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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

My First Valentine

Dulce Ruelos grew up in a large family in the Philippines. The tradition of Valentine's Day is as strong as in the United States, but the behavior of boys and girls was more formal at that time. Dulce's first Valentine, aptly named Romeo, was a long-time family friend. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Dulce Ruelos

His name was Romeo. I knew him very well since I was in the first grade of elementary school. We were neighbors then and his younger sister Mimi was my classmate, playmate, and best friend. My father was the godfather of his youngest sister, Daisy. In third grade his mother, Mrs. Mary del Rosario, was my teacher.

During my early grade school years (after World War II) I wanted to go to their house to play with his sisters. At other times, his sisters would come to play at our house. Neither Romeo nor I noticed each other during all this time.

Every year in December after the Christmas season, all school children would start to learn and practice folk dances. Then the dances would be performed as entertainment during the annual town fiesta on March 19 in honor of St. Joseph, the town patron saint.

I was in fifth grade at the start of these dance practices. I noticed that Romeo picked me as his partner. I felt uncomfortable and self-conscious because he was one grade ahead of me. I expected him to pick someone from his own class, but why me? I also noticed that after practice, held late in the afternoon after class, he would carry my books and walk home with me. I had the feeling that he liked me.

He confided to his cousin Judy that he had a "crush" on me. His cousin was amused and thought this was a passing thing which would be forgotten in due time.

In the sixth grade, I moved to another town to continue my studies at a private Catholic school. Romeo and his sisters continued their studies at our town public school. There were no seventh or eighth grades at that time, so students went to high school after sixth grade.

In high school Romeo and Mimi went to the same town where I was, but attended the public high school. During summer break, all of us would go back to our hometown for vacation. Mimi and I stayed close friends during all of this time.

Valentine's Day is much anticipated and eagerly awaited in the Philippines. After Christmas, the Christmas cards and decorations are replaced by Valentine cards displayed in all of the stores. Flower shops also do a good business at this time.

I remember a Valentine card from Romeo. It was a large card with a pink satin-embossed heart at the center. The card smelled sweet and although I no longer remember the sentiment expressed, I know it revealed his feelings that he was too shy to say.

My cousins found out about this card and would tease me no end about Romeo. In the evenings, Romeo and his friends would walk past my house and would loudly sing "Secret Love" as they went by.

After high school, I went to Manila for college. Mimi also attended college in Manila. However, Romeo stayed behind in the province and went to college at a local school. He continued to write letters to me in Manila and I sometimes saw him during semester and Christmas breaks when I went back to our town.

We never had a romantic relationship and we each ended up marrying someone else. However, I fondly remember him as my first Valentine.

Chamber moves closer to hiring executive director

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce is currently in negotiations to hire a new executive director after longtime director Sue Nordin was fired last month, sources confirmed this week.

According to individuals who did not wish to be named, Nordin was abruptly let go in January after a nearly four-month absence due to disability.

Since last fall, the chamber has operated with no functioning, full-time executive director.

Nordin was first hired by the chamber in April 1992 as a part-time secretary and later became executive director in January 2006.

If salary negotiations are successful, sources say Nordin will be replaced by Pico Rivera resident Carlos Cruz, who currently serves as executive director of the Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce.

Those privy to the negotiations say Cruz submitted a counter offer last week to the chamber's proposed salary amount.

Cruz graduated from California State University, Los Angeles in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and sits on the Pico Rivera Parks and Recreation Commission.

Patricia Kotze-Ramos, president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, declined to comment on the management vacancy and would not confirm whether Cruz was offered the position.

Chamber officers and board of directors include president-elect Elizabeth Trombley, vice president Steve Hoffman, treasurer Delores Bacus, Dr. Joel Bird, Jan Scott, Bob Ciatti, Roy Corral, Steve Lopez, Dave Gafin, Cindy Kovach, Karina Madariaga, Laurie Tyler, Tatiana Paton, and Jeannie Wood.

—Christian Brown, staff writer

IN MEMORIAM: DR. PANKAJ PAREKH

• Pankaj Parekh's heroic recovery from a motorcycle crash inspired an award-winning documentary.

By Greg Waskul
Contributor

DOWNEY – Dr. Pankaj Parekh, a world leader in water quality who made a heroic recovery at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center after a near-fatal motorcycle accident in July 2011 paralyzed his legs and ravaged his body, died Jan. 30.

He died after a two-and-a-half year battle with the aftereffects of his accident, but not until his story inspired people around the world.

Dr. Parekh, who was treated by Dr. Michael Scott at Rancho, became a worldwide symbol of courage as the subject of the award-winning 2013 documentary "TODAY." The nine-minute film tells the poignant story of his life and how he overcame many new and difficult challenges with the unconditional love of his wife, Anne.

"His struggle is illustrative of the changes and challenges that Rancho patients face after a disabling illness or injury," said Rancho Chief Medical Officer Dr. Mindy Aisen. "Dr. Parekh led an amazing life both before and after he sustained a spinal cord injury, and he and his wife and their incredible love story have given hope to countless individuals with disabilities throughout the world," she said.

Here, in his own words from the documentary, "TODAY" written and directed by Phillip Montgomery, is Dr. Parekh's inspiring story:

"I began my career in Africa. I was fresh out of graduate school from UCLA with dreams of building safe water projects, curbing disease and fighting illness. But I was immersed in this world of contrasts. One moment I was dancing joyously with the villagers or celebrating digging a new well so that women no longer had to walk miles to wash their clothes and get water for their babies. Then in the next moment you hear these cries, these screams of terror and death and I was helping build mass graves for the kids I knew by name.

"It seemed so inhuman and yet I almost felt that there must have been a reason that I was exposed to all of that. There was a message in it



that I should value every moment of my life."

After serving 13 years in Africa, Dr. Parekh returned to Los Angeles, where he became the Director of Water Quality for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, responsible for the clean drinking water of over four million people.

On the morning of July 18, 2011, he was struck by an automobile while riding his motorcycle into work and nearly died.

"After my accident, the first thing I saw was Annie. She was my girlfriend of 15 years, but when I woke up and saw her in the hospital, I knew that I wanted her to be as close to me as possible. I could not talk, I was hooked up to tubes, I could hardly breathe. With a letter signboard I nodded the words and could not finish the sentence before she knew with tears in her eyes that she would marry me.

"I realized the damage my body had sustained, how little physically I was going to be able to do. I didn't want to live, to be a burden to those I love and I did not think I had the strength. Annie did not force my hand. She let me know that any decision to turn off the machine would be mine. But when I looked in her eyes, it was a different story.

"I could see her heart, and her heart was saying, 'Live, we can do this, We can make it.' From that moment on, I wanted to live. So I'm learning every day something new about my body and what it can do and cannot do. Even something as simple as a wrinkle in a sheet can be fatal for me. It can cut through my skin. Or stubbing

my toe and having a little bleeding, something that I cannot feel can be devastating.

"There are the new battles I must fight every day, every hour. People ask me sometimes, aren't motorcycles dangerous, and they still ask me. And I grew up and rode the bike for 45 years. And I thought as long as you care for yourself and your own driving you should be fine. But the one factor that nobody thinks about or imagines is something happening behind you. And I can't help but look for some meaning because it was so abrupt and it was no fault of mine.

"In all humility, I must admit these issues pale in the scope of the other concerns of which I'm even more aware. I've spent the last 25 years to provide us with one of the simplest of necessities in one of the most vast and complex water systems in the world. And I try to move my legs and I cannot. I wonder if these challenges of sustainable water are even more difficult, how do we keep up? Pollutants in our water, federal spending cuts, our failing infrastructure, a lack of money for research and development, privatization of municipal water supplies, the fight to keep these municipalities municipal. And most frightening, a diminishing supply of clean drinking water.

"It's ironic today how people look at me with a sense of fear, regret, or even sadness. My time in the hospitals that I had to rehabilitate from was a protected environment. But the day I stepped out and entered the real world, I was afraid to see the look in strangers' eyes. One thing I do feel

when strangers in my own city give me those looks or behave in that way, sometimes I want to scream out that I'm fighting every day, fighting to live so that I can still continue to do something good for us all.

"I live in this city. I drink the water we provide. But without it, how would this city live? How would we survive? There would be no food, no homes, no love, no school life, no way for me to try and stand again. These are not just the problems of poor villagers in Africa that I once served, but of the larger village that is our own backyard.

"And for that, for my wife Annie and her children who I love as my own, for my village, I want to live. I want to work another day. I dream one day we will all know what matters to us most. For me, that's to help bring you water, a basic need. But we have many needs. For you that might mean giving friendship, art, science, faith, love, provide strength to others as my Annie has to me.

"I dream tomorrow we take these ideas and run. But today, I walk."

To view the film of Dr. Parekh's life that was the winner of the Special Jury Prize at the 2013 Seattle International Film Festival, go to <http://phillipmontgomery.net/TODAY>

The Parekh family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations in Dr. Parekh's name be made to the Rancho Research Institute. Donations may be made at larei.org or by check to Rancho Research Institute Foundation, 7601 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242.

Middle Eastern orchestra calls Downey home

DOWNEY – In another initiative to promote a kind of music that combines multi-ethnic musical genres and traditional Western classical music, and in the process help transcend different cultures, the innovative 45-piece orchestra MESTO (for Multi-Ethnic Star Orchestra) will be performing next Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Downey Civic Theatre.

Its eclectic instrumental and vocal repertoire, although skewed to the classical music of the Middle East, includes American, Greek, Spanish, Romanian, Bulgarian, Persian, Armenian, African, Italian, and otherwise European music.

This will be MESTO's second performance in Downey. Downey had its first taste of MESTO's music last October when it held its first concert here to a mixed audience (60% of it Arabic).

