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Couple charged with cashing checks for gang members

DOWNEY – A man and woman who obtained more than \$20,000 in unemployment benefits for incarcerated gang members, including one awaiting trial for murder, were sentenced to state prison Tuesday.

Norwalk Superior Court Judge Robert Higa sentenced each to five years in prison and ordered them to pay full restitution of \$22,087 plus interest.

Juan Leonard Garcia, 48, of Pico Rivera, and Sandra Muro Jaimez, 46, of Downey, each pleaded guilty to making false unemployment insurance claims. Garcia also pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree burglary, while Jaimez pleaded guilty to one count each of possession for sale of methamphetamine and felony child abuse.

The defendants, along with a third woman who pleaded guilty last year to a conspiracy count, submitted false unemployment insurance claims and cashed biweekly state unemployment checks for almost two years.

Garcia is the father of Anthony Garcia, a Rivera 13 gang member who currently is serving a 65-year-to-life prison term for a Pico Rivera murder. Authorities said that from October 2008 to August 2010, the defendants received and cashed biweekly unemployment checks on behalf of the younger Garcia, who because he was in jail was ineligible to receive EDD assistance.

Proceeds from the checks were shared by the defendants, the younger Garcia and other gang members in the Los Angeles County Jail.

Police hunt for double homicide suspects

DOWNEY – Two people were stabbed and shot to death after an altercation at George's Bar spilled onto Florence Avenue early Sunday morning.

The victims were identified in news reports as Isaac Perez, 31, and Raymond Contreras, 34.

Officers were dispatched to George's Bar, located at 7857 Florence Ave., after receiving reports of a stabbing at about 2 a.m., said Lt. Mark McDaniel of the Downey Police Department.

The fight started in the parking lot but spilled onto the street, where one of the suspects pulled a handgun and shot both victims.

Paramedics transported the victims to a hospital where they were declared dead.

The suspects, who were described only as males, fled westbound on Florence Avenue.

A witness eating at Tacos Mexico told ABC-7 she heard three gunshots.

"The next thing you know some of the guys inside said, 'Something's going down outside.' We heard three gunshots, and by that time everybody in the restaurant was on the floor," the witness, identified only as Betty, told the news station.

Anyone with additional information about the shooting is asked to call Det. Lorraine Medina at (562) 904-2329.

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



ABC-7 reporter Danny Romero interviews Valentin Flores on future plans for Stay Gallery and Downtown Downey.

Downey art gallery profiled on 'Vista L.A.'

• Program to highlight Stay Gallery, at the center of Downey's cultural resurgence.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – "Vista L.A.," the long-running ABC-7 news magazine highlighting Southern California's dynamic Latino community, will feature Stay Gallery and its efforts to galvanize Downtown Downey on its show this Sunday.

The program airs at 11:30 a.m. "Vista L.A." is produced by Jessica Dominguez, a Warren High graduate who grew up in Downey and now lives in Whittier. She said she hadn't heard of Stay Gallery until her younger brother discovered the facility on Facebook and prodded her to look into it.

"My brother told me they were doing interesting things and that it looked exciting," Dominguez recalled. After researching the gallery, she was inspired by what she saw.

"I heard their passion and saw

three people who wholeheartedly, 100 percent believed in this," Dominguez said, referring to executive director Valentin Flores, operations director Joseph Manacmul and creative director Gabriel Enamorado. "It made me excited for them. "These kids – I call them kids but they are young men – are coming back to Downey instead of leaving, and contributing back in a way that is really relevant and forward-thinking. They are trying to engage their generation, which from a business perspective makes a lot of sense."

Stay Gallery opened last October with financial support from the city of Downey, which was looking to harvest the city's artistic talent.

The segment on "Vista L.A." will show how the gallery is driving a cultural resurgence downtown through its hosting of art exhibits, plays and community gatherings, Dominguez said.

"I saw a story that was relevant, a story that would entertain people and a story that would hopefully inspire people," she said. "The fact that I grew up in Downey, I feel proud. I thought, 'How awesome is it that these kids are trying to come

back to Downey.' They believe that through art and culture, the downtown will succeed."

Flores, the executive director, said the gallery just completed its first capital fundraising campaign of \$20,000. A \$2,800 donation from Dominicus Dental Center put the campaign over the top.

"He is someone that is grounded in our community and believed in us from the very start," Flores said of dentist Dr. Luis Dominicus. "He's all about Downey."

In its first six months of operation, the gallery has already formed strategic partnerships with local businesses, non-profits and residents.

Flores said the gallery is now entering "the most challenging phase of our development," launching "key community programs that will civically engage all sectors of our community." The gallery has plans to partner with the Downey Unified School District, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and the city's Parks and Recreation Department for joint programs and special events.

"We are thrilled with the community support we have received, which is allowing us to develop and coordinate these high impact programs for our community," Flores said. "It's about to get really fun in Downtown Downey."

Meanwhile, the gallery's latest exhibit, "Barely Even Human," celebrates its opening night Friday, March 22.

The exhibit features work by prolific graffiti artists Made Rindu and Matthew "Nacho" Ward, who "manage to warp what is perceived and natural into something terrifying and surreal."

The grand opening is from 8 p.m. to midnight and will feature food, drinks and live entertainment.

"Barely Even Human" will be exhibited through April 12.

Stay Gallery is located at 11140 Downey Ave., diagonally across the street from the new Downey Gateway project.

The ABC story will be available on Vista LA's Facebook page starting Monday at facebook.com/vistala.

School board renames East Middle School after Doty

• Campus will be named Wendy Lopour Doty Middle School starting in September.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In recognition of Dr. Wendy Doty's service to the Downey Unified School District, the school board voted last month to rename East Middle School after the outgoing superintendent who started her teaching career at the campus nearly 30 years ago.

"A number of us thought of it once she announced her retirement," said Donald LaPlante, president of the DUSD board of education. "We named buildings after the last three superintendents that retired so we all thought of it."

However, some local residents, including alumni, are petitioning the school board, protesting the name change in the hope of preserving the pride and tradition of the nearly 60-year-old middle school.

An online petition, created by Downey resident Sergio Vasquez, has garnered more than 170 signatures as of Thursday, but LaPlante defends the change as an appropriate and well-deserved honor.

"We wouldn't think of naming schools with names, but East and West, those are directions," LaPlante said. "It's the same school with a new name, Wendy Lopour Doty Middle School."

Interestingly enough, history reveals that the DUSD has a habit of naming its schools after local educators who have helped shape the legacy of the school district.

Before Downey schools consolidated under one unified school district, the city was split up into several districts with elementary, middle, and high schools under different jurisdictions.

During his tenure, Elbert Warren Ward provided sound leadership and vision for the growing Alameda School District.

In 1923, Ward became principal at Alameda Elementary School and would leave a lasting legacy at the school and the district.

After more than 15 years at Alameda Elementary, Ward went on to become the superintendent of the Alameda School District, ultimately retiring in 1955. But of all the elementary districts in Downey, Alameda grew to become the largest.

In honor of Ward, the E.W. Ward Elementary School was opened in 1952. The Alameda District also oversaw the construction of the Ed Lewis School in 1950, C.C. Carpenter School in 1952, and A. L. Gaudin School in 1956. Imperial School, named after the street it runs

along, opened in 1954.

The Downey District meanwhile added Spencer V. Williams School, named in honor of a local educator, and Rio San Gabriel School, which was constructed near a river of the same name, in 1952. Years earlier, Rio Hondo Elementary School, named for the eponymous river nearby, was built along Rives Avenue.

Founded by early settlers that once occupied north Downey, Gallatin Elementary School was moved in 1893 to the site it still occupies today on the corner of Brookshire Avenue and Gallatin Road.

From 1937 to 1942, Maude Price and Edith Unsworth were the only teachers at Gallatin Elementary School. During this time, Mrs. Unsworth taught the lower grades and Mrs. Price taught the upper grades.

Both Price and Unsworth have schools now bearing their names as a testament to their influence on the Downey education system.

With the influx of new students, new junior high schools were needed. On May 1, 1952, South Junior High School was dedicated as the first separate junior high school. In July of 2001, South was renamed after Dr. Edward Sussman, former DUSD superintendent and principal at the school.

In 1953, students began attending North Junior High School, renamed Gordon Griffiths Middle School in 1966. Griffiths was principal of the school when he died earlier that year. East Junior High School was formed in 1954.

By 1957, a second senior high school, Earl Warren High School, named for United States Chief Justice Earl Warren, and a fourth junior high school, West Junior High School opened their doors.

In 1956, the elementary school districts merged with the Downey Union High School District, which established the junior high schools in the city, to create the Downey Unified School District known today.

When the school board announced its decision to rename East Middle School, LaPlante recalls Doty being quite emotional.

"She was tremendously honored," he said. "It's the highest honor as an educator to have a school named after you and East is the school where she started."

According to LaPlante, the change will take effect starting next school year.

"Over the summer we'll fix the signs and there will definitely be a ceremony in September where we'll unveil a plaque," he said. "Over time, everyone will understand this wasn't a random choice...students will be very happy once they get to know her."



Photo by Martin Trejo

Police officers investigate a double homicide outside George's Bar on Sunday.

Mayor's corner: Arc Walk is a community favorite

Hi Downey Family and Friends,

I hope this finds you well...Our City is doing some amazing things and I am happy to be able to share with you just a few of our upcoming events.

As many of you already know, tomorrow Saturday, March 23rd is the annual Arc Walk event at Stonewood Mall. I invite you all to come out and join us in walking for this great cause, which helps to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This event is definitely a community favorite and I hope you can all join us. I spent time there last week with Downey Rotary and I always leave Arc with a big smile. It is a special place with a special calling. Great way to continue on our path to a Healthy Downey too.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the annual State of the City event on April 24th at the Rio Hondo Event Center. I will be giving a special presentation on the great things that our City is working on and challenges that lie ahead. It's an opportunity for me to give an update on the City's current and future development projects, City's financial standing, Healthy Downey initiative, and much more. The event is free and open to the public, although there is a charge for lunch. Please contact the Chamber for tickets.

The Healthy Downey initiative

keeps going strong and I am proud that we have so many great Healthy Partners on board. From Kaiser, to Downey YMCA, DUSD, Coke, AppleCare Medical, U.S. Army, FHCC-GLA, Rancho Los Amigos, and L.A. County Public Health, we all continue to work together to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Exciting plans will be announced in the near future.

As a matter of fact, next month on April 13, we will be having the first ever Healthy Downey/TLC 5K. The event will take place at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, with proceeds benefiting the Downey Unified School District's TLC Center. Health and wellness information booths, music, and food will be available throughout the event. For pre-registration and more information, please visit dusd.net/tlc or contact our City's Parks & Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238.

I continue to have my Mayor's Walking Wednesdays at the Downey High track every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. Last week, we had folks from AppleCare Medical stop by to film a special segment on what Healthy Downey is all about. I am always excited to meet new residents and get the opportunity to chat with them. It's a fun way to get some exercise and also meet my fellow Downey neighbors. Please join me for this special Walking Wednesday series. We get outside, we walk,

we talk about our great community and we even have Downey info and trivia at the end with prizes. Fun way to make us healthier...I weighed in last council meeting at 277 pounds. I started when I was sworn in as your Mayor in early December at 324 pounds. I have now lost 47 pounds and I am feeling fantastic. While I have another upcoming eye surgery on April 15th, all else is great.

Next Saturday, on March 30th, we will be having another Emergency Water Barrel giveaway event at Stonewood Mall. This is a great way for us to be prepared when a real emergency occurs. We sometimes don't realize how important it is to have an ample supply of water when an emergency strikes. If you do not have a water barrel yet, this is your chance! This will be a drive-thru event and will begin at 8 am. Thank you to Coke and our Emergency Preparedness Committee and CERT. Over 6,000 have already been given out.

In an effort to reduce the number of traffic-related fatalities and injuries caused by drunk drivers and unlicensed drivers, the Downey Police Department held a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Driver's License (CDL) checkpoint last Friday, March 15. Approximately 1,200 cars were screened resulting in 2 drunk driving arrests, 1 narcotics arrest, 1 warrant arrest, 61 citations issued to unli-

ensed drivers, and 16 vehicles being impounded for various offenses. This checkpoint was funded through grant monies obtained from the California Office of Traffic Safety. Thank you to our fine Downey Police Department for all they do in keeping our City safe along with our Downey Fire Department. Public safety and having our own Police and Fire Departments are part of the reason Downey is special. I promise I will do everything I can to make sure we keep them both local. Our citizens and community deserve the best and we have the best.

I continue to present the Mayor's Diakonia Award at every Council meeting and encourage you to nominate someone who you think deserves to be recognized for going out of their way to perform an act of kindness. I started this award in 2009 to be able to recognize some of our amazing residents for all they do. The word Diakonia means "service" in Greek and the award will be presented throughout the year to those who perform random acts of kindness and who go out of their way to make a difference in the community. Please contact the City Council office at (562) 904-7274 for more information or call me on my cell at (562) 706-4114.

All my best, God bless.

Dn. Mario A. Guerra
Mayor of Downey

Disaster training offered to Downey residents

DOWNEY – The Downey Fire Department will begin its next round of CERT training for local residents April 6.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is a free program in which residents ages 18 and older are trained to respond in the event of a neighborhood disaster.

Residents are trained in disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, damage assessment, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster psychology and disaster simulation.

After they are trained, CERT members may be called upon to assess damage after a disaster, extinguish small fires and teach fire safety, perform triage and provide medical services to the injured, gather supplies, and more.

