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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EARTHQUAKE?



DURING AN EARTHQUAKE
Drop, cover and hold on. Minimize your movements to a few steps to a nearby safe place and if you are indoors, stay there until the shaking has stopped and you are sure exiting is safe.

If indoors:
•DROP to the ground; take COVER by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and HOLD ON until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.

•Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.

•Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place.

•Do not use a doorway except if you know it is a strongly supported, load-bearing doorway and it is close to you. Many inside doorways are lightly constructed and do not offer protection.

•Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Do not exit a building during the shaking. Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.

•DO NOT use the elevators.
•Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on.

If outdoors:
•Stay there.
•Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires.

•Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits and alongside exterior walls. Many of the 120 fatalities from the 1933 Long Beach earthquake occurred when people ran outside of buildings only to be killed by falling debris from collapsing walls. Ground movement during an earthquake is seldom the direct cause of death or injury. Most earthquake-related casualties result from collapsing walls, flying glass, and falling objects.

If in a moving vehicle:
•Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.

•Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that might have been damaged by the earthquake.

If trapped under debris:
•Do not light a match.
•Do not move about or kick up dust.

•Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing.

•Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE
When the shaking stops, look around to make sure it is safe to move. Then exit the building.

•Expect aftershocks. These secondary shockwaves are usually less violent than the main quake but can be strong enough to do

additional damage to weakened structures and can occur in the first hours, days, weeks, or even months after the quake.

•Help injured or trapped persons. Remember to help your neighbors who may require special assistance such as infants, the elderly and people with access and functional needs. Give first aid where appropriate. Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.

•Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake.

•Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for the latest emergency information.

•Be aware of possible tsunamis if you live in coastal areas. These are also known as seismic sea waves (mistakenly called "tidal waves"). When local authorities issue a tsunami warning, assume that a series of dangerous waves are on the way. Stay away from the beach.

•Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

•Go to a designated public shelter if your home had been damaged and is no longer safe. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345).

•Stay away from damaged areas. Stay away unless your assistance has been specifically requested by police, fire, or relief organizations. Return home only when authorities say it is safe.

•Be careful when driving after an earthquake and anticipate traffic light outages.

•After it is determined that it's safe to return, your safety should be your primary priority as you begin clean up and recovery.

•Open cabinets cautiously. Beware of objects that can fall off shelves.

•Find out how to keep food safe during and after an emergency by visiting: foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html

•Put on long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects.

•Clean up spilled medicines, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids immediately. Leave the area if you smell gas or fumes from other chemicals.

•Inspect the entire length of chimneys for damage. Unnoticed damage could lead to a fire.

•Inspect utilities.

•Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.

•Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.

•Check for sewage and water lines damage. If you suspect sewage lines are damaged, avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid using water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.



School board incumbents charting unfamiliar waters

• For the first time in recent memory, all three incumbents seeking re-election to Downey school board face challengers.

By Henry Veneracion Staff Writer

DOWNEY - In terms of longevity, Area 7 DUSD board member Barbara Samperi ranks number three in years served on the board of education, having served these past 20 years, three times as president in that span. Only colleagues Donald LaPlante with 34 years of service and D. Mark Morris with 31, have logged more.

But, as everyone knows, in these cases number of years alone doesn't hold water: it's the meaningful experiences in those years, the insights gained, that count. As a candidate for re-election to the board this November, Samperi knows this only too well.

Samperi, who says she comes from a family of teachers/educators (a grandfather was on the school board in Nebraska, where her mother came from), was first elected to the board in 1993 - former 17-year superintendent Ed Sussman was two years away from retirement. She was thus a "lucky and privileged" participant in the selection of the next superintendent, Wendy Doty, who was to serve in that capacity for almost 10 years, as well as that of the current superintendent, John Garcia.

In a recent letter to *The Patriot* strongly defending the board and Samperi from the charge that "the board seems to be out of step with current student needs," it was the timely remarks made by former school board member and longtime friend Cheryl Andresen, who apparently has kept abreast of board developments and well-informed of her friend's activities, that resonated:

"The present board is a cohesive, dedicated group of individuals who spend numerous hours staying informed and focused on maintaining high test scores and graduation rates. Barbara is as informed a board member as one can be. Aside from official functions and meetings, Barbara attends numerous events and activities at each and every Downey school on a regular basis, makes yearly school visits, walking through classrooms, speaking with teachers and students, and regularly reads at several read-in's each year. She has spent countless hours actively volunteering in classrooms, in PTA, city of Downey committees, and philanthropic organizations. Barbara has always been an advocate for children and children's issues, including

volunteering and working with the Exchange Club Family Support Center [from which she recently retired] for several years to help prevent child abuse. Barbara's philosophy has always been to put the child or student first and foremost. Barbara is an outstanding trustee who promotes fair and equal treatment for all students and is a valued member of the board."

Samperi otherwise offered this summary of her relevant background and work impacting the district:

Raised in Downey and schooled at Spencer Williams, West and Warren High School, she made it a point to get deeply involved in their education. From the time her first son started pre-school, she immersed herself in the learning environment. She became active in the Downey Council PTA, Alameda PTA, Ward PTA, South Middle School PTA, and Downey High School PTSA. She served in many positions, including elected positions of president and ways and means chairman.

Prior to her election to the school board, she was serving on many ad hoc committees including those addressing elementary and middle school report card revisions and boundary changes. She served on the city of Downey Community Services for 10 years as well, and on the City/CalTrans I-105 freeway committee for many years.

Meanwhile she worked as an instructional aide for DUSD where her many volunteer hours added to her educational skills set.

Thus, Samperi, who says she has been endorsed by fellow school board members, many community leaders, parents and teachers, takes justifiable pride in her service to DUSD and the city. She is especially proud of her participation in helping ensure the financial stability of the district during the hard economic times.

"This board kept cutbacks as far away from the classroom as possible and this happened with my participation," she says.

Among her other insights: (a) in the matter of declining student enrollment, she says she believes the enrollment decline will stabilize with increasingly better economic prospects, helped by students transferring from other schools. She says she has noticed a cyclical trend in these things: that a steady enrollment increase materializes for 10 years, and a steady decline for the next 10, and so on; (b) she's convinced more

than ever that state education officials only "know how to talk the talk, but don't walk the walk... they still don't listen to what the teachers in the trenches are saying. This is insane: they should roll up their sleeves and really concentrate on starting any educational reform with the basics..."

Of her challengers, Samperi says: "Nobody has seen any of my challengers attend even one board meeting or as much as be present at one of our Character Counts sessions. How can they presume to 'bring new ideas to the board' when they don't even know what's actually going on?"

In her campaign statement, Samperi emphasizes: 1) fiscal responsibility, always with the focus on classroom effectiveness - even in tight financial times, Downey school finances are stronger than most districts'; 2) safe schools—she has championed the enforcement of the rules against drugs and weapons, while fully supporting the Character Counts program in all schools; 3) high standards - she is dedicated to high achievement and expectations for students. ("More students are taking and passing advance placement tests. Most students are taking Career and Technology Education classes. Scores on state tests are the highest of any surrounding district"); 4) modernized schools—she has helped oversee the modernization of DUSD schools. Downey schools now have state-of-the-art science and technology facilities, including a new automotive/engineering facility scheduled to open in 2014.

Samperi says she is "proud of what our schools have accomplished," adding that she knows Downey Unified cannot prosper without "high quality and safe schools."

Now that the budget is stabilizing, two of her many goals are to bring back Carnival of Champions with community support, and middle school sports—campaign goals shared by fellow candidates and colleagues Nancy Swenson and Martha Sotetani.

"I am very proud of my accomplishments for our school district and our city. My passion for serving our community is as strong as ever," she says. "If re-elected, I promise I will continue to put our children first, while keeping Downey School District a leader in educational standards."

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Mayor's Corner: our future is looking great



Greetings Downey Family,

I hope this finds you well and that you all had a wonderful summer. As always, I enjoy having the opportunity to reach out to you through my Mayor's corner and brief you on some of the exciting things happening in our City.

Jobs are so important. And we know where they come from. Our City Council just passed a new ordinance creating a Downey Red Team (DRT). It is aimed at meeting with the City's largest employers and revenue generating businesses to ensure that their needs are being met by the City. DRT members include myself as the Mayor, Community Development Director, the City's business advocate, and a member from the Chamber of Commerce. It is an Economic Development ordinance to continue to enhance the 8,000 new jobs our City has created over the past 4 years. Our first meeting already created an avenue to help one of our large local businesses. We will also be meeting with local small business and employers in our community. We will continue to be pro active when it comes to jobs, attracting

and keeping businesses in Downey.

Using the latest technology, the Downey Police Department has launched a new community notification service designed to deliver important and timely information. Nixle is a secure service that allows the Police Department to disseminate public safety and community event notifications via web, e-mail, text message, and mobile application.

The public can sign-up by simply sending a text message with "DOWNEYPD" to 888777 and you will be instantly registered to receive text messages from the Downey Police Department. I've signed up for it, it's easy and a great tool.

The City also has an updated "My Downey App" that allows residents to report items such as graffiti and pot holes. Very convenient and easy to use. The app can be downloaded from any smart phone app store for free. It is a valuable resource and I encourage you all to use it! I use it everyday to make sure we continue to tackle the issue of graffiti in our City. And it is easy to report potholes.

The Downey Civic Theatre recently announced its 2013-14 season. Log-on to www.downeytheatre.com for more info.

Don't forget Taste of Downey Arts & Wine Festival is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th. This year we are moving the event to Downey Ave, between 2nd and 3rd Streets. This will be great for our downtown area and we once again expect a great turnout. Restaurants confirmed include Portos, Green Olive, Narai Thai, and Pacific Fish Grill and many others. Great event with great food, lively entertainment, local artists and beer and wine area. And thanks to our lively and active arts community for putting on,

some special items that evening. Come out and join us!

We are pleased to now offer residents online registration for Parks & Recreation classes and activities, as well as the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Online registration is now available for Fall, so sign-up now at the City's website www.downeyca.org and click on classes and activities. You can view the Fall City News and Parks and Recreation Guide on the City's website as well.

