Further, these changes echo our recent discussion of the environmental significance of whales. Both demonstrate a world in transition, where new approaches are needed to preserve and sustain it. We’ll return to our whale discussion and its implications in the next column.

For now, it’s quaintly engaging to remember the mimeograph. But it’s definitely time to go paperless.



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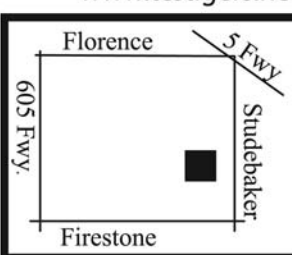
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Bob Earl claims to have the trick to live to 105

• Retired Downey resident isn't afraid to share his thoughts on the medical and pharmaceuticals establishment.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Retired from running his own business, 75-year-old longtime Downey resident Bob Earl (real name: Ed) doesn't equivocate when he declares that the pharmaceutical companies are in conspiracy with the doctors who prescribe them to their patients, and that we, the general population, are the losers in the process.

His withering accusations, if true, condemn all the pharmaceutical firms and all practitioners – past, present and future – of the medical profession.

And this is sad. When I suggested that this will irritate, even enrage, all doctors on the planet, he said, "I don't care."

Nor does he care, he said, if pharmaceutical companies like Pfizer and the like condemn him for saying what needs to be said.

According to him, the truth of the matter is that the whole conspiracy feeds on profit. Take away prescribed drugs like Lipitor, and you take away the source of lu-

cre for doctor and drug company alike, he said.

These are strong words. Earl is attacking the very foundations on which the whole edifice of medical science has been built over the years. Medical science has been built brick by brick by earnest, dedicated men of science, not to say men imbued with the noblest of moral values, and it's hard to imagine that it can be dismantled by a guy from Downey named Earl.

But, like I said, Earl is steadfast in his conviction that profit makes the medical world go round. He also makes such provocative statements as: "If our doctors were really competent, then we wouldn't have over a million Americans killed by cancer every year" or "We don't cure sickness in America, we only cure its symptoms" or "I don't care if other people agree with me – we're a very sick society, it's profitable that way."

On the other hand, Earl makes saner, if sometimes bland, comments such as: "It's boring to be in perfect health, but it sure is a lot of fun" or "America is overdrugged" or "The food business in America is big business" or "Every drug you take has side effects" or "Drugs are extremely overpriced."

That said, I agree with him

when he quotes (heavily, I might add) from the findings of food and health experts found in magazines and in the literature tips such as:

"Foods you should almost never eat: 1) Sugar; 2) White flour; 3) White rice; 4) Milk; 5) Salt; 6) Hot dogs and sausage; 7) (Limited) red meats; 8) Snack foods; 9) Margarine; 10) Artificial Sweeteners;

"Foods you should eat more often: 1) Vegetables; 2) Fruit; 3) Flax seed; 4) Whole grain rice; 5) Fiber (both soluble and insoluble); 6) Beans and lentils; 7) Wild salmon; 8) Omega 3 fatty acids; 9) Filtered water; 10) Eat 5% less;

"Ten ways to add years to your life: 1) See yourself as healthy each day; 2) Adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle; 3) Keep your cholesterol below 180 and your BP near 120/70; 4) Maintain a steady weight throughout your life; 5) Adopt a regular exercise program; 6) Don't smoke; 7) Eat a diet that reduces the chances for the top 4 killers (heart disease, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases and diabetes — identified in 2004 as the leading causes of death in the U.S. among males and females between the ages of 40 and 90); 8) Remember, life is too short to get angry; 9) Practice extending more loving-kindness and patience; Drive a big car and buckle up!"

He next touches on the topic "Doubling up on your veggies." This is followed by "Why you should care about pesticides," then by "Antioxidants" in which he enumerates 101 fruits and vegetables that spell healthy aging, then by the so-called "glycemic index," then by "You are what you drink" with a lengthy section on "The pause that refreshes or the poison that destroys?", then a section on how "Apple peels contain 12 anti-cancer compounds called 'triterpenoids'". Then, finally, he discusses the important role the banana plays in countering a long list of illnesses and conditions such as depression, PMS, anemia, blood pressure, its contribution to brain power, in regulating constipation, in combating stress and even cutting the risk of strokes.

By following these tips, he says you should not get sick, and you should be able to extend your life by twenty years. (The current life expectancy for men, he says, is 78, and 82 for women.)

He says he can back all this up, he can authenticate everything he has said.

These topics form his talks to local organizations such as the Soroptimist Club and the Rotary Club from time to time. The last group he addressed, two months ago, was based at Downey Regional Medical Center.

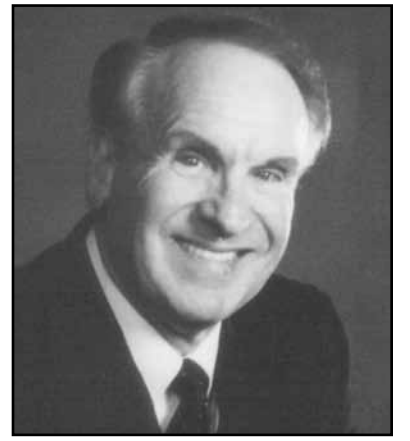
The title of his address is "How to Survive to 105."

His purpose? "To educate people, to help them extend their life," Earl says. "We spend much too much money over the last 3-4 years of our life. By extending our life span, we can enjoy the remaining years of our lives more."

