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Walk for Life relocates to Long Beach

DOWNEY – After hosting three successful community walks in Downey, the Sean Vernon Feliciano Amazing Day Foundation has announced it is relocating its Walk for Life fundraiser to the campus of Cal State Long Beach.

The move is effective March 2, 2014, when the foundation will host its fourth annual walk.

Bob Feliciano, president and founder of the Amazing Day Foundation, said the relocation “was a difficult decision to make” but made sense after the foundation partnered with the CSULB chapter of Sigma Pi, Beta Omicron.

The new location is not only expected to significantly increase participation, but it will directly connect the foundation to the student population it is trying to help.

“With the fraternity’s involvement, the foundation will be able to produce an event that serves to raise awareness among the college students it seeks to help by shedding light on issues such as mental health and how to directly make a difference in reducing the number of lives lost annually to suicide within the student population,” Feliciano said.

Feliciano started the foundation after his son, Sean Feliciano, took his own life in 2009. Sean, a Downey High School graduate, was a student at UC Santa Barbara at the time.

For three consecutive years the foundation hosted its Walk for Life events at Stonewood Center, not unlike the Arc Walk for Independence. This year’s Walk for Life, however, was pushed back to the spring due to scheduling conflicts.

“We regret moving an event that has been nurtured by Downey and its community, but we hope to continue our relationship with these outstanding organizations at our new home as we grow and expand our vision,” Feliciano said.

In a statement, Feliciano thanked Stonewood Center, the city of Downey, police and fire departments, public works crews and the Downey Amateur Radio Club for their support over the last three years.

“We hope that those who have supported our event these past three years will continue to do so, and follow us to our new location,” Feliciano said. “It is our goal to save college students from the silent killer, which is suicide.”

For more information on the Amazing Day Foundation, or to make a donation, go online to amazingdayfoundation.org.

–Eric Pierce, editor

Flu vaccines at City Hall Saturday

DOWNEY – Free flu vaccinations will be administered at City Hall this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Downey Emergency Preparedness Committee, Downey CERT team and Downey Fire Department will be hosting the flu clinic, with assistance from the L.A. County Public Health Department.

Vaccinations will take place in the City Hall lobby area.

Parade grand marshals revealed

• Kari Volen, Lois Buchanan are grand marshals of Downey Christmas Parade.

DOWNEY – Kari Volen and Lois Buchanan have been named grand marshals of the Downey Christmas Parade, taking place Sunday, Dec. 8, along its traditional route on Downey Avenue.

Volen, a community education and development representative for Downey Federal Credit Union, will ride as the parade marshal.

Buchanan, a longtime civic leader, is the parade’s community marshal.

Below are biographies for both women, as provided by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the parade:

Kari Volen

Kari Volen is a committed professional, community volunteer, and wife.

Professionally, Kari is the community education and development representative for Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU) where she helps to educate the Downey community on financial management and works to improve financial literacy in area schools.

Kari has been employed with the credit union for the past seven years and has been involved with key projects such as DFCU’s Adopt-A-School program, their partnership with the Opportunity Center at Columbus High School, their Student Enrichment Grant Program for Downey educators, teaching the “Making the Right Money Moves” high school financial literacy program in Downey schools, implementing Character Counts within the credit union’s educational programs, and building relationships with community organizations and businesses.

She is a member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the Downey Elks Club, the Marketing Association of Credit Unions and Soroptimist International of Downey. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Cinema & Broadcast Arts in 2005 from Azusa Pacific University.

Kari loves being an advocate and mentor to young adults and encourages them to make good life choices. She is an active volunteer with “No Worries Now,” an organization that puts on prom events for students with life-threatening illnesses. She is also an advocate for the prevention and early detection of cervical cancer through the National Cervical Cancer Coalition.

Other volunteer organizations near to her heart are the National Eating Disorder Association, the American Cancer Society, and Olive Crest – Orange County.

She is also a local volunteer with Southland Scholarship Group, which puts on the Miss Hollywood/Southland pageant, an official preliminary to the Miss California and Miss America pageants. The pageant is held at Downey High School and provides scholarship assistance to young women ages 17-24.

Kari has been involved in pageantry for over 15 years as a pageant contestant, coach, choreographer, producer, emcee and judge. She is currently Mrs. California America 2013 and placed in the top six out of 52 contestants at the Mrs. America pageant this past August in Tucson, Ariz.

As a competitor, Kari has held numerous titles in a variety of



Kari Volen, winner of several pageant titles, will ride as a grand marshal in the Downey Christmas Parade on Dec. 8.

different pageant systems, including Mrs. Orange County America 2013, Mrs. Greater Ventura County United States 2013, Mrs. Orange County United States 2012, Miss Ventura County International 2011, Miss Downey International 2010, Miss California Gold Coast 2009, Miss San Bernardino County Gold Coast 2009, Miss Hollywood 2007, Miss Northern California 2006, and Miss Covina 2005. She is co-owner of Pageant Coaching & Designs, a full-service pageant coaching and consulting business.

She is proud to be the wife of Aaron Volen, a senior personal banker with Bank of America in Cypress. They have been married 21 months and they love to watch movies, play board games and work on home improvement projects together.

Kari also enjoys being active and loves running, Crossfit and even appeared recently on the ABC television show “Wipeout.”

Lois Buchanan

Lois and her husband, James, have lived in Downey for 50 years. James is a retired L.A. County firefighter captain and Lois is retired from her profession in optometry and ophthalmology.

They have been married 52 years and have raised three children: Ivan, Connie and Jamie. All attended Maude Price Elementary, Griffiths Middle School and Warren High School.

Lois has been active in church and the community since moving to Downey. She has had several assignments in her church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and currently serves as historian (24 years) and public affairs and community relations director (22 years).

Her community involvements have been numerous and have received many awards. She has chaired most of the events. Currently she is president of Downey Second Century Foundation after she was appointed by Joseph Ferris

in 1976. This foundation and the city of Downey have done all the major community events since the foundation was founded in July 1973.

In 1964, she was appointed to the Downey Rose Float Association by Scott Temple and served in all chairmanships several times, including pageant director for seven years. This is still one of her special organizations.

Also in 1964, she was appointed by the PTA as their representative to the Downey Coordinating Council and currently serves as banquet chair.

She is a lifetime member of the Needlework Guild of America. During the war, her mother sewed baby clothes for needy families. This is where Lois gets her volunteer values as she has continued volunteering in her mother’s footsteps.

Lois is a member of the Assistance League of Downey and Downey Historical Society. In May 1994, the Rotary Club honored her as volunteer of the year. In May 1999, she was nominated by the Downey City Library to represent Downey as senior of the year. In 1970 and 1976, North American Rockwell Management, Downey Chapter honored her as volunteer of the year.

On May 15, 2002, on Older Americans Recognition Day at the Los Angeles Music Center, Lois was honored by the L.A. Commission on Aging (“I can’t be that old!” Lois joked.) Also in May 2002, California Sen. Betty Karnette selected Lois as woman of the year. In April 2006 she was nominated as person of the year by Assemblyman Hector De La Torre for her many contributions, perseverance and commitment for a positive environment for our local community.

Asked what her hobbies are, Lois replied, “My family, my church and my community, in that order.”

Downey soldier dies at Fort Bragg

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Spc. Cesar Lopez, a 28-year-old paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, died last week after being found unresponsive in his barracks room at Fort Bragg.

Lopez, of Downey, was transported to Womack Army Medical Center on Nov. 12 where he died, military authorities said.

A cause of death has not been released. Lopez was a petroleum supply specialist with the 2nd Battalion, 321st Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team.

He joined the Army in March of 2012 and earned several honors, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Parachutist Badge.

“The Troopers of the Professional Battalion are truly saddened by the loss of Spc. Cesar Lopez,” said Lt. Col. Jason Jones, commander, 2-321 AFAR. “Although he was only with the unit for a brief period of time, we will remember him as a great Paratrooper and friend.”

Funeral services with full military honors are scheduled for Thursday in Quezaltenango, Guatemala. A local memorial service is planned for December.



Services set for teacher Mark Child

DOWNEY – A memorial service will take place Saturday for Mark Allan Child, a Downey High School English teacher who died unexpectedly Nov. 8.

Child was born in South Gate on May 21, 1960.

He was a respected English teacher for 23 years at both Griffiths Middle School and Downey High School, where he enjoyed an excellent reputation among the staff. He also inspired countless students, who came to nickname him the “Grammar Nazi.”

He leaves behind his wife, Kitty, and his family, who reside in Maryland, California and Arizona.

A memorial service will be held in the Downey High School football stadium Saturday, Nov. 23, from 2-5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for the newly-founded Mark Child Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Oliver Bennett, decorated veteran, dies

DOWNEY – Oliver “Ollie” Nelson Bennett, a Downey resident since 1984, passed away at home Oct. 22 at age 89.