Next Thursday, September 12th, I will be installed as the new President for the Independent Cities Association (ICA) during a special installation dinner at the Columbia Memorial Space Center. ICA is an organization made up of full service cities (cities that provide their own police and/or fire services), all coming together to represent the best interests of our citizens. We represent 53 cities and 7 million people. I am proud and honored to help lead such a fine organization and look forward to seeing all of our local representatives from surrounding cities at the event, including a special guest, Honorable Mayor Tom Crosby from Roscommon, Ireland, birthplace of Gov. John Gately Downey and our newest Sister City. Mayor Crosby will be visiting our great City next week and it is a privilege to be able to show him what Downey is all about.

Thanks again to all our Healthy Downey Partners for continuing to make our City healthier. We continue to educate and enhance the wellness of our City for our families and our youth. Last Saturday, Kaiser and Albertsons teamed up with our YMCA to offer "Shop With A Nutritionist." Learning about food is a big part of our journey to a long and healthier life. As of our last Council meeting weigh in,

I have now lost 75 pounds since being sworn in as your Mayor. I feel great and I know my family is healthier. Come join me on Walking Wednesdays with the Mayor.

Downey Family and Friends, our City is doing very well. Thanks to our awesome community and your help. Financially we are sound and our future looks great. Many great things coming. I hope this finds you well and feel free to contact me at anytime. My personal cell number is 562-706-4114 my email address is MGuerra@DowneyCa.org. All my best, God bless.

Mario A. Guerra, Mayor of Downey



Ann Burkhardt and her husband, Pete, traveled to Switzerland - Pete's birthplace - in June to celebrate his 50th birthday. The couple are longtime residents of Downey and met at Warren High School in 1981. Pete's parents, Ueli and Irma, are longtime Downey residents as well. "They have a vacation home in Switzerland so we joined them on their vacation for a mini-tour of the city of his birth and his mom's hometown, Flawil, St. Gallen, Switzerland," says Ann. "This photo was taken in front of Irma's childhood home."

Wine tasting to benefit Lions Club

DOWNEY - An evening of wine tasting, music and appetizers is planned for Sept. 13 to benefit the Downey Lions Club.

Tickets are \$35 and include eight wine tastings and appetizers. Raffle tickets are also being sold.

The gala begins at 6 p.m. at a private home in Downey.

For tickets and details, call Lenora at (310) 283-9825.

Cardio class starts next Monday

DOWNEY - New sessions of Cardio Plus fitness class begin Sept. 9 at Downey High School.

Classes are supervised and supportive of residents interested in leading a healthier lifestyle.

Cost is \$79 (\$10 discount for seniors) and classes meet Monday through Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register in the Downey High dance room, at Downey Adult School or online at das.edu.

Tickets now on sale for symphony's garden party

DOWNEY - If you would like to enjoy a lovely Sunday afternoon on Sept. 22, and do something nice for Downey's elementary school kids at the same time, we have just the ticket.

It's the Downey Symphony's Sixth Annual Garden Party, to benefit our city's fine orchestra and Music in the Schools, which sends professional instrumentalists to 16 Downey schools each year with educational programs.

This year's party will be held at the Rio Hondo Event Center from 4-7 p.m. and features some wonderful auction goodies and the cookin' music of a live saxophone quartet. Those rolling manicured hills of the golf course with beds of flowers everywhere create a gorgeous setting for cocktails on the terrace and good conversation, followed by a delicious dinner, champagne and a lively auction.

"A backstage look at the creation of a symphony performance," with Music Director Sharon Lavery and the orchestra's manager, Mark Artusio, will help us understand the many steps and decisions that precede one of our concerts - you will be astounded, promise - and you'll have many chances to win enticing prizes as well.

To receive an invitation to this exceptional event, please phone (562) 861-4845. Tickets are \$75, and reservations should be in by Sept. 12.

You will feel good supporting a very good cause, and having such fun doing it.

-Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony

City of Downey

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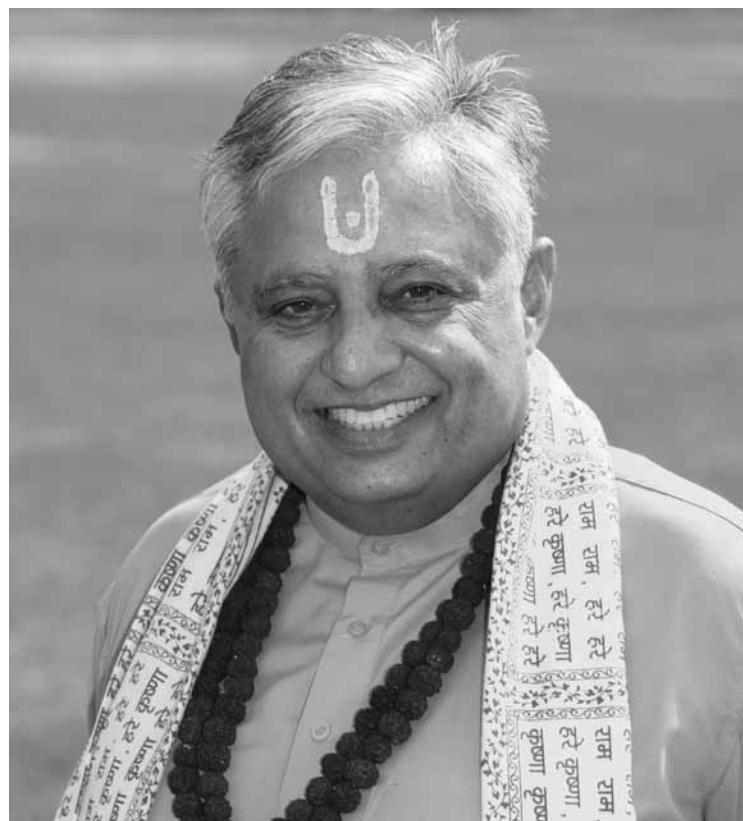
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Hindu statesman Rajan Zed will deliver the invocation using ancient Sanskrit scriptures before the Downey City Council meeting on Sept. 24. Zed will recite from Rig-Verda, the oldest scripture of the world still in common use, besides lines from Upanishads and Bhagavad-Gita (Song of the Lord), both ancient Hindu scriptures.

Cerritos College awards dental students with scholarships

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Foundation recently awarded \$4,500 in scholarships to five deserving students.

The \$1,000 Roodzant Family Scholarship was presented to Amanda Barney of Irvine and Kristin Sims of Yorba Linda.

The Roodzant Family Scholarship was established in 2012 by Dr. Jerry Roodzant, alumnus and member of the Foundation Board of Directors. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding second year dental hygiene students.

Nursing major Anna Leonard of Orange and dental hygiene major Erin Bull of La Mirada received the Bellflower Rotary Club Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship recognizes outstanding students enrolled in a career technical education program. The scholarship was presented by the Bellflower Rotary Club President Elect David Davis.

The \$500 Anthony J. Franklin Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Sergio Gaytan of Long Beach.

The scholarship was established by Kimberly & James Corbitt in memory of their son, Anthony J. Franklin. Anthony had been pursuing his education in automotive technology when his dream was unexpectedly cut short when he was involved in a fatal car accident on June 3, 2010. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student enrolled in an automotive program at Cerritos College.

Anthony's grandparents Art and Dora Jackson and his uncle Raymond Jackson were in attendance.

"These scholarship winners are fine examples of the caliber of students we have at Cerritos College," said Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation.

In Memory of Mary A. Johnston

September 4, 1926 to August 31, 2013



Mary A. Johnston, 86, was born in Los Angeles, Calif. on Sep. 4, 1926 and passed away at her home in Downey on Aug. 31, 2013, her beloved mother's birthday. She was a resident of Downey for over 50 years. She and her husband, Donald would have celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary this month.

Mary was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She loved God, her family, and keeping her loved ones well fed. She was very much loved by all who knew her and will be deeply missed.

Mary is survived by her loving husband, Donald Johnston, of Downey and her three devoted children Dianne (Irvin) Pearce of Arroyo Grande, Calif., John "Jack" (Teri) Johnston of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Richard (LeAnne) Johnston of Henderson, Nev. She also leaves four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, her siblings Rose Tawney of Santa Clarita, Calif. and Frank (Jean) Arena of Hemet, Calif., and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

A private interment service will be held. Condolences may be sent to the family through our website, www.rishermortuary.com. Risher Mortuary and Cremation Service are Funeral Directors (562) 699-0916.

Design firm LPA, Inc. tapped to draft DUSD Facilities Master Plan

Plan will serve as a guide to facility usage, construction, school site planning and enrollment projections

important, student enrollment projections, for the next ten years.

Almost implicit in its statement of scope is the need for demographic information, especially as it relates to future enrollment estimates.

The demographic analysis will be prepared by Jack Schreder & Associates, said to have been preparing such demographic studies in connection with facility master plans for 20 years, 25 of them for districts of all sizes in the past five years alone.

The two agreements were approved by the board at its August 21st meeting.

"It's been eleven years since the state of the district's facilities has been looked at, relative to their utilization by our students," said Dr. Nancy Nien, asst. superintendent for business services. "It's time to assess our entire infrastructure, to update our data. We have to make sure everything is in order."

Just how extensive a study of this nature is can be gleaned from this statement by LPA in its proposal: "LPA will gather and review existing district data, including past planning

documents, deferred maintenance plans, board policies and resolutions, existing reenrollment information, individual school site plans, along with district mission statement, strategic plan, program course offerings and technology plan documents."

It goes on: "This task involves LPA reviewing the enrollment projections for the Downey Unified School District as prepared by the Demographics consultant. We will be looking at geographic areas of growth and projected decline to better understand the future facilities needs of the district. This review will also include analyzing the school attendance boundaries of the school district and offering recommendations of future boundary changes to accommodate shifts in enrollment over the next years, including changes to boundaries to accommodate the construction of new facilities if needed..."

Based on review of the projections and boundaries, along with the development of existing school site capacity analyses, LPA shall also assist the district in making recommendations on the expansion and/or contraction of existing facilities.

existing facilities.

LPA says the plan, which will incorporate input from every conceivable helpful source, starting with important ideas from a "proactive" board to contributions from stakeholders, will be "visionary, realistic, and implementable."

With September penciled in as the launch month for the plan, LPA said it expects to have the Facilities Master Plan meeting the approval of the board by May 2014 and in conformance with the district's potential November 2014 local bond election date goal.