Centerpiece of his talk is the 4-legged stool: one leg is colored red, signifying the various food supplements one should take (he himself, he says, takes 42 supplements); a second leg is colored white, signifying the power of the mind to keep one well; the third leg is colored blue, for regular physical exercise; and the fourth one is green, for what you should eat.

Earl, a member of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club, says he got dedicated to studying the secrets of longevity after his dad died of a heart attack at the untimely age of 47. "So I started studying why people die." His finding: people don't die, they are all killed. So he read everything he could lay his hands on the subject.

He claims he feels no aches and pains, that he maintains a regular 6-day a week exercise program, and does 1,000 jumps on the trampoline over the course of a week, and on MWF lifts 15-lb. dumbbells, and on TThS, does



Bob Earl

120 pushups. He says his physical fitness translates into perfect vision. "Less than one percent of people can read fine print. I belong to this group."

Because he suffered a heart attack in 2000, he admits to taking a 70-mg. baby aspirin from time to time and otherwise doesn't take any medicine at all. Contrary to his statement earlier about the conspiratorial medical-pharmaceutical complex, he admits to seeing a cardiologist "every once in a while." Even so, his advice to people is to stop taking all kinds of prescription drugs "because they really don't do any good."

"It's fun to be well," he repeats. "It's a pain to be sick."

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Tax Update 2012 Year End Newsletter

Greetings to clients and friends! The 2012 tax filing season is coming soon. To help you prepare, this Tax Update newsletter provides a brief summary of key tax law changes and outlines some helpful ideas to manage your tax obligation. But stay tuned, as Congress could act to make late law changes after the election.

Key 2012 Exemptions and Deductions. Listed here for your reference are key deductions, exemption amounts and mileage rates for 2012.

Standard Deductions - Most Standard Deductions in 2012 increase \$150 - \$300 versus last year. Single 2012 - \$5,950, 2011 - \$5,800, Married Filing Separately 2012 - \$5,950, 2011 - \$5,800, Married Filing Joint 2012 - \$11,900, 2011 - \$11,600, Head of Household 2012 - \$8,700, 2011 - \$8,500, If 65 or over and/or blind add: Single/Head of Household 2012 - \$1,450 \$1,450, Married/Surviving Spouse 2011 - \$1,150 \$1,150

Standard Deduction for dependents: The Standard Deduction for dependents is the greater of \$950 or the dependent's earned income plus \$300 not to exceed the standard deductions listed above.

Personal Exemptions - The personal exemption for each qualifying dependent is: Exemption 2012 - \$3,800, 2011 - \$3,700. Standard Mileage Rates: Business Travel - 55.5¢, Medical/Moving - 23.0¢, Charitable Work - 14.0¢. Long term capital gains (for assets sold after owning them for over 12 months). Capital Gains Tax Rate If In: 10% - 15% Income Tax Bracket - 0%, All Other Income Tax Brackets - 15%, Collectables (Long Term Gains) - 28%.

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How John Quagliani turned a simple idea into success

• Quagliani founded Buzy Bodies employment agency 15 years ago; it is headquartered in Downey.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Quiet but spunky John Quagliani, who built the Downey employment firm Buzy Bodies, Inc. fifteen years ago from, in his words, “nothing,” has transformed it into a thriving multimillion dollar business today.

I thought he used the word ‘nothing’ loosely, but then he mentioned the word a second time. “I had nothing,” he said. “All I had was a dream, an idea.”

The idea, which was simple enough and not exactly original, was to help good, qualified people find jobs that matched their qualifications in companies that needed their services.

Everywhere he looked, of course, there were industries of all types and all sizes. There was a large market out there for this kind of service, he thought.

So he dug in and waited for job-seekers. But there would be disappointment and a little headscratching at first. John recalls that when he first set up shop (Buzy Bodies first had its offices in Commerce in 1998, and moved to South Gate two years later. After seven more years, it moved to its present location at the corner of Firestone Blvd. and Old River School Road), a would-be job seeker “would seek us out, walk in, read the words “employment agency,” and would promptly walk out the door.”

He figured out why before long. “The idea of paying us a percentage of their earnings, as was the traditional practice then, scared them away,” he says. “So we started calling ourselves an ‘offsite human resources’ firm. We made sure we told jobseekers upfront that the service to them would be free of charge. They started coming.”

Indeed, the companies who hired them paid Buzy Bodies for screening (IQ/personality profile tests, drug-testing, background checks, etc.), training, coaching, and keeping them on our payroll.

“In effect,” John continues, “the jobseekers—now jobholders in companies out there, our hiring clients—remain Buzy Bodies employees, meaning we were responsible for their deductions, workmen’s comp and such.”

“Then it was up to me to keep my client happy and my employees happy,” he says.

Oh yes, to jumpstart the operation, John took out an SBA loan of \$100,000 in his second year of operation. He says he didn’t like the idea of being in debt for a long time, so he tried his damndest to repay the loan in three years, which he did.

Born of an Italian U.S. Navy man father and a German mother, John was born in New Orleans, LA, reared and schooled in Ft. Lee, New Jersey, and over the succeeding years lived in an ambit that included Cerritos, Bellflower, Norwalk, and finally Anaheim, where he and second wife, Mary, today reside.

After graduating in 1965 from high school in New Jersey, where he set five school records in the mile, John served four years in Vietnam as a member of a Navy Air crew which

operated from an aircraft carrier. Settling down in Cerritos after his tour of duty, he took advantage of the G.I. Bill and got a BA in finance and marketing in 1974 from UC-Fullerton. He would obtain an MBA in marketing in 1984 from National University.

