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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

A Dream Vacation

Karen Borrell is a world traveler who has visited and lived in many other countries. But in 1947, she was a school girl in a town of less than three hundred people when she won a once-in-a-lifetime trip to St. Petersburg, Florida. 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 Karen Borrell

When I was twelve years old, I traveled with my mother during spring break in 1947 from the Adirondack Mountains to Florida. I had won a radio show essay contest about "My Dream Vacation," and we drove the eighty or so miles out of the snow-laden mountains where we lived, traveling on sanded roads framed by high snow banks, to Schenectady, New York, where we would meet "Uncle Burrell," the star of the morning "Tillie Lou" radio program.

Speculator, New York, is a very small town on the edge of Lake Pleasant – at that time there were less than three hundred residents. Every morning my brother Richard and I would stand on the metal grate register that conducted welcome heat up from the basement furnace. Mother rose early to stack the furnace with fresh wood and start a fire so that we could bear to get dressed and ready for school in our frigid house.

We would stand on the warm grate sipping hot cocoa or spooning our warm oatmeal while we listened to the silly antics of "Tillie Lou" on our large floor-cabinet radio. The contest had been announced for weeks. The grand prize was a ten-day trip to Florida for Easter. My mother pushed me relentlessly to enter it and even gave me help, which I later felt very guilty about.

The memory is forever etched in my mind of us huddled on that register and hearing my name announced on the radio: "Karen Olsen from Speculator, New York, is the winner!!!" We jumped up and down and screamed with delight. I was dumbfounded, but life had to return to normal. I grabbed my heavy coat and ran down the long driveway to the main road and caught the school bus.

No one on the bus knew yet, but upon arriving at school, I was an instant celebrity. Most of my classmates were also listening to that moronic fifteen-minute kids' show because there were so few listening choices at that time.

The trip to Florida was still about two months away. Meanwhile, the school was inundated with films and literature about Florida, the fish life, the tropical parks, the zoo, ocean sailing, must-see tourist sights, and more. We were also given our full itinerary.

It was very exciting and there were assemblies set up in our school gym for all to see the latest films as they arrived. This was just before any of us had television, and we were very easy to entertain in those days. The whole town felt like it had been "put on the map." Everyone was delighted for us.

Then the reality of our circumstances occurred to my mother – it had not occurred to me. How could we go? We did not have appropriate clothing or shoes, and we had no suitcases.

One day I was invited to skip school with my friend Lois and her sister. Her parents owned the only local tavern, and were financially quite solvent by our standards. They were going to the city to buy supplies and get a few other things.

After completing the necessary chores we had an enjoyable lunch together and Mrs. Graham said we should pick up a few pieces of clothing for her daughters. We went to a lovely store and the girls began to try on different blouses and dresses.

Mrs. Graham invited me to try on some also for the fun of it. I had never tried on store-bought clothing before. Mother always cut down the dresses from my cousin Eleda that my aunt sent to us, and I had very few. It was so much fun!

Finally, Mrs. Graham asked me which pieces were my favorites, and suggested other ones that she also liked. When it was over, I ended up leaving that store with dresses, skirts, blouses, slacks, underwear, shoes, and even a bathing suit!!

I was so happy, but thoroughly embarrassed. How could she do such a generous thing? Soon I learned that even the school principal knew what was going to happen. People were aware of our situation, and the Grahams had started a clothing fund for me. Every lumberjack who went in for a drink, or any other customer who came in to eat or drink, put money in the kitty. I even had a pretty coat and hat for my traveling.

My mother was a registered nurse and earned a small income from nursing some of the people with summer homes. One well-to-do lady called her and ended up lending Mother the nice clothing and other items that she would need for the trip. To this day, all those acts of kindness still amaze me and I feel unending gratitude.

On a chilly day in March, my sixteen year old brother Phillip drove us to Schenectady. I was full of anticipation. I was really going to meet Uncle Burrell at the broadcasting station! He turned out to be a fatherly, dark-haired man with a mustache. There were pictures taken and he showed us around the studios. Then he took us all to lunch and gave us a bundle of tickets and spending money. He accompanied us to the railroad station, and our journey began.