The cost of the plan, not to exceed \$195,000 (and not counting reimbursable expenses incurred by LPA—this amount, again, not to exceed \$9,750) will come out of developer fees, it was learned; hence, the district's General Funds will be untouched.

DUSD superintendent Dr. John Garcia emphasized that the key figure—the critical element—in all the welter of statistics that will comprise the demographic portion of the plan will be future enrollment projections, as this will be the basis for the state and district budgets.

"It's nice to know that our forward-looking board of trustees also wants to provide the best facilities for our students," he said. "They hit the nail on the head on this. The basic goal really is to provide the safest and best instructional facility for our kids now and in the future."

Services next week for Priscilla Curi

DOWNEY – Priscilla Joyce Curi, a Downey resident for more than 50 years, died Aug. 14. She was 78.

Born in Los Angeles, she is survived by husband Joseph Curi; daughters Monica and Anette; and son Joseph Curi Jr.

A Mass will be held Tuesday at St. Raymond's Catholic Church starting at 6:30 p.m.

Brent Tomczak, 61, passes away

DOWNEY – Brent Tomczak, a resident of Downey for 57 years, has died. He was 61.

Born in Winnipeg, Canada, he is survived by mother Doreen Tomczak of Downey; and sisters Sandra Tomczak-Schmidt of Lancaster and Evie Erickson of Lakewood. A memorial service will be held Sunday at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Norwalk starting at 3 p.m.

Bingo Luncheon at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a "Bingo Luncheon" Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 at 12:30pm in the church's Msgr Robert Gipson Hall located at 12348 Paramount Blvd. A donation of \$10.00 includes one free bingo card, door prizes and lunch. A \$25 money tree will also be raffled off as well as other prizes. For more information call Aline Amatista at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

Church rummage sale on Saturday

DOWNEY – Downey Memorial Christian Church will be having a rummage sale on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The fundraiser will also include several estate sale items. The church is located at 8441 Florence Ave. in Downey.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District has commissioned Irvine-based LPA, Inc. to prepare a Facilities Master Plan for the district. The firm, which also has offices in Roseville and San Diego, was founded in 1965 and is credited with doing similar work on over forty facilities in over 10 years in several places, including Beverly Hills USD, Fremont USD, Lake Tahoe USD, Oxnard USD, Norwalk-La Mirada USD, and Ocean View SD.

The master plan, according to LPA, will look at every pertinent scrap of information—past, present, and projected—about the district with the end in view of formulating a plan that will serve as a guide to facility usage/construction, school site planning, technology build-up, and, most

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SODETANI: "I want to be a giver, not a taker"

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One of the busiest lady volunteers in town, one of the most visible, and one of the most honored, is Martha Sodetani, who, to nobody's surprise, is seeking re-election on Nov. 5 as the Area 1 representative to the Downey Unified School District school board.

Whereas she was unchallenged the last time, she has company this time in her bid for a third term. Her challenger? A Downey resident by the name of Victor Malagon, an industrial maintenance electrician by trade.

Sodetani says it's not in her nature to take anything - or, in this case, anyone - for granted.

"I'm preparing for a close race," she says. "I'm going to fight very hard to retain my seat."

Looking back to the beginning of her first term, Sodetani admits she saw things then in a "myopic way." Nearly eight years experience on the board has taught her to see things through a larger lens, to perceive nuances from a much broader perspective. In short, she says she has learned how to connect the dots on school policy matters. Her completion of the Masters in Governance program in 2009 had a lot to do with this, she says.

On an even more fundamental level, her focus on the classroom, her commitment to continue improving the education of children, which have been profound concerns of hers from the beginning, continue to demand her attention. This passion, she says, is a leitmotif in her life: she has, in fact, six children, three of them adult, and three still at home.

As an active advocate for children for a number of years, she has served continuously as a puppeteer in the Assistance League's Kids on the Block program, performing before youth audiences to promote healthy lifestyles by shoring up their resistance to gangs, drugs and bullies; she also serves on its Operation School Bell Committee, a program that provides clothing and shoes to needy students at

DUSD. Sodetani says she feels there is nothing more rewarding than spending time with or in serving the needs of children. She has just finished serving as president of the Assistance League.

Other involvements include memberships in the Downey Coordinating Council, Child Youth & Family Collaborative, and Cerritos Community College as well as Long Beach City College Foster Care Advisory Boards.

Stepped in foster parenting, primary caregivers, self-esteem, and discipline issues (she has for years been a part-time trainer for Cerritos College and Long Beach City College in these areas), Sodetani says part of her calling over the years has been as a foster parent to medically fragile newborns, "touching their lives, one child at a time." In addition to taking extensive foster care education classes particularly at Cerritos College and Long Beach City College, she has continued to attend several children and family services foster care conferences offered at various community colleges and has obtained the necessary certifications that allow her to work in the field (lately she has finished a course, she says, that helps track mental health problems).

Among her other community involvements through the years (she has lived in Downey for 30 years) has been as a longtime volunteer at the PTA HELPS food pantry. Her one-year term as president of the Assistance League over, she's about to apply her energies next to running Gangs Out of Downey; her first meeting as its president was Tuesday.

If re-elected, Sodetani says in her campaign statement that the key areas she'll focus on are: 1) like her board colleagues Barbara Samperi and Nancy Swenson who are also seeking re-election, bringing back competitive sports to middle schools and resuscitating the Carnival of Champions, a district-wide sports tournament for the top elementary school athletes. 2) giving stronger support to the institution of AVID at the four middle schools and the two high schools (AVID is known to have a high success rate among average students in middle school,

preparing them to be university-ready by the end of high school); 3) supporting still further the training for teachers as the district implements the Common Core state standards initiative; and 4) continuing to support efforts to make Character Counts permeate the consciousness of students in all of the DUSD schools.

In addition, she says she will make sure the policing of schools continues.

It's no wonder she's won several awards. She's been honored in the past as Stand for Children's Outstanding Woman of the Year, as California State Woman of the Year, as DUSD Volunteer of the Year, as County of Los Angeles Volunteer of the Year, and, more recently; in 2011, the Delta Kappa Gamma International's Outstanding Public Service Award, as well as the Golden Oak Award, the PTA's highest award from the California State PTA, along with the DUSD PTA Honorary Service award at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She also received a Diakonia Award not too long ago.

"I wish to acknowledge my debt to Dr. Mary Stauffer. She's been a friend, we've volunteered together, and she's been a great influence on me," Sodetani says. "I think it was her counsel that I keep my mind active, that I've gone back seriously to reading books."

"I've just finished reading 'King, Queen, Knave' by Vladimir Nabokov and am about to finish reading 'An Invisible Thread,' a true story written by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski, about an unlikely lifelong friendship between an 11-year old panhandler and a busy sales executive."

"I think we did the right thing in picking John Garcia as DUSD superintendent," she adds. "He is a good fit to the board going forward. Imagine what this means: he is actually the only 'employee' who takes directives from the board. It's comforting to know that we have such a sharp, energetic and forward-looking individual at the helm of the district."

Sodetani further says: "I feel so fortunate in being on the DUSD board. On some boards, you'll see disarray, lack of focus,

even instances of boorishness and rudeness among the members... And I like it that our students' volunteer efforts impact not only the school but the community, such as blood drives, for instance."

Asked about her main motivation, or what really drives her, Sodetani says, "I want to be a giver, not a taker. I like to be in a position where if someone needs food or clothing, either I can provide it directly or I can refer that person to the proper party or place that can assist him or her."

"When you give of your time or your energy, it makes you feel good. I want to be a giver, not a taker."

Whittier man killed in driveby

WHITTIER - Sheriff's Homicide detectives are continuing their investigation into the circumstances surrounding the shooting death of a man that occurred on Sunday, Sept. 1 in the 6100 block of Pioneer Boulevard in unincorporated Whittier.

At approximately 10:06 p.m., Pico Rivera Station deputies responded to a call of a "gunshot victim." Upon their arrival, they discovered the 45 year-old male victim lying in the front yard of his residence, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

According to several witnesses, the victim, along with his wife and another couple, were in the front yard of the victim's residence when a white-colored sedan drove north on Pioneer Boulevard. As the car drove past the victim's house, someone from inside the car shot at the individuals standing in the front yard, striking the victim. The car continued north on Pioneer Boulevard toward Whittier Boulevard and out of view. The others in the front yard were not injured.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-5500.

NORWALK WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL

• Alicia Rubio, the new principal at Sanchez Elementary School, is heartened by parents' and city support.



By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

NORWALK - There was nobody else around when Alicia Rubio, the new principal of Sanchez Elementary School, first walked into her office on Aug. 2, her first official start date at the school, which is located at 11960 E. 162nd St. (by Hermosillo Park) in Norwalk. The teachers, the staff, and, of course, the students, were all still on vacation. The day custodian was there to let her in.

She said it was the right time to bring her 'stuff' in—plants, personal/family photographs, decorations, her professional books (for later reference). "I cleaned up the cupboards, looked through the papers and folders that were there," she said. "The next 7 days were spent training at the district office, the first two days strictly for the new Norwalk administrators, including me, and the rest of the days all of us training together, new and old administrators alike, including the La Mirada administrators."

When last Wednesday came around, fully a month had passed, and Rubio said a lot of things had in the meantime transpired. The week before, she had dinner with the members of the PTA board. On Tuesday, Sept. 3, she was introduced, along with Norwalk High School principal Ryan Smith, to the City Council. Earlier on Wednesday morning, there was held a get-acquainted breakfast that brought together the PTA board, teachers, and other staff. Moreover, the next day, Sept. 5, was the first day of school and everybody in the office was busy and getting ready to welcome the kindergartners-to-5th graders

who are the main reason for the existence of the school in the first place.

Rubio, who has years of teaching experience (she was also a language arts and science specialist) as well as a rich background as assistant principal at Long Beach and San Francisco area schools (she even served as a substitute principal a few times), has her goals for the school year 2013-14 at Sanchez written down: 1) All Sanchez students will develop the skills necessary to successfully transition into the Common Core state standards and in taking the electronic version of the state tests in 2014-15 and beyond; 2) Sanchez's physical environment will demonstrate the care and high expectations we have for all our students; and 3) Sanchez' community of students, parents, staff and community members will work together to create a learning environment that is both caring and that demonstrates the expectation that all students can and will learn at high academic levels.