In between all this, up to the time he formed Buzy Bodies in 1998, John worked for several large companies with a heavy emphasis in sales, marketing and sales management: starting out as a field salesman for Burroughs Corp. covering Orange County, after a while he spent more than five years as a field salesman, later promoted to sales manager, covering L.A. County for Pitney-Bowes, then as district sales manager for the West Coast for the St. Louis, MO-based Creative Data Services, followed by a stint as a field salesman (again) for Fujitsu selling digital networks systems, then yet another stint with Ericksson selling large systems for hospitals and other large corporations in Orange County, then finally serving as national sales manager for Tele King, manufacturer of fiber optic-and-copper boxes, overseeing its distribution network.

John says his firm Buzy Bodies’ pool of hireable people ranges from the factory worker level to that of general manager. His employment operations extend to industries found across the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino: accounting and auditing services, advertising and PR Services, Aerospace and Defense, Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing, Automotive and Parts Manufacturing, Automotive Sales and Repair Services, Banking, Biotechnology/Pharmaceuticals, Broadcasting, Music and Film, Clothing and Textile Manufacturing, Computer/IT Services, Construction, Consumer Packaged Goods Manufacturing, Education, Entertainment Venues and Theaters, Food and Beverage Production, Healthcare Services, Hotels and Lodging, Manufacturing, Nonprofit Charitable



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John says the firm, which only needs three scrappy female aides to help him with operations, placed some 249 workers last year.

After joining the American Legion Downey Post 270 two years ago, John was elected its commander last year by the 120-roster membership (of which he says about 27 are active).

A member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, he joined the Downey Rotary more than two years ago.

He has six grandkids—four live in Elgin, Texas, and two live in Indiana. He looks forward to visiting both sets of grandkids three times a year.

Besides tending to his garden (raising tomatoes, etc.), he has an absorbing hobby—selling items on eBay. The items include such things as: T-shirts, hats, coffee cups, posters, and bumper stickers. He says this (on which he spends about 4-5 hours a week) relaxes him. Besides, he makes a little extra pocket money on the side. He says in the past three weeks alone, he grossed some \$1,500.

An unemployed person today looking for a nice job would be foolish not to check out such an employment service as Buzy Bodies provides.

Ricky Nelson tribute show to play Downey Theatre

DOWNEY – Tickets are now on sale for “Ricky Nelson Remembered,” a live show celebrating the music of the late Ricky Nelson that plays the Downey Theatre on April 12.

The show is performed by Nelson’s twin sons, Matthew and Gunnar Nelson.

Ricky Nelson is the only artist to have a No. 1 song and a No. 1 TV show in the same week. Life magazine coined the phrase “teen idol” after him and he is credited with pioneering the country rock sound.

Featuring hit songs like “Hello Mary Lou,” “Poor Little Fool,” “Travelin’ Man,” “I’m Walkin’,” “I Got-a Feeling,” “Teenage Idol,” “Garden Party and more, Ricky Nelson Remembered showcases his life with never-before-seen interviews from artists he influenced, including Paul McCartney and Chris Isaak.

Ricky Nelson died in a plane crash on his way to perform a New Year’s Eve concert in 1986. His legacy includes 53 hit singles on the Billboard Hot 11 and 19 other top-ten hits.

He is one of the biggest-selling artists of all time, a Golden Globe winner for his performance alongside John Wayne in “Rio Bravo” and in the Rockabilly Hall of Fame.

From Ozzie to Harriet to Ricky to Matthew and Gunnar, the Nelsons are listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the only family in history with three successive generations of No. 1 hit makers.

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Queen Mary to get visit from sister ship

LONG BEACH – The Queen Mary in Long Beach will be offering free admission Tuesday as the historic cruise liner is visited by its sister ship the Cunarder Queen Elizabeth.

From 1947 to 1967, the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth crisscrossed the North Atlantic on their appointed schedules, many times sighting one another in mid ocean. The sightings were relished by passengers, captains and crew alike.

The last time the two sisters met was Sept. 25, 1967, when the Queen Mary was eastbound on her last transatlantic voyage. Commodore Geoffrey Marr stood at attention on his flying bridge of the Queen Elizabeth; Capt. Treasure Jones was in the same position on the Queen Mary.

As the two ships closed on one another, the lights were flashed on and each captain doffed his hat as the whistles pierced the sky in a farewell salute.

Free access to the Queen Mary will be offered from 4-9 p.m. The best public viewing location will be on the Queen Mary’s promenade deck, at the aft (back) part of the ship. Commodore Everette Hoard will provide commentary.

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California Guitar Academy led a student concert at Rio Hondo Elementary last Saturday. To view a gallery of photos, visit the Downey Patriot's Facebook page. All photo by Martin Trejo.



Rebekah Ludman showcases an original composition.



Paulina Zamora sings "Part Of Your World" as her mother watches from the stage.



Theater students to perform sensual musical

LONG BEACH – "Spring Awakening: The Musical" will be performed by Cal State Long Beach's University Players March 15-30 in the campus's Studio Theatre.

Based on the 1891 play of the same name by Frank Wedekind, "Spring Awakening" tells the story of stifled young people and repressive adults struggling to live and love in a world of structure and rules.