When we arrived at Grand Central Station in New York City we briefly met some dear friends who were also excited for us. Next, we were whisked off to the Hotel New Yorker where we would spend the night.

We dined and were taken to see "Sitting Pretty" with Clifton Webb, which was a big deal for us. A real movie theater was a treat in itself. New York City was a celebration to be in. I don't remember how, but I even managed to find and buy a long-wished for item, a pair of ballet slippers for my imaginary dream of being a ballerina.

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PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Carlos Baca, center, with Principal Laura Rivas and Vice Principal Don Rounds.

JANITOR'S ACT OF HONESTY IS REWARDED

DOWNEY – If you found a hundred dollar bill on the ground, and nobody was around, would you keep the money or turn it in to the proper authorities?

Carlos Baca, a 31-year-old custodian at Warren High School, found himself in just that situation last November. He did the right thing, and for his honesty, Baca was awarded the money today after nobody claimed the cash.

"It was the right thing to do," said Baca, who is contracted to work at the school through The Arc's employment program for people with developmental disabilities.

Baca was cleaning the campus the afternoon of Nov. 18 when he found the \$100 bill near the school's administration building. He immediately turned in the money to office clerk Andrea Ramirez.

"He came in here and said, 'I found money. I'm bringing it because it's not mine,'" said Ramirez. "We've had people turn in money before, but never a hundred dollars."

The cash was turned over to ASB treasurer Connie Caddell for safekeeping. With 3,800 students on campus, plus 200 adult faculty members, tracking down the bill's rightful owner was impossible.

After three months, following school policy, the \$100 went to Baca for his honesty.

He received the money Friday inside the office of Principal Laura Rivas.

"He could have easily put the money in his pocket and nobody would have known," said Rivas. "But he didn't."

"Character Counts is a big part of what we do here at Warren," added assistant principal Don Rounds. "We define character by what you do when nobody is watching."

Asked what he would do with the money, Baca thought for a second before replying, "Save it."

–Eric Pierce, editor

STORIES OF HOPE

With help from The Arc, Billy Blau finds joy

DOWNEY – Sometimes the people who can't speak are the ones who communicate the loudest.

Billy Blau, 36, is autistic and rarely speaks more than a few words a day. But his emotions come across loud and clear through hand-holding, smiles, squeals of excitement and a twinkle in his eyes.

Billy has been a client at The Arc – Los Angeles & Orange Counties since 1999, and according to his family, his behavior has dramatically improved in the past 15 years.

Once agitated by crowds and new surroundings, Billy now spends his days exploring Southern California's vast trove of museums, parks and zoos. There is a photograph of Billy sitting on rocks along a sandy beach, a wide grin on his face.

Sleep used to be next to impossible because ordinary sounds to you and me – like a truck rumbling down the street – would rouse Billy out of bed and keep him up at all hours of the night.

Today, Billy can snore through an entire night without interruption.

But perhaps most heartbreaking of all, before arriving at The Arc, Billy was void of emotion. His autism made him incapable of giving or receiving the most basic forms of human affection, such as a hug.

Thankfully that, too, has changed. As Billy was interviewed



by this newspaper, he clasped his mother's hand and massaged it against the back of his neck.

"I can kiss him on the cheek and the head," said his mother, Mary Ann Perez, her voice a mixture of joy and relief.

Billy belongs to The Arc's Excels program for people with developmental disabilities. Instead of wandering malls and food courts, the program exposes Billy and his 22 classmates to museums, science centers and similarly enriching sites throughout the region.

It has done wonders for Billy's social capabilities and self-esteem.

"It has been life-altering," Perez said of The Arc. "It's made Billy more gentle and comfortable. It's just such a relief."

This Saturday's Arc Walk for Independence is a celebration of Billy and others like him. The walk begins at 8 a.m. and participants have their choice of a 1- or 3-mile route.

ABC-7 traffic reporter Alysha Del Valle will emcee this year's event. There will also be appearances by Warren High School's marching band, the L.A. Clippers Fan Patrol, Cal State Long Beach's Army ROTC, and local dignitaries.

Money raised from the walk will benefit The Arc and ensure it continues to offer services to people with developmental disabilities.

Register online at arcwalk.org. On-site registration will also be available starting at 7 a.m.