He was born May 4, 1924 in Huntington Park. He and his wife, Annie, attended Bell High School and married in August 1947.

He served in the Navy as a pharmacist’s mate (Ph.M. 2/c) during World War II and the Korean War. He wore the following medals from WWII: Asiatic Pacific, three stars; American victory, Philippine Liberation, one star; and good conduct.

In addition to participating in the battles at Subic Bay, Okinawa, Eniwetok and the Lingayen Gulf invasion, he served at the Mare Island Naval Hospital in the U.S. and Eniwetok Marshall Islands while overseas. Afterwards, he worked as a cabinetmaker in Paramount.

He is survived by his wife, Annie; two daughters; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.



Sussman Middle School is giving new meaning to the term “swag.” Last week, the school hosted an assembly to recognize students with a 3.5 or higher GPA. Students received free SWAG t-shirts, which stands for Students With A+ Grades. Sussman also honored five students who scored a perfect 600 on the CST’s.



Abner Mares is among the celebrities expected to be at the Rives Mansion on Friday for a fundraiser benefiting the Philippines.

Celebrities expected at typhoon fundraiser

DOWNEY – Radio personality Big Boy and three-time boxing champion Abner Mares are among the celebrities expected to participate in a fundraiser Friday, Nov. 22, at the Rives Mansion to benefit victims of the devastating typhoon that struck the Philippines.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., residents can pay \$5 for a small cup of lemonade or \$10 for a large cup signed by a celebrity.

“You don’t even need to get out of the car -- a celebrity will bring your lemonade to your car window,” said Ralph Verdugo, owner of the Rives Mansion Steakhouse that is expected to open early next year. Verdugo is organizing the fundraiser.

For \$20, donors receive a private tour of the historic mansion.

Additional celebrities are expected to take part in the event. For more details, e-mail rvivesmansion@gmail.com.

CHP lieutenant honored with ‘Unsung Hero’ award

DOWNEY – Adam Christin, a lieutenant with the California Highway Patrol and a Downey resident, has been awarded the 2013 John Carion “Unsung Hero” Award by the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics.

Christin received the award at the international LETR Conference held in Orlando earlier this month.

The award is a tribute to Sgt. John Carion of the Sterling Heights Police Department (Mich.), who died in a plane crash in 1994. Carion was “an effective leader in the LETR effort, especially in the areas of law enforcement volunteerism for Special Olympics and furthering the ideals of Unified Sports in Special Olympics,” officials said.

“I am very honored to have received this award,” said Christin. “I love to work with the athletes of Special Olympics Southern California and the men and women of law enforcement. Every officer that helps Special Olympics is an unsung hero and deserves to be acknowledged.”

Christin has supported the Southern California Torch Run for 14 years and also directs the annual “plane pull” event in Long Beach, gathering the support of local companies to participate and sponsor the fundraiser.

He has actively coordinated the local Tip-A-Cop fundraising events and forged new local partnerships with restaurants, inspiring them to support Special Olympics athletes and programs.

Additionally, he serves as a Special Olympics softball coach and has been recognized by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors for his “outstanding community service.”

“Adam is known for going above and beyond, participating in LETR events, gathering materials and supplies on his own time and at his own expense,” LETR officials said.

“Adam is the ideal volunteer. His love for our athletes, coupled with his demand for excellence, is a perfect combination. He has personally made the annual Plane Pull one of SOSOC’s premier fundraising events, and his unselfish coaching of an SOSOC softball team further proves his commitment.”

Entries open for home decorating contest

DOWNEY – Entry forms are now available for the city of Downey’s revamped Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Contest categories include Best Use of Lights, Best Lawn Display, Best Animated Display, Most Energy Efficient, Best Religious Display, Santa’s Workshop, Winter Wonderland, Most Original Holiday Display and Christmas Tree Window Display.

Detailed descriptions of each category are posted online at downeyca.org.

Judging takes place Thursday, Dec. 5, from 5:30-10:30 p.m. (rain or shine) and awards will be presented at City Hall on Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

Entry forms are available at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, the Parks & Recreation administrative offices, or online at downeyca.org. Deadline for submission is Dec. 2 at 5 p.m.

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



Martha Sodetani, president of Gangs Out of Downey, at a toy collection box located at the Downey Patriot’s office.

GOOD hosting Christmas toy drive

DOWNEY – Gangs Out of Downey is accepting donations for its first-ever Christmas toy drive.

Toys will be distributed by the Downey Police Department to needy children in Downey. All toy donations will specifically benefit Downey kids.

New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at The Downey Patriot, 8301 E. Florence Ave., St. 100, 90240 in Downey.

Monetary donations are also accepted. Checks should be made out to Gangs Out of Downey.

For more information, call Eric Pierce at (562) 216-3642.

‘Turkey Trot’ bicycle ride Nov. 30

DOWNEY – The first annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trot Bike Ride, a leisurely 8-mile roll through the streets of Downey, takes place Nov. 30, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The ride begins at Apollo Park. Registration and waivers will be available starting at 8 a.m. and the ride begins promptly at 8:30.

Helmets are required for riders under age 18, although they are recommended for all participants regardless of age. Riders ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

The ride is sponsored by the city of Downey, in conjunction with the Downey Bicycle Coalition and Healthy Downey partners.

For questions or additional information, e-mail Roger Pardo at downeybike@gmail.com or call (562) 904-7238.

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DUSD explores summer learning challenges, opportunities

• School district officials brainstorm on how to enhance summer education.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

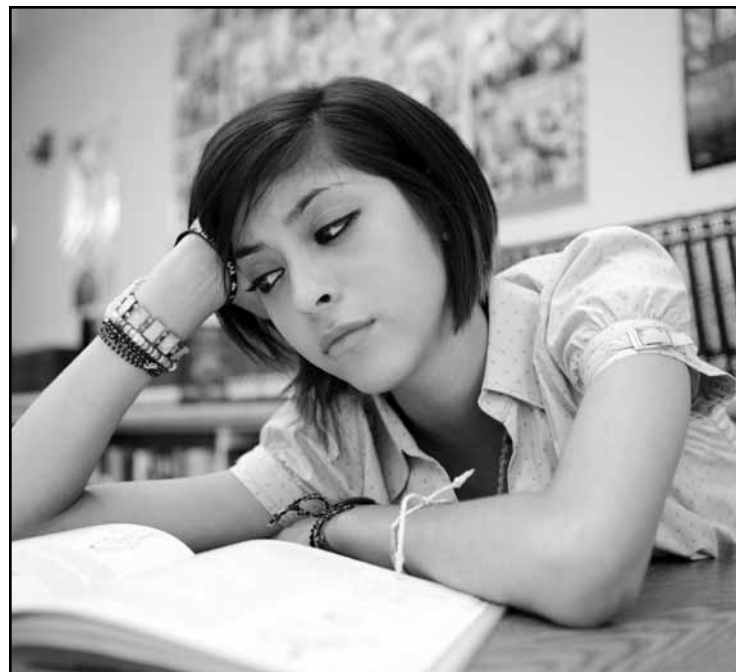
DOWNEY - The Board of Directors of the Downey Unified School District held a 3-hour study session Tuesday to answer the question, "What can we do to make summer learning fun and productive for our children?"

A well-ordered exercise in brainstorming, the session elicited ideas and reasoned thinking from the district's brain trust—board members, the superintendent and assistant superintendents, department heads and directors, specialists—as well as the leadership of the YMCA and ASPIRE.

An alternative name for the refreshing session was 'governance conversation' as the discussions swirled around the five functions of the school board—policy direction, structure-setting, providing support to the superintendent and staff, accountability measures, and community leadership/advocacy.

The thrust of the mental exercise could be gleaned from the opening paragraph of a pamphlet - "Summer Matters: Making Summer Matter for Every Child, Because Learning Happens Year-Round" - published by the California nonprofit, The Partnership for Children & Youth, which "supports communities, schools and government agencies to work together as unified systems to ensure all children have the learning, health and social supports they need to succeed in school and life":

"A child's need for meaningful learning and enrichment does not end in June when the school doors close for summer vacation. All children need to be engaged and actively learning during the summer months in order to stay on track when they return to school in the fall. They also need to remain physically active and eat a balanced diet during the summer months. Without ongoing summer opportunities to reinforce and learn skills, children—especially children in low-income communities—fall behind dramatically in many areas of academic achievement and risk negative health impacts from too much sedentary time indoors and poor nutrition."



Furthermore, the article cites research showing that low-income children are "nearly three grade equivalents behind their more affluent peers in reading (speaking of one area only) by the end of the fifth grade due to summer learning loss." It's not hard to imagine that the cumulative effects of such gaps invariably result in the less likelihood of low-income youth to graduate from high school or enter college.