She said school safety, which immediately connotes the concern and periodic, usually unobtrusive, presence of police on campus, especially towards the twilight

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Letters to the Editor:

Moon landing

Dear Editor:

Every time I see one of the moon hoax letters I have to laugh at the "I refuse to acknowledge the truth" attitude which permeates these doubting Thomas's. ("Moon Hoax," Letters to the Editor, 8/15/13) I was alive and listening in 1969 at 2 p.m. on AFVN radio to the Apollo 11 landing while serving as a river rat in Vietnam on that day. It was a deep blue, cloudless sky along the South Vietnam coast over the South China Sea with a silhouette of about 2/3 of a bright golden moon at 4 o'clock in the sky that afternoon over there.

Mr. Mike Sandoval is a regular contributor to the "letters" section. While I find his dogged misbelieving of the truth these 40-plus years a waste of time and energy, I have to wonder how much good he might have done with all that misguided energy if he had used his brain to investigate the truth and actual facts before continually spouting off on the old standard "moon hoax" nonsense.

I am not surprised at those who whine and complain about things without verifying any information. I, myself, followed the whole space program beginning with Russia's first satellite Sputnik and ours, the Echo, and the first man in space, Russia's Yuri Gargarin and our Alan Shepherd was second. I followed each program from Mercury to Gemini to Apollo to the space shuttles with the eager excitement of a youngster, teenager and a young adult and now older adult.

I hope Mr. Sandoval can find some peace of mind with this information and finally enjoy the fact that we, the United States of America, really were on the moon on numerous occasions. It was an amazing scientific feat complete with failures and heartache along the way.

I hope Mr. Sandoval and I can in the future enjoy this incredible accomplishment together on the same page when the anniversaries come around.

P.S. The International Space Station is real too.

**Rolf Olsen
Downey**

Speeding parents

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to all East Middle School parents.

As a new school year begins, I want you to be aware of what I (and all my neighbors) see out our windows every morning. We see at least 50 percent of the parents run the stop sign or, at best, slow down slightly and then proceed. We see the dad in the tan Toyota 4Runner, the mom in the black BMW, and many more of you completely disregard the stop sign.

Many students walk or ride their bikes to school and yet you do not seem to notice them. We have seen many students almost hit in your hurry to school and work.

Several years ago someone ran the stop sign, lost control of her car and ran into the neighbor's house. Another time a child was struck by a car and broke his leg.

Please slow down and abide by the traffic laws in our neighborhood so we do not have a worse tragedy happen to any of our East Middle School students.

**Carrie McAllister
Downey**

Christian principles

Dear Editor:

In reply to Guillermo Vasquez's Letter to the Editor, "Christian Nation," I have some quotations that would lead one to believe that the United States of America indeed, was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. In the Declaration of Independence, the following words appear: "Nature's God, Creator, unalienable rights, Supreme Judge of the World, Protection of Divine Providence." Their acknowledgment seems complete. God is spelled with a capital "G." George Washington prayed "I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you and the State over which you preside, in His holy protection, that he would incline the hearts or the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government,...to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy...with charity, humility, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion..."

Thomas Jefferson said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever."

There are numerous references to God on Washington, D.C. monuments and elsewhere. Now prayer has been removed from public schools and other places by our "Supreme Court" - mere men appointed by politicians. But we see they have made many undesirable decisions - besides eliminating prayer - abortions (over 50 million babies murdered for convenience, paid for with out tax money; marriage is no longer between a man and woman, but includes same-sex couples. Marriage was instituted by God with a capital "G." Who know what other foolish, Godless decisions they will make. But the Bible states (Romans 14:10,11) that all - "every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." Yes, even the Supreme Court, college professors. All will bow.

**Elsa Van Leuven
Downey**

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Torture admission would help restore U.S. standing in world

By Azizah Y. al-Hibri

I was a child in Beirut, Lebanon, when my American teacher told me the story of George Washington and the cherry tree. She also told me about Abraham Lincoln who freed the slaves. I never forgot these stories and felt immediately that I had kindred spirits across the ocean. Many years later, I became a United States citizen and held my head high as an American. I believed in this country's constitutional and ethical values -- and most of all, in its justice.

Then 9/11 happened and our world changed forever. I was supposed to meet with President Bush at the White House that afternoon; instead we met a few days later at the Islamic Center of Washington when he spoke to the nation in support of American Muslims. At the time, we Muslims weren't as concerned about the blowback as we were about U.S. security and the victims of 9/11.

And then came the aftershock: wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, more bloodshed, and foreign detainees. The prison at Guantanamo Bay opened. Stories about incredible acts of torture while interrogating detainees trickled in. Initially, American Muslims refused to believe. Not this country, not our president. But facts are stubborn, and we had to yield to them.

It didn't have to be this way. Torture is illegal and immoral, and there is no persuasive evidence that its use against suspected terrorists produced actionable intelligence or helped save lives. The conventional interrogation techniques the United States has used throughout its history are effective. There was no justification for abandoning them -- no matter how heinous the crimes committed on 9/11. That decision cost this country dearly.

The United States can regain its moral stature in the global Muslim community -- but will never do so if it refuses to confront the abuses of the past. Like its first president, George Washington, America needs to readily admit the truth -- as painful as it may be.

More than ten years after 9/11, the claim that this information must remain classified to protect national security is unfounded. President Obama must direct executive branch agencies to declassify evidence of abusive practices - with redactions only where needed to protect specific individuals or honor diplomatic agreements.

The best place to start would be with the information underlying the recently completed -- but still secret -- Senate Select Committee

on Intelligence report on the CIA's interrogation program. According to senators familiar with it, the report - based on more than 6 million pages of classified documents - debunks the myth that torture saved lives. Allowing the public to see and evaluate all the facts for itself is the first step toward ensuring that we will never again commit torture in the name of freedom.

But simply declassifying information is not sufficient to restoring America's image in the Muslim community. The notorious Guantanamo prison - a symbol of U.S. torture and abuse post 9/11 - must also close. One hundred sixty-six detainees remain at Guantanamo, even though the U.S. government has already cleared 86 for transfer. The seemingly indefinite detention of these individuals under deteriorating conditions led to a massive hunger strike; at one point, more than 40 detainees were being force-fed through a painful and degrading procedure that violates established principles of medical ethics. In recent years, nearly as many detainees have died in custody as have been released-a trend that could worsen if the hunger strike continues.

During his counterterrorism speech in May, President Obama asked us to "[i]magine a future - 10 years from now or 20 years from now - when the United States of America is still holding people who have been charged with no crime on a piece of land that is not part of our country . . . Is that something our Founders foresaw? Is that the America we want to leave our children?" The answer to both questions is a resounding "no." If the president wants to avoid that future, he must act. He has the authority to immediately begin transferring prisoners out of Guantanamo, and he must use it.

Taking these steps will go a long way toward repairing the damage done after 9/11 and restoring respect and admiration for our country in the Muslim world. If America rededicates itself to its traditional values, the values I learned as a little girl in Beirut, its light can shine brightly once again.

Azizah Y. al-Hibri is a professor emerita at the University of Richmond School of Law, and the founder and chairwoman of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights. She is a member of The Constitution Project's Task Force for Detainee Treatment.

Today's Latino youth: tomorrow's promise

We hear much about deficits in the Latino community. Recently, however, I have been honored to speak at Latino scholarship awards and fellowship graduation ceremonies. And contrary to the deficit news, I am very optimistic about our Hispanic youth.

Although the scholars and fellows are the exception, let's not forget that they competed with many others of merit who by dint of intelligence, hard work, perseverance and ambition might have been among them. The ones I have met impress.

A few are from comfortable backgrounds. Most, as did I, come from working class families, many of them immigrants. Regardless of background, they bond readily with their fellow awardees of highly diverse backgrounds, seemingly recognizing that their individual fate is linked to that of the Latino community.

A risky generalization, perhaps, but these young Latinos are:

Aware that academic assessments are opportunities;

Bright, world-wise and self-aware;

Overwhelmingly bilingual and bicultural;

Proud of their Latino heritage and Spanish language competence;

Studious, hardworking and committed to serve others;

Ambitious, with clearly defined individual goals. Taking charge of their future and primed for leadership.

What does this mean for our country? In New Jersey, where I live, Hispanics will be one-third of the population in a generation. Nationally, one in four Americans will be of Latino descent by about 2025. So, a "demographic imperative" increasingly will thrust Latinos into leadership positions. It is inevitable.

All is not rosy, however. For every bright, ambitious and well educated Latino, many others lag. They lag not for lack of

hard work, desire, sacrifice or ambition, but because life has dealt them a hand that hinders advancement. We must give them a better hand. They will discover how to make the most of it.

The good news? Emerging leaders have an enviable trait - they remember where they came from. What do I mean? They have helped and will continue to help the less fortunate among them. This attribute will endure throughout their careers.

In my remarks to the students and scholars, I emphasize not only the importance of giving back but also of taking charge of their own future.

I know from my interactions that these points resonate with them. And I hope that leaders of our Latino organizations and others in our society share my view of the promise of our youth. Such organizations do a fine job - every day - to create opportunities and develop leaders.

Some I know are the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, Hispanics Inspiring Students' Performance and Achievement (HISPA), the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), Parents Step Ahead in Dallas, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, 100 Hispanic Women, the Committee for Hispanic Children and Families and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. These are just of few among many.

As we consider the challenges ahead, let us remember the successes and the talents of those who are destined to succeed. Let us remember that the path forward will be more easily transited because of them. Our Latino youth hold great promise for tomorrow.

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

Author has ideas on reviving the economy

The crux of the 2008 economic collapse was the abstract and unnatural repackaging and sale of subprime mortgages, which were sold on the false premise of being valued products. The world learned the hard way that these were toxic assets but we are now running the risk of suffering the same hardship again, says scholar John Horvat II, a sought-after researcher and scholar.

"The economic gymnastics involved in the collapse distracts many from the essential nature of what happened five years ago: sectors of our economy are frenzied and out of balance," says Horvat, author of "Return to Order" (www.returntoorder.org).