As the adolescents approach adulthood, they must contend with challenges their parents never taught them to anticipate, from their first pangs of sexual desire to the overwhelming loneliness caused by a society that provides no outlet for original thoughts and feelings.

Deep currents of longing and sensuality permeate the play, while melancholy and rocking songs provide the young people with an emotional pressure valve to release the frenzy of emotions they must keep hidden inside.

"Spring Awakening" is director Joanne Gordon's final production as artistic director of California Repertory Company and chair of the Department of Theatre Arts at CSULB. During her 25-year tenure at the helm of the department, Gordon has directed hundreds of graduate and undergraduate students in an array of plays, musicals and original works, including two adaptations for the stage of the poetry of Charles Bukowski.

"Spring Awakening" opens March 15 and runs for 14 performances, closing March 30. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. on March 23 and 30.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for seniors and students. Parking is available next to the theater for \$5.

For tickets and information, call (562) 985-5526 or go online to csulb.edu/depts/theatre.



Brandon Johnson (left) is accompanied by student Mike Sanjuan performing The Beatles "Let It Be".



Josie Gonzalez plays "Will's Wild Ride".



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Woman gets prison for fatal collision

EL MONTE – A 29-year-old woman was sentenced to 19 years in state prison last week after pleading guilty to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a fatal accident, the District Attorney's office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Casey Jarvis said Tina Marie Silva was sentenced by El Monte Superior Court Judge Steven Sanora after four family members of the victims of the June 2012 collision made impact statements.

Jarvis said the judge also ordered Silva to pay restitution, which will be determined at a hearing scheduled for May 2.

Silva pleaded to the two felony charges and admitted great bodily injury allegations for two victims who survived, Jarvis said.

Maximillion Petrakos, 13, was killed and his mother, Mary Hively, then 41, was injured about 12:40 a.m. on June 3, 2012. The boy and his mother were outside their disabled car parked on the shoulder of the westbound 60 Freeway in the Hacienda Heights area. Both were struck.

Hively's other son, then 10, was asleep inside the car.

Hively suffered major injuries, including fractured pelvis, spine and ribs. The sleeping boy in the car also sustained injuries, including a fractured cheekbone.

Authorities said Silva was on her way home from a graduation party. After hitting the parked car and the victims, Jarvis said she backed up and drove away.

Silva was arrested later by California Highway Patrol officers and has remained in custody on \$1.2 million bail. She was charged by the District Attorney's office on June 5, 2012, two days after the crash.

Eye workshop for seniors

CERRITOS – Local residents ages 50 and older are invited to a free workshop March 27 at the Cerritos Senior Center to learn about eye disease.

Pioneer Medical Group is leading the workshop, which will include tips on how to prevent macular degeneration, cataracts and glaucoma.

The meeting starts at 1 p.m.



The Downey Council PTA announced the winners of its nationally recognized art competition, themed "The Magic of the Moment Is..." during a breakfast meeting Monday in the Warren High library. The event was catered by Warren's culinary department. The PTA also used the occasion to present retiring superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty with a custom quilt embroidered with all 19 school names as a memento and keepsake. Pictured above are PTA presidents and council board member with Doty and council president Tammy Loven.

Lynwood waives parking fees for eligible veterans

Lynwood waives meter fees for eligible military veterans with special license plates.

LYNWOOD – Military veterans who reside in Lynwood or who are visiting the city will soon be exempt from paying parking meter fees now that the Lynwood City Council has decided to follow in the footsteps of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors by adopting a new ordinance that allows all military veterans with a special license plate to be exempt from paying parking meter fees throughout the city.

The Board of Supervisors on Nov. 7, 2012 adopted a motion to encourage cities and town councils throughout the county to adopt an ordinance that exempts military veterans with special recognition license plates from paying metered parking.

Under Assembly Bill 190, authored in 2008 by then Assembly Member Karen Bass to honor the sacrifice and commitment of the many thousands of men and women who have served in our nation's military, military veterans displaying special plates on their vehicles with either "Pearl Harbor Survivor," "Legion of Valor," "Former American Prisoner of War (POW)," "Congressional Medal of Honor," and "Purple Heart," will be exempt



from having to pay parking meter fees.

Under Lynwood's new ordinance exempting military veterans from paying metered parking fees, any veteran displaying special military license plates may park his or her vehicle, weighing not more than 6,000 pounds gross weight, without charge in any of the city's approximate 250 metered parking spaces.

The new ordinance will not exempt vehicles displaying special license plates from being in com-

pliance with any other state law or ordinance, including, but not limited to, vehicle height, restrictions, zones that prohibit stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles, parking time limitations, street sweeping, restrictions of the parking space to a particular type of vehicle, or the parking of a vehicle that is involved in the operation of a street vending business.

The new ordinance was given final approval by the City Council and will take effect this month.

Voters keep Mendez, Kelley in office

Unofficial results have Mike Mendez, Cheri Kelley beating challengers.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

NORWALK – Longtime incumbents Mike Mendez and Cheri Kelley narrowly reclaimed their seats on the Norwalk City Council Tuesday night, holding off three challengers in a crowded campaign that yielded low voter turnout at the polls.

According to unofficial results counted on election night, Mendez and Kelley held on to their council seats with 1,689 and 1,680 votes respectively, defeating challengers Enrique Aranda and Darryl Adams who came within striking distance.

Aranda, marketing director for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, finished third with 1,615 votes, just 65 votes shy of victory.

Despite the outcome, Aranda believes his campaign effectively gathered those in the community who are eager to work towards lasting change.