MESTO's director of public outreach and spokesman T.J. Troy, himself an accomplished

percussionist and composer-producer, says they found Downey to be so welcoming and wonderful a venue that they decided to make the Downey Civic Theatre "our new and permanent home."

Formed in 2001, the well-traveled orchestra is led by founder and conductor Dr. Nabil Azzam, a Palestinian from Nazareth who graduated with a BA from the Rubin Academy of Music in Tel Aviv. Later moving to California, he earned his doctorate in music from UCLA in 1990 and has since continued to reside in Los Angeles. The subject of his doctoral dissertation was the famed al'Wahab.


Dr. Azzam, variously described as not only a seasoned conductor but a talented composer and arranger as well as a versatile violinist and virtuoso Arabic 'Ud instrumentalist, will in the upcoming concert premiere his two latest original compositions – one titled "El-Mallah" ("The Sailor"),

and the resultant differences in the rhythm of the instruments."

To a trained ear, "This makes for beautiful music," he says. Meanwhile, Dr. Azzam says MESTO has accumulated a total of about 175 recordings of its musical performances, most of which he composed himself, and these, together with future performances of its compositions, will form an archive for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations.

In the end, Dr. Azzam says: "It is our primary goal to more fully develop and promote MESTO, and it is our desire to play in every city in the U.S and around the world, of course, and thus bring about a global cultural understanding and tolerance through the language and medium of music and musicians."

—Henry Veneracion, staff writer



CRIME REPORT

Friday, Jan. 31

At 4:45 p.m., an adult female was walking south on Lakewood Blvd. from Gallatin Rd. when an adult male subject pulled alongside and asked her if she needed a ride. When she ignored his question he made a lewd comment and pulled his vehicle in front of her and exited while telling her to get inside. The female ran away from the subject and was not injured. The suspect drove away. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, Feb. 1

At 9:00 a.m., officers parked their vehicle to the rear of Rick's Motel (9415 Firestone Blvd) in an effort to speak with a subject inside of a parked vehicle. As the officers were attempting to contact the suspect, he quickly reversed his vehicle and collided with the police car. He then exited and attempted to flee on foot. Officers were able to detain him. It was discovered that the vehicle he was in had been reported stolen. He was arrested for auto theft. The officers were not injured.

At 11:10 p.m., an adult male Downey resident was walking in the area of 5th St. at Paramount Blvd. when he was approached by two suspects who demanded his backpack. The victim complied with the suspects' demand and turned over his backpack. The suspects fled on foot toward Parrot Ave. Responding officers were unable to locate the suspects. Detectives are investigating.

Sunday, Feb. 2

At 3:00 p.m., Warren H.S. officials discovered that the custodial office had been burglarized. It was discovered by officers and school officials that an unknown suspect(s) forced their way into the officer and stole several items. Forensics responded and conducted an investigation. Detectives are also investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Music of Kubrick films examined

DOWNEY – This Sunday's Movie Club, sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition, will feature a special presentation by Dr. Christine Lee Gengaro, author of the book "Listening to Stanley Kubrick, The Music in His Films."

Gengaro is a Los Angeles educator, writer and musician. She received a masters degree in vocal performance from Hunter College and a Ph.D. in music history from USC.

"Music in film is powerful," she writes. "It enhances motion, signals danger, accompanies epiphany, and depicts movement."

She feels that Kubrick is "...one of a handful of directors whose musical choices over the course of his career demonstrated a keen understanding of what music could bring to a film..."

"Kubrick's musical choices have affected the world outside of his films, influencing cultural consumption of certain pieces of classical music," Gengaro wrote.

Born and raised in Queens, N.Y., Gengaro taught in the New York City Public Schools System before moving to Los Angeles City College in 2004. She currently writes for several blogs and is a member of the Los Angeles-based band The Crazy Never Die.

Screening of a Kubrick short, "Day of the Flight," and feature film "Full Metal Jacket" will follow Gengaro's presentation.

The free event is hosted by the Epic Lounge. Seating begins at 1:30 p.m. with showtime at 2.

For more information, visit downeyarts.org.

Historian is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Historian and biographer Nicholas Curry will discuss the late civic leader Parley Johnson at the Feb. 27 meeting of the Downey Historical Society.

Curry moved to Downey seven years ago after spending all of his life in San Marino and Pasadena. He has compiled biographical manuscripts on many influential local families, including the Bixby family, the Doheny family and Harry Chandler.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Gardening workshop at Wilderness Park

DOWNEY – Residents interested in learning about backyard composting and smart gardening techniques are invited to a free gardening workshop Saturday, Feb. 22, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Wilderness Park.

Participants will learn how to improve their yard and garden, recycle yard waste and kitchen scraps, and create water-wise landscapes.

The workshop will also offer tips on backyard composting, worm composting and grass recycling.

No pre-registration is required. For questions, call (562) 904-7103.

The workshop is hosted by the city of Downey's Recycling Office and presented by L.A. County Department of Public Works.

Silent auction at Downey library

DOWNEY – Silent auction items to benefit the Downey City Library are now on display in the library lobby.

Items include:

"The Friendly Dickens" (the life and times of Charles Dickens);

"With a Little Help from My Friends and The Beatles – Recording Sessions" (an early look at the Beatles by George Martin, who produced all their records);

"Crusades and the Crusaders" (the history, myth and romance of the knights and the crusades);

"Basketball 1963, Sports March 1961, Sports February 1970, Sports March 1970" (read about the greats in sports at that time in these four magazines);

"Ronald Reagan – An American Hero" (his trials, triumphs, character, vision and values);

"Wildflowers of California" (a pictorial and interpretive exploration of the astonishing spectrum of flowers in bloom across the Golden State);

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" (Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel has earned a place in both literary and American history);

"Mirage" (another thriller by Clive Cussler, the grand master of adventure);

"Wonders of the African World" (Henry Louis Gates Jr. takes us to the heart of Africa's long and colorful history);

"Just Here for More Food" (respected baker Alton Brown tells his secrets for getting great results in the kitchen);

"Lighthouses" (lots of history and pictures on one of America's classic symbols).

Items have opening bids from \$6-\$10. Bids can be made until noon on Feb. 22 in the Friends Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

Proceeds are used to support library programs.

Women's conference March 8

DOWNEY – The American Business Women's Association Southern California Council will host a "Women on the Go" Conference on Saturday, March 8, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The conference is designed to "bring together women from diverse occupations for a day of inspiration and motivation."

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia will be the keynote speaker. Motivational speaker Bobbie Gee will also address the conference.

Registration is \$65 until Feb. 20, when the price increases to \$80. To make a reservation, call Vivian Armijo at (310) 701-6422.

Students make Dean's List

DOWNEY – Four Downey residents have been named to the Dean's List at Loyola Marymount University.

The students are Camila Garcia Paz, Keila Lopez, Javier Navarro and Carolina Nunez.

Each of the students earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Meanwhile, Luke Ryan Tiscareno, of Downey, made the Dean's List at The Citadel, a military college in Charleston, S.C.

Tiscareno is working toward a BS in mathematics.

Bingo at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Catholic Church is hosting a bingo luncheon this Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

Cost is \$10 and includes one bingo card, door prizes and lunch.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430 or Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

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David Bitticks was WWII veteran

DOWNEY – David Lawrence Bitticks, 90, died at his home in Sebastopol, Calif. on Feb. 3.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Aaby Bitticks; daughters, Ann Philipp (John) of Sebastopol, and Alyce Bitticks (Ronald Alston) of Greensboro, N.C.; granddaughters Carina Bitticks-Alston of Durham, N.C., and Aldea and Jena Bitticks-Alston, of Greensboro; sisters Grace Horney (Norman), of Downey, and Leslie Brown, of Portland, Ore.; and many nieces and nephews.



David was born in El Paso, Tex., on Oct. 9, 1923 to Glenn and Viola Bitticks. He grew up in Miami, Okla., before making his home in Downey.

He attended Kansas State University and graduated from USC. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and assisted in removing the Nazis from Italy.

David worked as a civil engineer for the state of California for more than 30 years.

He was predeceased by his parents; brothers Glenn, Robert, Ross and Phillip Bitticks; and sister, Ellen Lloyd.

Showkat Khanna passes away

DOWNEY – Showkat Rai Khanna, born Oct. 22, 1932 and a longtime resident of Downey, passed away at home Feb. 1.

Funeral services were held Feb. 8 at the Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea. Cremation immediately followed at the same location.

Shanti Havan was held at Radha Krishna Mandir in Norwalk.

He is survived by his wife, Shakuntala Khanna; three children, Sunil, Sanjeev and Sujeev; and his only grandson, Rajan.

Rose Float's 'Princess For a Day' event March 8

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association is hosting its annual Princess For a Day event for young girls ages 5-12 on Saturday, March 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Downey Elks Lodge.

Participating girls will experience what it's like to be a princess for one day, creating tiara crafts, going through interviews, taking photos, having their hair and makeup done, and having lunch with Miss Downey Royalty.

Girls are encouraged to dress in their favorite princess costume or purchase a royalty T-shirt from the Rose Float Association for \$10.

Cost to participate in Princess For a Day is \$25. Preregistration will be held Feb. 22 from 2-5 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. The event is limited to 125 girls.

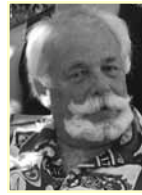
All proceeds will benefit the Rose Float's 2015 entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

For more information, contact Jessica Aguirre at (562) 400-3520 or email JessicaAguirre@yahoo.com.

Joel True mourned

DOWNEY – Joel (Joe) True, 77, passed away peacefully Jan. 21 at his home in Downey.

He was born in Huntington Park on Nov. 10, 1936 to Ray and Helen True. He graduated from Huntington Park High School and married Linda Hansen.



After serving in the U.S. Army, he settled in Downey, working as a carpet layer until he retired about 25 years ago.

He is survived by his son, Carl; brother, Rod; grandchildren, Christopher, Daphne and Jamie; and ex-wife, Linda.