We need to address this issue, he says. Our economy is suffering from a systemic problem Horvat calls frenetic intemperance: a restless, reckless spirit that infects sectors of the modern economy and foments a drive to throw off legitimate restraints and gratify all desires.

Horvat proposes an organic

solution.

"Many of us believe this problem needs to be looked at from the bottom up, which is why we propose an organic society as a part of the solution to an economic problem," he says. "We believe that when economic activities take place inside the context of society, it allows the natural restraining influence of human institutions such as customs, morals, family and community to calm markets and prevent frenetic intemperance."

Horvat says the above factors constitute the "heart and soul" of the economy, which may be revived in the following ways:

- Focus on property: Before becoming a modern commodity, private property possessed a strong intangible value. Real property, especially land, was a point of anchorage or sanctuary from which a family might develop. Wherever a strong sense of private property exists, a strong family pervades, and the family may persist there

for many generations. In such cases, land and property become embedded in social relationships. They are not mere commodities; rather, they're part of the social and political organization itself, conferring the intangible qualities of honor, authority and status upon the owner.

- Social capital: There is now a field of sociological studies focusing on the value of what is called "social capital" on the economy. It's a social fabric of human relationships that serves as a kind of capital since it creates conditions for trust. Although unquantifiable, it enriches and lubricates social, civic and economic life, giving it undeniable value. It's also a source of immense security and trust - something that was lost for many after the subprime mortgage crisis.

- The "invisible" economy: Beyond individual relationships, there are also those human institutions that cannot be undervalued if we're to have a healthy, organic economy. These

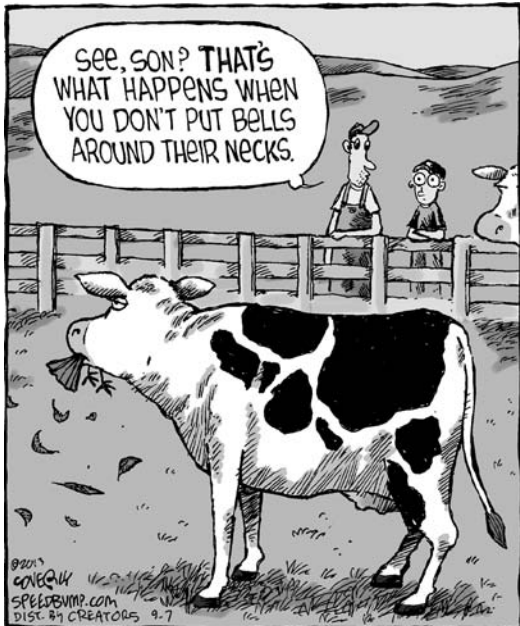
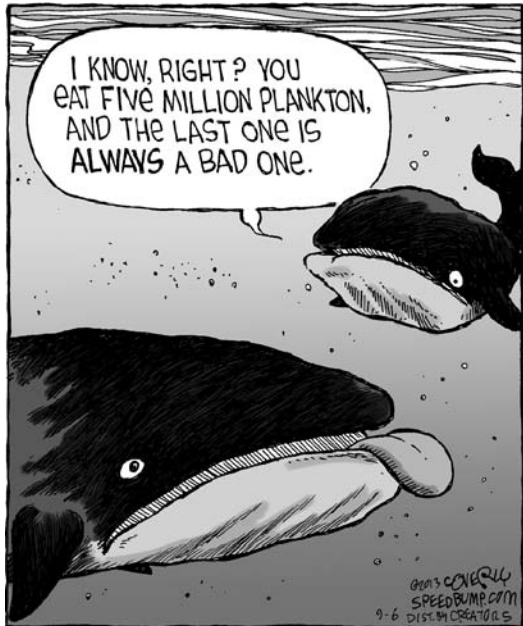
are also innately nuanced and unpredictable. Institutions like the family and community serve as essential braking mechanisms inside an economy that prevent frenetic intemperance. In this sense, economic developments and transactions share space with other human endeavors, including literature, the arts and education. Such institutions serve the purpose of creating psychological health and stability and should not be seen as mere nostalgic musings. This "invisible" economy, a reinforced social infrastructure, in no way denies the need or importance of a formal economy. Rather, think of both as intertwined; each provides rigor, vitality and trust in the other.

John Horvat II is a scholar, researcher, educator, international speaker and author "Return to Order." His writings have appeared worldwide, including The Wall Street Journal, FOX News, The Christian Post, The Washington Times, ABC News and C-SPAN.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Sat. Sept. 7: **Church Rummage Sale**, Downey Memorial Christian Church, 8:00 a.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

- 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.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 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 (310) 322-2342.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 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.

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- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
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Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.

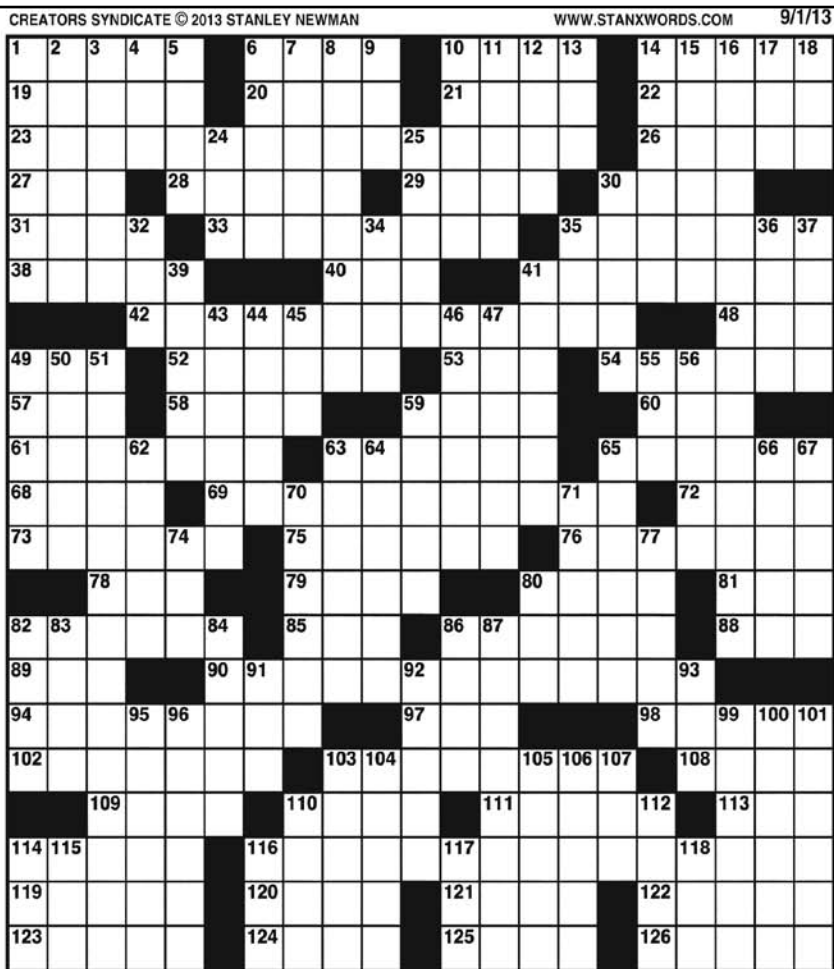
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Sept. 5, 1774: The first Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.
1882: The nation's first Labor Day parade was held in New York City.
1972: Palestinian terrorists attacked the Israeli Olympic team at the summer games in Munich; 11 Israeli athletes and coaches, five terrorists and a police officer were killed.
1997: Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa died in Calcutta, India, at age 87.
Birthdays: Actor Bob Newhart (84), actor George Lazenby (74), actress Raquel Welch (73), actor Michael Keaton (62) and actress Rose McGowan (40).

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Vikings defeat Vista Murrieta in season opener

•Warren High football season kicks off tonight with game against the South East Jaguars

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Downey High School football team picked up where they left off from last year and defeated an overmatched Mayfair squad 38-0 last Friday. The Vikings are now 1-0 on the young season and will travel to Vista Murrieta today for a game against the Broncos. Vista Murrieta was 13-1 last season and lost the C.I.F. Southwestern Division championship game to Corona Centennial 30-28.

Despite the slow start in the first half, Downey found their groove in the third quarter and cruised to the win. Downey led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter and 10-0 at halftime. Downey scored 28 points in the third quarter and led 38-0 at the end of the third quarter. Downey did not score in the fourth quarter and won by the same 38-0 score.

Downey was led on offense by junior quarterback Jorge Reyna's right arm and legs. Reyna completed 6/18 passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns. Reyna also led the Vikings run game with 115 yards on nine carries. Junior standout Justin Huff had 13 carries for 103 yards, Josh Flores had nine carries for 63 yards and Eric Carrillo had five carries for 59 yards.

Tristan Esparza led the Viking receiving corps with one catch for 26 yards and a touchdown. Eduardo Preciado also had one catch for fifteen yards and a touchdown. Senior kicker Mario Galvan was 5/5 on PAT attempts and was 1/1 on field goal attempts after kicking a 32 yarder in the second quarter.

The Viking defense was led by

Tristan Esparza's four solo and six assisted tackles, Miguel Esquitin's one solo and six assisted tackles and Manny Ramirez's six assisted tackles. Other Viking defenders contributing to the cause were Chris Blanton's two solo and three assisted tackles and Raymond Soto's one solo and four assisted tackles.

The Warren High School football team will host the South East Jaguars tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Justice Stadium. This will be the season opener for the Bears who are trying to set an early tone for a turnaround season. Warren lost last year's season opener to the Jaguars 24-21 at South East. Warren did host a scrimmage two weeks ago against the Whittier Cardinals in preparation for the start of their season.

South East defeated the Lawndale Cardinals last Friday 27-12 in their opener and are 1-0 on the young season. The Bears will be led on offense by senior quarterback Zaahid Summerville. Summerville is a two year starter for the Bears and is looking forward to a healthy, bounceback season.

In South East's win against Lawndale last week, the Jaguars were led on offense by senior quarterback Josh Gonzalez. Gonzalez completed 6/11 passes for 55 yards and carried the ball five times for 62 yards. The Jaguar running game was led by senior Daniel Beltran's 12 carries for 113 yards and one touchdown. The Jaguar receiving corps was led by senior wide receiver Dae quan Howell's three receptions for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

South East's kicking game was led by senior Larry Sanchez. Sanchez converted on all three of South East's PAT's and was 2/3 on field goal attempts. Sanchez's longest field goal was from 39 yards out.