"There is a very good chance that your neighborhood will be on its own during the early stages following a catastrophic disaster," fire officials said. "After a catastrophic disaster, citizens will volunteer to help. Without proper training, these people can expose themselves and others to potential injury and even death."

To become CERT-certified, residents must attend three days of training – April 6, 13 and 20, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. Training is free.

RSVP by e-mailing ready@downeyca.org.

Water barrel giveaway March 30

DOWNEY – Free barrels intended for storage of emergency water will be distributed March 30 in the Stonewood Center parking lot.

Drivers should enter the north parking lot via Cecilia Avenue. Residents must be in a vehicle to receive a barrel.

The distribution starts at 8 a.m. and continues until noon, or until all barrels have been given away.

Barrel pumps, siphon hoses and cap handles will be available for purchase at the giveaway.

The barrels are donated by Coca-Cola.

For more information, e-mail ready@downeyca.org.

SPRING WORSHIP GUIDE

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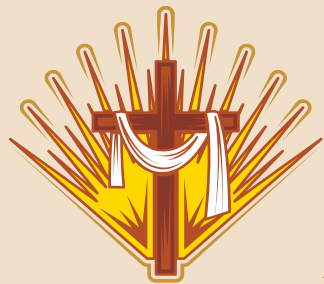
Holy Thursday Mass

March 28 - 7:30 p.m.



Good Friday

March 29



12 noon - 7 Last Words (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (English)
6:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (English)
7:00 p.m. - Outdoor Stations / (Spanish)
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (Spanish)

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday Mass

March 30 - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass Times

March 31 - 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

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Maundy Thursday - March 28

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - March 29

7:00 pm

Easter Sunday - March 31

9:00 a.m. - Communion Service

10:30 a.m. - Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt for children 12 & younger

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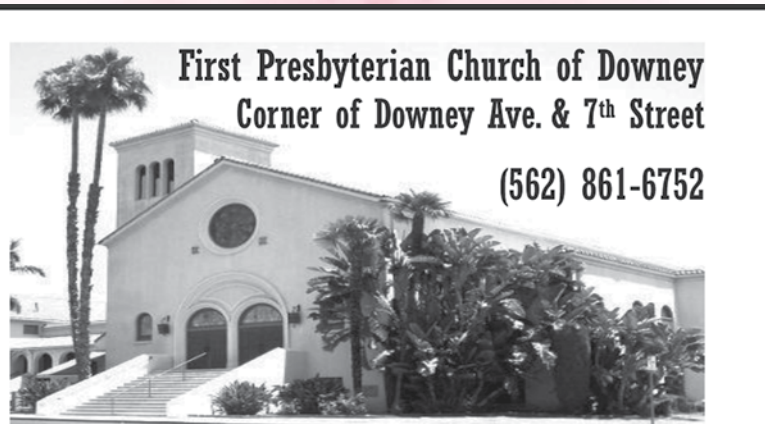
Good Friday Bilingual Service: March 29, 7:30pm

Early Morning Easter Special Gathering: March 31, 6:30am

Easter Egg-stravaganza: March 31, 9am (Egg Hunt & Lite Breakfast)

Easter Sunday Worship: March 31, 10am

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March 24 @ 9:15 AM

Good Friday

March 29 @ 7 PM

Easter Sunday
March 31 @ 9:15 AM



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First Baptist Church of Downey

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In Memory of
Mary D. Fuller-Brown-Reed
(1927-2013)



Mary D. Fuller-Brown-Reed, 85, passed away into the Lord's hands on Jan. 25, 2013. Mary was born in Columbus, Arkansas to Sharper Witherspoon and Thelma Jefferson and was married three times.

Mary graduated from high school in the 1940s, and received a certificate from the Early Childhood Teaching Program from Glendale Community College in 1996. Following 27 years with the Mattel Toy Company in Downey, California and Kraft/Nabisco Foods in California and Arizona, she retired to Phoenix, Arizona.

Mary loved to travel and lived throughout California, New York, Illinois and Arizona. Always polished and with a great sense of humor, she enjoyed the company of an abundance of relatives, friends and coworkers throughout her lifetime. Mary spent many holidays and special occasions with her sister, Lennie, and her cherished nieces, nephews and cousins, often traveling with them. And she filled her home with treasured pictures of family and friends. Moving to northeastern Arizona in her retirement years, Mary enjoyed the company of friends in Heber, Eagar and Payson.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands; her son, Archie, a nephew, a niece, and a grandniece. She is survived by and will be truly missed by her sister, Lennie, 4 nieces, 3 nephews, 8 grand nephews, 6 grandnieces; 1 great grandnephew; 2 great grandnieces, and a host of special cousins, relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held from 4-6 p.m. on March 30, 2013, in Los Angeles, California, at the 88th Street Temple Church of God in Christ located at 8825 S. Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles, CA 90044. Flowers for the Celebration of Life Memorial Service can be sent to the church. Condolences can be mailed to P.O. Box 36568, Phoenix, AZ 85067.

Eugene Hicks, longtime resident

DOWNEY – Eugene L. Hicks, a resident of Downey for 56 years, passed away March 14.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Roma (Krueger) Hicks; daughters Pamela Nieting and Dolores Toscano; sons Gerald (Gail) Hicks and Douglas (Jimmy) Aragon; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and stepsister DeeMarcia Cody.

He was preceded in death by parents George and Florence Hicks and his grandparents who raised him George and Pearl Hicks.

Eugene was born in Grand Island, Nebr., and graduated from Hastings High School. He worked at the Hastings Tribune before moving to California, where he worked for the Los Angeles Times for 40 years.

A funeral service was held March 21 at Rose Hills.

In Memory of
Helen Mary Cerda
July 7, 1936 to March 12, 2013



In Loving Memory of Helen Mary Cerda. Helen Mary Cerda, 76, of Downey, CA, passed away on March 12, 2013, surrounded by her family and loved ones. The funeral service was held on Monday, March 18, 2013, at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, CA. Helen was peacefully laid to rest following the services. The youngest of six children born to Jose and Belen Velasquez,

Helen was born in Hermosillo, Sonora, on July 7, 1936. The family moved to California in 1944 where she graduated from Fremont High School and began a career at Sears in Los Angeles where she was employed for over thirty years. Helen married Mariano Cerda on June 9, 1956. They moved to Huntington Park where they started a family with son Mario and daughter Rebecca (Beckie). Upon the birth of their third child, David, they bought a home in Downey where they have lived ever since. Helen and Mariano were married for 56 years. Helen worked as a supervisor for Sears beginning in the late 1950s. After her retirement, she filled her time with part time work at Pace Warehouse, Downey Unified School District, and most recently, Caremore Insurance. She enjoyed cooking and family gatherings. She was also involved in senior activities in Downey, particularly enjoying the day trips to Pechanga and Morongo casinos. Her main priority however was her devotion to her immediate and extended family. Helen Cerda is survived by her husband Mariano, three children; Mario Cerda, Beckie (Mike) Fisher-Cohen, and David Cerda, two grandchildren; Brooke Fisher and Jared Cerda, brother Pepe (Luz Marina) Velasquez and a large family of nieces, nephew, and cousins.

Donald Hammerle, WWII veteran

DOWNEY – Donald A. Hammerle, a World War II veteran who served under General George S. Patton in the 695th Armored Field Artillery and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, died March 14 of congestive heart failure.

He was born Feb. 26, 1926 in Minneapolis to Peter and Willa Hammerle and raised in Marshfield, Wis. He enlisted in the Army at age 18 after graduating high school.

After being discharged in 1944, he went to work for the Roddis Lumber Company in Marshfield, staying on when it became Weyerhaeuser Company and moved to California.

Donald married Mary Murray in 1967. Along with her five children, the family moved to Downey where Donald remained the rest of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Hammerle; stepchildren Donald, MaryBeth, Michael and Patrick; and niece Sandy Schumacher.

He was preceded in death by stepson Dan Murray. Services will be held Friday, March 22, at 3 p.m. at Miller Mies Mortuary.

The Four Preps bringing oldies back to Downey

• Platinum-selling oldies group performing old favorites at Downey Theatre.



DOWNEY – The Four Preps, an all-male quartet that amassed eight gold singles and three platinum albums over a career that has spanned several decades, will perform at the Downey Theatre on Sunday, April 14.

The Four Preps have performed in front of sold out audiences around the world but for band member Bob Duncan, the Downey performance is something extra special.

"Coming back to Downey is really a sentimental journey for me," Duncan said. "A great part of my young life unfolded in this town."

In 1967, fresh from four years as a regular on the "Lawrence Welk Show," Duncan assumed the post of youth minister and choir director at First Baptist Church of Downey.

During his time at the church, Duncan created the "Living Christmas Tree," which has become an annual tradition and regional draw. Through the church, he forged dozens of lifelong friendships and, most importantly, met his wife-to-be, the former Judy Lehmann, a graduate of Warren High.

Duncan left First Baptist in 1974 and relocated to Camarillo, embarking on a 20-year stint as leader of The Diamonds, performing their smash hits "Little Darlin'" and "Silhouettes" for audiences around the globe.

Then in 2007, Duncan was approached by Bruce Belland, co-founder and lead singer of The Four Preps, about joining his re-formed

edition of the group. Duncan readily accepted.

The collaboration led to a featured spot on the PBS special "Magic Moments" and has taken the Preps to renewed heights of popularity and performances from coast to coast.

It all brings Duncan full circle to the Downey Theater on April, when the Preps will perform a two-hour show featuring their own classic hits as well as a host of other beloved oldies, including "Unchained Melody," "At the Hop," "Earth Angel," "Come Go With Me," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and "Sh-Boom."

"And maybe we'll throw in a version of 'Sentimental Journey' just to salute the occasion," joked Duncan.

Tickets to see The Four Preps are \$28 and can be purchased by calling the Downey Theater box office at (562) 861-8211 or online at downeytheater.com.

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www.arcwalk.org**



Matthew Paulson on his way to Special Olympics state bowling tournament

• Arc Walk for Independence takes place Saturday at Stonewood Center.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Matthew Paulson has been a client at The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties for 15 years and as far as he’s concerned, he wouldn’t have it any other way.

From the employment services to adult education, Paulson says his life would be different today had it not been for the 57-year-old organization where he’s now a part of the Community Integrated Training program.

Founded in 2010, CIT helps clients expand their horizons through social interaction and community involvement. For Paulson, social engagement means one thing: bowling.

“I’m going to state,” exclaimed Paulson, who is part of a Special Olympics bowling league. “We have tournaments on the road in Torrance, Fountain Valley, and last October we hosted one at Del Rio Lanes in Downey.”

This year, Paulson finished on top during a regional tournament in Covina and has been given a spot in the state tournaments in Sacramento.

“There are different districts and they compete with the other districts,” Paulson said. “They have first, second and third for individu-

als and teams...there are also special awards from past bowlers.”

While bowling isn’t an Olympic sport, it is considered to be among the most popular sport in the Special Olympics. It also proves beneficial since it ensures physical exercise, participation, and social integration at the same time.

Paulson, 38, says he has no problem getting two strikes in a row, but it’s that third that proves challenging.

“I’ve got to stay focused and keep the ball where I want it so I can get strikes,” he said. “I want three strikes in a row, a turkey. I’m still hunting for the trifecta.”

Like many programs at The Arc, CIT gives clients like Paulson the opportunity to enjoy life and engage the community in new ways.

“I’ve known Matthew for a couple of years. He has this personality... he’s not scared to try new things,” said Maribel Cerna, who oversees the CIT program. “It’s about experiencing life. Participants do things they wouldn’t be able to do outside – hobbies to help them feel independent in themselves.”

Administrators at The Arc are hopeful clients like Paulson inspire community members to participate in the annual Arc Walk for Independence, which supports 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 com-

munity members to walk either a one or three-mile route around Stonewood Center.

Starting at 8 a.m. this Saturday, 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.

Phillip Palmer of KABC Los Angeles will again serve as master of ceremonies this year.

Host sponsor Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, Coca-Cola, Wescom Credit Union, Century 21-My Real Estate Co., Penske Toyota of Downey, and Stonewood Center are just some of the dozens of families, companies, and organizations banding together to support the annual fundraiser.

Paulson, who plans to do the walk with his girlfriend Yvonne, encourages the community to support the walk, which helps hundreds of people every year.

“It’s about being able to keep the programs going and having the community’s support,” he said. “Come and have a tour, see all the programs, and don’t forget the walk.”

Arc Walk for Independence: why I walk

• Arc Walk is a celebration of people moving closer to independence.

By Kevin MacDonald
The Arc - Los Angeles & Orange Counties

I walk because I believe every individual should be treated with dignity and respect.

I walk because people with disabilities have traveled a road that I cannot relate to, but yet I appreciate what they have overcome.

I walk because for one morning a year, I can share time with my friends, family and people with disabilities and for this brief moment - they are the stars of the day.

I may be one in several thousand, but I want to show others that I care and more importantly to remind myself that we all have special gifts and talents regardless of our circumstances.

I walk for the thousands who

spent most of their lives in large institutions, but who can now thrive in a warm and accepting community.

I walk to support that person who receives training, love and care on a daily basis at The Arc.

I walk for the person who will get their first real job at the age of 40 through The Arc’s Employment Center.

I walk for the family in crisis who will receive help from The Arc’s Center for Human Rights.

I walk for the senior, who can retire and enjoy the later stages of life in The Arc’s Senior Services.

I walk for people with severe disabilities who celebrate even the smallest successes.

I walk for people with disabilities who have been the focus of ridicule, staring eyes, jokes and who never received that warm smile and hello that I receive.