Services were held Feb. 8 at the Moravian Church of Downey.

Services Saturday for Lowell Charlton

DOWNEY – Lowell Charlton, born July 16, 1940 and a longtime resident of Downey, passed away Feb. 3.

Funeral services are Saturday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m. at New Commandment Missionary Baptist Church in Paramount.



Lowell is survived by his wife, Helen Johnson-Charlton; one son, Terrance Charlton; one daughter, Candice Charlton; one brother, Timothy Charlton (Shelia); four sisters, Edna Thomas, Lynona French, Tina Hunt (Willie) and Janice Harris; one uncle, Nathaniel Charlton; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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In Memory of
Gene Valdes Sr.
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Gene Valdes Sr. passed to eternal life on February 4, 2014, rejoining his beloved wife of 69 years, Clara, who died in 2009. Gene was born on August 6, 1917 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the 2nd-born of 4 sons of Juan B. and Dora Valdes. He was a 15th-generation New Mexican, his early ancestors arriving in the then Spanish colony in 1598. In addition to his wife Clara and his parents, Gene was preceded in death by his brother Johnnie and wife Eppie; brother Lawrence and wife Wilma; sister-in-law Patricia; and cousin, classmate and boyhood best friend Freddy Valdes. Gene graduated from St. Michaels High School in Santa Fe in 1934. In 1940, Gene and Clara married and soon moved to Los Angeles where Clara and her family had resided. From 1943-1946, Gene served in the US Navy in the Pacific. After the war, the couple settled in nearby Downey, California where they lived for 60 years and raised their two children, Gene Jr. and Richard. Gene had worked for Ford dealers in the early years of his career. In 1952, he and his business partner opened an automotive parts store in Los Angeles focusing on antique and classic autos. Later they moved the business to Long Beach, California which they operated until their retirements. Gene was a devout Catholic, a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as an usher at the family church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey, for 50 years. He was an avid fisherman, both fresh water and ocean, played the saxophone and in his younger years played in bands. He also loved wood-working, gardening and family activities and gatherings. Most of all, he loved his dear wife Clara and personally cared for her during the last three years of her life when she was incapacitated and homebound. Gene is survived by his two sons, Gene Jr. and wife Dorian; Richard and wife Gale; brother Joseph and wife Bernadette; three grandchildren, Andrea and husband Darren; Jeffrey; Justin and wife Trisanna and his mother Kathleen Brady Valdes; 10 great-grandchildren: Wesley, Rebecca, Dara, Cameron, Cailyn, Blaine, Brody, Clara, Savannah, and Gage; many nieces and nephews including his special niece and "Baby Sister," Alice; dozens of cousins, other relatives and dear friends. Visitation will be on Friday, February 14, 2014 from 11am-1pm at All Souls Mortuary follow by the gravesite at 1pm at the All Souls Cemetery and Mausoleums in Long Beach, CA. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Catholic Charities Community Services, 1825 W. Northern Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021.

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Counsel's Corner: planning for Medi-Cal subsidies

The Assisted Living Program Waiver (ALWP) is designed to assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries to remain in their community as an alternative to receiving care in a licensed health care facility. The

program provides specified benefits to eligible seniors and persons with disabilities. Medi-Cal is the government program designed to help subsidize the healthcare costs for those individuals who meet the Medi-Cal resource limits.

However, you must financially qualify for this subsidy; that is to say you cannot have too much income or too many assets. For example, in 2013, if a married person needs an assisted living subsidy, the couple's non-exempt resources cannot exceed \$115,920.

In an effort to qualify, some couples give away excess assets to their children. While perhaps this may be wise for tax planning and to avoid the Medi-Cal Estate Recovery Liens, such gifts transfers are not treated kindly by Medi-Cal when you are attempting to qualify for benefits.

Indeed, Medi-Cal imposes a period of ineligibility, or penalty, linked to the value of any gift made within 30 months of application. This 30-month period is called the "look back" and is dealt with under the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act (MCCA). It provides that transfers of non-exempt resources can result in a period of ineligibility, which is the

lesser of: (A) 30 months; or (B) the value of the transferred items divided by the "average private pay rate" (APPR) then in effect in California (currently \$7,549).

For example: if Mr. D transfers \$15,000 to his son in January 2013, and applies for Medi-Cal in April of 2013, a transfer period will be triggered. The amount transferred (\$15,000) is divided by the 2013 APPR (\$7,549), and Mr. D will be subject to a period of ineligibility of 1.98 months. Since California does not count partial months, he will be ineligible for 1 month, running from the date of transfer (January 2013). Thus, Mr. D will not be eligible for January and February of 2013 but he would be eligible as of March 1, 2013.

The gift penalty only affects gifts of cash or other non-exempt assets. Gifts of exempt assets, such as a home, can usually be made even during the "look back" without triggering a gift penalty. However, gifts of the home require special care and legal planning strategies to reduce or eliminate the effect of this Estate Recovery Lien and to preserve associated tax benefits.

In the near future, because of a federal law called the Deficit

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Reduction Act of 2005, the Medi-Cal penalty rules will tighten up: the look-back will increase to 5 years; gifts to multiple recipients will trigger penalties which run consecutively; no more rounding down; and the penalty will not even begin to run until the donor is in actual need of a subsidy, which could be up to 5 years down the road when he may have limited funds to pay for care, eliminating his access to a Medi-Cal "safety net" and placing him at risk.

In short, gifts made with only tax or probate-avoidance concerns in mind can have devastating consequences for a parent who later needs assisted living. To minimize these consequences, any planned gifts should be carefully structured so as to preserve the parent's eligibility for a future Medi-Cal subsidy, if necessary. Currently, with proper planning, this can still be done: with special care even gifts of non-exempt assets can be made without generating a gift penalty, and improperly made gifts can sometimes be fixed so as to qualify for the subsidy.

The purpose of this column is to provide general information on the law, which is subject to change. It is not legal advice. Consult a lawyer if you have a specific legal problem.

Astronaut to speak in Downey

DOWNEY – Fred Haise, an Apollo 13 astronaut and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, will be guest speaker at the Downey Association of Realtors luncheon May 7 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The DAOR has opened the special event to the public. Tickets are \$12 if purchased in advance. For more details, go to daor.com.

Storytime Festival Feb. 22

DOWNEY – The annual Storytime Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downey City Library.

The event is sponsored by the Assistance League of Downey's Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary and features informal book readings to children in preschool through fifth grade, face painting and a puppet show.

Every child in attendance will receive a free book as part of the Assistance League's commitment to help promote childhood literacy.

Quilters group meets Wednesday

DOWNEY – The Los Angeles County Quilters Guild will have its regular meeting this Wednesday at the Downey Woman's Club.

The meeting begins with social hour at 9 a.m. following by the program at 10. Admission is \$5 for non-members.

More details are online at quiltguildla.org.

Brookshire Park groundbreaking

DOWNEY – A public groundbreaking event to signal the start of construction at Brookshire Park is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The park will receive a walking trail and new playground equipment for children up to 5 years old. The equipment will be suitable for kids with special needs.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps and its project partners -- First 5 L.A., Rails to Tails Conservancy, Dake Luna Consultants and the Better World Group -- are funding the upgrades.


The groundbreaking event will include arts and crafts for kids and light refreshments. Residents are invited.

For questions or more information, call the city's Parks and Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238.

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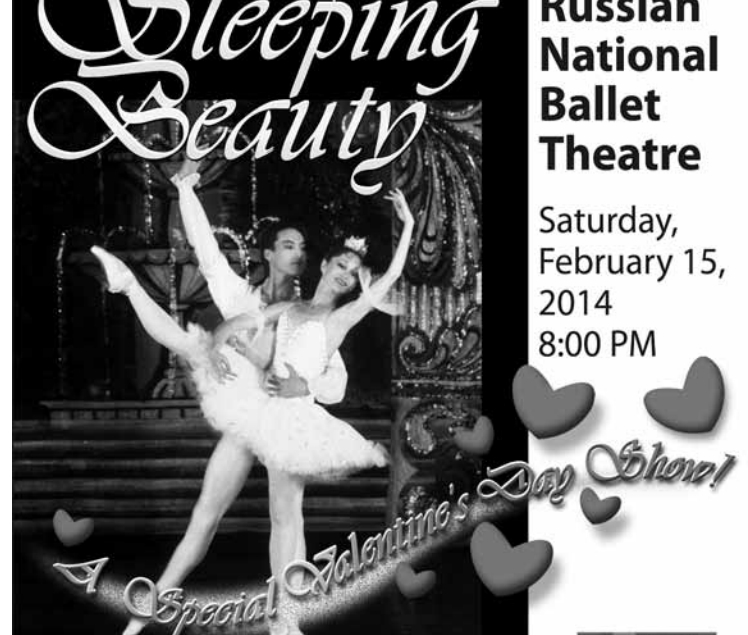
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Letters to the Editor:

Obama administration

Dear Editor:

In reply to the man who said I hated President Obama: No, what I hate are the lies he continues to tell to U.S. citizens.

“You can keep your healthcare plan, you can keep your doctor, it isn’t to cost you a dime more, a family of four can save \$2,500 a year on Obamacare.” Another lie: Benghazi was caused by some video almost no one has ever heard of, not only by him, but also Hillary Clinton and Susan Rice.

I will congratulate Sen. Feinstein, who is head of the Senate Intelligence Committee. It only took her one year and four months to discover what we knew in less than a week, that we were being lied to. One thing that came from the investigation was that it could have been prevented had those responsible been attending to their jobs. Now what I’d like to know is, was it Obama or Clinton who is responsible for the death of four men? Or do we just buy the explanation, “What difference does it make now?” After all, they have gotten by so far without being held accountable.