"We ran a strong, clean campaign with broad support across ages – it was a community-building experience," said Aranda. "More than 1500 families said City Hall needs to change...we're seeing the emergence of a community coalition."

Highlighted by state budget cuts, city redevelopment, and a recent crime wave, the city council election often set the seasoned experience of Mendez and Kelley – who share a combined 41 years on the council – against change advocates Aranda, Adams, and community volunteer Candy Martinez, who collected 764 votes.

Bryan Mesinas-Perez, who appeared on the ballot but previously dropped out of the race, received 274 votes.

Adams, who came in fourth with 1,354 votes, hopes Mendez and Kelley will interpret their win as a call for more community engagement and economic development.

"They didn't receive a mandate, they just received more votes," Adams quipped. "It's clear that the community is not impassioned, but very skeptical. What I sense is that voters didn't feel anything would be different."



Mike Mendez



Cheri Kelley

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"If they don't bring change to Front Street and better utilize our tax dollars then they've misread everything," said Adams, a teacher and school board member of the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District.

Elected to the council in 1988, Mendez, who was hesitant to run for reelection, is now expected to serve his sixth term. Kelley, who was elected in 1997, will serve a fourth term.

"I'm pleased that I'm sitting on the top. I feel very blessed that people continue to support me... as I've said before, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve," said Mendez, who was also disappointed with the low turnout.

"I'd like to see everybody vote, but there weren't a lot of things on the ballot. Some say if you don't see a lot of votes then people are pleased, but I don't know, it's hard to say."

According to the city clerk's office, voter turnout dropped from the 2011 election where 6,057 ballots were collected. Just 4,315 ballots were cast on Tuesday based on the unofficial results. While voter participation decreased, Norwalk's voter registration is steadily increasing and now stands at 47,542 compared to 44,470 registered voters two years ago.

The final voting results will be certified at the March 19 council meeting, City Clerk Theresa Devoy said on Wednesday. The election winners will be sworn in during that council meeting.

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She is survived by her three children: Laura Collier (Barry), Randy McDaniel (Coleen), Annie Esquerra (Ray); six grandchildren, & 15 great grandchildren.

She was a wonderful homemaker and a dear friend to all that knew her. She never met a stranger. Eva will be deeply missed. She is now resting in peace with our Lord.

Symphony to tour private gardens in Whittier

WHITTIER – The Rio Hondo Symphony Guild will host its 26th annual garden tour on April 21.

Guests will tour three private gardens that include cozy settings, sculptures, ceramics, mini gardens and diverse plants and flowers.

Musicians will provide music at each site and an original watercolor painting by artist Carole Borries will be raffled.

Tickets are \$25 if purchased before the event. Proceeds will support the Rio Hondo Symphony, which performs four free concerts each year, and its music enrichment program.

Tickets can be purchased at the Whittier Community Center, Whittier Art Gallery or Santa Fe Springs Town Center.

For more information, call (562) 698-7010.



The Blasters will perform at the Epic Lounge in Downey on April 13 at 9 p.m. Less than 100 tickets are available, which can be purchased online at catch22pro.brownpapertickets.com.

East Middle School to perform play

DOWNEY – East Middle School's spring play, the slapstick comedy "Supercomics," will be performed March 18-21.

All performances are at 7 p.m., except for the Wednesday matinee at 1:30 p.m.

For more details, e-mail jmoren@dusd.net.

Downey soccer team wins Cup

DOWNEY – The Downey FC Storm boys 10u soccer team won the Governors Division championship at the 2013 Sports Authority Cup, a tournament hosted by Cal South Feb. 16-17.

Played at Platinum Park in San Bernardino, Downey FC Storm beat United FC Soccer Club BO2 Gold to win the championship.

Eric Reyes scored the game's only goal but it was enough for Downey to win, 1-0.

Downey qualified for the Sports Authority Cup after finishing 4-0 in the qualifying rounds held Feb. 2-3 in Lancaster.

They traveled to Coronado Island for the elimination rounds on Feb. 9-10. Downey beat Spartans B-02 by a 4-3 score to advance to the quarterfinals.

In the quarterfinals, Downey defeated CSA Cypress White, 3-0. They beat MB Sand and Surf, 7-3, to advance to the finals.

Head coach Cesar Ruvalcaba said he was "very proud of his team" and also thanked United Soccer Club "for great sportsmanship and great soccer play."

"The team would have not been successful if not for the support of the parents, coaches and competitive play by the players," Ruvalcaba said.



Both the 14u and 12u levels of Team Fever won their respective championship titles during Opening Day ceremonies for Downey Ponytail softball last week to kick off the spring season.

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County endorses tougher penalties for human trafficking

LOS ANGELES – On a motion from Supervisor Don Knabe, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors this week voted to unanimously support and co-sponsor legislation that would add pimping, pandering and human trafficking to the list of crimes that are associated with gang activity.

Senate Bill 473, authored by Sen. Marty Block and sponsored by San Diego County, would create tougher penalties for gang members convicted of human trafficking, including adding a three-year prison sentence for anyone convicted of a human trafficking crime that occurs on or within 1,000 feet of a school.

“Untold numbers of children fall victim to predatory adults, many of whom have ties to criminal street gangs,” said Knabe. “They are sexually exploited and abused in unspeakably brutal ways, all for commercial gain.

“Criminal street gangs have embraced human trafficking as a lucrative revenue source; as sex trafficking now rivals narcotic sales as the major source of revenue for many gangs.