I walk not out of pity, but because I believe that everyone is worthy of dignity and respect.

I will focus this morning on the abilities of all mankind and not on

their disabilities.

I believe that God created man in his own image and we may all be a little different, but we are all beautiful in our own way – disability or not.

The Arc Walk for Independence is a show of support for individuals who are edging closer toward independence - I pledge to support, encourage and cheer them on – every step of the way.

I am excited that my community comes together and puts aside differences for one special morning of Hope.

The Arc Walk for Independence – a tradition – of walking arm in arm together. The Arc’s motto is “When You Give Help... You Give Hope.” I will make that motto a reality.

A couple of hours on a Saturday morning – March 23rd at Stonewood Center – let us come together.

Kevin MacDonald is chief executive officer of The Arc - Los Angeles & Orange Counties.



Soroptimist International of Downey recently toured The Arc facilities and will participate in Saturday’s Arc Walk. From left: Carol Rowland, Judith McDonnell, Kevin MacDonald, Ellie Eck, Dianne Lumsdaine, Beverly Mathis, Giovanna Saab, Mayra Davola, Pat Heineke, Blanca Rochin, Beth Crawford and Mia Vasquez.



Pacific Western Bank donated \$2,500 in support of this Saturday’s Arc Walk for Independence.

Letters to the Editor:

East Middle School name change

Dear Editor:

I'm writing on behalf of three generations of East Middle School Knights.

We have become aware of a problem. Why would this school district that is under so many budget cuts be changing a perfectly successful name of a school?

East Knights is a school of so many wonderful graduates for many years now. I've heard that the district is allowing the school's name to be changed to Doty Middle School [in honor of retiring superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty].

What has this person done at East Middle School to get this recognition? Has she taught there? Was she a principal or teacher and improved test scores to the highest in the district? Is she donating an estate or millions of dollars to get this recognition?

Seriously, do the right thing Downey and stop this name change. Put her picture in a huge frame with a gold plaque, then put it in East Middle School's office.

Think of all the money it will cost to change the mural, the sign out front, stamps with the East logo, etc.

On Facebook, I have many alumni and friends who feel the same way as I have expressed above.

Melisa Erickson
Downey

Violent crime in Downey

Dear Editor:

According to media reports, two young men were shot and stabbed to death early Sunday morning at George's Restaurant and Bar on Florence Avenue near Tweedy Lane.

Tragically, these murders are just the latest to occur at a Downey restaurant and bar this year. Recently, another young man was shot to death at Gloria's Mexican restaurant further west on Florence Avenue.

Downey robbery and homicide detectives are investigating both murders. The suspects in the Gloria's murder are still outstanding. Hopefully police will solve both cases soon.

Troubling times in Downey. Murder and robbery rates are up so far this year and it's only March. Fear of violent street crimes throughout Downey keep me and my wife in the safety of our home at night.

So much for the evening social scene Downey officials and entrepreneurs are trying to develop downtown and in other parts of the city, such as the planned Tierra Luna project in southeast Downey.

Brian Heyman
Downey

Abusing the system

Dear Editor:

An unemployed woman gives birth to a child and she qualifies for free medical through welfare. The child is born in 1998.

In 2003, the woman gets pregnant again and gives birth to a second child. In 2009, the woman gets pregnant and gives birth to her third child.

The woman is entitled to free medical care as long as her youngest child is 18 years of age or younger. This means the woman will receive free medical for 29 years, which is how long it will take until the youngest child turns 18.

As long as this woman only works part-time, she is not required to pay any-copays for hospitalization, doctor appointments or prescriptions.

Why are our tax dollars paying for this mother to receive free medical for all these years? The aforementioned woman also qualifies for free childcare and has her rent subsidized by HUD (she lives in a three-bedroom apartment).

Isn't this abusing the system since she is benefiting from more than one social welfare program?

Cindy Winegar
Downey

Wonders of the library

Dear Editor:

Have you visited your library recently? The city may own it, but as citizens of the city, it is also ours.

What a prized possession! There are books of all kinds everywhere. They are hiding in corners and boldly sitting on shelves.

There are books for the very young crowd: picture books; books with color, numbers, animals and everyday objects. These graduate to Mother Goose, rhymes, fairytales and so on. The first encounter with these books will lead to owning one. "Mine" is an often used word of the younger folks!

For the older people there are discs you can put into a compact player and hear someone read you a book. This is what I take advantage of.

There is a special room where there are books and magazines for sale. By my standards they are cheap. What child doesn't want to own a book? Children and books just go together (but that's another story).

Get to your library and look it over. Reading about other countries is a cheap way to travel.

Whoever opens a book has the world at his fingertips.

Betty Stockton
Downey

Let's be smart about environmental justice

By Luis Marquez

Communities all over California are facing tough challenges nowadays, some more than others. Clearly, the economy tops the list for most cities. But in disadvantaged communities and communities of color, environmental justice is also high on the radar screen.

But in advocating for environmental justice, government policies and programs should be scrutinized to make sure they are carefully balanced with the other needs of our communities so they can be effective without triggering unintended consequences that might prove harmful.

An example of such a program is "CalEnviroScreen," also known as the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool. Currently under development by the California Environmental Protection Agency, CalEnviroScreen will classify cities according to their level of environmental risk.

Sounds good so far, right? The problem is not with identifying communities with high environmental vulnerability, but in how that designation is used. If the data is used to help public agencies and the legislature determine which communities are eligible for state funds intended to alleviate the impacts of environmental inequities, it could be very useful.

But if that ranking is factored into decisions about business improvements or expansion, or about whether or not to allow new stores, homes, offices or industrial facilities to be built, it could deprive our communities of precisely the kind of investments they need to create jobs, fund essential public services and improve our downtowns and our neighborhoods.

How many times have you heard stories about projects that could bring jobs and services to our communities being delayed or even abandoned because of environmental challenges? It's one of the main reasons companies give when asked why they hesitate to locate in California.

Letters to the Editor:

Advance directive

Dear Editor:

In the last month, the press was ablaze with the criticism of a worker at a senior living facility refusing to give CPR to an elderly patient. The 6 o'clock news feed played that 911 call over and over again.

It was easy for the public to fault the caregiver and the facility but not POLST was involved (Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment). This is a directive that needs to be discussed regarding life-sustaining treatment before and at the end of life – then maybe this lady's final wishes would have been on file and that 911 call might have been unnecessary.

The sad truth is that very few aged patients either inside or outside of a hospital following cardiac arrest survives to live a life without permanent neurological damage. Unfortunately, with no POLST or advance directive in effect, once that 911 call comes in, first responders are compelled to provide all life-sustaining treatments possible.

What the end result usually means is the elderly person will be admitted to critical care only to spend the final days of his or her life connected to machines, maybe with no ability to make his or her wishes known until the end eventually comes, dependent on family members fearing the pain of loss. They often can't make that decision.

Most people, if we ask them, would rather spend their last few weeks of life surrounded by family and friends at home, in their own bed. A quiet room, a little chicken soup, free from thirst and pain.

What is the most humane way to treat you? When you have no voice? What are your wishes at the end of life? What do you want?

Let's talk about it before it's too late. More medicine might not be the answer. I know that. I have an advance directive.

Margaret Hittinger
Downey

Comparing middle schools

Dear Editor:

For all parents who are thinking of sending their kids to East (soon to be Doty) Middle School during school of choice – don't do it.

Sussman has had a bad reputation for the longest time but I'm here to tell you it's without basis. I decided to separate my twin girls for middle school, one attends East and the other Sussman. What I discovered over the past two years is that they both have the exact same curriculum and activities.

Sure, East has a few more clubs but Sussman has a safe and caring school that emphasizes character and achievement. Their honors program is top notch, which prepares kids for AP classes in high school and provides college-level prep courses.

I have seen my daughter at Sussman grow as she works hard and diligently on project after project with the support of teachers. Meanwhile, my daughter at East gets little to no homework in each of her classes and PE is the only class in which she really gets challenged.

Also, the band program at Sussman is spectacular. Their jazz band is top notch also. Anyone who wants band gets to participate, while at East only the academically-sound kids get in. I tried very hard to get my child at East to be in band, talking to the counselor and writing e-mails but it was to no avail.

Overall, Sussman has much more to offer students than East and they do it in a loving and caring atmosphere.

Hismelda Macias
Downey

DCLO cancellations

Dear Editor:

To Kander and Ebb: Thanks ever so much for all the good music that you rendered to the country over the years, even though it seems to be a pity that it has fallen into the hands of a thoughtless licensing agent.

To the Downey Civic Light Opera: Thanks for bringing a lot of joy and happiness to the local culture as you produced Kander and Ebb's fine works over the years, even though their licensing agent seems to have dealt you a cruel blow by forcing the cancellation of the final weekend's performances of "As the World Goes 'Round." As they say in aerospace: illigitimi tauntum non-carborundum.

To the licensing agent for these productions: may the fleas of 1,000 camels infest your armpits for forcing the cancellation of such a wonderful show by so fine a group as the DCLO which was bringing culture to the locals in the manner that Kander and Ebb would have preferred that they had been allowed to do.

Hugh Hoskins
Downey

I'm not saying we don't need rules to ensure developments in our communities are built in accordance with the highest standards to protect the environment and public health. We do. The point is we already have some of the strictest environmental laws in the country, and they apply as equally in disadvantaged communities and communities of color as they do in more affluent cities. And those rules are being continually improved and expanded.

CalEnviroScreen, while a potentially powerful tool in addressing environmental justice concerns, could also be the straw that breaks the camel's back if it becomes a tool to unreasonably thwart economic development.

That's why mayors and city councilmembers from all around the state are asking the California Environmental Protection Agency to make some important changes to the proposed CalEnviroScreen. They understand that if a ranking of high environmental vulnerability is used to block jobs and economic development, our communities will lose much more than they will gain.

There's a lot of room for improvement in this tool, starting with specifically prohibiting its use for regulatory or permitting purposes. What many of our community leaders would like to see is a more clearly defined focus on how the available data is analyzed and interpreted, to provide the most accurate assessment of where environmental justice resources should be directed.

Let's deploy CalEnviroScreen where it can do the most good, while keeping the door open for new, environmentally responsible economic development.

Luis Marquez is a member of the Downey City Council.

Reaction to city of Bell verdicts

In response to the multiple guilty verdicts found against former City of Bell council members Oscar Hernández, Teresa Jacobo, George Cole, Victor Bello and George Mirabal, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) released the following statement:

"After a long, painful ordeal that has taken its toll on the City of Bell and its residents, I am cautiously optimistic. I am happy that justice has prevailed and that these public officials must finally pay the price for their criminal activity.

"I feel that the hard-working people of Bell have been partially vindicated, by these guilty verdicts and it is my hope that all of those involved be given stiff sentences for their violation of law and the City's trust. I also await the trial for Rizzo and Spaccia and hope the jury is not at all sympathetic of the two administrators because the reality is that Bell residents will continue to carry the burden of the millions of dollars that were misappropriated for a long time long after the cases are over.

"Let's not forget that those who committed these crimes are more than ordinary citizens. When they took their oath-of-office, they became extraordinary citizens by choice, with a high moral and legal responsibility to the people of Bell. They have shattered that bond and now the new leadership must pick up the pieces and build a new, transparent government that will heal the city and return the hands of government back to the residents of the City of Bell."

Cristina Garcia is a co-founder of the community group Bell Association to Stop The Abuse (BASTA) that led the recall charge and forced a new election in the city of Bell. She was elected to the State Assembly in November 2012.

Bell mayor Ali Saleh also released a statement:

"While [Tuesday's] guilty ruling for five of the Bell Six helps bring some closure and justice to our community, there are still trial cases which remain pending -- the trials of those remaining assailants that in my view plundered our City's resources and shackled Bell's hard-working families with an overwhelming tax burden.

"Our community will rest when the legal process has come full circle, and justice has been served. Until then, my colleagues and I will continue to look toward the future. We will continue to rebuild Bell City Hall and ensure that transparency and open government flourish in all our functions.

"We will remain focused on the tasks which we were elected to accomplish – establish a model local government while building a town that residents are proud to call home".

Higher taxes

Dear Editor:

The news that the City Council wants to tax our utilities more is most unwelcome.

The city could have saved \$156,000 of our tax money if they had not hired a firm to inform us and try to make it acceptable. In the past, we've seen this city spend like there is no tomorrow. Well, tomorrow is here. The city is broke, in debt and still spending foolishly -- \$156,000.

Our water bills are higher, our electric bills are higher; look at the phone bill and check taxes there. Gasoline is up dramatically, food prices are up, taxes are up. All levels of government must come down as working people and especially retirees have only so much money.

The City Council needs to learn to live on a budget, within its means, spend only what is collected and not keep asking for more tax money.

Betty Logan
Downey

Depressed flags

Dear Editor:

All places that fly the American flag should take care of the flag or replace it with a new one.

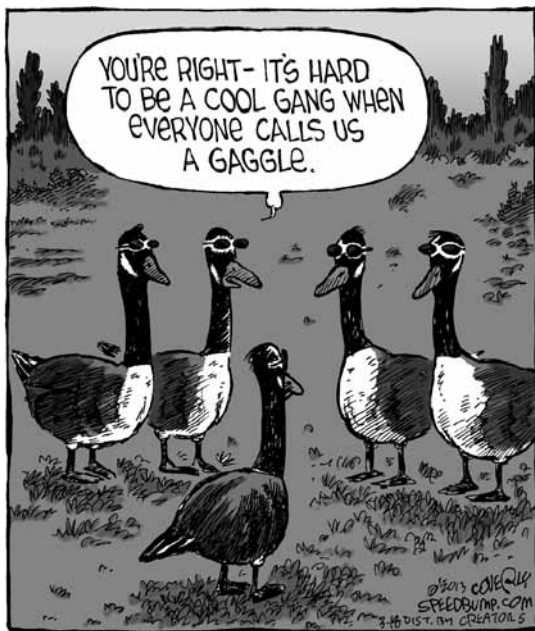
The flag at the post office on Imperial Highway in Downey looks terrible. Also, the Old River Elementary School flag is the worst I have seen in my life. It is so worn and sun-bleached that there are no stars on the flag.