Conducted by Luan Rivera of the California School Boards Association and Partnership for Children & Youth's Kate Brackenridge, the assembly was split into three groups as they were instructed to come up with ideas that could be lumped together under the headings, "Strengths," "Challenges," and "Opportunities," as they apply to the district's operations, of course. A cross-fertilization of ideas was achieved, too, as the

members of the three groups exchanged places, and thus perspectives. Resources—funding, sites, existing summer programs—were, of course, covered, as well as the identification of priorities for action based on an examination of student needs, district priorities (staff training, etc.), and feasibility—and their alignment with Common Core objectives, Character Counts principles, and therefore 21st Century sensibilities. As Luan and Brackenridge gushed, "This is a fine group, possessed of so many strong programs already, and keen insight. And we observed one very noticeable virtue—none of you were late to the session, and we didn't lose any time as we went out for break and back. The next time we meet should be even more fun."

Knabe honors Arc for job placement efforts

• People with developmental disabilities have 85 percent unemployment rate.

DOWNEY - The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties was recently honored by L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe for its success in the employment of people with developmental disabilities.

In a special ceremony last month, Knabe welcomed Arc participants and several employers to his office for a reception and then on to the supervisors' Board Hearing Room for a proclamation in support of employing people with developmental disabilities.

The Arc currently has nearly 50 of its participants employed in the community "by wonderful companies that see the value of hiring people with developmental disabilities," Arc officials said.

Knabe gave special proclamations to the DoubleTree Hotel in Los Angeles, Permaswage in Gardena and the Bicycle Club Casino in Bell Gardens. Each of these employers has offered full-time jobs with benefits to Arc participants.

According to Arc, people with developmental disabilities face an unemployment rate of 85 percent.

In the past year, Arc's Employment Center has advanced the cause of many people who have obtained their first job.

The Arc partnered with more than 27 employers throughout L.A. County, "a testament that hiring people with developmental disabilities makes good business sense," said Kevin MacDonald, chief executive officer of The Arc.

Local law firm Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle has employed an Arc participant - Jose - for more than 11 years, and The Arc recently opened its own dollar store - Just A Buck - in Long Beach, which employs five people with disabilities.

For more information about The Arc and hiring people with disabilities, contact Kevin MacDonald at (562) 803-4606, ext. 223, or e-mail arckmac@aol.com.



Amadio Egizii, left, with teammates Colleen and Tony Randazzo.

Downey bocce player wins national championship

DOWNEY - Downey resident and longtime Downey Bocce Club member Amadio "Pops" Egizii, with fellow husband and wife team members Colleen Randazzo and Tony Randazzo of the Martinez CA Bocce Club, captured the first place title and gold medals at the 2013 Las Vegas Bocce Open Tournament, which was held Veterans Day weekend.

Sixteen 3-member teams, including several national and world bocce champions, gathered from across the continent for the tournament, including teams from Canada, New York, New Jersey,

Florida and Arizona.

Ironically, Amadio's original teammates dropped out of the tournament and the Randazzos couldn't find a third member so, after corresponding with tournament organizers Theresa Robarge (president of Downey Bocce Club) and brothers Frank and Guy De Santis (president of 4S Rancho Bernardo and Mt. Vernon/Yonkers, NY Bocce Clubs, respectively), they agreed to form

and play as a team.

Not only had they never met prior to the tournament nor ever practiced together, they had also not communicated with each other, as Amadio speaks only Italian and Spanish, while the Randazzos speak only English.

"It was quite an accomplishment under the circumstances, and a proud moment for sure," said Theresa Robarge.

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In Memory of Josephine Eve Tirado

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Josephine Eve Tirado peacefully passed away at the age of 92. Survived by her daughter Carol, two granddaughters Mure' and Anissa, one great grandson Sean and her companion of seventeen years Fred James. Josie was predeceased by her son Ron and 2 grandsons.

She liked to travel and enjoyed the people and activities at the Downey Senior Citizen Recreation Club.

She will always be remembered for having a generous giving nature, her positive attitude and beautiful smile.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 15, 2013 at 3:00pm in the Sky Rose Chapel - Gate 1 at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that charitable gifts be directed to BJR Downey Senior Citizen Rec. Club, 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, CA 90242, Attn: Nadine Morris - In Memory of Josephine Tirado.

Christian club meets Dec. 11

DOWNEY - Mother and mentor Pamela Sheldon will discuss "How to Fill Up the Vase with More Than Just Stuff" when she speaks to the Downey Christian Women's Club on Dec. 11.

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club. Cost is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch.

Reservations are requested by calling Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Vintage magazines for sale

DOWNEY - Thanks to a recent donation, the Friends of the Downey City Library is selling a large collection of vintage magazines.

Most of the magazines are from the 60s and 70s, but some publications date back to the 40s.

Magazines include Time, Life, Look and the Saturday Evening Post, and highlight celebrities and historical events.

Magazines can be purchased from the Friends' book store, which is located in the library's young adult section. All proceeds support the many programs of the library.

Temple hosts Spanish services

DOWNEY - Temple Ner Tamid's rabbi, Dany Mehlman, will hold Spanish Shabbat Services and introduction to Judaism classes beginning Nov. 30 at 10 a.m.

A potluck lunch and conversation between the service and class starts at 12:30 p.m.

For more details, call the temple at (562) 861-9276.

Knott's Berry Farm trip Dec. 11

DOWNEY - The city of Downey is sponsoring a trip to Knott's Berry Farm on Dec. 11 for local older residents.

A bus will depart from the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center at 10 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., guests can enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet from the Chicken House.

After eating, guests can enjoy full access to the park.

Cost is \$55 for Downey and \$59 for non-residents, and includes transportation, admission and meal. The trip is open to adults ages 50 and older.

To register, call the senior center at (562) 904-7223 or register online at downeyca.org.

Spartans invited to Christmas parade

DOWNEY - West Middle School's marching band has been invited to participate in the Hollywood Christmas Parade taking place Sunday, Dec. 1.

The band will perform with Bellflower High School's band, which is under the director of Omar Vidana.

The parade begins at 5 p.m. on Hollywood Boulevard. Buzz Aldrin is grand marshal.

School board members visit Kappa Gamma

DOWNEY - Members of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Society for Key Women Educators, recently hosted two of the three newly re-elected "lady" members of the DUSD school board to speak to them about their position, duties and goals for the students, teachers and employees of the school district.

Martha Sodemani and Bobbi Samperi shared their stories with the women educators. (Nancy Swenson was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.)

They also heard Gordon Sodemani, son of Martha Sodemani, recite from memory two poems dedicated to teachers. In full character, he delivered Taylor Mali's poems, "What Teachers Make" and "The Miracle Worker."

Delta Kappa Gamma spends much of their efforts raising funds for scholarships for Downey students who would like to some day be teachers. If you are interested in joining this group of women educators, contact President Theresa Petit at tpetit@dusd.net.

Toy drive to benefit needy kids

DOWNEY - The Downey Lions Club is hosting a Christmas toy drive through Dec. 6, with donations benefiting Downey children.

Toy donations can be left with any Downey Lions Club member or dropped off at Coco's (7900 Florence Ave.), U.S. Bank (8444 Florence Ave.) or Sunrise Realty (9031 Florence Ave.).

Monetary donations are also welcomed. Checks should be made payable to Downey Lions Club and mailed to 12923 Barlin Ave., Downey 90242.

For more information, call Lion President Lenora Perri at (310) 283-9825.

Food donations needed

DOWNEY - Donations are being accepted for a Thanksgiving food basket program that will benefit 30-50 needy Downey families.

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Letters to the Editor:

Politics

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 14, Sen. Barbara Boxer compared conservative House GOP members to those who commit domestic abuse. She is referring to the action by those conservatives to warn America that implementing Obamacare will massively increase our public debt.

What Boxer is hiding from us is that an increase in debt load creates an erosion of confidence in United States Treasury bills. This has a negative impact on the long-term solvency of the United States.

People in positions of power in China and Japan are now questioning why our government leadership refuses to reduce our out-of-control spending. We cannot kick the can down the road any longer.

On this 40th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, Boxer doesn't mention the 54 million abortions conducted in this country nor show remorse for this disrespect for human life. Murder of the unborn is the ultimate act of domestic abuse. Speeches at every Democratic National Convention reference abortion or a pro-choice platform to huge cheers from the rabid convention hall audience.

Sen. Boxer and her cohorts must realize that labeling conservatives as domestic abusers will not create a stronger dollar. Instead, the dollar will continue to lose value, resulting in a financial panic that will severely impact our youth, middle class and retirees.

Robert A. Dahlquist
Orange

Dear Editor:

Never thought I'd agree with President Obama on anything, but I do! He says he's sorry. I agree; I think he's the sorriest president we've ever had.

Not only on Benghazi, Fast and Furious, but almost every agency in D.C.; the IRS and their misconduct and lies, and the Veterans' Administration that takes very expensive, fun trips (called conferences) while they are so far behind that some of our vets die before ever receiving the benefits they need – after putting their lives on the line protecting us.