The Jaguar defense was led by linebacker Daniel Sanchez and his

five solo and five assisted tackles, defensive tackle Jesse Pou's four solo and five assisted tackles and linebacker Christian Ortiz's four solo and three assisted tackles.

The Bears will have to play well to win this game. Coach Jimenez, his staff and his players are excited that the season is finally here and that they can hit someone else besides themselves.

The Downey High School girls' golf team is looking to pick up where they left off last year. The Lady Vikings were the 2012 S.G.V.L. champions. Junior team captain Isabella Gutierrez returns and will be playing the number one spot. Gutierrez will be supported by junior Jaelyn Garrido, senior Erin Ellingson and sophomore Vivian Garcia.

Coach Bean is very pleased with the play of junior transfer student Allison Palmer. Palmer will be eligible to play in October and will be competing for a spot in the middle of the lineup.

The Lady Vikings had their first match Tuesday against Cerritos. Downey's first league match will be Tuesday, Sept. 17, against Firebaugh.

Coach Bean sees Gahr and Warren as tough league competition this year. Gahr's best golfer from last year has graduated but the Lady Gladiators will return with other quality underclassmen. Coach Bean mentioned that cross-town rival Warren has some quality players returning as well.

Bean said that La Serna will be joining the S.G.V.L. this year and that they usually have several quality players. Downey did not get to play La Serna last year but did split a pair of non-league matches with them in 2011. Downey plays a tough non-league schedule to prepare for league. This is evidenced by having only one non-league win but being undefeated in league.



U12 girls team from Downey FC has won the 2013 championship Strikers Cup. Back row, left to right: Beatriz, Hennessy, Jassmin, Yadira, Priscilla, Katelyn, and coach Oscar Sanchez. Front row: Elizabeth, Alyssa, Kari, Alice, Kimberly, Serena, and Hailee.

Bean concluded by saying that the girls have been working hard in the off-season and that he has seen improvements all the way around. Coach Bean is very excited to see how his team will match up with their opponents this year.

Warren High School will be hosting their 2nd Annual back-to-school fundraiser carnival Friday, Sept. 27, Saturday, Sept. 28, and Sunday, Sept. 29 in the west parking lot just inside the Paramount Blvd. gate. Proceeds from the carnival will go to support Warren High School athletics and programs. "Last year's carnival made over \$100,000 and this year's carnival will be twice the size," said Athletic Director Russ Heicke.

This year's carnival will feature various types of food, music, rides, face painting and all kinds of fun activities for kids. Some of the food that may make your stomach

hurt include, but are not limited to, corn on a stick, hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, fried oreos and bananas, churros, shaved ice, fruit with lime and spice, kettle corn, popcorn, tacos, burritos, quesadillas and more.

Some of the rides include the "Zipper" roller coaster, ferris wheel, fun house, spinning rides, a ton of kids rides and others that will make your head and stomach feel funny. Fast rides, slow rides, medium rides, scary rides and non-scary rides will all be at the Warren carnival.

Athletic Director Heicke recommends that carnival goers buy their tickets early because they will be more expensive at the carnival. Pre-sale tickets will be \$20.00 for ten tickets and more than that at the carnival. Tickets can be purchased at the Warren High School athletic office. You can also contact Athletic Director Russ Heicke at rhecke@dusd.net for further information.

Heicke also mentioned that "there may be a Kanye, Kim and North West sighting" but cannot guarantee it. The Warren High School athletic and programs fundraiser carnival will be a ton of fun for the whole family.

Razorbacks begin 2013-14 season

DOWNEY - Downey Youth Football, the Razorbacks will open the 2013 season at home this Saturday at Downey High School against the Wilmington Pilots. All of the eight Razorback teams will be in action and the first game begins at 8 a.m. and the last game begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information, or if you are interested being a sponsor, please call Louis Morales, President at (310) 350-0220 or go online to www.downeyrazorbacks.com.

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RUBIO: "I want parents to feel really proud"

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hours, is also part of the school program.

After-school programs include basketball and soccer (the soccer field is also used by the city), and private cheerleading practices by two groups (KG-2nd graders, and 3rd graders-5th graders).

She says student enrollment has reached the 400-population mark, but she anticipates more enrollment should materialize in the days ahead.

Rubio was born to 1st and 2nd generation Mexican parents in Los Angeles (at L.A. General Hospital) and from age 2 to 9 grew up in El Paso, Texas. With the family moving to Pico Rivera,

she graduated from El Rancho High School. It was after two years in college (CSU-Long Beach) that she said she firmed up her decision to be a teacher. Rubio got her bachelor's in liberal arts in 1992.

She picks up the narrative: "Then I got my master's and administrative credential at San Francisco State. For 10 years I taught kindergarten, first, second and third grades in Long Beach and in San Francisco. I was also a science and language arts specialist during one of those years and taught migrant education Saturday school in Long Beach for two years.

In 2001 I became a vice principal in San Pablo, in Northern California. Although I loved it, that year my husband

(Tom Brennan) and I decided to have a baby (Ian, now 11 years old and starting middle school in Whittier) and move back to Southern California to bring our child up to with our families. I returned to Long Beach and taught first grade for two years. I became the vice principal at the same school (Emerson Elementary School) during my third year and remained at that school for seven more years. I transferred again and was a vice principal for two more years."

"Everyone has been super-nice here, very warm and welcoming," Rubio said. "The city has also been very supportive."

Sanchez Elementary School was named after Arturo A. Sanchez, who was born of poor parents in Los Angeles and made

a name for himself as a tennis champion and at the same time was the recipient of a musical scholarship to the Pasadena Music Conservatory. His young family eventually moved in 1952 to Norwalk where they bought the family store, Sanchez and Sons (which still stands today), near their home.

The involvement of the Sanchez family continues to the present day: son Arturo II was the caterer at Wednesday's early morning get-acquainted breakfast, while grandson Arturo III serves as this year's PTA president.

"I'm really excited and happy to be here and I want parents to feel really proud about where they'll be sending their kids."

5 QUESTIONS: Carlos Gavlan Jr.



"5 Questions" is an occasional feature in which we ask five questions of Downey business and community leaders. This week's participant is Carlos Galvan Jr., vice president of Amapola Market. Interview conducted by Eric Pierce

makes Amapola masa so good?

The recipe to make masa for tamales is not a secret, it's the traditional recipe that is known all over Mexico. What makes our masa so good is that we prepare it on site every day, we cook our own corn, we mix the ingredients in the same fashion and we've been doing that for 52 years. There are no additives or preservatives that can change the taste & the quality of the masa either. So our secret is consistency.

4.) You grew up in Downey and still live here today. What do you like most about this city?

What I and my family enjoy the most about Downey is the feeling of being home. Downey is the city that people from surrounding communities aspire to move into, and once you're here, you don't look to move anywhere else. While Downey's population is over 100,000, it still feels like a small town.

5.) We're friends on Facebook so I know what a big sports fan you are. Tell me, are the Dodgers going all the way this year?

Definitely!! Dodgers have the right combination of timely hitting, great pitching and the confidence that they can win every game. Go Dodgers!!

1.) Your father and grandfather founded Amapola in 1961. What was it like growing up in the grocery business?

From my earliest memories, Amapola has always been a part of my upbringing. The upside of growing up in the business was (and still is) interacting with our loyal customers and having them tell us why they enjoy our products. Plus, enjoying our freshly prepared food (especially our tortillas, which are the best, hands down!).

2.) Is it safe to assume that you're a good cook?

I would consider myself a decent to good cook. My family does enjoy some of the dishes that I prepare, and my sons especially enjoy some of the steak dishes that I prepare.

3.) During the holiday season, it's not unusual to see lines of people waiting outside your store to buy masa for tamales. What

Business Spotlight:



Opened barely more than a year ago, Massage Envy Spa in Downey was honored last April at the Envy Awards Convention held at franchiser headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, winning the trophy for New Spa of the Year for achieving the fastest growth among new start-up clinics in the whole country.

Buoyed by the signal recognition, the owners and management of Massage Envy Spa Downey say they are more eager than ever to provide its clients quality massage therapy that relaxes muscles, eases and soothes aches and pains, and otherwise restores balance to body and being.

Otherwise described as alternative medicine, its approach preventive, its essence wellness, Massage Envy Spa Downey's message has seemingly struck a chord among Downey's and neighboring demographics.

Why the success of Massage Envy Spa Downey, as well as its sister clinics found in Beverly Hills and Torrance?

"What makes our business unique is its affordability, convenience, and its delivery of great customer service - which revolves around service and teamwork," says Dr. Anthony Tran,

co-owner of the three Los Angeles franchises and the group's chief spokesperson.

A check of its pricing structure and optional packages, the honoring of its membership privileges at any Massage Envy Spa location anywhere in the nation, and experiencing its great customer service culture will prove the truth of this, says Dr. Tran.

To be more specific, among the services Massage Envy Spa Downey offers are: Swedish massage, for overall body relaxation; deep tissue and hot stone massage, to loosen those stubborn knots that keep one's muscles tied up and tense; sports massage, to stretch marathon runners and weekend warriors alike; pre-natal massage for soon-to-be moms; as well as specialized massage therapy such as trigger point, reflexology, cranial sacral, and geriatric.

Massage Envy Spa Downey says every massage is customized to the client's specific needs by professional, licensed, and certified massage therapists, each of whom has unique personalities and training. Clients are even encouraged to try sampling the services of different massage therapists who are all well-trained and duly licensed estheticians



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walk-ins are welcome. It promotes Dr. Murad skin care as well as other associated products.

The other business co-owners are Tina Quach, Liem Quach, and Oanh Le, all of whom, like Tran, have their own areas of expertise.