Another deceitful title: “affordable healthcare.” No, we’re finding out it isn’t, but this administration has spent over \$600,000 setting up a system that didn’t work. California got a \$60,000 grant to pay two or three stupid performers to promote it. And now we find out that as of Jan. 19, 4.7 million have had their healthcare cancelled while \$80 million was given to market Obamacare to the millennials and it’s still a disaster.

I’m also disgusted with our attorney general, Eric Holder, who picks and chooses which lawbreakers he will prosecute (not the Black Panthers), no responsibility for Fast and Furious (giving guns to the Mexican drug cartels) and suing Texas and New Mexico for enforcing their borders.

I don’t like this administration pushing same-sex marriages down our throats, President Obama and President Clinton being among the first to congratulate them that it passed.

I’m not excited that more are on food stamps, more poor than since the Great Depression and more out of work who have quit looking for work. The upside – Obama says unemployment insurance is good for our economy. Maybe everyone should quit their jobs and go on unemployment insurance – our economy needs improvement.

I hate it that the U.S. is \$17.3 trillion in debt. The latest figure I heard is that every man, woman and child in the U.S. now owes \$123,000 to cover our debt. It’s growing and will get much worse if Obama is allowed to subsidize the insurance companies.

One thing that really angers me – just that a man who killed his wife, sentenced to life in prison, is now receiving a sex change. A federal judge ruled that he was very uncomfortable. We taxpayers will foot the bill. I have a suggestion: maybe we can put the man out of his discomfort, save the money and spend it on a mental exam for the judge. We could have those who vote for a bill without reading it be examined too.

Now if King or Dictator Obama wants a bill passed and Congress doesn’t do it, he says he has a pen and phone and will use executive orders – forget the three branches of government – he knows best! It appears he has a bad, if not incurable, case of narcissism.

The above are what I hate, not who I hate.

**Elsa Van Leuven
Downey**

Dear Editor:

The reason I commend the *Downey Patriot* newspaper is because it is the only local newspaper of any worth or caliber with the best means of communication to all residents, because all major newspapers and television media (except FOX News, are in the pockets and control by the President and politicians of the majority party Democrats and some RINOs (Republicans in name only), who are willing to sell out our country so they can maintain their luxurious, easy job and overly generous pension benefits forever.

Majority members of both House and Senate, and some RINOs, the toughest part of their job is waking up in the morning and going to their luxurious pad office, where they can lollygag and rest all day long till quitting time to go home. They can do this until they are a hundred years old, even if they have to be brought to the chambers on a gurney or wheelchair just so they can cast their vote.

There ought to be a law against this pension job club. Term limits: two terms and out forever, with no right to move on as a lobbyist or consultant to newly-elected representatives or bodies of government to further their nest egg pensions.

Some reps are honest leaders, most are parasites living off the incomes of hard-working Americans. They can’t even come to their office if there are a couple inches of snow, yet the mail carrier has to deliver if the snow is up to his hips, even at night in the dark.

Our founders are probably turning over in their graves to see what the politicians have wrought on the American public with 20,000-page bills that none have read in their entirety and then voting on it. Nancy Pelosi comes to mind with her “Let’s vote on it and then find out later what we voted on.” These people would have been drummed out of office so fast that they would faint and fall out.

Oh well, till next time, be good to yourself.

**Joe Cvetko
Bellflower**

A REAL JOBS PLAN FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA

By Drew Johnson

The new national jobs report is brutal.

The economy only created 74,000 positions last month. That’s well under the rate of population inflation. And about 350,000 unemployed people simply quit their job search. Now, roughly one in ten Americans is stuck outside the labor market.

President Obama claims to care about putting people back to work. His record, however, tells a different story. For example, his administration has taken every available opportunity to suppress the one industry ripest for job growth: the oil and natural gas sector.

The energy industry already supports over 9 million jobs throughout the country. And they’re precisely the kind we need: well paying, stable and technically sophisticated, but not requiring extensive formal schooling. The average oil and gas job pays \$12,000 above the median wage in the overall economy.

Thanks to the recent development of more effective tools for exploration and excavation, America is now undergoing an energy renaissance. The U.S. is on track to be the top energy producer on the planet within just a few years...but only if lawmakers stay out of the way.

Private sector growth depends on a non-intrusive policy environment. And, unfortunately, this White House has decided to needlessly hamper the energy industry and choke off new job creation.

For starters, the Obama administration is aggressively blocking drilling on public lands.

During the last year of the George W. Bush presidency, the federal government handed out 1,874 leases and 6,444 permits for energy development on government territories. In 2010 -- the most recent year of data -- the Obama administration dispensed just 1,053 leases and 3,963 permits -- a 44 percent and 33 percent drop, respectively.

A big reason for this decline is bureaucratic foot-dragging. Officials are subjecting energy entrepreneurs to unreasonable delays. The non-partisan Government Accountability Office has calculated that for 91 percent of lease applications this administration has failed to make a ruling within 60 days of submission, as required by law.

And when they’re not delaying, Obama regulators are arbitrarily revoking access to public lands granted by previous administrations. In 2009, for instance, the federal Bureau of Land Management rescinded 71 drilling leases in Utah. The next year, it cancelled 91,000 acres worth of permitting in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

If this administration would reverse course and allow expanded energy development on public lands, the benefits to the job market

would be immense. A return to Bush administration-rates of leasing and permitting would increase domestic oil production on federal lands from 7 million barrels to 13 million barrels a year. And that production uptick would create up to 30,000 new jobs.

Next, the White House struck an anti-job pose on the issue of Keystone XL, the planned pipeline that would transport an estimated 800,000 barrels of oil a day from Canadian shale formations to American refineries in the Gulf Coast. The President still hasn’t given full approval for its construction, despite the fact that his own State Department officially determined that the pipeline is safe and environmentally friendly.

Ending the needless delays and allowing the Keystone project to move forward would immediately create about 20,000 new manufacturing and construction jobs.

Given its astonishing employment potential, it’s no wonder Keystone has a broad, bipartisan base of supporters, including Bill Clinton, Warren Buffet, President George W. Bush and 62 sitting senators. The most recent public polling shows that 82 percent of Americans favor full approval of Keystone, as well.

This administration has also been inexcusably slow in loosening restrictions on energy exports. Our supply of oil, natural gas, coal and gasoline now exceeds domestic demand. Producers are eager to ship surplus product to foreign markets.

Unfortunately, antiquated federal laws severely restrict their ability to do that. The 1975 Energy Policy and Conservation Act bans most crude oil exports. Further, the application process for shipping out natural gas is notoriously slow, selective and costly.

Overtuning these needless restrictions would, according to the Council on Foreign Relations, boost annual American exports by \$4 billion. Most of those new revenues would be invested back into domestic energy operations, leading to more jobs and opportunity for a workforce desperate for both.

If the President were really committed to getting Americans back to work, he’d halt his crusade against the energy industry. The oil and natural gas sector is ripe for future job growth. Policymakers just need to get out of the way.

Drew Johnson is a senior fellow at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to a smaller, more responsible government.

TREAT MARRIAGE LIKE A BUSINESS

As an immigrant from India who feels blessed to be an American citizen, Sukhjiwan Singh remains puzzled by the divorce rate here, estimated by PolitiFact.com in 2012 to be 40 to 50 percent.

“I come from a time and place in which arranged marriages were common practice – and there was no dating allowed. It seems to me that our society today should have more successful marriages since singles can date here and get to know their future spouse before taking the plunge,” says Singh, CEO of a real estate firm, a mother of two and a happily married wife to her husband of 35 years.

Singh has extensive experience as a counselor to victims of domestic violence, which has piqued her fascination for what works, and what doesn’t work, when searching for a lifelong partner.

“If you truly want to commit your life to a future husband or wife, but haven’t found him or her yet, there are many things you can do to

ensure a successful marriage while testing the waters via dating,” say Singh, author of “Marriage and the Love Myth,” (www.authorsukhsingh.com), who offers tips for committing one’s life to the right person.

• Don’t ignore the parallels between business and dating/marriage. Just like marriages, businesses fail all the time. Both demand your best effort and resources, including an inexhaustible amount of time, dedication and, usually, as much money as you can spare. As the fate of your business or romantic relationship goes, so goes your fate. While the experiences of both are often different, both require self-awareness, sound decision-making, and the willingness to give if they are to be successful. Of course, this means finding the right niche in business, or the right person for love...

• Follow the 80-percent rule in terms of compatibility for the “big stuff.” No two people are exactly alike, so where should a single person start measuring compatibility with another? Define the “big stuff,” which may mean religion, culture and ethnicity for some. Another take on big stuff could be personality traits, physical characteristics, social skills and more. Still another take could mean where two people are in life, such as profession and education. Define the big stuff; if you’re compatible on about 80 percent of the list, you should strongly consider purchasing a warranty for a great relationship. In other words, getting married.

• Communication skill – the glue of a lasting relationship. While establishing a relationship, take note of the conversation. Does it flow and is it enjoyable, or do you find yourself bickering frequently? As with a business, you can have the ideal partner or employee who may look stellar on paper, but if you do not work well together, it’s not good for business. The same follows for a sweetheart who may seem perfect in every other way. Make sure communication is a two-way street, and watch out for frequent sarcasm toward you, which is a sign of disrespect. You should be able to talk and listen with care, respect and proper appreciation.

Sukhjiwan Singh is the founder and CEO of New Dimensions Realty, a real estate brokerage.

Guerra calls for Sen. Wright’s resignation

Mario Guerra, Downey councilman and candidate for state senate, who previously called for Senator Roderick Wright’s resignation in the face of a recent jury verdict convicting the Senator of eight felonies – including lying to the voters about his residence in order to hold office – is asking for his competitors to demand Senator Wright’s resignation as well.