All Americans should show respect for our flag.

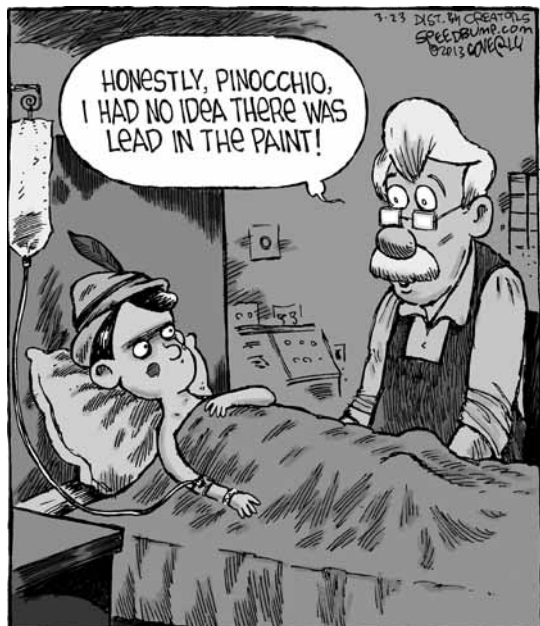
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Fri. March 22: **"Barely Even Human" exhibit**, Stay Gallery, 8 p.m.
 Sat. March 23: **Arc Walk for Independence**, Stonewood Center, 8 a.m.
 Sun. March 24: **Tango Evolution**, Downey Theatre, 7:30 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.
 4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10**, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
 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 21, 1790: Thomas Jefferson took office as America's first secretary of state.
1960: Police fired on black demonstrators in Sharpeville, South Africa, killing some 70 people.
1965: More than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.
1985: Police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, killing at least 21 demonstrators.
Birthdays: Actor Timothy Dalton (67), rocker Eddie Money (64), comedian Rosie O'Donnell (51), actor Matthew Broderick (51), soccer player Ronaldhino (33) and football player Adrian Peterson (28).

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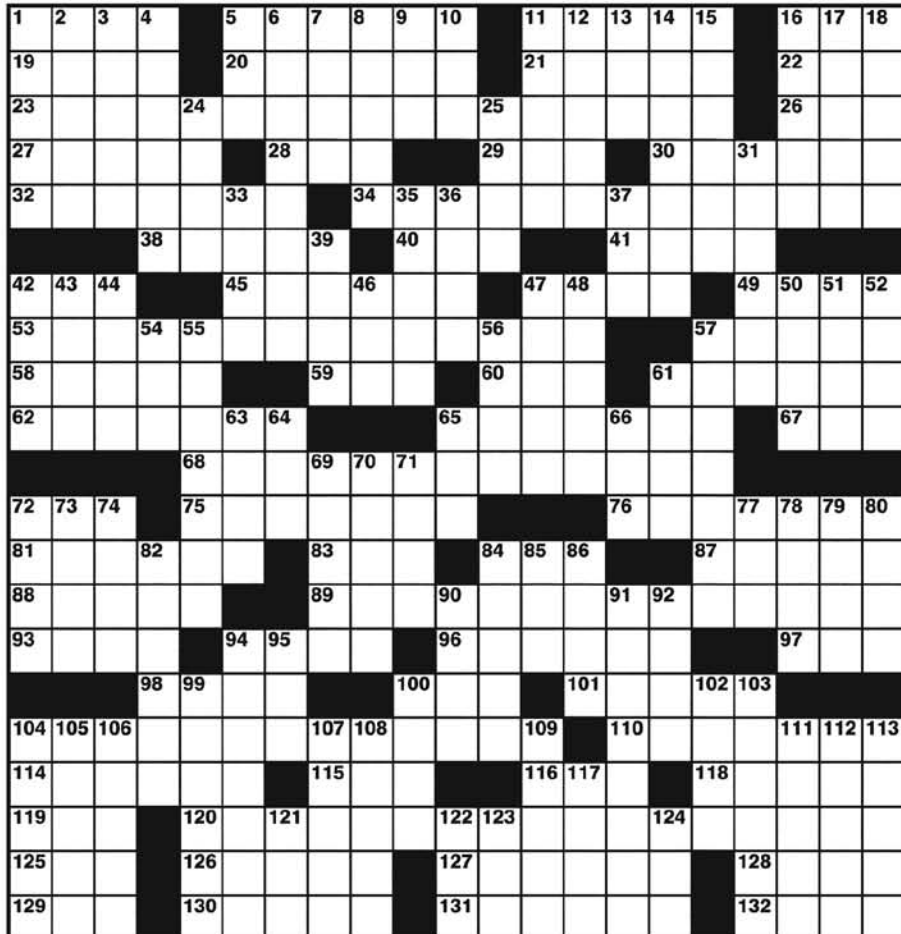
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Wheelchair athletes finish 125-mile challenge

• Rancho wheelchair teams complete 125 miles in honor of hospital's 125th anniversary.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – Ten-year-old Lourdes Mack rolled onto the course for last week's inaugural Rancho Quad Marathon Relay Challenge hoping to complete a one-mile trip around the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center campus and help the Rancho Wheelchair Sports teams meet their goal of completing 125 miles to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the world-renowned hospital.

Lourdes was one of 35 members of Rancho's Wheelchair Sports teams to compete in the event, which was co-sponsored by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and Coloplast. The reigning Little Miss California Wheelchair, Lourdes took to the track with hope that her teams would be able to roll 125 miles with wheelchairs and hand cycles. A total of 20 members of Rancho's Futures team (ages 12 and under), 10 members of the Junior team (ages 13-18) and five members of the Senior Team (over age 18) took the Quad Marathon Relay Challenge.

The Futures and Juniors teams are sponsored by Las Floristas, and the Senior team is sponsored by Coloplast.

"We came up with the Quad Marathon because four marathons are almost exactly 125 miles," said Susan Ross of Coloplast, who organized and coordinated the challenge, despite the fact that she had a baby less than a month before the event.

"It's such a privilege to work with the outstanding Rancho athletes as well as the Warren Humanitarian Society, which had nearly 40 volunteers around the course to help make this event a success," Susan said.

Warren Humanitarian Society President Paul Lim said, "We were interested to see how this first challenge would develop. It turned out to be a very inspiring day for everyone involved, because the athletes were so dedicated and determined that it was fun cheering them on to victory."

The challenge wasn't easy. Each team member would have to complete nearly four miles to meet the goal. But Lourdes and her teammates

were ready. "I work out on Saturdays with the Futures team here at Rancho where I learn push and keep going," she said. "I have become much faster, and now during P.E. at school and I can push and push and never stop. I get stronger every time I come to Rancho.

The tiny 10-year-old needed every bit of strength to make it around the one-mile track, but when she finished the lap, she decided to go the extra mile. She was cheered on by Humanitarian Society volunteers and Coloplast team members shouting their encouragement while raucously shaking cowbells.

"It was fun, but very tiring," Lourdes said. As she approached the finish line for her second lap, Lourdes was out of energy. She was not going to stop, however. "I knew I could do two miles, and I was not going to quit," she said. "I have learned that if I want to be successful in life, I need to keep going."

Lourdes felt her arms getting heavy, but the cowbells and the cheers and the sight of her mom at the finish line spurred her on. "My mom was cheering me on, and I could hear so many people cheering for me. It made it easier for me to keep pushing."

As she crossed the finish line her mom rushed to her and gave her a hug. And suddenly Lourdes got her second wind and joined the Humanitarian Society members that were passing out water to the athletes that were still on the course.

"I was happy to be able to help the older team members because they are always helping me," she said. "I am so proud to be an athlete and to be part of Rancho's wheelchair sports teams."

"Our whole program has been about mentoring," said Rancho Wheelchair Sports Director Rob Welty. "whether it's the younger kids, the older kids or the adults. Our program helps our kids better understand the importance of school and how to be productive members of society."

"The adult program is a very important part of Rancho's Wheelchair Sports experience, because it's all about giving back and showing what you can be when you grow older," he said.

While Lourdes has finished two miles, some members of the Junior and Adult teams completed as many as six, seven or even eight miles. As



Photo by Diane & Greg Waskul

each wheelchair athlete passed the start/finish line, the Humanitarian Society members would shout out the total cumulative miles for the team. As the laps went from 10 to 20 to 50, it seemed impossible that the athletes would meet the challenge. Cheer upon cheer was heard from the enthusiastic Humanitarian Society volunteers, and the competitors were actually smiling as they rolled around the Ranch.

"It is amazing to see the smiles on the athletes' faces when they accomplish a goal such as completing 125 miles together," Rob said. "It was tough, but our teams weren't going to quit until they accomplished the goal. In a sense, this challenge was a metaphor for the lives we live every day, and we have learned to never give up."

As the number of laps reached 100, the cheers became louder still, and although they were tired, the Rancho athletes seemed to push even harder. "When the 120th mile was completed, you could really feel the excitement from everyone on the course," Susan said. "It was awesome."

Soon the noise reached a crescendo as the goal of 125 miles was reached, with 13 athletes still on the course. They all completed their laps, and so the Rancho Wheelchair Sports team rolled a total of 138 miles, or the equivalent of four and a

half marathons.

Melissa Paris, Director of Marketing for Coloplast's Continence Care division, who came all the way from Minneapolis to witness the Quad Marathon Relay Challenge, said, "It was a pleasure to attend this event, which is part of Coloplast's ongoing commitment to connecting to the community and those who use our products."

"The collaboration between Rancho, community volunteers, and industry partners resulted in a great experience for the participants. All were there to support Rancho, and all left with a great experience and sense of community. We are looking forward to making this event even better next year."

"We're so pleased that there was so much support for our Rancho Wheelchair Sports teams from everyone involved," Rob said. "We're excited for the future."

And the future is Lourdes, who despite being born with spina bifida, has a smile as wide as her wheelchair that makes everyone around her smile, too. Lourdes and her teammates will forever remember that they didn't give up and that each one pushed and pushed and pushed until they met the challenge. And perhaps they also learned a bit more about how to turn trial into triumph not just in Wheelchair Sports, but in life as well.

Express chiropractic office to open at Landing

DOWNEY – An express chiropractic office that offers chiropractic services without the need of an appointment is opening at Downey Landing.

The Joint secured a conditional use permit from the planning commission earlier this month and will operate in the same building as Massage Envy.

According to a city staff report, The Joint is unlike a traditional chiropractic office in that several patients are examined simultaneously in a large treatment room.

Patients are charged \$29 per visit, or \$49 for a monthly subscription that includes up to four treatments.

The Joint is expected to offer quick exams and adjustments only, city officials said. Patients likely will receive referrals for x-rays or prescribed massages.

"It should be noted that although the applicant is proposing to refer all massage services to other providers, state law prevents the city from prohibiting the business owner from providing massage that is under the supervision of a chiropractor," noted senior planner Dave Blumenthal in a report to planning commissioners. "Nevertheless, pursuant to the restrictions of the specific plan, any massage therapist is required to have a state massage therapist license."

The Joint will occupy 1,296 square feet. Its proposed hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Police on alert for unbuckled kids

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department will be on special alert next week for children under 16 who are not properly restrained in their vehicle.

The enforcement is part of Special Enforcement Week and Safety Seat Checkup Week taking place March 24-30.

The Downey Police Department is participating with the Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County and SafetyBeltSafe USA.

"Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of deaths and injuries for children and young people," Downey police officials said in a statement. "Based on data provided by the California Highway Patrol, more than 80% of the children under four years of age killed in traffic collisions since 1990 died in survivable crashes. In other words, they would have lived if their parents had properly buckled them up."

"Children who are not properly restrained present a serious traffic safety concern. As a result, law enforcement agencies all over Los Angeles County will be making a special effort to watch for children who are not properly restrained and conduct zero tolerance enforcement."

Fly fishing class starts Monday

DOWNEY – The Downey Fly Fishers club is conducting a free introduction to fly fishing class March 25 and April 1 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Students will learn about fly fishing and how it differs from spin and conventional fishing; basic equipment to get started, fly fishing terminology; fly rod and reel components; fly fishing techniques; entomology; how to read the water; knots; safety on the water; and casting.

Classes are from 7-9 p.m.

Services for Dr. Jacquelin Perry

DOWNEY – A celebration of life for Dr. Jacquelin Perry will be held Friday, March 22, from 1-4 p.m. at Cafe Amigos on the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center campus.

The program starts at 2 p.m.

Perry, a world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, died last week at 94.

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PEOPLE PROFILE

Rotarian Larry Garces cautious about short-term real estate prospects

• Owner of Security Land Escrow Company, Garces is cautious about the future.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Larry Garces, who took over ownership of the independent, medium-sized, Downey-based escrow firm of Security Land Escrow Company in 2002, after his owner-mom passed away, is not overly excited about recent economic developments that purportedly show encouraging signs of recovery from the malaise that has characterized the economy for so long.

The Federal Bank's Ben Bernanke the other day was quoted as announcing that "consumer spending and business investment have increased" while the "housing market has strengthened"—sure indications that the economy may indeed be on the road to recovery.