Of course, there's the Department of Homeland Security – one big, unfunny joke. Our borders are worse than ever (they will lie to you and say there are fewer crossing the border). Janet Napolitano, who was head of the department, is gone. She is now overseeing California universities and has designated \$5 million to provide special counseling and financial aid for students living in the U.S. illegally.

President Obama's appointments are disgusting. Eric Holder, who presided over Fast and Furious, won't prosecute the New Black Panthers but will sue Arizona and Texas over their immigration laws. Almost every agency in D.C. is under some cloud, and those who comply with Obama's wishes to lie for him are promoted, i.e. Susan Rice on Benghazi and Hillary Clinton, who said she was responsible but for what no one knows yet.

There are those who criticize the Tea Party and Sen. Ted Cruz. Would you deny citizens the right to form a new party, if the old ones are not responsive to their wishes? Cruz voted exactly as those who sent him there wanted – a rare thing in Congress. He voted against higher taxes. Every Democrat in Congress voted for the highest tax increase in U.S. history, that being affordable/unaffordable healthcare known as Obamacare. Remember, the Supreme Court said it was a tax. Most interesting: the president, his family and aides, Congress and their aides, the Supreme Court and their staff may opt out for their better and cheaper subsidized health plans.

All this in the light of huge unemployment. Food stamp numbers have doubled under Obama and a prize was given to a woman who signed up the most to receive food stamps.

The Democrats in Congress are scrambling to make the crazy healthcare bill (which they didn't read, but voted for) because Nancy wanted to know what was in it – somewhat acceptable to “save their skins.” Be aware that they aren't interested in your health or they would have read the bill, which affects 1/6th of our economy. It is power and control over our lives they want.

The definition by David Horowitz of liberals and progressives is: “liberals truly believe what they profess. Progressives believe that the end justifies the means.” To me that means they can lie and deceive to get what they want. Hillary is also a progressive. When someone says they are going to “transform the U.S.” – better find out what they mean.

Obama has not only made a mess of this country, we now learn that for five months he has broken the agreement to put sanctions on Iran. He has been allowing oil to be shipped out, helping Iran to the detriment of the U.S. and Israel. Guess he wants someone to like him. Wasn't this the failed policy we made with North Korea, allowing them to continue developing their atom bomb and the delivery system?

Yes, Mr. President, you are indeed a sorry president. Hope we can survive three more years under your leadership and the “Pied Pipers” Democrats in Congress. Even Bill Clinton said Obama needs to honor Obama's promise. Is this the same Bill who honored his marriage vows? What sleaze we have in high places.

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Stay Gallery

Dear Editor:

The Downey High School Art Department has been forming a collaborative relationship with Stay Gallery to support the artistic endeavors of the youth in our community. Working closely with the gallery will give us the opportunity to show our students the work of some very talented artists while providing inspiration, motivation and a place for our students to gain community and cultural perspectives outside of the classroom.

This week, I was joined by fellow Downey High School art teacher Darelle Nikaj and roughly 350 students for a field trip to Stay Gallery where we viewed the two exhibits they had on display. “Bones of Steel” by artist Christian Castro, and “Non-Toxic Revolution” by various urban artists (including Shepard Fairey), were museum-class pieces and I was thoroughly impressed with the caliber of work we saw. My students were dazzled by the robotic sculptures and had a million questions for the gallery's director, Valentin Flores. Mr. Flores was so gracious and accommodating to all of the students. He posed thoughtful questions and really made our students consider the ideas and purpose behind the artworks; an essential part of art appreciation.

Today, I had my students do some writing to talk about the art they saw at the gallery. I found that the two exhibits were very appealing to the students. The common theme in the writing was that the work was “really cool” and “unique.” Many students expressed interest in seeing the Bones of Steel Exhibit if it returned to the gallery or if more pieces were added. The students were inspired by the idea that this artist took miscellaneous parts of anything and put them together to make these life-like robots. The giant crab sculpture was a particular favorite because the artist used car parts to make something so incredibly contradictory to reason. Many of us half-expected the crab to start moving and climbing the walls. I was telling Mr. Flores that I avoid calling real art “cute” but something about the robots was undeniably endearing.

While all students were captivated by Castro's work, other students felt that they really connected with the Non-Toxic Revolution exhibit. They articulated quite passionately, about how the message made them re-think what they put in and on their bodies. One of the works was especially compelling and brought a lot of attention to the students. It was a plaster and paper mache cast of a human torso. The artist, Shepard Fairey (in partnership with Keep A Breast Foundation) created the artwork as part of the Non-Toxic Revolution Exhibit to bring awareness about breast cancer. The students noticed the little details and wanted to start seeing more paper mache artwork in the gallery and are eager to start their own paper mache projects in my class.

As an art educator in our community, I am thankful that we have such a wonderful little spot to showcase local talent and creativity. There are many great things about the gallery, but one that is most appealing to me is that it is walking distance to the school. The students can just walk there to appreciate the artwork whenever they want. (Follow that up with a short trot to Porto's and that's an ideal way to spend the afternoon.)

I am looking forward to working with Stay gallery all year in order to bring the gallery and the students together. We will be collaborating with Stay Gallery to plan an end of the year festival following the Downey High School Spring Art Show. The Gallery will present the “DHS Arts Festival” as a kind of Best-of-the-Best of student artists at Downey High. Keep your eyes and ears open for a gallery showing that will astonish you. You will be quite surprised and delighted at what these teenagers can do.

Julie Joest
Art teacher, Downey High School

Dear Editor:

Through Stay Gallery I have experienced a growth in the community of the arts in Downey. Not particularly in the technicality of the work of the different artists featured there but more of the passion and interests of the locals and supporters.

Stay Gallery is giving a positive example to the next generation of artists to follow their dreams and to work hard for it every day. From day one up until now, Stay has grown into so much and has provided so many different opportunities for so many. It is a huge honor to have become part of the history which Stay has established and is very exciting to see where Stay will lead our next generation.

Stay Gallery is the greatest thing to happen in Downey. Would love to participate in the Downey Avenue Artwalk.

Made Rindu
Downey

Garbage bins

Dear Editor:

It's harder to see at night. That is an undisputable fact. It's darker at night, so in order to see people and things, they should be in light colors. Nothing annoys me more than a pedestrian or cyclist in dark clothing crossing the street at night, slowly nonetheless, as if he or she is the brightest thing to be seen on the planet. When I spot them, I think about how greatly they've increased their odds of being run over and how something as simple as wearing light-colored clothing would decrease these odds.

I recently noticed the dark green apartment trash bins that are lined up along the curb on many of our busiest streets, some sticking out further than necessary all night before the garbage collection trucks arrive to pick them up in the morning. In the meantime, there are cars parked between these bins and drivers constantly jockeying for the scarce parking spaces.

Some of these bins have dents and scuff marks from cars that have hit or run into them. I can imagine the shock, sense of embarrassment, and even injury, a driver could feel after hitting one of these bins. Accepting the damage as their own, they often leave the scene in their bruised vehicles, without realizing that a simple reflector or reflective tape along the outside could have made these bins more visible.

I'm not suggesting that these trash bins be painted orange or pink, but a simple reflector or reflective tape would mitigate the likelihood that a driver run into them. There is no good reason the bins should be painted dark green.

The city should require our garbage disposal contractors to make their bins more visible as soon as possible.

Dan Chantre
Downey

Kennedy

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to Vince Diaz's letter to the Editor, Nov. 14, 2013, on the Kennedy assassination.

People love a conspiracy!

Frank Myers
Downey

Moving Afghan women forward

By Paula J. Dobriansky and Melanne S. Verveer

Afghanistan's presidential election season has been in full swing for the past two months. In a sign of genuine political progress, the government recently began accepting nominations for candidates to succeed current President Hamid Karzai. This process started just weeks after the nation's Assembly passed legislation providing a legal framework for the presidential, provincial council, and parliamentary elections.

Nothing is more important for Afghanistan than building on the liberalizing achievements of the past decade and preventing a slide back toward repression.

One of the major aims of this effort needs to be retaining and expanding the hard-won rights of Afghan women. Gender equality isn't just a matter of moral fairness -- it's essential to the country's economic and political health and to ensuring the nation has a secure, peaceful, and stable future.

Since the fall of the Taliban, Afghan women have enjoyed a significant expansion in their rights. The country's current constitution affords equal protection to men and women, guaranteeing women the right to education, political participation, and economic opportunity. Afghan women are now employed at jobs ranging from doctor to police officer -- an unthinkable situation under the Taliban. And a recent Oxfam report found that school enrollment among girls has increased from roughly 5,000 to 2.4 million.

These are encouraging developments. But there is so much more progress to be made. Afghan women are still the targets of institutional discrimination and gender-based violence.

Over the last half of 2013, two consecutive Ministry of Women's Affairs chiefs were assassinated. Just this August, female parliamentarian Fariba Ahmadi Kakar was kidnapped by Taliban militants. A few days later, the vehicle envoy of female senator Roh Guhl Khairzad was ambushed, leading to the death of her eight-year-old daughter.