“While all of the candidates currently running for the 32nd Senate Seat have different ideas regarding politics as well as policy, I am sure we can all agree that our elected officials should place a high priority on character in leadership. For that reason I call the other candidates running – Ms. Sally Havice, Ms. Irella Perez, and Mr. Tony Mendoza – to call for Senator Wright to resign, also. Surely this is something that we can all agree on – that the people in our communities deserve leaders who place their desires for higher office behind the needs of the people they are representing. I have a proven track record of not only reducing crime, helping to provide a quality education to our community’s children and creating real jobs; but of doing all of that with the utmost character.”

Councilman Guerra added, “Silence is not acceptable. Our next Senator must not just have character, he or she must lead by example. I challenge all of my opponents to stand with me and demand Senator Wright’s immediate resignation.”

Drunk drivers

Dear Editor:

The latest horror story in the news is about not just one but two major wrong way driving accidents within hours of each other over the weekend, one here in California and the other out of state.

Both were suspected DUI drivers and at least one of the driver’s had a previous record for the same crime of driving under the influence. All totaled, 11 people were killed and an entire family was wiped out in seconds.

We are bombarded with PSAs with great frequency from the media and law enforcement against drunk driving. I question the effectiveness of this strategy and would go further to suggest that these methods are creating an air of apathy in some people. The attitude of indifference to these PSAs may be due to the regularity of them so that they become so ordinary that they garner little interest among the people they are meant to educate.

Though it is not to say that law enforcement efforts at lowering the numbers of drunk driving incidents are not effective. It is to say, however, that we could do better, and we must.

The explanation may be that some people can never be cautioned enough because it is their nature, their hubris and disregard for danger that makes them unlikely to ever care until it is too late. And certainly when one is inebriated one has no sense of danger. In the case of the accident in Pomona, that driver was an alleged repeat offender. And I would be willing to bet that most DUI accidents that end in death and or injury have drivers who are just that.

If this is true, then it is clear to me that the law must be adjusted to deal with the unimpressionable. We are using the wrong psychology with these offenders. They cannot be intimidated by the facts, no matter how scary we make it with the testimonials of epic human tragedy. A first-time offender should have their license revoked and as a further penalty, their car impounded and sold at auction.

We must as a community encourage our lawmakers to enact legislation that prevents these crimes from happening in the first place rather than the usual waiting to punish after the fact.

**Greta Campbell
Downey**

Z Band

Dear Editor:

Last Saturday I was able to stop by Mambo Grill and watch the Downey band Z Band.

As always I was amazed as to how much they sound like Led Zeppelin.

I would hope that it becomes more of a normal thing at the Mambo Grill and would hope to see more residents attending.

I would like to say cheers to John Zander and the Z Band!

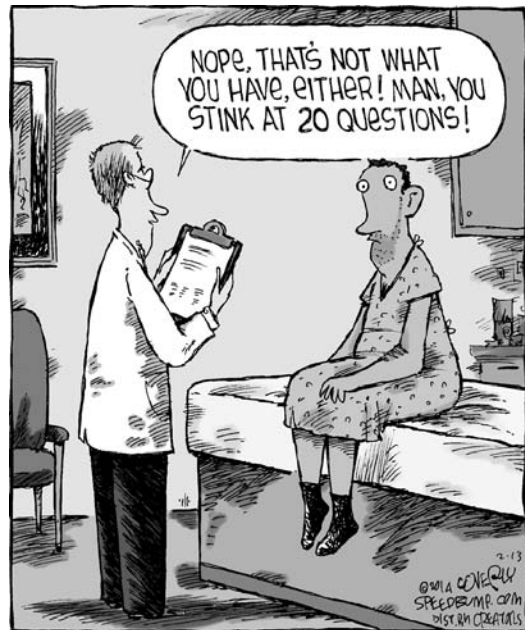
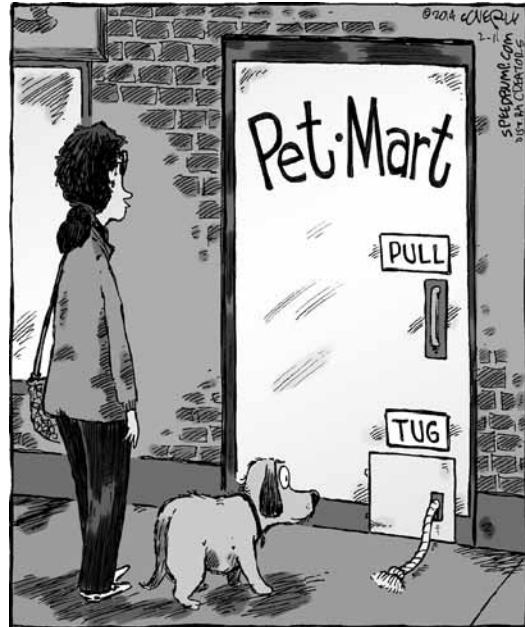
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1635: The Boston Public Latin School, the first public school in what is now the United States, was founded.
2000: Charles Schulz's final "Peanuts" comic strip ran in Sunday newspapers, the day after the cartoonist died at age 77.
2005: Ray Charles won eight posthumous Grammy awards for his final album, "Genius Loves Company."
Birthdays: Test pilot Chuck Yeager (91), talk show host Jerry Springer (70), Duke basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski (67), rock singer Peter Gabriel (64), actor Neal McDonough (48), actress Kelly Hu (46), retired football player Randy Moss (37), and actress Mena Suvari (35).

Downey Community Calendar

Events For February

Fri. Feb. 14: **Pyrographs – An Exhibit by Zachary Aronson**, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
 Sat. Feb. 15: **Russian Ballet Theatre**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Sun. Feb. 16: **Stanley Kubrick movie event**, Epic Lounge, 2 p.m.

City Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 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 Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
 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 dianedavis4sc@gmail.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., 3:30 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.
 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.
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7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
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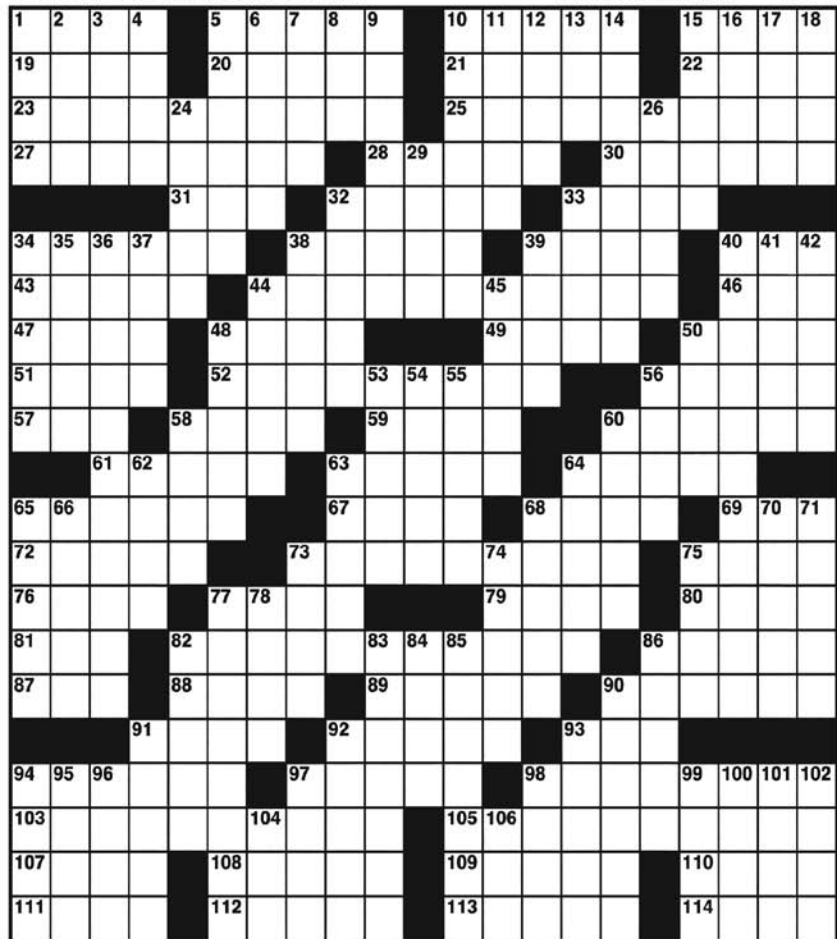
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



(another hormone) rise, as does the amphetamine-like neurotransmitter phenylethylamine, which can lead to heightened excitement. (Note that phenylethylamine is also conveniently found in chocolate!)

Attraction may be characterized by loss of appetite and lack of sleep. Additional neurotransmitters, including serotonin, norepinephrine and dopamine play important roles. The effects of serotonin, for example, can resemble the effects of obsessive-compulsive disorder; perhaps this is why people experiencing infatuation may have difficulty focusing on anyone or anything else. You can imagine that taking antidepressants, which change the levels of these neurotransmitters, could alter the way we experience and make decisions about love.

Today our subject is...LOVE. It's a mysterious concept, seeming spontaneous and ethereal. When I was younger, my understanding was that falling in love and spending the rest of my life with someone special was anything but scientific. I would meet the "right" person, and voilà!

As it turns out, many studies have explored the biology and chemistry of what happens to us when we date, and enter into a long-term relationship. While many of these studies have been replicated and well documented, others are single studies or studies with limited numbers of participants. While they certainly are fascinating, I encourage you to look at the results of these studies with a critical eye.

One conventional view is that there are two major drives in love - attraction and attachment.

Attraction is the love-struck phase, and it often begins with lust. Lust is primarily driven by two hormones: testosterone and estrogen. Levels of cortisol

and vasopressin. Oxytocin is released by a number of activities, including orgasm, childbirth and exercise. It appears to make us more trusting, and to help us overcome social fears. Vasopressin is believed to actually interfere with the delivery of excitement and pleasure neurotransmitters like norepinephrine and dopamine. Does this explain why vasopressin is associated with the later parts of a more stable, long-term relationship, rather than with the intense excitement and romance of the beginning of a relationship? One study of prairie voles, a species known for its pair bonding behavior, shows that they change from promiscuous to devoted with a change in the gene related to vasopressin.