A strengthening of the housing market would normally be music to an escrow official's ears, as escrow is clearly a derived demand from real estate activity, but Garces is not betting on an escrow activity surge, and therefore an increase in his business transactions. He says banks are holding on to their foreclosed properties right now, waiting for housing prices to go up. This means the inventory of houses remains low, and there's nothing much out there for buyers to choose from. Some real estate speculators may be salivating at the low interest rates they can get for borrowing funds, but again, the banks and other financial institutions are not letting go of their properties and are loath to release funds.

"Real estate is tough right now because of the stricter lending require-

ments," Garces said, because of the traumatic 'bubble burst' of the past.

"We are basically a clearing house," he says, "and right now not too many financial instruments cross my desk and are being cleared."

Fed chairman Bernanke shares Garces' caution. At his press conference the other day, Bernanke said that while the economy has improved, prudence would dictate that the Fed will continue its "aggressive stimulus policies [purchasing \$85 billion a month in bonds] until it's convinced the [apparent] economic gains can be sustained." The Fed regards an unemployment rate of 6.5 percent as a "threshold"—a distinct signal, but not a "trigger"—for a possible interest rate increase.

It was also indicated that the unemployment rate has dropped to 7.7 percent, definitely an encouraging 4-year low. Then the Cyprus crisis erupted, sending shivers all around.

Security Land Escrow Company, according to Garces, was established in 1944 here in Downey by the original owner, Paul Wissack. "It's probably one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in Southern California," says Garces. The only other claimant to the title would be Wilshire Escrow in Los Angeles, he adds.

Garces' mom, Sara, started working for Wissack at age 17. She was the third owner of the company, which she bought in 1976. She has since passed away.

Born and raised in Downey, Garces, an only son, went to St. Marianne's School in Pico Rivera, and graduated from St. John Bosco High School. He attended UCLA for two years before likewise taking business classes at Cal State Long Beach. He started as a messenger for the escrow company, by then owned by his mom, at age 16. When he reached 21, Garces says he was running a desk.

His parents were divorced when he was four. A sister, Teresa, lives in Colorado. His 24-year-old son, Geoffrey, is a manager for ARC Light Theatres, while 22-year-old Daniel works for American Bank downtown. Nicole, 21, works for her dad at Security Land Escrow and is attending Hope International University.

Security Land Escrow used to be on Paramount Blvd. and 2nd Street. It moved to its present location at the corner of Paramount and 5th in 1982.

A member of the Rotary since 1989 and a member of the board for two years, Garces is currently vice-president and is slated to lead the club as president within the next couple of years. In the meantime, he remains very active, lending a hand in practically every activity/project, be it as a finemaster, or greeter, or emceeing the 10K Night, or coordinating the blood drive, etc.

He is also active in the Downey Board of Realtors which meets monthly, and otherwise maintains memberships and interest in the Downey Chamber of Commerce, California Escrow Association, American Escrow Association, the Escrow Institute, and the Rio Hondo Men's Club.

"I love my job," Garces says. "Every situation is different." As long as the firm has been around, Garces enjoys "a lot of referrals," not really needing to advertise aggressively for new business, as the "grandchildren of our original clients have now become our present clientele. They know they'll get the same good service from us."

He says the firm's opening escrow rate averages 45 a month, while it closes 25 to 30 escrows. "This is a very good average in the industry," he says.

Its list of services includes: residential, business opportunity, ABC license transfers, 1031 Exchange, subdivisions, probates, commercial, bulk sales, income properties, refinance, mobile homes, and trust transfers. The firm provides no messenger fees, no "in house" notary fees, and same day escrow instructions.

The company is gearing up to mark a milestone in its history next year: its 70th anniversary.

Pet adoption rates half off

DOWNEY – Pet adoption rates will be cut in half at the county animal shelter in Downey this Saturday.

The adoption event is sponsored by Helpful Honda, which praised adoption as "one of the most humane and beneficial ways to bring a new pet into the family and help decrease overpopulation and euthanasia."

Adoption fees will be half-off between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the county shelter located at 11258 S. Garfield Ave. in Downey.

Citywide Easter egg hunt next week

DOWNEY – The Downey Lions Club is sponsoring a citywide Easter egg hunt March 30.

Thirty giant Easter eggs bearing the Lions Club logo will be hidden throughout Downey.

Residents who find the eggs can redeem them for an Easter basket beginning at 11 a.m. on March 30 in the Columbia Memorial Space Center parking lot.

There is no cost to participate. For more information, call Lenora at (310) 283-9825.

Sister cities fundraiser at space center

DOWNEY – The Downey Sister Cities Association, which recently negotiated on Downey's behalf to become sister cities with Roscommon, Ireland, is hosting a fundraiser April 6 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The DSCA is raising money to send a Downey delegation to Ireland later this year. Roscommon, Ireland is the birthplace of John Gately Downey, after which this city is named.

The April 6 fundraiser is from 4-9 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person or \$500 for a table.

To purchase tickets, call Denise Juarez at (562) 396-7551.

City offers park program during spring break

DOWNEY – Downey's Parks and Recreation Department is offering a free spring break program at local parks for children ages 6-12.

The program, "Spring Break Fun at the Parks – Spring Spectacular", runs April 1-5 and includes arts and crafts, outdoor activities and lunch with park leaders (bring your own lunch).

It will operate from 12-5 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks and from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Brookshire Park.

Children are free to come and go with their parents at any time but are encouraged to stay at the park sites.

Registration is required and can be completed at park sites on April 1 at noon. Registration will be accepted until the program is filled.

For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

Church offers financial class

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church is hosting a 9-week financial management course, taught on DVD by financial expert Dave Ramsey, with the first class scheduled for April 7 from 2-4 p.m.

Through videos, class discussions and interactive small group activities, Financial Peace University teaches "God's way of handling money" and shows students how to get rid of debt, manage their money, spend and save wisely, and more.

The average class participant pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in the first 13 weeks of applying class principles, church officials said.

Students are required to purchase a lifetime membership for the class.

Residents can watch a promo and register online at daveramsey.com/fp/classfinder (zip code 90241) or contact Pastor Mark Schoch at (562) 862-2438 for more information.

Credit union launches P2P mobile payment

DOWNEY – Financial Partners Credit Union has launched a mobile application that allows its members to transit funds via their smartphones without sharing financial information.

The technology, aptly named Send Money, is powered by PayPal and is contained within Financial Partners' mobile banking app.

All members need is the recipient's e-mail address or cell phone number to send funds to anyone using the Send Money service. Funds can be sent to 190 markets and in 25 currencies around the world.

"To stay ahead of the curve in the payments space, and provide our members with greater convenience, we implemented this highly convenient P2P [person-to-person] service within the FPCU mobile banking app," said Financial Partners president and CEO Nader Moghaddam. "Adding P2P to our robust mobile offering, which already includes mobile deposit and bill pay, lets our users know we understand the needs of their busy, on-the-go lifestyles."

Cardio class at Downey High

DOWNEY – Registration is now underway for the Cardio Plus class at Downey High School.

The class meets Monday through Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the upstairs dance room at Downey High.

It runs from April 8 to June 27 and costs \$89.

Residents can register with Nancy Jones at Downey High.

Church hosting free concert

DOWNEY – Vine Christian Community Church is sponsoring a free concert at the Downey Theatre on March 31 at 5 p.m.

For more details, call (562) 804-8710.

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Bears on 4-game winning streak

DOWNEY – The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 4-2 and are 2-0 in league play.

Warren lost to Verdugo Hills, 5-4, on Feb. 25 and fell by the same 5-4 score against Long Beach Poly on March 11. Interestingly, in both of those games, Warren had a runner thrown out at the plate in the bottom of the 7th inning.

In S.G.V.L. play, the Bears defeated cross-town rival Downey, 5-3, in their S.G.V.L. opener last Friday. Warren then swept a double header at Pioneer High School last Saturday, 6-5 and 5-1, respectively, and then defeated Dominguez Tuesday in a shortened game.

The Bears are currently on a four-game win streak and will travel to Paramount and face the Pirates next Tuesday.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 18-10 and a league record of 9-6, earning a wild card entry as the San Gabriel Valley League's No. 4 entry. Warren defeated West Covina, 7-5, in the wild-card game, then defeated Rancho Alamitos, 5-1, in the first round before finally losing to Lancaster in the second round of the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

Warren returns several key players from last year's squad. Senior RHP/3B Daniel Roman, Senior Catcher Mike San Angelo, Sophomore 2B Tony Monroy, Senior OF Daryl Donerson and Senior LHP Geoffrey Noonan all return with more experience and skill.

The Bears also welcome freshman Dailin Lee and senior 1B/DH Rene Vega to the line-up. The Bears will also add Junior RHP/SS Alan Trejo, Junior 1B/RHP Eddie Enciso and Brandon Hernandez on April 1.

First-year coach Scott Pearson said he is pleased with his team's progress and how hard they have worked. The Bears will certainly have an impact on the S.G.V.L. standings and a league title is in their sights.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Salazar, Castillo earn MVP honors from CIF

Downey's Adrianna Salazar and Warren's Nathan Castillo earn top honors.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – Although Downey High School girls' soccer and girls' water polo seasons have come to an end, outstanding performances have been recognized by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) in both sports.

The Lady Vikings soccer team finished their season with an overall record of 23-5-3 and a league record of 10-0, and won the C.I.F. Division IV title after being moved from Division V last year. Downey defeated a Quartz Hill squad 3-1 in the Division IV final to hoist the championship plaque.

Downey also defeated perennial power Long Beach Wilson (0-0, 4-3 PK's) in the quarterfinal round of the Southern California Regional before losing to eventual Southern California Regional champion El Camino Real, 1-0, in the semifinals.

The Lady Vikings had several key performers recognized by CIF. Downey goalkeeper Adrianna Salazar was chosen as the CIF Division IV MVP and Rachel Godfrey was chosen as coach of the year.

Viking standouts Janeth Acuna and Krista Velasco were also recognized as All-CIF selections

for their efforts on the pitch.

Coach Godfrey said she is "extremely proud" of her team and how hard they worked throughout the season. Next year will certainly bring high expectations and with it, an even bigger bulls eye on their backs. Congratulations to Coach Godfrey and her team for an excellent season.

The Downey High School girls water polo team won their wild card game 13-7 against Fontana before losing to eventual CIF Division V champion Crescenta Valley 11-2 in the first round of the C.I.F. playoffs.

For her outstanding play, Lady Viking Meghan Nevarez was recognized as an All-CIF selection. Congratulations to Meghan Nevarez.

WARREN

The Warren High School boys' soccer team finished their season with an overall record of 11-9-9, a league record of 4-2-4 and a C.I.F. Division II title. The Bears defeated Loara High School of Anaheim, 3-1, in the title game to hoist the championship plaque.

The Bears lost to La Costa Canyon, 2-1, in the quarterfinal round of the Southern California Regional.

Bear standout Nathan Castillo was chosen as the C.I.F. Division II MVP and Warren head coach Miguel Pena was chosen as coach of the year. Bear teammates Ramiro Santana and goal-

keeper Christopher Dominguez were also recognized as All-C.I.F. selections.

Coach Pena is extremely proud of his team and their resiliency throughout a challenging season. The Bears will certainly be the hunted once again next year. Congratulations to Coach Pena and his team for an exciting run through the playoffs and their C.I.F. Division II championship.

The Lady Bear water polo team had another exciting season as they competed for a Division V title. The Lady Bears came up two wins short in their quest for another title. The Lady Bears lost a nailbiter in the semifinal round to Riverside Poly 8-7. The Lady Bears finished their season with an overall record of 19-12 and an undefeated league record of 5-0.

The Lady Bears had two key performers honored by C.I.F. Kayla Casas and Jocelyn Castro were recognized as All-C.I.F. Division V selections. Coach Cordero is proud of her team and how they continued to work hard and improve throughout the season. The Lady Bears will return several underclassmen who now have another year of experience and skill under their belts. Coach Cordero will not need to rebuild her program, but rather reload for next year.

Downey volleyball expects solid competition

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 5-2.

Downey opened league play last night by hosting cross-town rival Warren (score unavailable at press time). Downey will host Gahr next Tuesday and then travel to Paramount and face the Pirates on Thursday.

Matt Lostetter and Joaquin Moreno are key returners from last year's team who now have more experience and skill under their belts. Key newcomer Jacob Garcia also

adds more talent to Coach Rand's squad.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 14-3 and a league record of 8-2. Downey lost to North Torrance in the first round of the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

Coach Rand said he believes that Warren has proven themselves as the S.G.V.L. team to beat. Rand also believes that Gahr and Paramount have improved and will provide solid competition as well.

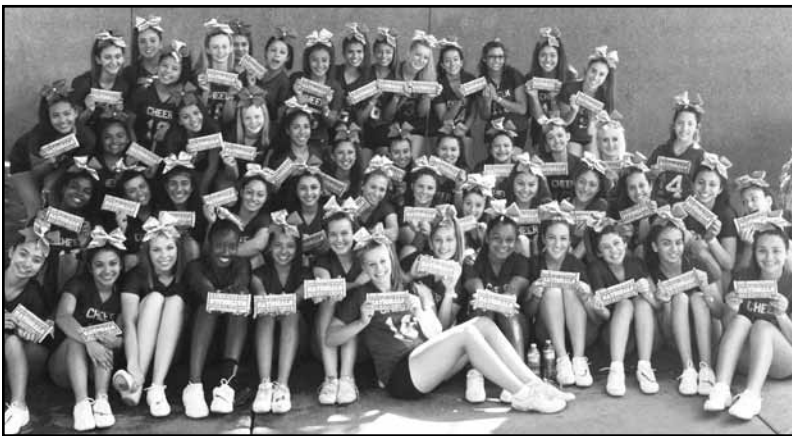
The Vikings will compete for a league title this season and hope to

make a deeper run in the Division III playoffs.