–Eric Pierce, editor

AN OPEN LETTER FROM DOWNEY POLICE OFFICERS

Dear Downey residents:

The Downey Police Officers' Association and Downey Police Management Association wish to address a pending Charter Amendment (No. 14) which poses a threat to the Downey Police Department, and more importantly, the safety of the residents of Downey.

This Amendment, if it passes, would make it easier for the Downey Police Department to be dismantled and the law enforcement role in Downey to be taken over by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Currently, Downey City Charter Section 702 requires a two-thirds advisory vote of the residents of Downey before the City Council may "consider an agreement or use a method to provide fire or police services other than the City's own staff." Charter Amendment No. 14 will change Section 702 drastically by eliminating the "two-thirds advisory vote."

If this Amendment passes, it would take YOUR right to vote away and give it to the City Council.

It is our strong opinion that this decision rest solely with the voters and not rest with a simple majority vote of Downey City Council. Please NEVER GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE, public safety is too important of an issue. Our members fear the passage of this Charter Amendment would be a step in the direction of contracting out police services in Downey to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Many of us at the Downey Police Department were born, raised, attended local schools, and currently reside and have raised families in this community. Our personal ties and relationships in the community have been built over the history of the Downey Police Department. We cherish these relationships, and we are accountable to you, the residents of Downey.

Our members have always experienced a tremendous amount of support from the residents of Downey, and in return, we will continue to give our all each and every day to the community we proudly serve and call our home.

Please keep YOUR right to vote and keep YOUR Downey Police Department. On June 3, 2014, please vote NO on Charter Amendment No. 14.

Best Regards,

Downey Police Officers' Association
Downey Police Management Association

VACATION: a once-in-a-lifetime trip

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In the morning, after a lovely breakfast in the dining room, we were driven back to Grand Central Station where we boarded the train for Florida. I enjoyed seeing the change of scenery with the snow disappearing and the increasingly rich green expanses of land that separated the homes and businesses.

I was keenly interested, but at the same time lulled and comforted by the soft swaying and clacking of the train as it sped along the tracks. I was still very unsophisticated and held on to my favorite doll on my lap.

We ate in the big dining car, then settled down in our reclining seats. We traveled through Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. North and South Carolina, and slept through Georgia, waking with excitement to know that we were now in Florida! I slept well, but remember Mother having great difficulty getting her shoes back on her feet, as they were terribly swollen.

Arriving in St. Petersburg, we were surprised to be stopped by photographers taking many pictures. They even took me up to the engine room to lean out of the window and wave. I remember being so afraid that I would get my new coat dirty. We were welcomed by the Mayor and taken in his chauffeur-driven car to the posh Vinoy Park Hotel.

Mother and I were overwhelmed by such attention and really not very comfortable with such an unusual change from the life we knew. It was unspoken, but each of us was hoping not to embarrass ourselves in any way.

What followed was a week of great diversity and bewildering attention. I still don't know why so many people and organizations would care about a twelve-year-old child with no particular talent. I couldn't really dance or sing, but I did try to act. I had to act all the time to look like I was taking all the attention in my stride.

The week was a jumble of activities pre-planned for us, with time allowed for my own choices. My choices included going to the zoo. Its main attraction for me was that I got to hold and feed a monkey. We also went to see an amazing exhibition of an extensive, old-fashioned miniature doll-house that was on display.

A boy my age who was staying at the hotel with his father invited me to attend a Yankees-Red Sox baseball game. He bought me an ice cream cone that I was holding when Joe DiMaggio strode by our front-row seats, pleased with the hit he had just made. He asked me if I was enjoying my ice cream. I didn't even now who he was.

One of the arranged activities was a dinner with the Mayor and his wife at their home. They were very gracious and made us feel at ease. The Audubon Bird Society made us honored guests, but I remember no other details as I fell asleep from lack of interest and fatigue.

I have no recollection of the whole trip home. It must have been due to exhaustion. So much had happened to a very ordinary and shy young girl.

For months afterwards, we still heard from some of the people we had met there. We were sent a huge carton of a variety of bubble gum, more movies, and a crate of Florida oranges, all of which gave me a continued celebrity in school for a while. I graduated from eighth grade that summer. There were only fourteen people in my class. My family moved in the fall to Amsterdam, New York, to city life, bigger schools, and new possibilities.