And in mid-September, Afghanistan's top female police officer was shot as she left her home.

This violence is organized -- and on purpose. Sima Samar, head of the Independent Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan, has noted that by targeting high-profile women, the Taliban seeks to “limit the active presence and activities of women in their society.”

A new United Nations report finds that in the first six months of 2013, the deaths of women and children jumped 38 percent compared to the same period last year.

American forces will be fully withdrawn from Afghanistan by the end of next year. It's absolutely imperative that their exit not precipitate a backslide. The country's government must be expected to keep its commitments to women and girls.

At its most basic level, gender equality is about affirming human dignity. But this issue is also essential to the political, economic, and social success of a nation more generally. And securing gender equality starts with improving access to education.

The statistics tell the story. Educated women are less likely to die during childbirth and more likely to send their own children to school. Mortality rates for children under five are 50 percent lower for mothers who have attended primary school.

These facts shouldn't be surprising. Education is a basic human right and its impact is transformative in any society.

Educated women are major contributors to Afghanistan's economy. Each additional year of primary school improves a woman's earning potential by 10 to 20 percent. Educated women are also far more likely to invest in their children, who then grow up to be the educated young citizens essential to sustained economic growth.

Women also provide an indispensable voice in political institutions. Here in the United States, after gaining the right to vote, women drew attention to underappreciated issues like maternal health and childcare. The resulting policy shifts are linked to an eight to ten percent reduction in child mortality rates.

In Afghanistan, female participation is essential to the nation's future. They are a critical force for human rights, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of their society. Given the enormous challenges that Afghanistan faces in the coming years, the country cannot afford to regress back to a system in which some of its brightest minds are left out of the political process - or any part of society.

Afghanistan's elections and the impending withdrawal of American troops mark a new era in the country's development. The international community must work to ensure that women's gains in recent years are protected, and that Afghan women continue to make political and economic progress. Any future support for the country's government must be explicitly tied to continued defense of equal rights -- and continued progress of female citizens.

Afghan women have already engaged in acts of astonishing bravery to win their rights. And they continue to risk their lives -- and the lives of their families -- everyday to stand up for basic human values.

They face real danger. Their success requires both that the Afghan government honor its commitments to universal rights and that the international community continue to lend support to their leadership.

We must not abandon the women of Afghanistan. If the nation's women are abandoned, any possibility of peace and prosperity could vanish.

Paula J. Dobriansky, Ph.D., is former Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs. Melanne S. Verveer is former Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.

Promenade at Downey

Dear Editor:

Tierra Luna...formerly Boeing...almost Tesla...“lifestyle center” or promenade...A shopping center by any other name would be as sweet.

Ever since the name Tierra Luna was first mentioned in print it was followed by criticism and complaints. The reasons ranged from the name not paying homage to Boeing's history to being too “ethnic.” The powers that be went back to the drawing board and came up with the ever creative name Promenade at Downey. That sounds strangely similar to the Block at Orange which, if you don't already know, changed its name to Outlets at Orange because the previous name was too generic and its own residents didn't patronize it.

While I wasn't in love with the name Tierra Luna, I did understand its reasoning from a marketing/image standpoint. If you've ever been in an upscale part of So Cal you'll undoubtedly come across a development name of Spanish influence. Case in point: Bella Terra in Huntington Beach. There you can shop, eat, walk along its “paseos” and enjoy live music. When I read Tierra Luna, this upscale image if what came to mind.

I also understand the convenience of naming it something Spanish-sounding, as Downey's residents are, after all, 71 percent Spanish speaking. I personally had heard several residents excited about the name.

All this made me wonder who in their right mind thought Tierra Luna was too ethnic of a name? Non-Spanish speaking residents perhaps?

It is my opinion that a successful city takes into consideration the majority of its residents and acts accordingly. However, with this name change decision I feel alienated by the very city I am so proud to live in.

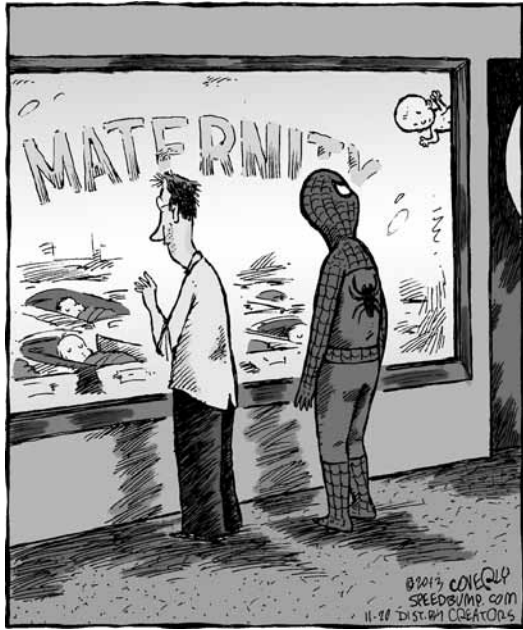
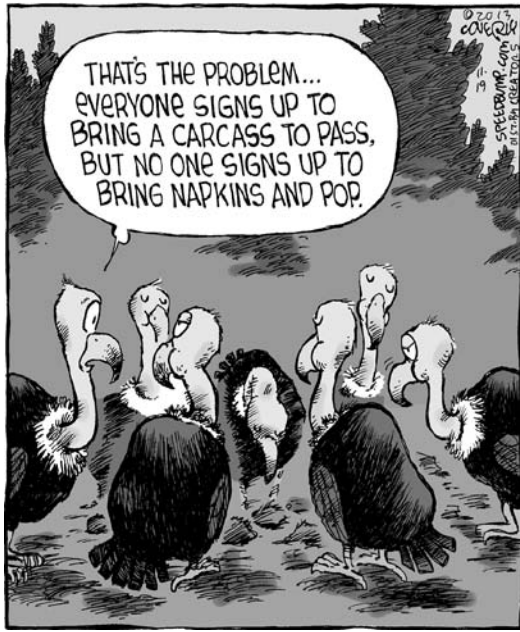
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Fri. Nov. 22: **Fundraiser for Philippines**, Rives Mansion, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Sat. Nov. 23: **Flu vaccinations**, City Hall, 8 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.
 4th Mon., 5 p.m.: **Green Task Force**, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call 806-2100.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
 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.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 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.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

Saturdays

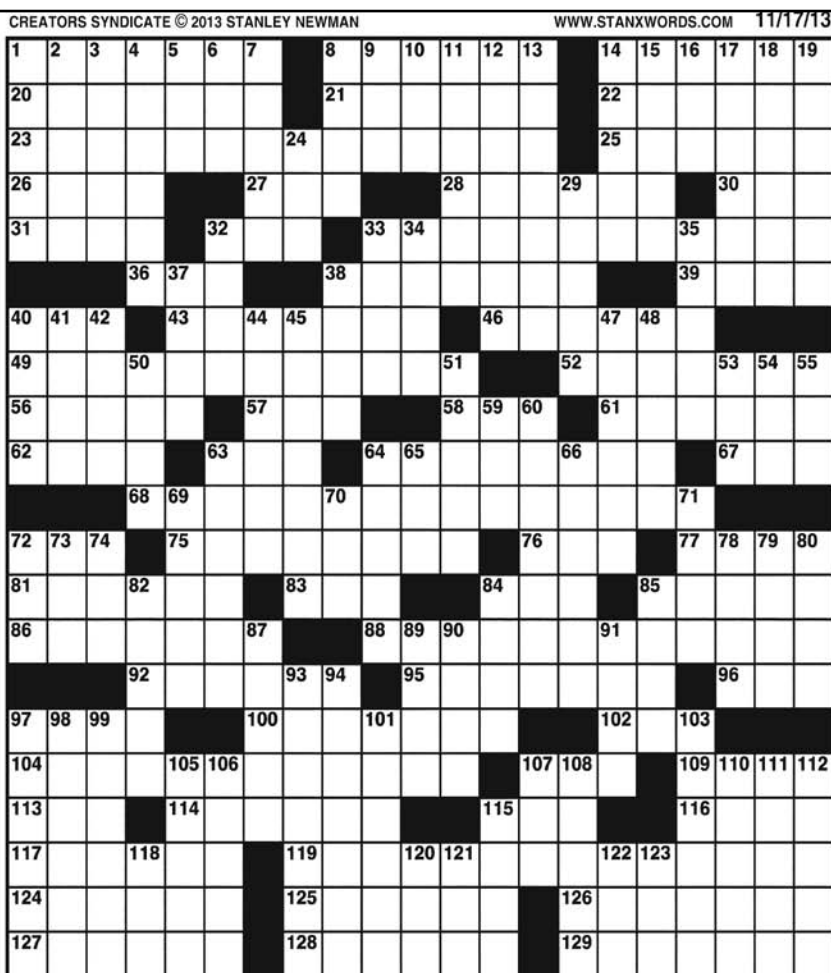
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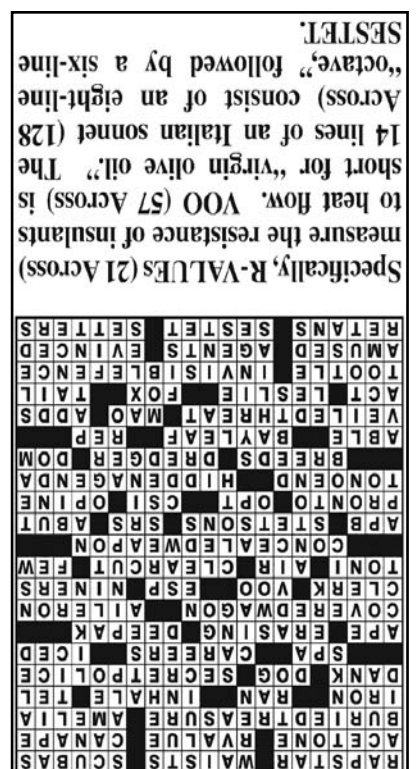
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SPORTS BRIEFS: Bears in CIF Finals