MRI's reveal more clues about the mysteries of love. They have been used to show that certain regions of the brain become more active when the subject is in love. Other research investigates what factors lead to attraction. The science of evolution suggests that we are more likely to fall in love with a partner who will ultimately be successful in advancing our genes into future generations. While the traditional view is that men look for physical attractiveness and women look

for support and protection, some suggest that those relationships where partners are most similar have the best long-term success. It suggests that we are attracted to partners who resemble us, and - slightly disconcertingly - our parents.

Pheromones are a chemical excreted from animals (and plants as well) that trigger responses among those of the same species. Interestingly, a woman's pheromones can change with her hormone levels. While the role of pheromones in human behavior is actively under debate, could birth control pills, which alter hormone levels, theoretically have an impact on a woman's ability to attract a partner or to fall in love?

It's clear that the study of the biology and chemistry of love is still inconclusive and imprecise. I imagine that there will always be those who prefer it to remain that way!

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Norwalk students raise \$11K for charities

NORWALK - Elton John AIDS Foundation Executive Board Member and co-founder John Scott was on hand at Norwalk High School to receive \$1,000 from seniors who raised \$11,000 during their annual Charity to Charities Drive.

The Elton John AIDS Foundation was one of 11 charities that benefitted from the second annual drive, said Norwalk High teacher Dean Gray. Each of the charities received \$1,000, and Scott - along with nine other representatives from the charities - accepted the donation in person on Jan. 15.

The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education honored the students at its regular meeting Monday, Feb. 3.

"The students were ecstatic that Mr. Scott, co-founder of the foundation, took the time to fly all the way out here and recognize their hard work in person," Gray said. "They really feel like they made a difference."

Fifteen seniors participated in the drive by researching the charities, including their mission statements and ratings, and selling fruit snacks to raise funds over the

course of two weeks.

The first Charity to Charities drive last year garnered \$6,000 and 12 charities received \$500 each. Gray said this year's juniors at Norwalk High vowed to raise \$15,000 for the class of 2015.

"We are so pleased with the culture of giving Norwalk High School is creating," said NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez. "The students' drive, resolve and charitable attitudes are something we should all aspire to on a daily basis."

The American Government and Economics students who participated in the drive include Ericka Espinoza, Javier Reyes, Skyler Schultheis, Emily Lomeli, Sandra Tapia, Katherine Pena, Anthony Alvarado, Sarahi Del Castillo, Melissa Orozco, Lily Tinh, Samantha Lujan, Adrienne Gutierrez, Katia Higuera, Marlene Zambrano and Kevin Santana.

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- The IRS offers several suggestions for taxpayers to help protect themselves against scams and identity theft:
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 - Don't give a business your SSN or ITIN just because they ask. Give it only when required.
 - Protect your financial information.
 - Check your credit report every 12 months.
 - Secure personal information in your home.
 - Protect your personal computers by using firewalls and anti-spam/virus software, updating security patches and changing passwords for Internet accounts.
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PEOPLE PROFILE

GREG WELCH: FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND PERSONAL TRAINER

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – “By day, I work as a physiologist; by night, I’m a funeral director,” says Greg Welch, who is an exercise physiologist by inclination and education and for 30 years has been serving (by appointment) as director of personal training at

Downey Family YMCA. Marriage to Barbara Risher in 1982 added a dimension to the trajectory. Barbara’s parents, Ray and Marge Risher, had founded Risher Mortuary & Cremation Services in 1959 and since Barbara had started working for the family business shortly after she got married while concurrently serving as charge nurse and supervisor in the

Emergency Room of Montebello’s Beverly Hospital, it was inevitable that some of the family’s funeral services culture would rub off on Greg.

In fact, the newly-married couple lived on top of the original Risher Mortuary building in Montebello for 10 years.

He says he and Barbara met in college and they dated for six years before getting married.

Barbara had earned a BS in nursing from Cal State Los Angeles in 1981.

When her 92-year-old dad passed away in 2010, “Barbara and I took over the business,” says Greg, with Barbara officially assuming the titles of corporate president and owner.

“She basically runs Risher’s marketing function full-time,” he explains, “while I focus on the community development aspect of the business. This is extremely important, to let people know that we can take better care of them because we’re family-owned.”

This matter of family ownership, Greg goes on, is “what enables us to provide our clients better care and our services more affordable in contrast to those given by large corporations.”

Greg sees Risher Mortuary’s role as a “ministry to the bereaved,” taking its cue from the Bible. Thus a major promotional responsibility is “going to churches, service clubs, chambers of commerce, and other organizations to build relationships. We’re also addressing the needs of the underserved population of the city because of their socio-economic disadvantage.” A case in point, he says, is Risher’s recent unpublicized assistance to the Dodi Soza family.

Greg joined the Rotary “six to seven months ago.” He says Risher Mortuary and the Rotary are both about service, and therefore he feels a kinship with

the aims and programs of the club. It’s no secret, he says, that Barbara herself, not to mention her departed parents, has played an active and leading role in the Rotary Club of Montebello as well as other service organizations there.

Greg, of Irish-Welsh-German ancestry, was born in Lynwood and raised in Santa Fe Springs. “My dad was from Missouri, while my mom came from Chicago,” he says.

Barbara and Greg, who reside in Seal Beach, have four kids: Nathan, 25, is a Purdue graduate and pilot in the Air Force, who is currently deployed in the Middle East and has flown several missions over Iran and Afghanistan; Zachary, 24, is an auxiliary firefighter for the city of Santa Fe Springs; Kailie, 19, is with the Air Force ROTC Nursing program at the University of Alabama; and Jenna, 16, attends Orange Lutheran High School in Orange (A soprano, “she’s a soloist and sings for many of our funerals,” says her proud dad. You should hear her sing, ‘Oh Danny Boy’ and ‘God Bless America,’ too.”

Greg’s other career as a practicing exercise physiologist and as president of his own Seal Beach-based SpecFit Foundation, which he describes as an “agency of wellness and competitive performance enhancement,” continues to thrive as well.

His accomplishments in the field through the years are noteworthy: traveling extensively,



he has lectured to personal trainers across the country and has published several articles in a wide spectrum of national journals. He serves on the board of advisors of the Lifespan Wellness Center at Cal State Fullerton, is the consulting physiologist to the Heartwise Fitness Institute in Whittier, CA, and is a senior instructor for the American Academy of Fitness Professionals, while serving as a consultant to the American Senior Fitness Association as well.

Even before all this, Greg was involved in volleyball “at a variety of levels” for twenty years, and in 1984 was the athletic training coordinator for volleyball at the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles and for two years served as the consulting physiologist to the Women’s Professional Volleyball Association (WPVA).

It’s obvious Greg’s cup runneth over.

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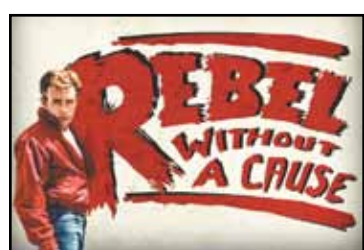
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Tickets are slightly higher at the door.

To purchase tickets, or for a performance schedule, go to cerritos.edu/theatre or call (562) 467-5058.

'Wizard of Oz' in La Mirada

LA MIRADA - The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Art will host two performances of "The Wizard of Oz" on March 2 at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The production is directed by David Leidholdt and stars Chelsea Stotter, Shannon Agnew, Stephen Szymanski, Chris Shore, Philip Bolton and Grace Allen.

Tickets are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults, and can be purchased online at lamiradatheatre.com or by calling the box office at (562) 944-9801.

'Much Ado' at Playhouse

LONG BEACH - Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" opens on the Long Beach Playhouse mainstage March 1 for a one-month engagement.

Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$21 for seniors and \$14 for students.

For details, call (562) 494-1014 or go to lbplayhouse.org.

'West Side Story' goes to Riverside

RIVERSIDE - The Broadway revival of "West Side Story" will be performed at the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside on March 9 for two performances only.

"West Side Story" tells the story of star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria as they struggle to rise above the hatred and intolerance that surrounds them.

The Associated Press says "West Side Story" "remains Broadway's best dance-driven musical. five decades have not dimmed the extraordinary choreography or the score that pulsates throughout."

Performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (800) 745-3000.

Norman Brown, Gerald Albright to play Cerritos

CERRITOS - Grammy Award-winning duo Norman Brown and Gerald Albright will perform March 15 at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Each will play his own solo hits before jointly concluding the show.

Brown became the toast of the soul-jazz circle with his innovative fusion of smooth jazz, pop and R&B.

His album "Just Chillin'" won a Grammy for Best Pop Instrumental and "After the Storm" was gold certified.

He has collaborated with Boys II Men and Stevie Wonder, while also working with smooth jazz's biggest figures.

With more than 1 million in U.S. record sales, Albright is one of

the biggest names in jazz and blues. He was among 10 saxophonists selected to play during President Clinton's inauguration.

A native Southern Californian, Albright garnered worldwide acclaim and a slew of Grammy nominations for the albums "New Beginnings," "Sax for Stax" and "Pushing the Envelope."

He has worked with a roster of music's biggest talents. During the 80s, he was a highly-requested session musician, playing on albums by Anita Baker, Ray Parker, Olivia Newton-John, The Temptations, the late Whitney Houston and others.

He even appeared on the television series "A Different World" and "Melrose Place."

Tickets to see Brown and



Albright are priced between \$45 and \$70, and can be purchased at the theater box office, online at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: wrestling season wrapping up

• Wrestlers prepare for CIF individual competition, which begin next week.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey and Warren High School wrestling teams have seen their dual meet seasons come to an end. Both schools competed in the C.I.F. Division 4 dual meet championship at Quartz Hill High School this past weekend.