3D chalk art demonstration

DOWNEY – Artist William Zin will give a 3D chalk art demonstration this Saturday, March 22, at Stay Gallery.

The demonstration is free and begins at 9 a.m.

Zin will also be a featured artist at the Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse, taking place Saturday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The walk, which will also feature a chalk art festival, is intended to raise awareness and funds for abused and neglected children.

For more information, call Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

Healthcare reform workshop

DOWNEY – The Point Insurance Services is hosting a free healthcare reform workshop Saturday, March 29, at the Woman's Club of Downey.

Insurance specialists will discuss the Affordable Care Act, the benefits of the law, and the consequences of not complying.

The workshop is from 9-11 a.m. A Spanish version is available from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Raul Castillo at (562) 400-2561 or raul@thepointinsurance.com.

Dance competition Friday

DOWNEY – Downey High School's dance team will present its annual "Downey's Best Dance Crew" dance competition Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in the campus gym.

Tickets are \$10 at the door; kids ages 5 and younger are free.

City claims victory in battle over ballot wording

DOWNEY – Downey officials released a press release Tuesday announcing the charter amendment language on June's ballot will remain the same after a judge ruled in Downey's favor.

Below is the city's full statement: "Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Luis Lavin today rejected attempts by a petitioner and the Downey Firemen's Association to amend the Impartial Analysis and ballot label for a proposed Charter Amendment on the June 3, 2014 ballot.

The Court found the City Attorney's wording was accurate and not misleading when she wrote in the Impartial Analysis: "Under the Proposed Charter Amendment, the City Council would have the discretion, without first obtaining voter approval, to decide how to provide fire and police services for the City."

The Court also found the following ballot label consistent with the Elections Code:

"Shall Section 702 of the Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the City shall provide for the staffing of the police and fire departments through its own staff and to remove the requirement that a two-thirds advisory vote is necessary before the City Council may consider alternative methods or agreements for providing police and fire services?"

"I am delighted that the Court has confirmed that the City was responsible and truthful in preparing the Impartial Analysis and ballot label for the proposed Charter Amendment," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. "Downey voters will now be able to exercise an informed right to vote."

City officials' motion under the State's anti-SLAPP ("Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation") statute remains pending on May 27, 2014. The motion must be resolved to determine the City's entitlement to recover its attorney's fees.



CRIME REPORT

Friday, March 7

At 8:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fight at the corner of Old River School Rd. and Stewart & Gray Rd. Upon arrival, officers located two subjects at the corner, however, they were not fighting. During an investigative interview of the subjects, officers discovered one of them was heavily intoxicated. The subject was placed under arrest for public intoxication.

Saturday, March 8

At 12:30 a.m., officers responded to 8803 Imperial Hwy. (La Perla Del Mar) regarding a subject who left without paying his bill. Officers located the subject in question and found him to be heavily intoxicated. The suspect was subsequently arrested for public intoxication.

At 1:40 a.m., officers responded to a report of domestic assault in the 11600 block of Bellflower Blvd. Officers determined that the adult female victim had been assaulted by her live-in boyfriend during an argument. The suspect was arrested for Domestic Assault.

At 4:45 a.m., officers responded to the McDonald's drive thru at 12256 Paramount Blvd. and contacted a driver who displayed the symptoms of being intoxicated. After a Driving Under the Influence investigation, the driver was arrested.

Sunday, March 9

At approximately 4:30 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 9300 block of Parrot regarding an assault. Upon arrival, officers discovered that the male suspect had assaulted his male roommate with a machete, causing a laceration to the victim's hand. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

Monday, March 10

At 12:30 a.m., officers responded to the Mosiak Hookah Lounge (11029 Downey Ave.) regarding an assault of a security guard. Officers discovered that a male subject had assaulted a security guard. The subject was detained until police arrived. The victim was injured as a result of the assault and the suspect was arrested for assault.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.



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Couple guilty in bank heist

DOWNEY - The former assistant manager of a Bank of America branch in East Los Angeles and her onetime boyfriend were convicted Monday of plotting a heist in which the woman wore a fake bomb to simulate a kidnapping to steal approximately \$565,000 from the bank.