Lostetter has been playing well for the Vikings and continues to improve each day in practice. Setters Marjan Abubu and Juan Regalado are gaining valuable game experience and continue to work hard and develop a good feel for what they are trying to accomplish. Downey will continue to experience success as these players gel together and get better each day. Coach Rand and his team are looking forward to the start of league play.

The Vikings lost to La Serna, 3-1, on Feb. 25, defeated Cerritos, 3-0, the following day, beat El Rancho, 3-0, on Feb. 28, defeated Bolsa Grande, 3-0, on March 5, shut out Glendale, 3-0, on March 6, defeated Norwalk, 3-0, on March 7 and lost to Whittier Christian, 3-2, on March 13.

—Mark Fetter, contributor



Downey High School's freshmen and junior varsity cheer squads finished in second place at the USA Cheer National Finals held this past weekend. The varsity squad finished in fifth place out of 23 teams. Downey cheer qualified for the finals after advancing through three days of competition.



Warren High finished in fourth place out of 15 teams in their division and are now ranked fourth in the nation. It was the Bears' first time competing in the USA Cheer National Finals.

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Bicycle coalition awarded Kaiser grant

DOWNEY – The recently formed Downey Bicycle Coalition, in tandem with the City of Downey's Healthy Downey campaign, has been awarded a Kaiser Community Benefit Grant to support its activities in the Downey community.

The DBC came into existence last December through the interests of a burgeoning group of cycling enthusiasts and environmental advocates.


Thanks to the initiative of Roger Pardo, who now chairs the group, the DBC affiliated itself from the beginning with the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, creating ties to a well-established organization promoting the advantages of bicycling county-wide. Pardo and Eric Bruins, planning and policy director for the LACBC, collaborated in the submission of the Kaiser grant application.

The DBC also dovetailed its efforts with those of local environmental activists Steve Perez and Alex Gaytan, who had begun monthly bicycle rides last fall, and is now sponsoring community bike rides on various routes throughout Downey every month, on the last Saturday of the month. Participation thus far has been in the range of thirty to over seventy riders, including families, beginning bicyclists, avid riders, and seniors. Beginners' bicycle training for children was also offered at the last ride.

This increased bicycling activity is also taking place as the City is about to submit a Caltrans grant application to fund a Bicycle Transportation Plan, often called a Bicycle Master Plan, for the City of Downey. Such plans quantify the City's goals for improvements to bicycling accessibility and infrastructure and are keys to other funding opportunities through State and Federal agencies.

The Downey Bicycle Coalition's next Community Bike Ride will take place on Saturday, March 30, at 8 a.m., starting at Furman Park, and making a 6-mile rectangular loop around the City, including City Hall. Rides are currently leisurely and social, designed to generate public awareness, but more ambitious, longer rides are also being planned.

—Lars Clutterham, contributor



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Women's chorus to perform in Downey

DOWNEY – The California Women's Chorus will hold its 44th annual public scholarship concert April 28 at the Downey Theatre.

Thirteen member choruses from throughout the state belong to the California Women's Chorus, a non-profit group that raises scholarship money for vocal students.

Accomplished composer and arranger Rob Blaney will serve as guest director at the concert, which is titled "Sophisticated Ladies: a Tribute to Women Then and Now."

Accompanying the chorus will be Christine Lecce, an accompanist for Woodbridge High School in Irvine, where Blaney works as director of vocal music.

Master of ceremonies will be Craig Stickney, whose wife, Carol, is a founding member of the California Women's Chorus.

Concert tickets are \$20 and available at the theater box office and online at downeytheatre.com. The concert begins at 2 p.m.

Canadian band playing Epic Lounge

DOWNEY – Canadian band Petunia and the Vipers will make a stop in Downey next month as part of an international tour.

The tour kicked off Saturday in Vancouver, Canada and makes its way to the Epic Lounge on April 23.

Here's how the band is described on their website:

"Petunia and the Vipers thrive on the challenge of adding Latin rhythms to a country blues tune, or gypsy flavouring to a rockabilly standard. Petunia defies convention and yet there is some conservatism to his music. His honest, cut to the heart songwriting and multi-syllabic narratives would leave a lesser singer tongue-tied and breathless. I know, I've tried it. One of the many themes running through Petunia's lyrics relates to living life on one's own terms - fearlessly and without regret."

Presale tickets are \$7 (plus service charge) and can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com/profile/309031. Tickets at the door are \$10.

Trombone choir in concert

DOWNEY – The Moravian Trombone Choir's chamber ensemble will perform a spring concert this Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Moravian Church of Downey.

"This concert is the perfect way for you and your family to start off Holy Week," said assistant choir director Steven Humenski.

The concert is free but a freewill offering will be taken.

Lions clubs hosting fundraiser

DOWNEY – The Downey and Norwalk Lions clubs are hosting a joint "quarter mania" fundraiser April 6 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norwalk.

The event will include boutique shopping, auctions, light refreshments, 50/50 raffles and more.

Admission is \$15 and doors open at 10:30 a.m.

For tickets, contact a Lions Club member or call Lenora at (310) 283-9825.

St. Francis Church is at 12700 Paddison Ave.

Federal employees group honors longtime members

DOWNEY – The local chapter of the National Assn. of Active and Retired Federal Employees will honor two of its longtime members when it meets Wednesday at noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The group's Distinguished Member Award will be presented to two members who completed more than 20 years with NARFE.

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DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty will be honored for her considerable work in furthering the symphony's contributions to the community with its Music in the Schools programs. Dr. Doty is retiring after

a distinguished career leading our school district, and we wish to extend to her a public appreciation.

So, Party time on April 6 begins at 7:15 p.m. with a discussion of the evening's music by Music Director Sharon Lavery, the concert starts at 8, and tickets are available by calling the theater box office, (562) 861-8211, or before the performance. The theater is located at 8435 Firestone Blvd., and parking is free. Come join us!

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When: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Where: Norwalk Senior Center
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What: Whittier Eggstravaganza
When: Saturday, 11 a.m.
Where: Parnell Park
How much: \$5



What: Spring Awakening
When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: La Mirada Theater for Performing Arts
How much: \$50



DyCy, a Whittier-based singer whose music has been described as "inspiring, lovely and sexy," will perform this Saturday at 6 p.m. inside Super Stack Burger, located at 11011 New St. adjacent to Krikorian Theatres. Also scheduled to perform is Adrian Delgado. He and DyCy will play separate acoustic sets. "I met them in the lobby of their recording studio, just heard them belt a few lines and I was hooked," said restaurant manager Heidi C. "So we decided to have a little party with their music, friends, fans and locals." Admission to the concert is free.



Downey Adult School students Jessica Guardado, Katelyn Justice and Natalie Bloomfield have qualified to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination on March 29. The exam is administered three times a year and is the equivalent to a bar exam. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on one day and machine dictation a different day. To be eligible for the exam, students must have completed 660 hours of academic training in English, legal studies, medical terminology, court procedures, California codes and computer training. Students must also pass a 200-word per minute qualifier with four live readers with 97.5 percent accuracy.

Sanchez introduces anti-bullying measure

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Linda Sanchez last week introduced bipartisan legislation that would require schools and school districts to institute policy that bans bullying and harassment.

The Safe Schools Improvement Act would protect students from harassment whether they are being targeted based on their race, gender, real or perceived sexual orientation, or any other basis, Sanchez said.

"We owe it to our children to protect them and make sure they have a safe and comfortable learning environment at school," the congresswoman said. "We are failing our students if they are afraid to come to school because they face daily threats and intimidation."

"Bullying can destroy a student's self-esteem and wreck their academic progress. No child deserves to be bullied or harassed, and it's time we made this violence and destructive behavior a relic of the past."

"Bullying remains an epidemic in our schools and occurs at alarming rates based on sexual orientation and gender identity," added Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign.

Hospital chain fined \$7M for not paying workers

BELLFLOWER — A Los Angeles-based hospital chain has been fined more than \$7 million for not paying its workers and issuing checks to employees that later bounced.

Pacific Health Corporation oversees Bellflower Medical Center, Los Angeles Metropolitan Medical Center, Tustin Hospital, Newport Specialty Hospital and Anaheim General Hospital. All of the locations except Newport were cited.

The California Labor Commission fined Pacific Health \$6.5 million for failing to provide itemized wage statements to employees, and more than \$524,000 for late payment and issuing checks that were returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

"Employers have an obligation to pay workers the wages they've earned," said Christine Baker, director of the state department of industrial relations. "Forcing employees to wait for payment, or depriving them of promised benefits, are illegal acts and cause unacceptable hardship."

"Workers depend on the timely payment of their hard-earned wages for the basic necessities of life," added California Labor Commissioner Julie A. Su. "When paychecks are returned marked 'insufficient funds,' it is a fundamental breach of the promise of a just day's pay for a hard day's work. My office will step into that breach and make sure California's workers get the money they've earned in their pockets."

Students attend Disney leadership class

BELLFLOWER — A group of Bellflower High School students traveled to Disneyland last month to take part in the Disney Youth Education Series program titled "Disney's Approach to Leadership & Teamwork."

Each year, students and professionals from around the world travel to Disneyland to take part in one of several Disney Y.E.S. programs. Most of the programs take place behind the scenes of Disney's famous theme parks.

Bellflower High students learned about career discovery, life management, physical science, natural science, history, and arts and humanities.

The programs run 2-3 hours and are offered at Disneyland and Walt Disney World in Florida.

PIH hosting Medicare forum

WHITTIER — PIH Health in Whittier is hosting a Medicare forum April 13 where Medicare recipients can learn about new options and changes that occur in 2013.

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Aldine Lucille Michaels passes away at 84

DOWNEY – Aldine Lucille Michaels, born March 1, 1929 near Chicago, passed away March 11, ten days after her 84th birthday. Aldine and her husband, Bernard, were married 55 years and raised four children, sons Stephen and Philip, and daughters Carol and Patricia. Services were held at Miller-Mies Mortuary and St. Raymond's Catholic Church before she was laid to rest in Long Beach.

Downey man collected \$1.3M filing false tax returns

DOWNEY – A Downey man who cashed tax refund checks that were issued based on false tax returns and fraudulently obtained more than \$1.3 million was sentenced today to 54 months in federal prison. William Gomez-Corzo, 52, who also used the name "William Perez," was sentenced this afternoon by United States District Judge Christina A. Snyder. The judge also ordered him to pay \$1,320,566 in restitution to the IRS. Gomez-Corzo pleaded guilty to one count of theft of public money for his role in a scheme that defrauded the IRS of millions of dollars by filing false income tax returns. As part of the scheme, Gomez-Corzo and his associates used the names and social security numbers of residents of Puerto Rico to file more than 1,000 false federal income tax returns seeking tax refunds based on the earned income credit. Gomez-Corzo and his co-conspirators used false out-of-state drivers licenses to open private mail boxes to receive the tax refund checks. Gomez-Corzo also pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated identity theft for using an identity stolen from a dead man to obtain a United States passport. The 54-month sentence included a mandatory two-year term for the identity theft charge.

Attorney gets jail for smuggling drugs into court

LOS ANGELES – A now-suspended attorney who tried to smuggle heroin and methamphetamine to his client in the downtown Criminal Justice Center, then a month later was arrested at the Antelope Valley courthouse for possessing rock cocaine, was sentenced to jail last Friday.

Deputy District Attorney Rosa Alarcon of the Justice System Integrity Division said Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Fred Wapner sentenced 49-year-old Kenneth Roger Markman to a year in county jail and to a one-year residential treatment program as part of three years of supervised probation.

A report on Markman's progress was scheduled for Oct. 15. Markman pleaded no contest last month to conspiracy and drug charges.

He was first arrested by Sheriff's deputies on Oct. 21, 2011, after trying to smuggle 26 balloons containing heroin and methamphetamine into a jail holding facility at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Authorities said he was trying to deliver the drugs to his client, 36-year-old Jorge Zaragoza, who had a court appearance that day in an attempted carjacking case.

According to the criminal complaint, Zaragoza and his girlfriend, Jennifer Vasquez, 28, both believed to be with the 38th Street gang, conspired to acquire the drugs and supply them to Markman.

Markman was arrested at the courthouse in Lancaster a month later after a security officer saw suspicious items in the X-Ray machine when Markman went through. Authorities said the defendant grabbed his wallet and tried to leave the building, but was stopped by a Sheriff's deputy.

Drug paraphernalia and two bindles of rock cocaine were in Markman's wallet, authorities said.

The State Bar of California suspended Markman pending a decision on whether he will be allowed to continue to practice law.

Markman, Zaragoza and Vasquez were charged in January 2012. Vasquez pleaded no contest to one count of conspiracy to bring a controlled substance into a jail facility. She was sentenced by Judge Wapner in January to two years in prison, but given credit for 782 days already spent in custody.

Zaragoza was due in Judge Wapner's court Tuesday for a pretrial hearing and trial setting.

Student named 'face of engineering'

• Sabrina Rivera receives honor from American Society of Civil Engineers.

LONG BEACH – The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recently announced the selection of Sabrina Rivera, a fourth-year student at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), as a finalist for its 2013 New Faces of Civil Engineering – College Edition.

Rivera was chosen from a field of talented college students nationwide whose academic and extracurricular achievements demonstrate their promise as future engineers and leaders in their profession.