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CERRITOS - Sandi Patty, one of the most celebrated female vocalists in contemporary Christian music history, will deliver both inspirational gospel and Broadway tunes in a concert Oct. 5 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets, which range from \$30-\$60, are available at the theater box office, cerritoscen.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

In 1986, Patty became a virtual overnight sensation after her rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner at the rededication of the Statue of Liberty. Her version of the national anthem has become synonymous with patriotic celebrations ever since, including performance at A Capitol Fourth with the National Symphony, the Indianapolis 500, the dedication of Camp David Chapel, and ABC's "Fourth of July Special."

The Gospel Music Hall of Famer has garnered more than 40 Dove Awards, including one for her album "The Edge of the Divine" and multiple ones for "Female Vocalist of the Year" and "Gospel Artist of the Year."

Inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2004, Patty has collected five Grammys, including

one for Best Pop Gospel Album for "Another Time, Another Place" and Best Gospel Performance for "Morning Like This."

She earned three other Grammys for Best Gospel Performance by a Duo/Group for "They Say" with Deniece Williams; "I've Just Seen Jesus" with Larnelle Harris; and "More than Wonderful" with Harris.

She also has won four Billboard Music Awards.

While her 30-year career is heavily rooted in the gospel music industry, Patty has found success outside of the genre, performing with symphonies throughout the United States, including the New York Pops, Boston Pops, Cincinnati Pops, Dallas Symphony, Baltimore Symphony, Houston Symphony and Oklahoma City Philharmonic.

She boasts three platinum records and five gold records.

Aside from her prolific musical career, Patty is also an award-winning published author. Her bestseller, "Broken on the Back Row," earned the 2006 Silver Angel Award. Her other works are "Life in the Blender," "Falling Forward," "Layers" and "The Edge of the Divine."



A 63-year-old aircraft machinist from Bellflower has claimed the \$12 million Super Lotto jackpot sold in Norwalk last Saturday. Guillermo Parga says he will use the winnings to "pay some bills and then take care of my wife."

Hawaiian dance competition in Long Beach

LONG BEACH - E Hula Mau, Southern California's only hula and chant competition, returns for its 19th year at the Long Beach Terrace Theatre this weekend to honor Hawaiian tradition and values.

The celebration features three days of competition, with 13 halau from California and Nevada competing. The competition offers free admission to outside festivities, which includes arts and crafts, Hawaiian food, lectures, workshops, contests and entertainment. For more details, go online to ehulamau.org.

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BELLFLOWER - The Bellflower Civic Chorus will perform a concert at the Messiah Baptist Church, 4500 W. Adams Blvd., in Los Angeles on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. The music will consist of Pop and Gospel tunes.

The chorus recently participated in the Bellflower Street Fair on Aug. 8 and 22 along Bellflower Boulevard.

For further information regarding the show, and joining the chorus, contact Alice Brindle at (562) 866-4664 or Shirley Hogan at (323) 569-5930.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013180167
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CONEXION DE COAZONES, 102 DOWNEY AVE #103, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) P.O. BOX 5045, DOWNEY CA 90241**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES KAMURA, 8600 CONTRERAS ST #49, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JAMES KAMURA, OWNER, JAMES KAMURA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 28, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
8/29/13, 9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013180572
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BILL'S DRIVE IN, 1664 E FLORENCE AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMUEL IBARRA, 16416 DEBRA LN, CERRITOS CA 90703
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/5/1977
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/SAMUEL IBARRA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 28, 2013
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The Downey Patriot
9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13, 9/26/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013164731
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FIRESTONE AND STATE SMOG CHECK, 3225 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEXANDER NAJERA, 8151 SAN LUIS AVE., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ ALEXANDER NAJERA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 21, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
8/15/13, 8/22/13, 8/29/13, 9/5/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013184165
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **POWER DISTRIBUTION TESTING & CONSULTING, 10535 PONDEROSA CIR., SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FORREST CARL LANGE, 10535 PONDEROSA CIR., SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/FORREST CARL LANGE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 4, 2013
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The Downey Patriot
9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13, 9/26/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013178604
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JPA TRANSPORT, 12934 BELFAIR STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN

PIZARRO ARELLANO, 12934 BELFAIR STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/13/2013
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/JOHN PIZARRO ARELLANO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 13, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
8/15/13, 8/22/13, 8/29/13, 9/5/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013175960
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **STEREO ZONE, 11664 E WASHINGTON BLVD, WHITTIER CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMI JWAIED, 11664 E WASHINGTON BLVD, WHITTIER CA 90606
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/2013
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/SAMI JWAIED, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 22, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13, 9/26/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013174678
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LAB MEAT MARKET, 9305 S BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES CA 90003, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GAVINO RIVAS, 9305 S BROADWAY, LOS ANGELES CA 90003
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/GAVINO RIVAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 21, 2013
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The Downey Patriot
8/22/13, 8/29/13, 9/5/13, 9/12/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013178189
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PINKY'S THREADING, 3100 E. IMPERIAL HWY 1107, LYNNWOOD CA 90262, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PRALIT INC, 3100 E. IMPERIAL HWY 1107, LYNNWOOD CA 90262
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/27/2009
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/JHA LALIT K. PRESIDENT, PRALIT INC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 26, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
8/29/13, 9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013177934
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RUDY'S SCREEN PRINTING, 16747 PARKSIDE AV, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RODOLFO SANCHEZ, 16747 PARKSIDE AV, CERRITOS CA 90703 (2) MARTIZA TOVAR SANCHEZ, 90703 PARKSIDE AV, CERRITOS CA 90703
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/20/1986
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/RODOLFO SANCHEZ, CO-OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 26, 2013
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The Downey Patriot
8/29/13, 9/5/13, 9/12/13, 9/19/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013159360
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **AFFORDABLE AUTO, 8509 ROSEMEAD BLVD., RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3541786
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AFFORDABLE AUTO, INC., 8509 ROSEMEAD BLVD., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/MOHAMMAD ALI SARRESHTEHARDI, PRESIDENT, AFFORDABLE AUTO, INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 31, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
8/15/13, 8/22/13, 8/29/13, 9/5/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013165716
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PROPERTY MATCHMAKERS, 1900 SENASAC AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90815, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: A0704267
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LIBERTY REALTY SERVICES COMPANY, 1900 SENASAC AVE., LOG ANGELES, CA 90815
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 8/01/13
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/DIANA COWIE, PRESIDENT, LIBERTY REALTY SERVICES COMPANY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 8, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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The Downey Patriot
8/15/13, 8/22/13, 8/29/13, 9/5/13

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2013162483
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MINISTRIES VINO CELESTIAL, 10204 ATLANTIC AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIO ALAS SR, 10204 ATLANTIC AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) ROSA ESCOBAR ALAS, 10204 ATLANTIC AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/MARIO ALAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 5, 2013
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
8/22/13, 8/29/13, 9/5/13, 9/12/13

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Conditional Use Permit PLN-13-00163

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of September, 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-13-00163 (Conditional Use Permit) – a request to operate a restaurant at (Vivings) with a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license Type 41 (On-Sale Beer & Wine, Eating Place), on property located at 8558 Firestone Blvd, zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only

those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Assistant Planner Kevin Nguyen at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
9/5/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit PLN-13-00169

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of September, 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-13-00169 (Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit) - allow a 2,168 s.f. addition to an existing 6,656 s.f. restaurant (La Barca) to CUP #8-209 allow the expansion and modification of the approved hours of operation for the restaurant that is operating with an ABC Type 47 (On-Sale General, Eating Place) license and live entertainment on property located at 11010 Paramount Blvd, zoned DDSP (Downtown Downey Specific Plan).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Senior Planner David Blumenthal at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
9/5/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP PLN-13-00152

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of September, 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-13-00152 (Tentative Parcel Map No. 17927) - a request to subdivide a 1.03 acre parcel of land into three parcels with a private street on property located at 9528 Lemoran Ave, zoned R-1 10,000 (Single Family Residential).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15315 (Class 15, Minor Land Divisions).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact City Planner William Davis at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
9/5/13

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CASH CONTRACT NO. S.S. 605A UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 22, PHASE 1 (BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD BETWEEN DALEN STREET AND ± 900 FEET NORTH OF IMPERIAL HIGHWAY)

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 26, 2013 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. **Cash Contract No. S.S. 605A, Underground Utility District No. 22, Phase 1 (Bellflower Boulevard between Dalen Street and ± 900 Feet North of Imperial Highway).**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consist of the installation of underground utility substructure improvements including new primary conduits with full concrete encasement, conduits, fittings, sweeps and radii, pull ropes, mandrel of conduit, vaults and covers, handholes, pullboxes, vent pipes and stand pipes, transformer pads; trenching, shoring, backfilling, compacting and bedding; restoration of concrete improvements and asphalt pavement; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled as Cash Contract No. S.S. 605A.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$40.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CASH CONTRACT NO. S.S. 605A. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, bidder's bond, or a cash deposit, payable to the City of Downey, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid as a guarantee that the bidder should be successful, will, within ten (10) days after the contract has been mailed or delivered to him or his authorized agent, execute the contract and furnish the necessary bonds. Should a bidder's bond be submitted with any proposal or bid, the bid bond form provided by the City shall be used, and use of substitute forms may disqualify the bid.