Following a one-week trial in United States District Court, the couple was found guilty of conspiracy to commit bank robbery and bank robbery in the Sept. 5, 2012 heist.

Reyes "Ray" Vega, 34, of Bell, and Aurora Barrera, 33, who now resides in Downey, each face up to 30 years in federal prison when they are sentenced on May 19 by United States District Judge Manuel Real.

During the robbery, Barrera walked into the bank with what appeared to be an explosive device taped to her body, convinced a co-worker that she had been kidnapped that morning by two black men, told the co-worker that they had to open the vault and place money outside the bank or else the kidnapers would harm them.

Barrera and her co-worker placed \$565,500 of the bank's money into bags and then threw the bags out the bank's side door.

One of Vega's longtime friends, Richard Menchaca, picked up the money and drove it away from the bank. Menchaca met up with another accomplice, Bryan Perez, and they moved the money to a safe location.

The device attached to Barrera's body turned out to be a hoax when the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad arrived and disabled it using a robot.

Menchaca and Perez were also charged in this case, but they pleaded guilty and testified at the trial of Vega and Barrera.

Several of Vega's former friends testified at trial about how he asked for help in planning the robbery and how he bragged about it afterwards.

Although a small portion of the money has been recovered, the majority remains outstanding.

Doty students performing play

DOWNEY - Doty Middle School students will perform the comical time-traveling play, "The Knights of the Rad Table," March 31 through April 3 in the Room Seven Theatre on the southside of campus.

Performances are Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m., with a Tuesday matinee at 4 p.m. and a Wednesday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more details, contact Julie Moren at jmoren@dusd.net.

Fuentes makes Dean's List

DOWNEY - Downey native Jonathan Fuentes has been named to the Dean's List at Regis College for maintaining a GPA above 3.5.

Fuentes is scheduled to graduate in 2017.

Boutique vendors wanted

DOWNEY - Vendors are wanted for a spring boutique April 12 sponsored by the Downey Emblem Club.

For details, call Susan Colasurdo at (562) 743-4300.

Christian meeting April 9

DOWNEY - "Fashions of Spring" is the theme of the April 9 meeting of the Downey Christian Women's Club.

Guest speaker is Lisa Toney, a public relations expert.

The program begins at 11:30 a.m. Admission is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch.

For reservations, call Anita at (562) 861-3414.

1956 footage of Downey to be screened

DOWNEY - Bert Ward, a 1958 graduate of Downey High School, will show and narrate his father's 16mm home videos at the March 27 meeting of the Downey Historical Society.

The videos include footage of Downey in 1956, including construction of Warren High School.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Church marks Day of Prayer

DOWNEY - In honor of National Day of Prayer, First Baptist Church of Downey will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on May 1 for personal prayer.

The church is at 8399 2nd St.

Parking lot sale at church

DOWNEY - The Moravian Church of Downey is hosting a parking lot sale this Saturday starting at 7 a.m.

Available for purchase will be toys, clothing, furniture, household items, and more. The sale begins at 7 a.m.

Tables are still for \$10. For more details, email downeymoravian10337@gmail.com.

Pancake breakfast at Warren

DOWNEY - Warren High School is hosting a pancake breakfast this Sunday from 8-11:30 a.m. in the campus cafeteria.

All proceeds will benefit the baseball program.

WWII veteran Robert Whitney mourned

DOWNEY - Robert Paul (Bob) Whitney, who lived in Downey for most of 87 years, passed away March 4.

He was born Nov. 10, 1925 in Long Beach to Paul and Marjorie Whitney, the middle child of three (older sister, Virginia, and younger brother, Edward). The family relocated to Downey when Bob was 1.

Bob married his high school sweetheart, Mary Thompson, and together raised three children: David, Denise and Daniel Whitney.

At his passing, Bob had seven surviving grandchildren and six great-granddaughters.

Bob graduated from Downey High School and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a mechanical engineer. After many years as an engineer, Bob changed careers and started his own cabinet business, continuing to work until his retirement shortly after his wife's passing in 2003.

Bob was also a World War II veteran, serving overseas as a tail gunner.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; son, David; sister, Virginia; and grandson, Gary Whitney.