"I was very excited to find out that I had been selected for this national award," said Rivera, 23, who will complete her bachelor's degree in civil engineering with a minor in environmental science and policy this May. "I have put a lot of time into the ASCE CSULB chapter, and it is great to see the outcome now through this award and the success of the club."

As an ASCE New Face, Rivera is eligible for selection as ASCE's representative for the national New Faces of Engineering – College Edition recognition program, sponsored by the National Engineers Week Foundation. If chosen, she will be recognized along with top students from other engineering disciplines in a national media campaign, and receive a \$500 cash scholarship from ASCE. The announcement will be made April 1.

Rivera began her studies at CSULB as a biology major, and while she found the subject interesting, she said it just wasn't something she felt passionate about. So, she spent time searching through different campus departments.

"I eventually wound up in the Civil Engineering/Construction Engineering Management Department talking to a graduate advisor," she recalled. "He told me about the many ways civil engineers were improving water and waste-water treatment, about building bridges and improving

the relationship of our built environment with the natural one. I changed my major the next day, and I can honestly say that it has been one of the best decisions I have ever made."

The current president of the school's ASCE chapter and a member of the team participating in the regional Concrete Canoe Competition, Rivera also serves in a liaison capacity between the chapter and the Younger Member Forum of ASCE's Orange County Branch, which is part of the Los Angeles Section. Last year, the chapter and the forum jointly hosted an event that challenged middle school students to build bridges using Popsicle sticks.

"I wish someone [earlier in my life] had told me of the seemingly endless possibilities that are available through engineering," said Rivera, who was born and raised in Long Beach and whose mother also graduated from CSULB. "I was always under the impression that engineering was too hard, but now that I am in my senior year, I view all of those struggles as important building blocks for the person that I have become."

A member of Chi Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, and the Golden Key International Honor Society, Rivera has also served as treasurer of the Engineers Without Borders–USA chapter and written grant applications for that group. As a volunteer in the activities organized by the Orange County Branch in connection with Engineers Week in 2012, she helped plan events where students built towers using spaghetti and tape, and this year she helped organize a cardboard boat race for students.

"As graduation approaches I am looking forward to utilizing the knowledge and skills that I have gained through school and work to improve my community and to finding solutions to many of the challenges that our society faces and make the world around me a better place," Rivera said. "I am excited for the opportunities to come from this new phase in my life."

As she prepares to graduate, Rivera said she is looking for a

position in the field of water resources where she will be able to continue to grow and develop as an engineer. She has enjoyed the areas of hydraulics, hydrology and groundwater transport in her studies and is also interested in project management. She would like to work for a firm where she will be able to gain experience with a variety of projects.

Founded in 1852, ASCE represents more than 140,000 civil engineers worldwide and is America's oldest national engineering society. For more information, visit www.asce.org.

ASCE partners with The National Engineers Week Foundation coalition to recognize top college engineering students by recognizing the most promising civil engineering professionals of tomorrow through the annual New Faces of Civil Engineering College Edition program.

Ten diverse and global civil engineering students in their third, fourth or fifth year are selected. Honorees are recognized for academic excellence, leadership within student organizations, outstanding communication skills, non-engineering related community service and involvement in the engineering industry. This inclusive national program includes


students from the civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical, industrial and manufacturing engineering majors.

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PEOPLE PROFILE

Omar Camacho takes Titan Tow in green direction

• Tow company won Downey Police, California Highway Patrol contracts last year.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Prior to co-founding Downey-based Titan Transportation Co. with partner Stephanie Breault in April 2007, Omar Camacho worked for his family's trucking and construction company for twenty years. Mechanically inclined early on, only son Omar, a burly, solid-looking, and affable hunk, in those twenty years performed a gamut of duties, including driving a truck, dispatching, and equipment operations, as well as bookkeeping, accounts payable, and accounts receivables collections. He also learned the business' sales and marketing functions.

He says he likes to look at a mechanical problem, and try to find the solution. A graduate of Downey schools, he has taken criminal law at Fullerton College and criminal justice at the University of Phoenix—

subjects which have served him in good stead.

When his mom, Esther, retired, Omar decided to go into the tow truck business, a business practically entirely new to him. Fortunately there was current driver and colleague Gabriel Martinez to show him the ropes. Martinez had had twelve years towing experience prior to working with his mom. Omar says he learned the fundamentals of towing from him.

Titan Tow provides 24-hour towing and roadside assistance to the cities of Downey, Norwalk, and Bellflower, with a 25-mile radius as its normal range of operations. Out-bidding six other towing companies, it was one of two companies that won two-year towing and storage contracts with the Downey Police Department and the CHP in May last year.

In PDPs case, the evaluation/ranking criteria used were: completeness and accuracy of the proposal; the proposer's having a sufficient number of properly licensed, trained and qualified personnel, as well as its possession of an adequate number of specified operating equipment; the ability to operate and maintain a business office as well as a primary storage lot within city limits; the ability to meet specific insurance requirements (including liability and

workmen's comp); together with customer service (references) and demonstrated experience.

Titan Tow hurdled all prerequisites.

Titan Tow's offices and storage facility are located at the corner of Downey Avenue and Phlox St. Inside the huge compound are found its fleet of diesel-powered tow and forklift trucks and flatbeds (now numbering eight and acquired via lease-purchase agreements). Prominently seen are impounded cars and trucks in various stages of wreckage: a few are crushed, its fenders severed; many, neatly arranged in the yard, sit there silently, victims of highway collisions, others impounded for illegal parking, expired registration (over 6 months), unpaid parking citations (5 or more), and abandoned due to the arrest of erring drivers, etc.

There is a separate "evidence cage" as well where vehicles involved in the commission of a crime or otherwise involving bodily, even fatal, injury, and when evidence such as fingerprints and other evidence are critical, are sequestered.

Federal and state emissions regulatory standards have in the meantime been decreed. In compliance, Titan Tow's latest monstrous Peterbilt flatbed acquisition that cost \$160,000 has been outfitted with a special device which reduces the emission of particulate matter from its engine and meets the EPA requirement of near-zero nitrous oxide emissions. With the injection of a nontoxic diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) into the engine's hot exhaust, the



truck emits no visible smoke, and it doesn't pollute the air; in brief, he says, his diesel tow truck leaves no carbon footprint.

Omar says another brand-new diesel flatbed tow truck similarly outfitted with a DEF device has just been acquired the other day and is due to arrive "in two weeks." Two more fleet tow trucks in operation are scheduled for retrofitting by the end of this year. The rest of Titan's fleet has to comply with EPA/CARB requirements by 2020. Titan's earlier—and smaller—tow/forklift truck models cost the company considerably less than its latest acquisitions. (Its oldest truck is a 2008 model).

Aside from the high cost of equipment, which has necessitated financing support "from numerous banks," Titan has to contend with a sizable level of accounts receivable (about \$500,000), many of them aged. Otherwise, Omar says the tow truck business is "rough, tough,

risky, very competitive, and demands long hours."

Rough, because people whose cars are impounded are usually "people in trouble and who cannot immediately pay the recovery fees," if at all. Risky, because the impounded cars are often linked to the random commission of crimes, not to mention the risk one takes when one hoists vehicles in the narrowest of margins on the freeways.

Omar says Titan Tow's 24-hour operation requires the presence of at least one dispatcher and three drivers at all times. During the day, it has eight drivers on duty.

Omar has made it a point over the years to get heavily involved in the community, particularly the Downey Rose Float Association. He is also an active participant in many events sponsored by the DPD and the city, including its annual Toy Drive for needy kids, even as it assists with Concerts in the Park logistics, Kids Day events, and the like.

He says he works hard now so he can have "an easy time of it tomorrow"—a perfectly acceptable attitude.

It's arduous work, Omar says, "but it's been fun."

Tickets on sale for Palm Springs show

DOWNEY – Tickets to the Palm Spring Follies show are now on sale at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

This year's production features Leslie Gore.

The Follies has attracted well-known stars of yesteryear to complement their company of entertainers.

There will be time for lunch and shopping in the boutique area near the theater before the show.

Tickets are \$56 for Downey residents and \$60 for non-residents.

For more information, call (562) 904-7223.

Downey student earns college scholarship

DOWNEY – Calvary Chapel High School senior Courtney Pillow has received a scholarship to attend Northwestern College this fall.

Pillow was one of 20 students nationwide to earn the scholarship.

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Lisa and Mark* purchased their first home in 2004. They were newly married, had 2 young children and were quickly outgrowing their apartment. Their parents encouraged them to purchase their first home, even helping them with their 5% down payment. "This is the American Dream!" they thought. They purchased a 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom starter home. The house needed a little bit of work, but Mark was good with his hands and they were not worried. Mark's buddies could come over for a pizza and beer party...after helping to paint a wall or two.

A few years later, their daughter started suffering seizures. After several visits to the hospital, Lisa and Mark decided to pull their daughter out of traditional school and Lisa, a teacher's aide, would quit work and home school their daughter and son. Now the medical bills were adding up and their household income was greatly reduced.

One day, Mark heard a radio ad about a "cash out refinance." This sounded like the answer to their prayers! The value of their home had gone up and interest rates had come down. They could refinance their home and pull out enough cash to pay down their debts and replenish their rainy day fund. Their monthly payments would only go up about \$50 a month. They could handle that, right?

Well, not really. Business was slow and Mark's employer cut back his hours. Mark and Lisa found themselves in the same situation as before the refinance — too many bills and not enough money to cover all their expenses. The stress caused Mark and Lisa to lose sleep, and they fought more than they ever did before. Finally, they reluctantly made the decision to file bankruptcy to get some breathing room from their overwhelming debt.

They decided to exclude their home from the bankruptcy so they could pursue a loan modification with their lender, Bank of America. The modification payments were tough but bearable; they made some sacrifices but worked things out so they never missed a payment. Then came a punch in the gut.

After making every modification payment on time for more than a year, Mark and Lisa were informed that their permanent loan modification was being *denied*. In less than 2 months, their payment would go back to the previous payment amount, an amount that the bank already knew they could not afford.

Mark and Lisa were shocked and confused. Why would the bank deny a permanent loan modification when they made every payment on time? Shortly thereafter, they received a letter saying that there would be a new servicer on their loan. When they called their bank to see what was going on and to ask why their permanent loan modification was denied, they were advised to wait until the new servicer took over and "try again."

Mark and Lisa felt like they were being punished for trying to be responsible homeowners. They eventually got tired of getting calls from one servicer's collections department when they were told by the loss mitigation department to wait to talk to their new servicer for help. They were "over it." Lisa and Mark contacted Caroline Gim at Expert Real Estate & Investment. Could she help them? Absolutely.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013044617

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHINO STEEL CO, 9022 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013044654

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALI PRO SHOP PRISMATIC APPAREL, 6721 S BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES CA 90003, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013029285

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CASTRO'S HANDYMAN SERVICES, 1219 W 109TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90044, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

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I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/RENNEE TEPPER, 19500 MERIDY LANE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91324 (2) LEO SCHOCHET, 4114 E SOUTH STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90712...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013043197

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SIERRA DEVELOPMENT, 4114 E SOUTH STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90714, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013042989

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PMTPRODUCTS, 440 PROVIDENCE CT 101, LONG BEACH CA 90803, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013048331

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STONE SOUP CHILD CARE PROGRAMS, 15910 VENTURA BLVD, SUITE 1420, ENCINO CALIFORNIA 91436, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES...

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2013048331

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS PLN-13-00029 AND PLN-13-00056

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 17th day of April, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

- PLN-13-00029 (Code Amendment) – A request to amend Article IX of the City of Downey Municipal Code to allow Emergency Shelters and Transitional and Supportive Housing and include development standards for said shelters/shelters, thus bringing the City of Downey into compliance with State Housing Law (SB 2).
PLN-13-00056 (Code Amendment) – A request to amend Article IX of the City of Downey Municipal Code to allow for Cottage Food Businesses in residential zones and set development standards for said businesses, thus bringing the City of Downey into compliance with the California Homemade Food Act (AB 1616).