The Successful Bidder will be required to submit corporate surety bonds with the Contract. A bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished, guaranteeing the faithful performance of said Contract, and a bond in CE and S.S. 605A. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, bidder's bond, or a cash deposit, payable to the City of Downey, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid as a guarantee that the bidder should be successful, will, within ten (10) days after the contract has been mailed or delivered to him or his authorized agent, execute the contract and furnish the necessary bonds. Should a bidder's bond be submitted with any proposal or bid, the bid bond form provided by the City shall be used, and use of substitute forms may disqualify the bid.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded

shall possess a valid **State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" and must be a Southern California Edison (SCE) "Approved Contractor."** Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Conflict Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award, if made, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder. **QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION, AT (562) 622-3468.**

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
ADRIA M. OJANEZ, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
9/5/13, 9/12/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Conditional Use Permit PLN-13-00171

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of September, 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-13-00171 (Conditional Use Permit) – a request by AT&T Mobility to install six (6) panel antennas and a two-foot diameter microwave dish antenna on an existing 150-foot tall Southern California Edison high tension tower. Additionally, AT&T is proposing a 228 sq. ft. equipment shelter at the base of the tower, on property located at 10040 Imperial Hwy, zoned R-1 (Single-Family Residential).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Assistant Planner Kevin Nguyen at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
9/5/13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE PLAN REVIEW AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-13-00147 AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP PLN-13-00158

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of September, 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-13-00147 (Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit) and PLN-13-00158 (Tentative Parcel Map No. 72340) – a request to subdivide a 2.26 acre parcel into two lots and construct a new 4,711 sq. ft. fast-food restaurant (Chik-fil-A) with a drive-thru and an outdoor dining area. The proposed

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said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$433,644.53 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property 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.ipsasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20130015000695. Information about postponements that are very short in duration 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: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 2320 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 08/23/2013 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. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 A-4410587 08/29/2013, 09/05/2013, 09/12/2013

checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstruco.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2013-0159351. 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: 03/15/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4410742 08/29/2013, 09/05/2013, 09/12/2013

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T.S. No.: 9448-2037 TSG Order No.: 7600414 A.P.N.: 6360-006-003 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/26/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 07/03/2003 as Document No.: 03 1910859, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: ROBERT B RICE JR A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 09/18/2013 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9515 SAMOLINE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$202,334.68 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property 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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 6259-007-046 Title Order No.: 1300946-70 Property: 8022 ALAMEDA STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 Trustee's Sale No.: 2013-004429-F00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 09/26/2013 Sage Point Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT drawn on a state or national bank, 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, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (Payable at time of sale in return of monies paid to the United States). The sale will be made but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BELOW MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST Executed by: LORENA A. MORALES, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND ROBERTO E. ESPARZA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AS

JOINT TENANTS. Recorded on 02/08/2007 as Instrument No. 20070274113 of Official Records, in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California Date of Sale: 09/26/2013 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8022 ALAMEDA STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN# 6259-007-046 The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is \$379,768.02. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to the return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Trustee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. 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 (949) 236-5599 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2013-004429-F00. 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: 08/27/2013 Sage Point Lender Services, LLC 400 Exchange, Suite 110 Irvine, CA 92602 949-265-9940 JOSEPH HIRSCHY FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (949) 236-5599 or visit www.nationwideposting.com SAGE POINT LENDER SERVICES, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP0220290 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT PUB: 09/05/2013, 09/12/2013, 09/19/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0125089 Doc ID #00019178622005N Title Order No. 11-0105192 Investor/Insurer No. 1707241812 APN No. 8053-035-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/02/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly

appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by LIZZY I. IKOJO, AND CHARLES IKOJO, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 05/02/2008 and recorded 5/15/2008, as Instrument No. 20080867272, 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 10/03/2013 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14041 GRIDLEY ROAD, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$313,723.18. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. 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 at a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.reconstruco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0125089. 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: 02/02/2012 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-FN4412175 09/05/2013, 09/12/2013, 09/19/2013

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SWENSON: touting her experience

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Nancy Swenson, representing DUSD's reconfigured District 5, says it's a great honor to be serving on Downey's school board and have the opportunity to give back to the "community that has given my family so much."

Swenson, who has resided in Downey for 40 years and is one of 10 family members who have graduated from Downey Unified schools, has served on the local board of education for nearly eight years now (two terms), serving one year as board president, but her desire to help in the education of the youth has not diminished one whit: she's again running for re-election this November.

Her run for a third term is being challenged by John Anagnostou, a product of both DHS and Long Beach City College.

Recently retired from an intensive 28-year career with Raytheon's Space and Airborne Systems (SAS) division, where towards the end of her hi-tech/team leadership career she supervised a team responsible for ordering and tracking an annual multi-million dollar budget for equipment, software, and support agreements that impacted everybody in the division, Swenson says there's still much work to be done in, and for, the district.

An adage she goes by: "If you're standing still, you're moving backwards."

Here are excerpts from her latest campaign statement that covers her deep interests and intended courses of action: "The integrity of our solid core curriculum must be perpetuated. I will continue to support and reinforce English language development, special education, technology [of course], science and sports programs, to ensure that our students receive the educational tools and support so crucial to future success in college and/or the workplace.

"The safety and welfare of our students is a priority in all of my decisions. Gang affiliation and bullying in our schools must be eliminated. Schools must be safe, healthy, and effective learning environments for our children.

"Together, we can promote Downey's vitality and growth by maintaining our enviable school system."

Swenson, who obtained a B.S. in business administration degree (with honors) in computer information systems from Cal State Dominguez Hills in 1995 (accomplished by attending night classes even as she worked

fulltime to support her family as a single parent), credits sound policy-making on the part of the board for avoiding drastic cuts during the economic crisis "unlike many school districts," as well as the district's achieving an "outstanding 91 percent graduation rate" in 2012-13.

"As a board member," she adds, "I supported policies that contained costs, yet preserved full resources to every student's classroom and retained our highly-valued educators."

She had previously earned an A.A. degree from Cerritos College as a computer programming analyst.

According to Swenson, whose daughter is now an elementary school teacher at DUSD while her son works as a warehouse supervisor at a logistics company in Carson, the beginning of her first term on the school board was devoted to fact-finding and "understanding how everybody in the district worked together, how its culture was manifested

"Corporate culture at Raytheon was big, impersonal," she says. "By contrast, the district afforded a family environment."

The district budget had to be studied, how money was utilized, and for what purpose. The increased role of technology had to be directed into the right channels.

Then she discerned some of the district's strengths. One is the students' over-achieving attitude (as, referring to more recent achievements, witness two Warren High students winning in SkillsUSA robotics competitions last month in Kansas City, and two Warren High senior AVID students garnering Bill Gates scholarships in 2011, even as a third AVID recipient was awarded a cool \$20,000 Dell Scholarship applied over six years, which will help her finish college and even an advanced degree, if she so chooses.

"It's nice to hear of such achievements by our kids," Swenson says. "This is good stuff. Don't even mention Dr. Stauffer's innumerable scholarships, sponsorships, and other sundry contributions over the years. She's like a fairy godmother and Downey is so lucky to have her helping out."

Another district strength is the hiring of really good people, especially in the selection of teachers.

"Initiative and creativity are meanwhile encouraged among our support staff and down the line, and consider even their wacky ideas sometimes," Swenson went on. "The important thing is not to stifle people's efforts to help

find solutions by their exercising a little imagination. A good example of this was the creativity shown by a female cafeteria worker who came up with a solution to a seemingly innocuous situation—encouraging kids to pick up recommended food items on the food line, simply by changing their sequence."

Then there's the district's "honest, sincere, and trusting" relationships with the two unions. The happy result? All concerned are working together to achieve mutual goals.

"I've seen so many achievements and effective programs in the district," says Swenson. "There are too many of them I've lost count."

With the improving economy, however slightly, Swenson says DUSD is looking at programs that can be restored—things like middle school sports. "We'll probably need community partners to help us bring these back," she says.

Efforts to build the infrastructure for the transition to Common Core standards are also underway, she said, involving students, teachers, parents, and members of the community, as she stressed, "Students will need to use computers to take the Common Core tests in the near future."

"I've also begun discussing with our superintendent, Dr. John Garcia, how to get more parents involved in their children's education," she continued. "This is not going to be an easy matter, but nevertheless we're looking into ways to help parents understand what it takes to teach their kids."

"And, of course, we have to utilize technology to the utmost. The ideal situation is for every student to have a computer, an iPad or whatever, which will contribute to an ideal learning environment. These computers must then be calibrated to the learning plan of every grade level. I am enough of a realist, however, to accept the fact that this is not going to happen soon. But we must continue to work towards this goal. IT is very much hard at work on this."

Swenson says her visits to school sites, which she could only perform annually heretofore because of her Raytheon job, have usually been the most fun for her: she's able to interact with the students and staff, see first-hand how the curriculum is being taught, and learn more about changes that have been implemented at the schools.

With her retirement, she can now devote more time to these and her board duties, along with her other community commitments.



The Neff Family of Downey in Ketchikan, Alaska. Pictured are Susan, Cassandra, Ted and Connor Neff.

CSULB named sixth 'Best Bang for the Buck' college in 2013 list

LONG BEACH – Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) has been named among "America's Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges" in a new list released Monday by the Washington Monthly.

The publication's 2013 list includes those colleges in America that "do the best job of helping non-wealthy students attain marketable degrees at affordable prices," and it is a pretty exclusive list. Out of the 1,572 colleges and universities in its broader rankings, only 349 made the cut as best-bang-for-the-buck schools.

CSULB appears at No. 6 on the list of 349 colleges and universities from across the country.

"At a time when college costs are rising faster than both inflation and the nation's median family income, it is important to know which institutions can give students a high-quality education at a relatively low cost and a commitment to student success," said CSULB Interim President Donald Para. "This new list by the Washington Monthly affirms Cal State Long Beach's efforts to provide an outstanding education at a reasonable price. At the same time, our graduates are not burdened with a great debt."

To make the Washington Monthly list, each college and university had to meet a set of criteria. First, at least 20 percent of an institution's student body must be re-

ceiving Pell Grants, which typically go to students whose annual household income is below \$50,000. Additionally, each university had to have a graduation rate of at least 50 percent. One other criteria was a student loan default rate of 10 percent or less, which the publication said was to make sure graduates are earning enough in the workforce to at least cover their student loans.

Once the list of institutions meeting the criteria was compiled, the publication applied the "buck" part of the measure by ranking the schools based on their net price of attendance. The net price included the average tuition that first-time, full-time students from families with an annual income of \$75,000 or less actually pay after subtracting the need-based financial aid they receive.

"It is important that California, and the CSU in particular, offer its working-class and middle-class families viable and quality higher education options at affordable prices," noted Dan O'Connor, chair of CSULB's Academic Senate. "While the Washington Monthly article talks about several cost factors with respect to higher education, it is equally important that it emphasizes the quality of the education students receive at Cal State Long Beach."

According to the publication's editors, the resulting list helps an-

swer an important questions that prospective students should be asking themselves: "What colleges will charge people like me the least and give me the highest chance of graduating with a degree that means something in the marketplace?"

A complete list of the 2013 America's Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges can be found on the Washington Monthly website.

Club fundraiser

NORWALK – Applebee's restaurant in Norwalk is hosting a flapjack fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 28 from 8-10 a.m. to benefit the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council and Soroptimist International of Norwalk.

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