Warren advanced to the semifinal round where they were

defeated by Bloomington 56-18. Downey advanced to the final match and also lost to eventual Division 4 champion Bloomington, 49-15.

Warren was seeded fifth out of 16 teams and won their first two matches. The Bears defeated Buena 35-22 in the first round and then defeated Highland 45-25 in the quarterfinal round before falling to Bloomington.

Downey was seeded third out of 16 teams and won their first three matches. Downey defeated Alemany 60-9 in the first round, defeated host school Quartz Hill 43-37 in the quarterfinal round and then defeated California 41-30 in the semifinals before falling to Bloomington.

Interestingly, Downey was eliminated by Bloomington last year, 39-31, in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 4 duals. Bloomington won the C.I.F. Division 4 championship last season as well.

San Gabriel Valley League finals will be held at Gahr tomorrow starting at 9 a.m. Championship matches should begin at 3:30 p.m.

C.I.F. Individual competition will be held next Friday and Saturday at Santiago Canyon College in Orange. Master's Meet competition will be held Feb. 28 and March 1 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario. The State Meet will be held March 7-8 at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

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The St. John Bosco High School wrestling team saw their dual meet season come to an end last Saturday at Northview High School in West Covina at the C.I.F. Division 2 Dual Meet championship. The Braves were eliminated by eventual champion Northview in the semifinal round 37-29. Bosco defeated Cajon 61-3 in the first round and then defeated Charter Oak 39-38 in the quarterfinal round. Northview went on to defeat Trinity league foe Servite 42-30 in the final. With the win, Northview won their third title in the last four years. Interestingly, Bosco defeated

Northview last year to put the blemish on the four year streak. Standout 152 pound wrestler Aaron Pico did not wrestle for Bosco at the Division 2 duals due to signing a professional contract on New Year's Eve Day.

Bosco will now turn their attention to individual wrestling competition. Trinity League Finals will be held tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at Orange Lutheran High School in Orange. Standouts Benjamin Angel (106), Julian Gendreau (113), Joseph Dominguez (138), Ismael Sakez (145) Zahid (132) and Anthony (170) Valencia are all expected to perform well.

C.I.F. Individual competition will be held next Friday and Saturday at Santiago Canyon College, also in Orange. Master's Meet competition will be held February 28th and March 1st at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario. The State Meet will be held March 7th and 8th at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

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The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 21-5 and are 8-1 in league play. The Vikings have been on a roll by winning 12 of their last 13 games after starting the season 9-4.

Downey defeated Dominguez 74-55 at Dominguez on 1/29, defeated Lynwood 44-38 at Lynwood on 1/31, defeated Warren 57-41 at Downey on 2/5, were defeated by Gahr 81-58 at Downey on 2/7 and defeated Paramount 71-51 at Paramount on Tuesday.

The Vikings are winding down their season and will conclude their regular league schedule against Dominguez at Downey tonight. With a win, Downey will become league champions at 9-1. I am certain that is Coach Shelton's, as well as his team's, mindset.

With a loss, however, Downey could finish at 8-2 and in a tie with Lynwood who will also finish at



8-2 with a win over Gahr at Gahr. If Gahr defeats Lynwood, however, Gahr and Lynwood would be tied for second place at 7-3.

As of this morning, Lynwood is 16-10 overall and 7-2 in league. Gahr is 14-11 overall and 6-3 in league. Paramount is 13-12 overall and 4-5 in league. Warren is 6-18 overall and 1-8 in league. Dominguez is 1-18 overall and 1-8 in league.

Things are starting to heat up as San Gabriel Valley League play concludes and teams make pushes for their respective playoff divisions. Paramount competes in 1A, Downey competes in 1AA, Lynwood competes in 2AA and Gahr competes in 3AA.

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The Warren High School girls' water polo team currently has an overall record of 23-9 and finished undefeated in league play. The Lady Bears are the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions.

The Lady Bears finished 15th out of 32 teams at the Southern California Championships tournament hosted by Irvine High School last weekend. Warren defeated Edison (Division 1 #7) 8-7 in their first game. Kayla Casas scored six goals and Stephany Velazquez had five steals to lead the Lady Bears.

Warren was defeated by Santa

Barbara (Division 1 #6) 11-6 in their second game. The Lady Bears were led by Natalie Manzanares' two blocks and two steals. The Lady Bears fell to Montebello (Division 2 #5) 14-11 in their third game. Warren was led by Kayla Casas' four goals and Stephany Velazquez's three goals.

The Lady Bears were defeated by Coronado (San Diego) 10-8 in their fourth game. Kayla Casas, Jocelyn Castro and Destiny Hernandez all scored on offense while Natalie Manzanares recorded three blocks and Destiny Hernandez had three steals on defense.

Warren concluded their day, and tournament, with a hard fought 10-9 win over El Toro (Division 2 #7). Natalie Manzanares recorded four blocks in the winning effort. The Lady Bears went 5/6 on power plays and clamped down on El Toro's power plays by limiting the Lady Chargers to 2/5. According to Coach Cordero, "that was the difference in the game." The Lady Bears finished the tournament with a record of 2-3.

The Lady Bears will finish their regular season today against Mira Costa (Division 3 #3). C.I.F. brackets will be released Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Coach Cordero, her staff and players are looking forward to another run in the C.I.F. Division 5 playoffs.

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CORRECTION: Last week's edition incorrectly stated that the Downey High School's girls basketball defeated Warren High, 44-39, on Jan. 29. That was incorrect. Warren High defeated Downey. We apologize for the error.

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The U12 boys all-star team of Downey AYSO Region 24 won first place in the AYSO Area 11 All-Star Playoff Tournament held Jan. 25-26. Downey defeated Long Beach, 3-0; Montebello, 5-0; South Gate, 3-1; Whittier, 3-1; and Lakewood, 4-1, in the finals to advance to the Section 11 Playoff Tournament. The team is coached by Jose Soria and Oscar Hernandez. Players include Gabriel Cervantes, Giovanni Soria, Jared Andalón, Aaron Salazar, Paul Garcia, Jasen Nicolas, Uriel Gonzalez, Ahmed Salam and Oscar Silva.

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File Number 2014012815

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File Number 2014019279

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REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIANA PACHECO, 9551 MULLER STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
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This business is conducted by a General Partnership
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CITY OF DOWNEY

Community Participation Meetings for CDBG and HOME Programs.

The City of Downey has scheduled several meetings on the City's federal CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The City is now working on the required Action Plan and Application for these federal grants. These meetings are provided to give those in attendance information on these federal programs, and allow an opportunity to provide input in the annual development process. Interested Downey residents and representatives of public service providers are encouraged to attend and comment on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities and propose uses for either of these funding sources. The City estimates it will receive up to \$1,075,671 in CDBG and \$341,359 in HOME funds for this fiscal year.

Community meetings will be held on:

Wednesday, February 26th: City of Downey's Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Cormack Room at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 27th: Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Gallatin Room at 6:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing will be held on:

Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m.: Downey City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Jose Vazquez at (562) 904-7161.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME GRANTS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL on the 25th day of February at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, the City Council will receive public comment on the City's federally funded Housing and Community Development Programs. The City is preparing next year's application for the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is seeking input in the following areas: identifying both housing and community development needs; evaluation of programs and priorities approved under the current 5-year Consolidated Plan; and suggestions or proposals for the use of the City's 2014-2015 federal grant allocations. The City has yet to receive notice of its Grant allocations for fiscal year 2014-2015, however, it is estimated that the City may receive up to \$1,075,671 from CDBG and \$341,359 from the HOME grant.

At that time and place, all persons interested may be present to give comments. The following City documents, which pertain to CDBG and HOME program, are available for review during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue; the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue; the Housing Division office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue; and at www.downeyca.org: 5-Year Consolidated Plan, and the Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2013-2014. Persons interested in obtaining a copy or for further information, may call Jose Vazquez, Housing Administrative Aide, at (562) 904-7161. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 25, 2014.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations, please contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7161 or the California Relay Service. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to arrange reasonable accessibility accommodations.

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

Adria M. Jimenez, City Clerk
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to this case, T.S.# 9411-6243. 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. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 303 E. Ocean Blvd., Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90801 800-769-6510 Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.auction.com or Call: 1-800-280-2832. NBS Default Services, LLC, Suzanne Castle "We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." A-4439574 02/06/2014, 02/13/2014, 02/20/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-13-560415-JP Order No.: 130090871-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 15/2/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): RAUL VILLARRUEL, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 11/2/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0079438 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/20/2014 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: **By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$638,384.26

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1419 HELWIG AVE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 A.P.N.: 80792-013-011 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://allsource.com/resware/TrusteeServicesSearch.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2012-20739. 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. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 1/24/2014 **Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee c/o 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606** Automated Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://allsource.com/resware/TrusteeServicesSearch.aspx> For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 240-3530

all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOHN L TIRONA, A SINGLE MAN AND DEMETRIO F. PAGULONG, A SINGLE MAN AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC** Recorded: 2/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0324034 in book, page and rerecorded on 06-05-11 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 3/7/2014 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: **By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766** Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$638,384.26

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Porsche Smiley, Trustee Sale Assistant

THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S No. 1280797-31 APN: 8080-027-023 TRA: 006768 LOAN No: Xxxxxx7132 REF: Gonzales, Carmen IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED January 15, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On February 26, 2014, at 9:00am, Cal-western Reconveyance Lic, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded January 26, 2007, as Inst. No. 20070162830 in book XX, page 417 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Carmen R Gonzales, A Widow, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the trustee at civic center plaza, 400 civic center Plaza Pomona, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **Completely described in said deed of trust The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12051 Barnwell St Norwalk CA 90650-6602. 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$352,225.98. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property 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. 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The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein: Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$352,225.98. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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For sales information: (619)590-1221. **Cal-Western Reconveyance LLC, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22008, Norwalk, CA 90650** Attention Recorder: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11-02-2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02-27-2014 at 11:00 A.M., ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 11-09-2005, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 05 2711210, and as modified by the Modification of Deed of Trust recorded on 08-21-2008, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 2008154182 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: JOSEFINA G BRINKLEY AND TONY BRINKLEY, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: **BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91766.** Legal Description: LOT 389 OF TRACT NO. 16767, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 393 PAGE(S) 14 TO 17 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$523,448.95 (estimated) Street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12051 BARNWELL ST NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8022-021-011 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess the financial situation and the options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 01-30-2014 ALAW, as Trustee SIERRIE HETSCHER, A SINGLE WOMAN, 1419 HELWIG AVE, 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818)435-3661 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 ALAW IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. 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Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: **BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91766.** Legal Description: LOT 389 OF TRACT NO. 16767, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 393 PAGE(S) 14 TO 17 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$523,448.95 (estimated) Street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12051 BARNWELL ST NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8022-021-011 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess the financial situation and the options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 01-30-2014 ALAW, as Trustee SIERRIE HETSCHER, A SINGLE WOMAN, 1419 HELWIG AVE, 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818)435-3661 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 ALAW IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. 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If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site <http://allsource.com/resware/TrusteeServicesSearch.aspx> using the file number assigned to this case 2012-20739. 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. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 1/24/2014 **Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee c/o 30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606** Automated Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://allsource.com/resware/TrusteeServicesSearch.aspx> For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 240-3530

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TS No.: 8346155 TS No.: CA1300255457 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 145435385 APN: 6260-013-014 Property Address: 12733 ORIZABA AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/19/2014 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 09/21/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2101307, in book , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, Executed by: MARIA PEREZ, A SINGLE WOMAN, 12733 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242 HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6260-013-014** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12733 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242 he 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$479,461.58. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 2013-005239-F00. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: January 31, 2014 Sage Point Lender Services, LLC 400 Exchange, Suite 110 Irvine, CA 92602 949-265-9940 lullia Calloway FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 280-2832 or visit WWW.AUCTION.COM SAGE POINT LENDER SERVICES, LLC MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4441654 02/13/2014, 02/20/2014, 02/27/2014

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APN: 6261-004-030 TS No. 007003-CA **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/6/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/6/2014 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/17/2007, as Instrument No. 20070914784, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by: LONNIE A. Merritt and Carol J. Merritt, husband and wife WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, WILL BE HELD BY THE TRUSTEE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION: 12733 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242 HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12733 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$479,461.58. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 2013-005239-F00. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled

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Trustee Sale No. : 20110187501186 Title Order No. 110277866. FOR TRUSTEE SALE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/13/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/29/2006 as Instrument No. 062639857 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: MANUELA L SUAREZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/19/2014 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7403 CECILIA ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6249-015-013 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$690,656.76. 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 same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20110187501186. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 5005 WINDPILL DRIVE, SUITE 1 EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762-9334 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee. Date: 01/23/2014 NPP0226040 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/30/2014, 02/06/2014, 02/13/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 758625CA Loan No. 0083440099 Title Order No. 130176473 ATTENTION REORDERER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04-20-2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 03-06-2014 at 9:00 AM, ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 04-29-2004, Book NA, Page NA, Instrument 04 1056761, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ZULMA GRANADOS MANCIA, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Legal Description: THE NORTHWESTERLY 80 FEET (MEASURED ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE) OF THAT PORTION OF LOT 4 OF THE PARTITION AMONG THE HEIRS OF MAHALA ANN MAYES, IN THE RANCHO SANTA GERTRUDES, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1138 PAGE 310 OF DEEDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF OTTO STREET AND THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF DOWNEY AND SANFORD BRIDGE ROAD, AS SAID STREET AND ROAD ARE SHOWN ON THE MAP OF TRACT NO. 17493, IN THE SAID CITY, COUNTY AND STATE, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 477 PAGES 23 AND 25 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 58 DEGREES 38' 00" WEST ALONG SAID OTTO STREET, A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 51 DEGREES 19' 55" WEST TO A POINT ON A LINE WHICH IF PROLONGED WOULD PASS THROUGH A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, DISTANT NORTH 58 DEGREES 39' 00" WEST, THEREON 200.00 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, SAID ABOVE FIRST MENTIONED POINT BEING DISTANT NORTH 31

DEGREES 19' 55" EAST, THEREON 90.00 FEET FROM SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LOT LINE; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 39' 00" EAST, 200.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, THAT IS DISTANT THEREON SOUTH 31 DEGREES 19' 55" WEST, 135.00 FEET FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 19' 55" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LOT LINE, 135.00 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$853,616.35 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9354 OTTO STREET DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6390-016-014 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. This property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 02-04-2014 ALAW, as Trustee MANUSHAK VIOLET OUTFALIAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALAW 9200 OAKDALE AVE. - 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818)435-3661 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 ALAW, AS DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, this information can be obtained from one of the following three companies: LPS Agency Sales and Posting at (714) 730-2727, or visit the Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com (Registration required to search for sale information) or Priority Posting and Publishing at (714) 573-1965 or visit the Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com (Click on the link for "Advanced Search" to search for sale information), or auction.com at 1-800-280-2832 or visit the Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the Trustee Sale No. shown above. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-4442103 02/13/2014, 02/20/2014, 02/27/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-13-594919-JP Order No.: 130201785-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/20/2005. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY

MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ARIEL CIRIBE, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 5/2/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1014231 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/20/2014 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$804,216.96 The purported property address is: 9663 CLANCEY AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 Assessor's Parcel No.: 6390-004-016 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. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-13-594919-JP. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the

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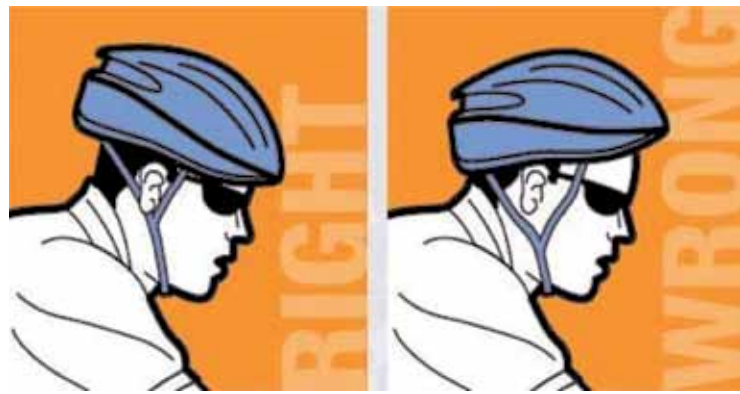
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successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-13-594919-JP IDSPub #0061541 1/30/2014 2/6/2014 2/13/2014

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Professor presents new teaching method

NORWALK – Cerritos College instructor Miodrag Micic, Ph.D., presented a “breakthrough teaching approach” at the SolidWorks World 2014 Conference held Jan. 29 in San Diego.

SolidWorks is a 3D mechanical Computer Aided Design (CAD) program used by engineers and designers to create, design and simulate products.

SolidWorks World is the premier annual event for SolidWorks users and its presents are selected from the leading experts in the field to share best practices and to educate other users.

Dr. Micic, chair of the Engineering Design Technology department, detailed his new approaches in teaching statics and strength of materials using parametric CAD and simulations.

“Students become discouraged from pursuing engineering majors due to the math-related classes in engineering and the difficult and abstract nature of engineering science,” said Dr. Micic. “The breakthrough idea was to eliminate this bottleneck by enhancing the use of simulations as the main tool to solve problems in statics and mechanics of materials.

“By using these tools, we were able to transform the class from abstract and difficult math assignments to an activity-filled class.”

In the fall 2013 semester Engineering Design Technology class ENGT 237: Statics and Strength of Materials, students were introduced to basic concepts of statics and strength of materials, then understood the concepts by using the simulation tools.

“This innovated curriculum makes learning much more interesting, engages students and helps them understand the engineering concepts better and faster,” said Dr. Micic.

“Of 32 students, 30 completed the class and 28 became Certified SolidWorks Simulation Associates,” said Dr. Nick Real, instructional dean of technology at Cerritos College. “This new classroom approach in teaching statics and strength of materials improved student success.”

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Replace your helmet when it has been in a crash, if either the outer shell or foam is cracked/broken or the foam has gotten hard, and if it doesn't fit anymore.

The Downey Police Department will be offering bicycle safety tips over the next six weeks. Information courtesy of the California Office of Traffic Safety.



Reader Paula Mayfield was driving down Woodruff Avenue when she spotted a flock of geese at Doty Middle School. She was nice enough to share this photo.

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Kirsten Corwin (left) and Nicole Lodermeier have graduated from Air Force basic training at Joint Base San Antonio. Corwin is the granddaughter of Joyce Corwin, of Downey, while Lodermeier is a 2013 graduate of Downey High School. She is the daughter of Neil Lodermeier and Heidi Coon.

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Excellent Downey Opportunity
 Standard Sale! This beautiful home features 2 beds and 2 baths. It has a separated dining area + fireplace in the family room. It has a huge back yard, with a 3 car garage. A must see! Priced at \$394,000!

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 Used as a duplex. This property is in very bad condition. Cash only need fast escrow. The property needs total remodel Currently tenants in 2 bed unit. Priced at \$339,000.

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 North Downey pool home - In very nice condition. Open floor plan - Fireplace in family room. Newer appliances. Carpet everywhere but kitchen and pantry have tile floors. Tons of storage - Three linen closets plus utility room storage and walk-in pantry. Extras like built-in ladder to attic. Lath and plaster construction. Built by Zille. Meditation home. Private backyard. Garage is semi-attached, with cabinets and carpeting, and set up like rec area.

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Spectacular!!
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