• Boys and girls cross country teams qualify for CIF Finals at Mt. SAC.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' cross country team took first place at the C.I.F. Southern Section cross country prelims last Saturday at Mt. SAC.

The Bears competed in heat three of Division I to advance. This Saturday the Bears will compete in C.I.F. Finals, which will also be held at Mt. SAC, for a chance to compete at the state meet.

Advancing to the state meet has been, and continues to be, the goal for Warren's cross country team. The Bears finished in first place with a team time of 1:16:51 and score of 31.

Burbank was second with 59 and El Rancho was third with 99.

The Bears were paced by junior Benjamin Gonzalez. Gonzalez finished 2nd in the third heat in a time of 15:11. Junior Andres Barragan finished 5th in a time of 15:14, senior Micheal Hernandez finished 6th in a time of 15:16, senior Faustino Diaz finished 7th in a time of 15:30, junior Jonathan Rodriguez finished 11th in a time of 15:40, senior Miguel Cabada finished 20th in a time of 15:55 and junior Ricky Beltran finished 62nd in a time of 17:12.

Cross-town rival Downey placed seventh in heat four of Division I but did not advance. Senior Adrian Munoz paced the Vikings in a time of 15:55 and placed 21st. Junior Luis Munoz finished 31st in a time of 16:09, sophomore Bryan Pluma finished 32nd in a time of 16:13, senior Geovany Salinas finished 35th in a time of 16:18, sophomore Jary Solis finished 51st in a time of 16:34, junior Erick Ayala finished 62nd in a time of 16:44 and senior Cris Becerra finished 66th in a time of 16:52.

The Vikings finished in a team time of 1:21:09 and score of 168. Loyola was first in the fourth heat with 35, El Toro was second with 52 and Long Beach Poly was third with 84.

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The Warren High School girls' cross country team finished in fifth place at the C.I.F. Southern Section cross country prelims last Saturday at Mt. SAC.

The Lady Bears have qualified for C.I.F. Finals at Mt. SAC this Saturday. The Lady Bears are hoping to perform well and advance to the state meet.

The Lady Bears competed in the first heat of Division I. Great Oak won the heat with a score of 27, Vista Murrieta was second with 90, Dana Hills was third with 96, West Ranch was fourth with 131 and Warren was fifth with 145. Warren finished in a team time of 1:35:14.

The Lady Bears were paced by senior Yajaira Zarate who finished 12th in a time of 18:25. Sophomore Gwendolyn Hurtado finished 28th in a time of 18:57, senior Silvia Gonzalez finished 32nd in a time of 19:07, sophomore Janeane Hernandez finished 36th in a time of 19:16, senior Elsa Vazquez finished 41st in a time of 19:29, junior Sofia Ramos finished 43rd in a time of 19:30 and sophomore Samantha Tabares finished 50th in a time of 19:43.

The cross-town rival Downey Lady Vikings finished sixth in the fourth heat of Division I and narrowly missed qualifying for this Saturday's competition at Mt. SAC. Yucaipa finished first in the fourth heat with a score of 45, San Clemente was second with 76, M.L. King was third with 93, Long Beach Poly was fourth with 105, Knight was fifth with 152 and Downey was sixth with 162.

The Lady Vikings were paced by junior Marissa Pluma's 6th place finish in 18:25. Junior Brittney Martinez finished 20th in a time of 19:06, senior Stephanie Perea finished 43rd in a time of 20:04, senior Joanna Bautista finished 44th in a time

of 20:09, freshman Alexandra Gurrola finished 54th in a time of 20:25, sophomore Jailene Orozco finished 66th in a time of 21:11 and junior Erika Garcia finished 75th in a time of 21:59.

Pluma did advance to run this weekend in individual competition.

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The Downey High School football season has come to an end. The Vikings were defeated by Diamond Bar at Downey last Friday night 63-29.

The Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 6-5 and a league record of 4-1. For their efforts, the Vikings earned a S.G.V.L. tri-championship with Dominguez and Paramount.

This marks the third year in a row the three teams have shared the league title. Interestingly, the formulas have been the same all three years. Downey loses to Paramount and beats Dominguez. Paramount beats Downey but loses to Dominguez. Dominguez beats Paramount but loses to Downey. These matchups are what make high school football so much fun to watch.

Diamond Bar scored the first touchdown of the game on a 15-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was good and Diamond Bar led 7-0 at the 10:00 minute mark. The Vikings recorded a safety at the 8:00 minute mark. The score now stood at 7-2 Diamond Bar. Diamond Bar scored their second touchdown at the 7:00 minute mark. The PAT was good and the Brahmas led 14-2. Downey running back Justin Huff then scored on a one-yard touchdown run. The PAT was good and Diamond Bar led 14-9. Jorge Reyna then scored on an 11-yard touchdown run with just under a minute to play in the first quarter. Downey tried a two-point conversion but did not convert. Downey led 15-14 at the end of the first quarter. This was shaping up to be an exciting, offensive game.

Diamond Bar scored two touchdowns in the second

quarter and converted on both PATs. Downey did not score in the second quarter. The score going into the locker rooms at halftime was 28-15 Diamond Bar. Despite trailing, the Vikings were still very much in this game.

Diamond Bar added two more touchdowns in the third quarter and started to pull away. Downey added a touchdown but trailed at the end of the third quarter 42-22. Diamond Bar scored three more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to put the game away and won 63-29.

Diamond Bar junior quarterback Tyler Peterson completed 22/29 passes for 222 yards and accounted for three touchdowns, two rushing and one by pass. Brahma senior running back Tyler Brown carried the ball 18 times for 250 yards. Brown had three rushing touchdowns and a touchdown reception.

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The C.I.F. Southeast Division playoffs have begun and we have already seen two upsets in the first round. The biggest upset was second-seeded Diamond Ranch's loss to Santa Fe 31-28 at Diamond Ranch (2-15 matchup). Diamond Ranch was the second-seeded team behind Norwalk. The other upset was reigning C.I.F. Southeast Division champion Downey losing to Diamond Bar 63-29 at home (4-13 matchup).

Top seed Norwalk defeated West Covina 42-27 (1-16 matchup), Dominguez defeated El Rancho 41-0 at Dominguez (8-9 matchup), Los Altos defeated Paramount 40-10 at Los Altos (5-12 matchup), Muir defeated La Mirada at Muir 53-35 (6-11 matchup), La Serna defeated Burbank Burroughs 55-7 at La Serna (3-14 matchup), Diamond Bar defeated Downey at Downey 63-29, Burbank defeated Mayfair at Burbank 49-14 (5-12 matchup) and Santa Fe defeated Diamond Ranch at Diamond Ranch 31-28.



Girls cross country earns first school title

DOWNEY – The St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy girls cross country team earned top honors in the Santa Cruz League and capturing the first athletic championship in school history.

Led by Coach Kerrin Conroy, the lady Warriors are heading to the CIF Finals race this Saturday in Fresno.

The Warriors were officially crowned the 2013 Santa Cruz League champions at their league meet Nov. 6 at Crystal Springs Park.

In the past two years, the lady Warriors (previously St. Matthias Victorians) have a two-year undefeated steak in the Santa Cruz League. The team is paced by junior Anahy Covarrubias, who finished the regular season as both the Santa Cruz League Most Valuable Runner and individual league champion.

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Downey float passes inspections

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association passed the Mechanical Inspection (M1) and Test Inspection 1 (T1) last Saturday, mandatory testing conducted by the Tournament of Roses Parade.

During the mechanical inspection, the float's brakes, throttle, engine and transmission are tested to ensure its safety during the parade.

Inspectors also evaluate all fluids (engine oil, transmission fluid, etc.), engine fuel filters, spark plugs and a complete assessment of the full main chasses' drive train.