The Downey Patriot

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS024255
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENNIFER YBARRA CISNEROS BY HER MOTHER ISABEL C. CISNEROS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name JENNIFER YBARRA CISNEROS to Proposed name JENNIFER IBARRA. 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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 5/11/13, Time: 1:30 p.m.,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER.
February 28, 2013
Yvonne T. Sanchez
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney
Self-Represented
By Her Mother
Isabel C. Cisneros for Jennifer Y. Cisneros
6742 1/2 Alhambra St.
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

The Downey Patriot
3/7/13, 3/14/13, 3/21/13, 3/28/13
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTHEAST DISTRICT - SOUTHEAST DISTRICT - ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS024256
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. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 4-29-13, Time: 1:30 p.m.,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
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February 28, 2013
Yvonne T. Sanchez
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney
Self-Represented
Jesús Alatorre Nieves Jr.
The Court Clerk
Bell, California 90201
(323)304-2031

The Downey Patriot
3/7/13, 3/14/13, 3/21/13, 3/28/13
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, NORTHEAST DISTRICT - SOUTHEAST DISTRICT - ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in the Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner:
Molly M. William
7021 SUNNHLI CIR
EL SOBRANTE CA 94803
CN8821639
3/7/13, 3/14/13, 3/21/13

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3/7/13, 3/14/13, 3/21/13

TRUSTEE SALES

Trustee Sale No. : 20120187403003 Title Order No. : 1139980 FHA/VA/PMI No. : NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/08/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER, TREDER & WEISS, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/20/2008 as Instrument No. 20080930170 of official records in the Office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: ROBERTH V GUZMAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR NATIONAL BANK CHECK or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 04/02/2013 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA, CA. STREET ADDRESS AND OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION, IF ANY, OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PURPORTED TO BE: 11008 DELCROFT AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the mortgage described above is estimated to be \$298,222.23. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned Trustee is THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA 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 lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you 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: TS No 11-0099817. 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. DATED: 03/19/2013 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tago Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-93 S/NM AND YVONNE T. SANCHEZ, TRUSTEE CORP. 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-4371300 03/21/2013, 03/28/2013, 04/04/2013

The Downey Patriot
3/21/13, 3/28/13, 4/4/13
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0099817 Doc ID #000521671432005N
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/18/2013. 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 JAVIER G VARGAS and MARIA GUZMAN on 02/18/2013 and recorded on 04/25/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described above, 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 undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. The total amount of the unpaid balance 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 \$300,553.13. 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 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 the mortgage described above 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you 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: TS No 11-0099817. 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. DATED: 03/19/2013 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tago Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-93 S/NM AND YVONNE T. SANCHEZ, TRUSTEE CORP. 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-4371300 03/21/2013, 03/28/2013, 04/04/2013

The Downey Patriot
3/7/13, 3/14/13, 3/21/13
Trustee Sale No. 251302CA Loan No. 3062760438 Title Order No. 855682 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09-18-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 10-10-2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 062184610, in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ANDRES A CASTRO AND, THALIA CASTRO, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Tru-As Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A., as Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of the real 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 is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent is hereby assessing their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 03-19-2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE

The Downey Patriot
3/21/13, 3/28/13, 4/4/13
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0119259 Doc ID #000118241152005N
Title Order No. 11-0099334 Investor/Insuror N/A. 118241152 APN No. 6359-024-015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/23/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CARLOS P. CASTRO AND RUTH N. AVINA HUSBAND AND WIFE, dated and recorded 3/6/2006, as Instrument No. 06-0477136, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or check as described above, 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 is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent is hereby assessing their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 03-19-2013 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE

COMPANY, as Trustee BRENDA BATTEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, California Reconveyance Company 2900 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91313 (800)892-6300 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, A TRUSTEE COLLECTOR ATTRIBUTED TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 state principal office: national call: 1-800-281-8219. 1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you 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: TS No 11-0099817. 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. DATED: 03/19/2013 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tago Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-93 S/NM AND YVONNE T. SANCHEZ, TRUSTEE CORP. 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-4371300 03/21/2013, 03/28/2013, 04/04/2013

The Downey Patriot
3/21/13, 3/28/13, 4/4/13
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0099817 Doc ID #000521671432005N
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The Downey Patriot
3/21/13, 3/28/13, 4/4/13
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0096523 Doc ID #0007390022005N
Title Order No. 11-0077115 Investor/Insuror N/A. 100965341 APN No. 6261-015-068 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/07/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JAVIER G VARGAS and MARIA GUZMAN on 09/07/2006 and recorded 9/27/2006, as Instrument No. 06-2146410, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or check as described above, 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 undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. The total amount of the unpaid balance 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 \$1,156,835.05. 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 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 the mortgage described above 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you 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: TS No 11-0096523. 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. DATED: 03/19/2013 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tago Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-93 S/NM AND YVONNE T. SANCHEZ, TRUSTEE CORP. 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-4371300 03/21/2013, 03/28/2013, 04/04/2013

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Trustee Sale No. : 20090134001749 Title Order No. : 908763 FHA/VA/PMI No. : NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/27/2005. 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. ND EX WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 09/07/2006 and recorded 9/27/2006, as Instrument No. 06-2146410, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or check as described above, 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 undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. The total amount of the unpaid balance 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 \$1,156,835.05. 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 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 the mortgage described above 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you 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: TS No 11-0096523. 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. DATED: 03/19/2013 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tago Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-93 S/NM AND YVONNE T. SANCHEZ, TRUSTEE CORP. 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-4371300 03/21/2013, 03/28/2013, 04/04/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0119259 Doc ID #000118241152005N
Title Order No. 11-0099334 Investor/Insuror N/A. 118241152 APN No. 6359-024-015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/23/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY

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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 court pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 03/04/2013 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85024-3001, Phone: (800) 714-7307, Sales Web site: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE A-43665423 03/07/2013, 03/14/2013, 03/21/2013

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T.S. No. 12-201-11 Loan No. 0597899970 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/22/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS NOTICE BEFORE YOU 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 on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee at the above address on the date of this auction. The property described above and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), and expenses of the Trustee thereon. The Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: YONG S. NA, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION Recorded 11/30/2004 as Instrument No. 04 3063207 of Official Records in the County of Los Angeles, California. Date of Sale: 4/4/2013 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Phone: (800) 281-8219, estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12065 FOSTER RD APT 0005 NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8056-116-047 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 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 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 12-201-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 3/6/2013 THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (616) 445-4700, Fax: (616) 445-4700 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (800) 280-2832 Auction, com Frank Escalera, Team Lead P1025414 3/14, 3/21, 03/28/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0094016 Doc ID #000922507632005N Title Order No. 11-0072440 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 5/22/2005, as Instrument No. 05 029205 of Official Records in the County 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 Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated at 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 Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest and late charges thereon, plus fees and charges of the Trustee, and expenses of the Trustee created by said Deed of Trust, as 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 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. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of 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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-534200-JB Order No.: 120366595-CA-GDI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee at the above address on the date of this auction. The property described above and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Beneficiary may elect to bid LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): FOW, TRUSTEES OF THE FOW FAMILY 1991 TRUST DATED MARCH 4, 2002 Recorded: 2/6/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0272588 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 3/28/2013 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located in 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$416,622.56 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 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 court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.ndscorp.com/sales>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-10-412197-VF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by contacting the undersigned Trustee or the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit, and the Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (616) 445-4700, Fax: (616) 445-4700 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (800) 280-2832 Auction, com Frank Escalera, Team Lead P1025414 3/14, 3/21, 03/28/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA05002715-12-1 TO: N0: 1337951 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 16, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MABLE A SUTTON, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of HOMELOAN USA CORPORATION as Lender and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Trustee for Lender, on 03/16/2007, and assigns, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County of Los Angeles County, California, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST THE PROPERTY heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property being sold is purported to be: 15219 BECHARD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by contacting the undersigned Trustee or the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit, and the Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (616) 445-4700, Fax: (616) 445-4700 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (800) 280-2832 Auction, com Frank Escalera, Team Lead P1025414 3/14, 3/21, 03/28/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-201-11 Loan No. 0597899970 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/22/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH THIS NOTICE BEFORE YOU 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 on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee at the above address on the date of this auction. The property described above and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: YONG S. NA, A SINGLE WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION Recorded 11/30/2004 as Instrument No. 04 3063207 of Official Records in the County of Los Angeles, California. Date of Sale: 4/4/2013 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Phone: (800) 281-8219, estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12065 FOSTER RD APT 0005 NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8056-116-047 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. 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 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 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.ndscorp.com/sales>, using the file number assigned to this case 12-201-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 3/6/2013 THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (616) 445-4700, Fax: (616) 445-4700 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (800) 280-2832 Auction, com Frank Escalera, Team Lead P1025414 3/14, 3/21, 03/28/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-534200-JB Order No.: 120366595-CA-GDI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$457,612.17 The purported property address is: 15300 BARNWALL STREET, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Assessor's Parcel # 80088-01-0259-0001. 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 Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest and late charges thereon, plus fees and charges of the Trustee, and expenses of the Trustee created by said Deed of Trust, as 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 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. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of 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 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.ndscorp.com/sales>, using the file number assigned to this case CA05002715-12-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: March 15, 2013 TRUSTEE CORPS TS No. CA05002715-12-1 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Stephanie Hoy, Authorized Signatory -SALF-INFORMATION CONTACT BE OBTAINED AT: www.Auction.com AUTOMATED SALF INFORMATION PLEASE CALL AUCTION.COM at 800.280.2832 TRUSTEE CORPS MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1027431 3/21, 3/28, 04/04/2013

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MARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 5/14/2007 as Instrument No. 20071162171 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/28/2013 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: **By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$489,716.81 The purported property address is: **13137 GOLLER AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650** Assessor's Parcel No.: **8047-014-007** **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com using the file number assigned to this case 20110187500050. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:** NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLIC SALES, A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 5005 WINDPLAY DRIVE, SUITE 1 EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762-9334 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com NDEX WEST, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX WEST, L.L.C. as Trustee. DATED: 03/13/2013 N 90214666 THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 03/21/2013, 03/29/2013, 04/04/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-09-259126-PJ Order No. 090178761-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/31/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 03-28-2013 at 9:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 09-29-2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 06 2511029, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: KENNETH MINERD, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustee, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC RECORDS SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS), SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, KAY-CO INVESTMENTS, INC., DBA PRO30 FUNDING, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BEFORE YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 03-28-2013 at 9:00 AM, MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTDs, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE, 400 Civic Center Plaza, SUITE 215, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Sales Line: (714) 573-1965 OR (702) 586-4500 JESSE J. FERNANDEZ, PUBLICATION LEAD MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE IS ASSISTING IN THE FORECLOSURE OF A DEED OF TRUST. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1025012 3/7, 3/14, 03/21/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-11-466273-CT Order No. 0801056252202005N Title Order No. 12-0138179 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 6266-026-077 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/07/2005. 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 SALVADOR BALVER A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 09/07/2005 and recorded 9/14/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2211922, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 04/25/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8734 FERRIS STREET, DOWNY, CA, 90242. 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DOWNEY – Four people were arrested at a DUI/driver's license checkpoint near Imperial Highway and Rives Avenue last week.

Two people face charges of driving while intoxicated, another is accused of illegal possession of drugs and one driver was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

Seventy-five drivers were issued citations for driving on a suspended or revoked license, or for having no license at all.

Another checkpoint is scheduled for June "as part of our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways," police officials said.

Photos from last Friday's checkpoint are posted on the Patriot's Facebook page.



Photo by Martin Trejo

Sussman Middle School art students lent a hand to the American Cancer Society's fundraising efforts by decorating 150 bags for use in the luminaria ceremony which occurs at every Relay for Life event.

These originally-designed bags will be illuminated after dark and are dedicated to survivors and those lost to cancer. They are available for a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Residents can attend the 24-hour fundraiser that starts June 1 at 9 a.m. on the Downey Adult School track.

For more details, including information on how to create a walking group or join an existing team, go online to relayforlife.org.



Plastic ocean at Gauldin Elementary

Gauldin students get a good lesson in the three R's: reduce, reuse and recycle.

By Lars Clutterham Contributor

DOWNEY – "Plastic Ocean" is the title of a 2011 book penned by Captain Charles Moore, a self-taught ocean environmentalist, and the sailor who discovered what is now known as the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch." Moore, who lives in Long Beach, was sailing home from Honolulu in 1997 and decided to check out the North Pacific Gyre, a vortex of currents not widely visited by sailors because it's a thousand miles from land, and lacks sufficient wind currents to be attractive to sailing.

What Captain Moore noticed on his side trip home, however, has since made the North Pacific Gyre famous—or, more accurately, infamous. Here is his eloquent description from the book:

"Let it be said straight up that what we came upon was not a mountain of trash, an island of trash, a raft of trash, or a swirling vortex of trash—all media-concocted embellishments of the truth. It would come to be known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a term that's had great utility but, again, suggests something other than what's out there. It was and is a thin plastic soup, a soup lightly seasoned with plastic flakes, bulked out here and there with 'dumplings'; buoys, net clumps, floats, crates, and other 'macro debris.' I was not a latter-

day Columbus discovering a plastic continent. I was a seafarer who noticed—at first incredulously, then with greater certainty—that this immense section of the northeastern Pacific Ocean, about halfway between Hawaii and the West Coast, was strewn throughout with buoy-ant plastic scraps."

Captain Moore was so astonished with his findings that he channeled the efforts of the Algalita Marine Research Foundation towards accurately documenting the extent of plastic in the North Pacific Gyre. (Moore had created the Foundation three years previous to help restore coastal waters.)

Among the sobering results of his research was the discovery that water samples of this "plastic soup" contained six times as much plastic by weight as organic materials. In addition, estimates put the depth of the plastic suspension to about 100 meters.

Here in Downey, in early June of 2010, Gauldin Elementary students got a peek at this plastic soup, thanks to the efforts of former Warren High School science teacher, Anna Valcarcel, who now teaches environmental science at Cerritos College. Valcarcel had been in touch with the Algalita Marine Research Foundation regarding a possible presentation to one of the Downey schools as part of a one-day after-school program on plastic pollution.

It turned out on short notice that Anna Cummins, who had just been at sea doing research for the Algalita Foundation, was available to come. She brought, along

with a compelling presentation, a sample of the plastic soup that Captain Moore had discovered a thousand miles away in the middle of the ocean. The children experienced an unequivocal example of anthropogenic ocean pollution, and one hopes their lives were slightly changed.

As Ms. Cummins explained after the presentation to Ms. Valcarcel and this writer, she was about to voyage out again to the world's other four ocean gyres to determine whether or not they too contained significant amounts of plastic.

The sad answer turned out to be yes, and Cummins has teamed up with Dr. Marcus Eriksen to research ocean pollution and its solutions around the globe through their new foundation, appropriately titled 5 Gyres (which you can find on Facebook).

There's much more to be articulated about what you and I can do to help cure this global problem. But for now, suffice it to say, that afternoon at Gauldin Elementary, those students got a good lesson in the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

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