“This legislation would be a major step forward in putting an end to the physical and mental abuse of these young girls.”



‘In the Heights’ to be performed at St. John Bosco

BELLFLOWER – “In the Heights,” Lin-Manuel Miranda’s salsa, hip hop, rap and R&B musical, will be performed at St. John Bosco High School March 15-24.

This is the Southern California high school premiere of “In the Heights” and features students from St. John Bosco and St. Joseph’s High School.

The show opens March 15 with additional performances March 16-17 and 21-24, all at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets priced at \$12 for adults and \$11 for students are on sale now at bosco.org and can also be purchased at the door.

“In the Heights” tells the universal story of a vibrant Latino community in New York’s Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music.

It’s a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

Featuring characters of Dominican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Mexican descent, the production blends Spanish and English into its music and lyrics.

Miss Cerritos Contest takes place March 20

CERRITOS – The Miss Cerritos Contest, in which young women compete to represent the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce as an ambassador for one year, will take place March 20.

Miss Cerritos is not a pageant, organizers said.

Instead, it is described as a “professional development opportunity for...professional, outgoing, responsible, articulate young women.”

To compete, women must live, work or go to school in Cerritos, or work for a business that belong to the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce; must be a high school graduate or equivalent; and be no older than 27.

The contest takes place from 5-7 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

To participate, call the chamber at (562) 467-0800.

Sergeant to talk crime prevention

NORWALK – Sgt. Danny Batanero of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department will lead a seminar on crime prevention and home safety March 14 at 6 p.m. inside the Norwalk Regional Library.

Batanero will discuss the best ways residents can report crime and protect themselves, their vehicles and property.

The meeting is free and open to the public. RSVP by contacting Adriana Apodaca at (323) 219-9199 or teamam4u@gmail.com.

Volunteers sought for massive service project

DOWNEY – Alex Gaytan was guest speaker at this week’s Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting, where he spoke of the Kiwanis One Day service project taking place April 6 at Downey High School.

Working with the Stop Hunger Now organization, volunteers will be packaging food that will go to hungry families around the world. The group’s goal is to package 100,000 in one day.

Volunteers can help package food or walk around the track as part of a related Jog-A-Thon in which local businesses have pledged to donate 25 cents for every lap walked by volunteers.

There is no cost to participate in the fundraiser other than two cans of food, which will be donated to the Downey PTA HELPS room.

For more information, call Alex Gaytan at (562) 396-6042.



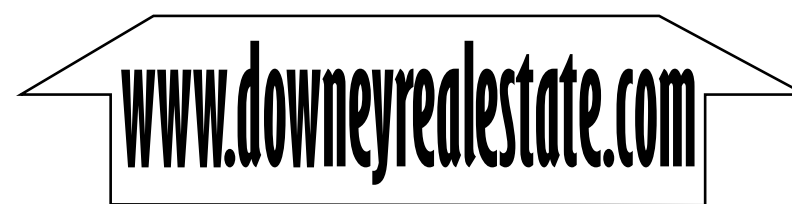
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CRIME REPORT

Thursday, Feb. 28

At 11:00 a.m., a vehicle fled from one of our motorcycle officers who attempted to stop it for a traffic violation. After a short pursuit, the driver crashed in the area of Woodruff & Cecilia. Both the driver and his passenger ran away from the car into the neighborhood. Both were found a short time later by officers. The vehicle was determined to be stolen and both arrestees were booked for grand theft auto.

At 2:30 p.m., a structure fire in the 8200 block of Nance affected two power poles and caused several power outages throughout the City. The following evening, a woman brought her son to the police station after learning he was responsible for starting the fire. Detectives interviewed the juvenile and then booked him for arson. Later the same evening, detectives also arrested another juvenile for arson after learning of his involvement in the crime.

Saturday, March 2

In response to complaints from residents regarding suspicious activity in their neighborhood, officers conducted extra patrol in the area of Dolan and Gardendale. At 12:15 a.m., officers cited three subjects who were parked in the area drinking alcohol. At 1:30 a.m., officers contacted suspicious subjects inside a parked car and arrested one occupant for possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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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 JESUS ALATORRE NIEVES JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: JESUS ALATORRE NIEVES JR. To Proposed name: AVEN JESSE GUZMAN. 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: 4-29-13, Time: 9:30 a.m.
Department: 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 weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DOROTHY MAE BUTCHER Case No. VP014962

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DOROTHY MAE BUTCHER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Richard Butcher in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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.

HEARING on the petition will be held on April 23, 2013 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. L located at 12720 Norwalk Bl., Norwalk, CA 90650.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LLOYD L. DERAAD Case No. VP015054

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LLOYD L. DERAAD

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Scott Deraad in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-03344-RC-A IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DATED 07/23/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn on a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be posted on the internet website.