The test inspection examines the driving, steering, stopping, accelerating and overall moveability of the float, including the ability of the crew that will navigate the float during the parade.

The Downey Rose Float Association continues to seek support from the community to finish "The Glass Slipper". To donate, mail a check to the Downey Rose Float Association, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241.



Top row, from left: Angel Garza, Kaden Chacon, Luis Estrada, Luisa Medina, Angeline Bourgeault and Isabelle Hernandez. Bottom: Tania Medina, Blake Cordova, Damaris Chacon, Natalie Moreno and Kevin Cordova.

'Nutcracker' coming to Downey

DOWNEY – The classic holiday production "The Nutcracker" will be performed at the Downey Theatre on Dec. 21-22, but special no-cost preview performances are planned around town before then.

Presented by Southern California Dance Theatre, the show features about a dozen dancers who reside in the Downey area.

On Nov. 26-27, Downey's own Clara, portrayed by Damaris Chacon and Angeline Bourne on alternate shows, will read the story of "The Nutcracker" at the Downey City Library starting at 11 a.m.

They will be joined by fellow "Nutcracker" dancers, including Blake and Kevin Cordova, Tania and Luisa Medina, Natalie Moreno and Kaiden Chacon, among others who will help illustrate the story by performing selected scenes in full costume.

A second opportunity to see the "Nutcracker" troupe will come Nov. 30, when they will perform three 15-minute shows at Stonewood Center starting at noon in center court. This performance will feature Clara and her Nutcracker Prince, the Chinese Tea, the Arabian Coffee and Spanish Chocolate.

As an added bonus, one family will win a family four-pack to see the entire performance live at the Downey Theatre.

All others can purchase tickets by calling the Downey Theatre box office at (562) 861-8211 or online at downeytheatre.org.



From left: Jerry Wetzstein, president of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation, Vicky Santos, vice president of operations for MAOF and Hon. Judge Ed Schneeberger, president of Kiwanis of Downey

Kiwanis makes \$7500 donation

DOWNEY – The Downey Kiwanis Foundation, in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Downey, gifted \$7,500 to the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) for its center-based early education program located here in Downey.

The donation was presented at the Kiwanis Club's Nov. 14 meeting. With 750 children enrolled in the MAOF program, the grant will help replace and update outdated tools and supplies that are "crucial for the children to continue flourishing," Kiwanis officials said.

These supplies will be used to enhance learning, promote social interaction, encourage play, and nurture social and emotional development.

Additionally, the grant will fund materials that will help these young students extend their learning and creativity at home.

"The Kiwanis Club of Downey has been a longstanding partner of MAOF and continues to support its mission to provide for the socio-economic betterment of the greater Latino community of California and is proud for its commitment to early education," officials said.

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Downey teens perform in 'Little Shop of Horrors'

DOWNEY – Downey residents Mathew Holly and Kimberly McAllister are starring in "Little Shop of Horrors," a joint production between St. John Bosco and St. Joseph's High School that plays through this weekend.

Performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 7:30 p.m. in the St. John Bosco theater.

Tickets are \$13 online presale and \$15 at the door the day of the performance.

For more details, go online to bosco.org.

Bus trip to Rose Parade

DOWNEY – Tickets are now on sale for a city of Downey-sponsored bus trip to the Tournament of Roses Parade on Jan. 1.

Tickets are \$67 for Downey residents and \$71 for non-residents.

The bus will leave the senior center at 6:30 a.m. and return by 2 p.m. To register, call (562) 904-7223 or go online to downeyca.org.

ACTOR OPENING INDIAN-MEXICAN RESTAURANT DOWNTOWN

• Actor Deep Roy is owner of Cowboys & Turbans, which replaces Fresh Cutt Grill.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Veteran actor and stuntman Deep Roy still remembers the first time he tried celebrity chef Baba Ji's cooking.

"Baba and I met long, long ago. When I tasted his food -- I loved it," said Roy who's starred in dozens of Hollywood films, most notably as the Oompa Loompas in the 2005 hit "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

"I'm so happy that myself and Baba have found a nice, nice place in Downey for one of the best Indian-Mexican places Downey will ever see."

Hoping to capitalize on the growing nightlife springing up in Downtown Downey, Roy's Indian-Mexican fusion restaurant Cowboys and Turbans will open its next location this Saturday at the Downey Gateway food court.

Cowboys and Turbans, located at 8240 Firestone Blvd., replaces Fresh Cutt Carving Grill, which closed unexpectedly in October.

"It's going to be great, I'm

looking forward to this," said Roy, who is partnering with Ji, manager of the dine-in restaurant. "I'm a sleepy partner, but not that sleepy. I'll be there as often as I can."

While slightly nervous about the location at first, Roy said Ji convinced him Downey was the right place for the partners' second restaurant.

"I used to be scared, but Baba showed me the location -- we're on a restaurant row -- and the people are nice, Downey is an up and coming area," Roy said. "We want to bring a classy place where people can sit and eat drink wine or have a beer then eat some good food."

Along with some traditional Indian cuisine, Cowboys and Turbans will serve cultural combinations including masala fires, lamb tacos, mango chicken tikka pizza, and tofu malasa burritos.

"Indian food has a lot of onion, garlic and cilantro -- it goes along with Mexican food really well," said Roy, who says the name ties Indian imagery in with American and Mexican themes. "Turbans are worn by Indians, Hindus and sheikhs...cowboys makes you think of Texas, New Mexico -- but we're all Americans that live in a wonderful country."

Roy continued: "It's a great name, a great concept, and good quality food."

According to Ji, the restaurant will officially open this Saturday at 5 p.m. Roy says he'll be present to meet guests and introduce the food to this new audience.

"We want to make the Downey people feel welcomed," Roy said. "I will be there to greet the people -- this is not fast food, it's healthy food in a happy atmosphere."

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Open for Breakfast at 7:00 am Served 12-8pm

Roast Turkey	PRIME RIB \$159.95	\$10.95
Honey Baked Ham (and sweet potatoes)		\$10.95
Rib Eye Steak	Serves up to 10	\$13.95
Sirloin Steak		\$13.95
T-Bone Steak 14 oz.	COMPANIES Pre-order your Turkey-Hams TODAY	\$14.95
Steak & Shrimp		\$14.95
Roast Turkey & Ham Combo		\$12.95

All dinners include soup or green salad, potatoes, fresh vegetables, garlic cheese bread or corn bread and pumpkin pie.

Seniors \$1.00 OFF (12 NOON - 4PM/Dine in only) Children under 10 \$5.95 (Turkey and Glazed Ham only)

OR...LET US DO THE COOKING FOR YOU

HOT & READY TO SERVE up to 8 people!
WHOLE ROAST TURKEY With homemade stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes and whole pumpkin pie. **\$85.95**

GLAZED HAM With pineapple sauce, yams, mashed potatoes & gravy and whole pumpkin pie. **\$89.95**

Beloon 10822 Lakewood Next to Stonewood Mall 862-0223

562.408.2960 We Cater
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Holiday Special!

One 12lb Fried or Baked Turkey or one Glazed Ham plus cornbread dressing collard greens candied yams Only \$59.99

Now taking special orders and Holiday dessert orders

call for details or to place your order
The Holidays have never tasted so good!!!

We Thank you!

TUESDAY Happy Hour Buy One, Get One Free 11:30am-2pm & 5pm-7pm

WEDNESDAY Enjoy your first 5oz Free** from 5pm to 7pm

THURSDAY Family Pack Purchase 40oz of yogurt and get 10oz off***

Yogurtland get real.

8250 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA 90241 562-326-5048

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OVEN ROASTED TURKEY
Stuffing - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy - Cranberry Sauce - Freshly Baked Bread - Yummy Pumpkin Pie Serves 6-8 guests

\$89.95

Glazed Ham Dinner Available! \$94.95
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50% OFF
Purchase any entree and any 2 beverages and receive a second entree (of equal or lesser value) for half price with this coupon. No cash value. Sales tax, if applicable must be paid by guest. Not valid for Kids Menu. Not Valid on Holidays. Exp. 12-22-13

Contractor's License in the Classification of a "General Engineering Contractor" or "Concrete Contractor" or 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-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid 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.

QUALIFYING BIDDERS FOR 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. Jimenez, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
11/14/13, 11/21/13

CITY OF DOWNEY

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED

On November 12, 2013, the City Council introduced an ordinance approving an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Zoning Map, changing the zoning of the property located at 11101 Lakewood Boulevard from Professional Office (C-P-91-2) and adopting a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact (PLN-13-0064).

On November 12, 2013, the City Council introduced an ordinance repealing Section 2476-2477.6 of the Downey Municipal Code and disbanding the Downey City Hospital Commission.

On November 12, 2013, the City Council adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 7 of Article V of the Downey Municipal Code (DMC) as it relates to storm water and urban runoff pollution and volume controls by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Brossmer, Marquez, Saab, Vasquez, Mayor Guerra
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None.