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remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, as provided in the Note(s), of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale, reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

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Trustee Sale No.: 2009013400174491 Notice Of Trustee's Sale No.: 11-0105197 Investor/Insuror Title Order No.: 11-0105197 Investor/Insuror Ndx West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 02/27/2013 AX-4364774 03/07/2013, 03/14/2013, 03/21/2013

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-534200-JB Order No.: 120365695-CA-GT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/22/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 9551-0437 TSG Order No.: 120008872-CALMI A.P.N. 8054-005-016 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/17/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/25/2007 as Document No.: 20070996615, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: RUDOLPH M. MARTINEZ AND OLIVIA MARTINEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date and Time: 04/02/2013 at 11:00 AM. Sale Location: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above, is as follows: 11518 SENWOOD ST, NORWALK, CA 90650-3859 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$309,339.31 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site: www.recontrust.com, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S. # 9551-0437. 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., Suite 902, Downey, CA 90242. Phone: (800) 281-8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4366021 03/07/2013, 03/14/2013, 03/21/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 11-0090416 Doc ID #00092507632005N Title Order No. 11-0072407 Investor/Insurer No. 092250763 APN No. 8045-015-017 YOU ARE

IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/22/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOSE M PEREZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, dated 04/22/2005 and recorded 5/2/2005, as Instrument No. 05 1018205, in Book Page of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 04/04/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Blvd. 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: 12922 BELCHER STREET, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$402,830.46. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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, 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. 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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 \$339,111.88. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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, 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. 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RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91063 Phone: (800) 281-8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4359854 02/21/2013, 02/28/2013, 03/07/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO. CA-11-454986-RM Order No.: 110326775 CA-GT0 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/26/2007. 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, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$423,456.50. If the Trustee

is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site: www.recontrust.com, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S. No. 11-0075296. 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., CA-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91063 Phone: (800) 281-8219. Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4359854 02/21/2013, 02/28/2013, 03/07/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1374283-3 APN: 8018-003-004 TRA 2395 LOAN No: Xxxxxx1930 REF: Robles, Jorge IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED July 26, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 3/19/2013 at 9:00 AM, S.B.S. LIEN SERVICES AS the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 7/22/2011 as Document No. 20110983879 Book Page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by Jorge R Robles, A Married Man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state. Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. 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 described as: Completely described in said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$423,456.50. If the Trustee

is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (619)590-1221 or visit the internet website www.rpsales.com, using the file number assigned to this case 1374283-3. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web Site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales information (619)590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: February 14, 2013. (R-426114 02/28/13, 03/07/13, 03/14/13)

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Title Order No. 1102590 Trustee Sale No. 2008-2827 Reference No. 301-12910 APN No. 8045-002-009 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A NOTICE OF A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT AND CLAIM OF LIEN YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A NOTICE OF DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT DATED 7/15/2011. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that on 3/19/2013 at 9:00 AM, S.B.S. LIEN SERVICES AS the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Notice of Delinquent Assessment, recorded on 7/22/2011 as Document No. 20110983879 Book Page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by Jorge R Robles, A Married Man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state. Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. 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 described as: Completely described in said deed of trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$423,456.50. If the Trustee

the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest under Notice of Delinquent Assessment in the property situated in said County, as more fully described on the above referenced assessment lien. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12910 ARROYO LN, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum due under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment, with interest thereon, as provided in said notice, advances, if any, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee, to-wit: \$19,833.95 accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The claimant NORWALK MANOR under said Notice of Delinquent Assessment heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (714) 573-1965 or LOG ONTO or visit this Internet Web site WWW.priorityposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2008-2827. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD SUBJECT TO THE NINETEEN DAY RIGHT OF REDEMPTION CONTAINED IN CIVIL CODE SECTION 1367.4(c)(4). PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. 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 (619)590-1221 OR VISIT THE INTERNET WEBSITE WWW.RPSALES.COM, USING THE FILE NUMBER ASSIGNED TO THIS CASE 1374283-3. INFORMATION ABOUT POSTPONEMENTS THAT ARE VERY SHORT IN DURATION OR THAT OCCUR CLOSE IN TIME TO THE SCHEDULED SALE MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY BE REFLECTED IN THE TELEPHONE INFORMATION OR ON THE INTERNET WEB SITE. THE BEST WAY TO VERIFY POSTPONEMENT INFORMATION IS TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED SALE. FOR SALES INFORMATION (619)590-1221. CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION, 525 EAST MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 22004, EL CAJON, CA 92022-9004 Dated: February 14, 2013. (R-426114 02/28/13, 03/07/13, 03/14/13)

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Downey resident Christina Castellanos took The Downey Patriot to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for carnival this year. "You went to the world famous parade with samba dancers and the most amazing floats," she says. "You also went to Christ the Redeemer in Brazil. Although there are no photos, your travels on this trip also included Costa Rica, Argentina, Uruguay and Colombia. Can't wait to travel with you again soon!"

Columbus High kids tour college campuses

DOWNEY – More than a dozen Columbus High School students recently toured local colleges, learning about potential careers and finding -- officials hope -- the motivation to finish high school.

The trip was financed by Downey Federal Credit Union, which has sponsored a financial education class at Columbus High School's Opportunity Center for three years.

Fifteen students visited Cal State Fullerton and Fullerton Community College. While touring the campuses, some students expressed interest in studying ultrasound technology or even attending law school.

For many students, the field trip was their first trip to a college campus. "Downey FCU is happy to sponsor this event, in hopes the students will finish their high school studies and aspire to seek higher education for themselves," said Kari Volen, the credit union's community education and development representative. "In addition to financial education, the credit union strives to enhance students' learning experiences both in and out of the classroom."



Toastmasters mark 42 years

DOWNEY – Downey Toastmasters will celebrate its 42nd year of improving the communication and leadership skills of local residents with a ceremony March 19 at First Baptist Church of Downey.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and will feature Jack Nichols as keynote speaker.

Guests are invited to attend and learn more about Toastmasters, whose membership includes teachers, principals, journalists, attorneys and professionals in other fields.

The Toastmasters organization was founded in Santa Ana in 1924. The Downey chapter opened in 1971.

Drug treatment director wins \$250K

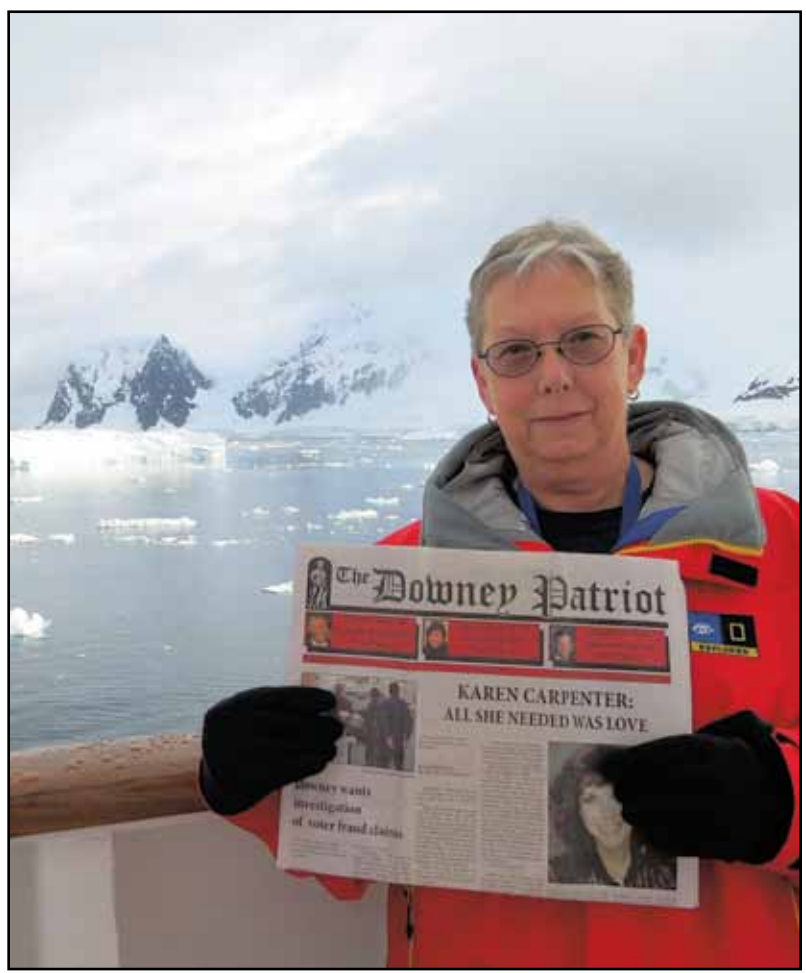
SANTA FE SPRINGS – Maria Solorio, program director for a drug and alcohol treatment center, won \$250,000 after buying a lottery ticket in Montebello, lottery officials said this week.

Solorio purchased the Strike it Rich scratcher at J&B Donuts, located at 2345 W. Whittier Blvd.

After buying her maple bar and milk, she was at the California Lottery's district office in Santa Fe Springs one hour later to claim her prize.

Solorio said she will use the money to pay bills and possibly put down a deposit on a house.

"I've also been throwing around the idea of opening a sober living home," she said, explaining that she grew up in an alcoholic household. "I figured if I couldn't help them, maybe I can help somebody else."



Downey resident Jackie Dudley recently returned home from a trip to the Antarctic Peninsula aboard the National Geographic Explorer, a Lindblad cruise line ship. Dudley is a retired DUSD teacher and has lived in Downey "forever."

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One of A Kind Downey Estate
 One of a kind luxury estate in desirable area. Features 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms with each of the bedrooms having their own full bath. Also, this home has a patio, wood floors and a 2 car garage. If that's not enough, it also features a fireplace in the living room, beautiful wood shutters and a balcony off the kitchen. Call today for more information on this great opportunity!

Immaculate!
 Immaculate single story condo! This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and an updated kitchen with granite counters and tile floors. It is on a corner location with an extra private garden. One year home warranty also included with the sale. The HOA amenities include pool, spa, tennis, gym, woodshop, club house, billiards and a putting green. WOW!!! Call today for more information

BACK ON THE MARKET
Downey Home With 4 Car Garage!
 Fantastic opportunity! This spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms home is very well maintained. It features a fireplace in the living room, large laundry area behind kitchen, lots of cabinet space and a nice dining area off of the living room. The property also features a spacious backyard and a deep 4 car detached garage. This great home is also located in one of the most desirable areas of Downey. Priced to sell at \$425,000.

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WOW!
 What a fantastic opportunity! This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a living room with a brick fireplace. The home also features a family room with a stone fireplace. The kitchen has granite counters and newer appliances. The inside has been freshly painted and both front and backyards are nicely landscaped. Call for more information.

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

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

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

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Home Sweet Home!
Near Stonewood Mall - This 3 BD, 2 BA, 1,611 sq. ft. home needs a little TLC but has an excellent floor plan and large lot.
Priced at: \$465,000

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Investment Opportunity!
2 Units! Front unit is 2 BD, 1 BA & back unit is 3 BD, 2 BA. Parking in the rear. Near Downtown LA and several major freeways.
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5 BD, 3 BA, approx 2,600 sq. ft., 2 master BD (1 up & 1 down), 7,931 sq. ft. lot. 2 car detached garage w/2 separate driveway entrances to the property. Priced at: \$599,000

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