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

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC, City Clerk
Posted: November 12, 2013

The Downey Patriot
11/21/13

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, COUNTY TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: V5025223

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA GONGORA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name **BRYAN ALEXIS CORTEZ GONGORA** to Proposed name **BRYAN ALEXIS RAMIREZ GONGORA**.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **01-08-14, Time: 1:30 pm**,
Department C, Room 311
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650.
Pursuant to this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county of Downey: **THE PATRIOT NEWS PAPER, 8301 E. Florence Ave, #100, Downey, CA 90240.**
November 14, 2013
Yvonne T. Sanchez
Judge of the Superior Court
Deputy Clerk of the Court
Maria Góngora
6508 Mayflower Ave
Bell, CA 90201
(323) 712-9900

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11/21/13, 11/28/13, 12/5/13, 12/12/13

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 13-0006224 Doc ID #000605618842005N Title Order No. 13-0019352 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 8070-012-005 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST. 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 JORGE ALCARAZ, AND GRICELDA ALCARAZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 04/19/2010, Instrument # 4262/2010, as Instrument No. 20100558554, 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 12/09/2013 at 11:00AM, to the highest bidder at 1166 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, the property situated in said County and State and 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: 14623 MARYLOU AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650-5152. 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 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 \$252,461.02. 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 obligation 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 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 be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those who wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site: www.recontrust.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0008091. 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: 11/25/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91386 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-4428393 11/21/2013, 11/28/2013, 12/05/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0080691 Doc ID #0006100067202005N Title Order No. 11-0064827 Investor/Insurer No. 1001358952 APN No. 8080-020-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/16/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JAIME SANCHEZ, A SINGLE MAN, dated 12/16/2005 and recorded 12/28/2005, as Instrument No. 05-3197354, 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 12/16/2013 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11964 MOLETTE STREET, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$208,513.39. 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 obligation 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 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 be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those who wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site: www.recontrust.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0008091. 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: 11/25/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA#-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91386 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-4428393 11/21/2013, 11/28/2013, 12/05/2013

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the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property 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 be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. 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11/21/13, 11/28/13, 12/5/13

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The Downey Patriot
11/14/13, 11/21/13, 11/28/13

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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, as provided in 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 lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrust.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0002961. 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: 11/19/2013 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA#-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-4428215 11/21/2013, 11/28/2013, 12/05/2013

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 7561955CA Loan No. 0014743686 Title Order No. 120132110 FHA/VA/PMI No. RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 2923.3 CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO YOUR PROPERTY. IF YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/22/2008, 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 under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/28/2008 as Instrument No. 06 1905957 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, will sell on 12/09/2013 at 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION, IF ANY, OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PURPORTED TO BE: 9043 STOKES AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6367-027-033 THE undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the property to be sold and interest thereon, as provided in said Deed of Trust. 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Bookstore owner is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Natalie Compagno, a world traveler and owner of the Traveler's Bookcase book store in Los Angeles, will be guest speaker at the Downey City Library's volunteer holiday celebration Dec. 7.

The free event begins at 10:30 a.m. inside the library's computer lab.

RSVP with Claudia Dailey at cdailey@downeyca.org or call (562) 904-7360, ext. 123.



Christmas concert in Bellflower

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus will present its annual holiday concert, "Christmas Joy," at the William Bristol Auditorium Dec. 13-15.

The chorus will perform Christmas favorites such as "O Holy Night," "Sing Choir of Angel" and "The First Noel," while offering their own rendition of "As Long as There's Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and "Silver Bells."

The program closes with Irving Berlin's "White Christmas."

Performances are Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 14-15 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

For more details, call (562) 866-4664.

Christmas celebrated Mexican style

LA MIRADA – "Fiesta Navidenas: A Mexican Holiday Spectacular," featuring the Ballet Folklorico Costa De Oro and Mariachi Mexicanisimo, will be presented at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts on Dec. 21.

Two performances are scheduled at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"Fiesta Navidenas" features 30 folklorico dancers and 10 mariachis in a Mexican celebration laden with seasonal accents, including a traditional Christmas processional (posada), Mexican holiday songs (villancicos), a visit from the Three Wise Men, a festive pinata scene, and a vibrant holiday finale performed in the spirit of a true mariachi fiesta.

Tickets to see "Fiesta Navidenas" start at \$15 and can be purchased by calling the theater box office at (562) 944-9801 or online at lamiradatheatre.com.

Attorney Ricardo Perez, who resides and operates his law office in Downey, traveled to Cuba recently. He was part of an American delegation of professionals in the legal field that included judges, prosecutors, public defenders and private attorneys. The delegation met with their Cuban counterparts to compare and contrast their respective judicial systems. The delegation flew out of Miami, having obtained visas from the U.S. Treasury Department to visit the Cuban cities of Santa Clara, Santa Maria, Cienfuegos and Havana. While in Cuba, Perez proudly carried a copy of the Downey Patriot with him on his "unforgettable" trip.



Spanish composer in town

DOWNEY – Oscar Navarro, composer of the Downey Overture, enjoyed dinner at Corleone's restaurant in Downey during his recent visit to Southern California.

The award-winning composer from Spain is in town for the Hollywood Music in the Media Awards that took place Thursday. His score for the film "La Mula," directed by Michael Radford, has been nominated.

Navarro wrote the Downey Overture two years ago and dedicated the work to Sharon Lavery, music director of the Downey Symphony Orchestra. The world premiere of the overture was in Downey.

Since then, the overture has become a very popular selection for orchestras across the country, and this year was even presented at the renowned Tanglewood music festival in Massachusetts.

–Carol Kearns, contributor



The Downey Association of Realtors recognized local outstanding realtors with awards last week. President Michael Berdelis, left, is pictured with Tomorrow's Leader Today Award winner Ericka Saenz, from Century 21 Jervis & Associates; Tom Ramirez, from iMortgage, was elected Affiliates of the Year; and Eugenia Gil, of Eugenia Realty, received the Distinguished Service Award 2013.

Funding targets impoverished Southeast L.A. area

BELL GARDENS – In a unanimous vote, the First 5 LA Commission last week allocated up to \$4.9 million in funds to begin implementing the Building Stronger Families Framework (BSFF) within its 14 Best Start Communities.

As part of the organization's 2009-2015 Strategic Plan, First 5 LA shifted its grant-making approach to partner with and strengthen families in 14 select communities in Los Angeles County, while continuing to fund a broad array of investments that touch children and systems countywide.

Best Start is First 5 LA's place-based initiative to improve outcomes for young children by working with these select communities to develop and lead a common agenda to strengthen and support families.

The Best Start framework reflects First 5 LA's belief that if parents are strong and communities support families, then child health, safety and school readiness will improve. Towards that end, First 5 LA is partnering with Best Start communities to support parents to develop the capacities conducive to early learning and positive child outcomes.

"The implementation of this plan creates a clearer pathway to strengthen the collaboration between First 5 LA and the Best Start communities," said Kim Belshé, executive director of First 5 LA. "Partnering with communities, First 5LA is working to strengthen family

capacities that support child well-being and promote systems change that will improve services and long-term outcomes for children, families in their communities."

The 14 Best Start Communities are: central Long Beach, Compton and East Compton, East Los Angeles, El Monte and South El Monte, Lancaster, Metro LA, Pacoima, Palmdale, Panorama City, South Los Angeles/Broadway-Manchester, South Los Angeles/West Athens, Southeast L.A. County cities including Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy and Maywood, Watts-Willowbrook and Wilmington.

In other actions, First 5 LA Commission Chair and County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas presented a successful funding motion for the Commission to allocate \$7.2 million to maintain and enhance the Black Infant Health (BIH) Program over a five-year period; \$500,000 to support policy and systems changes that address the disparity in positive birth outcomes in African American families; and \$600,000 for a two-year effort that supports young at-risk fathers of children 0 to 5 years who are or have been on probation or have been in foster care but demonstrate motivation to become part of their child's life.

Recognizing the importance of the Black Infant Health program, the Commission voted in 2009 to support this effort after reductions in state funding. The program in

Los Angeles County, which seeks to lower the rate of black infant mortality, was facing severe cutbacks without the state funding for its three local programs, provided by the cities of Pasadena and Long Beach and the L.A. County Department of Public Health. First 5 LA agreed in 2011 to continue funding these contracts until the end of June 2014.

The state-wide program began in 1989 to address the alarming number of black infant deaths. Even now, black infants still have twice the mortality rate than their white counterparts, according to recent data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health.

The Commission also approved a motion by Chairman Ridley-Thomas to allocate \$1.5 million to expand funding for First 5 LA's Children's Vision Care Countywide Initiative to a total of \$5.6 million, targeting the additional resources to Vision to Learn in an amount not to exceed \$1.2 million over four years and Junior Blind of America in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 over two years.

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