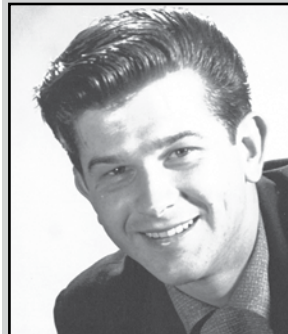
He is survived by a brother, Edward Whitney; daughter, Denise Whitney; son, Daniel Whitney; seven grandchildren; and six great-granddaughters.

Internment was March 14 at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey at 11 a.m.

In Memory of Bill Orndorff

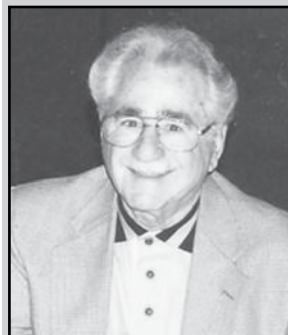
October 31, 1928 to February 23, 2014



Bill Orndorff 85, died peacefully at home in Downey on 2/23/2014. He served active duty in the Korean War and was interred at Riverside National Cemetery. Bill worked in the tool and die industry as a mechanical engineer for more than 48 years. In his retirement he continued to enjoy watching Nascar. He was an avid reader and because he was the only child of Rex and Genevieve Orndorff; cherished his life long friendships. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Kathy Orndorff.

In Memory of Abraham (A. T.) Jerry Apidgian

December 22, 1923 to March 15, 2014



Longtime Downey resident, Abraham (A.T.) Jerry Apidgian, of Huntington Beach, California, passed away at age 90 on March 15, 2014, peacefully at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Jerry was born in Fresno, California on December 22, 1923. He graduated from Fresno Technical High School before serving his country in World War II, in the Ninth Air Force, 468th Fighting Group.

Jerry married his beautiful bride Jeanne in 1949. They had three children: Lynda, Michael, and Cynthia.

For over 40 years, Jerry worked as a successful general building contractor, establishing Apidgian Construction Company in 1964. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, traveling, ballroom dancing, and old time gospel music.

Jerry is survived by Jeanne, his wife of 65 years; sister Margaret Whalen; daughters Lynda Rutherford (Gary) and Cynthia Lee (Sid), son Michael; his grandchildren Lyndsy, Gina, Bryanne, Sasha, Larisa; and his great-grandson Brody Seth.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, California. Viewing will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 12:00 noon.

Memorial donations may be given to the American Kidney Foundation.

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Our plan is to serve the community. We are familiar with our neighborhood, schools, shopping, churches, and recreational facilities.

SEE YOU AT THE ARC WALK

By Eric Pierce

There are several reasons why I will walk in Saturday's Arc Walk for Independence, but mainly I will participate because it is a celebration of equality.

For one brief morning Downey puts the spotlight on the most stigmatized segment of our population: those with developmental disabilities.

These are people who are routinely picked on at school and discriminated against at work (if they can get hired). Can you imagine life where people consistently avoid contact with you? Imagine being treated and spoken to as a child?

The Arc Walk is about celebrating the equality of all human beings. We may have different skin colors, different body types, different facial features, but our blood is the same. Our hearts are the same. Our love is the same.

I will walk for Randy, a client at The Arc whose loud and boisterous personality instantly makes him the life of any party. Introduce yourself to Randy and within 10 minutes you are "best buds."

I will walk for Patrick, a tall and lanky fellow who instantly lights up at the sight of a familiar face. Last time I saw Patrick, he scurried toward me, shook my hand and gave me a giant bear hug, before asking, "What's your name again?"

And I will walk for Carlos Baca, the Warren High custodian who turned in a \$100 dollar bill he found late last year. How many of us would have done the same?

The Arc Walk is not about politics. It's definitely not about pity. It's not even about fundraising (although that's important). It's about coming together as a community, all inclusive.

The Arc Walk is this Saturday. I hope to see you there.

Letters to the Editor:

Firestone Boulevard work

Dear Editor:

Last week, I noticed work started on Firestone Boulevard. I said, "Well, it's about time."

It is my duty being a citizen of Downey to write this letter, hoping it will be studied and be taken into consideration by the concerned parties:

1.) Firestone traffic at least doubled over the last 20 years, so we need to have a third lane in each direction. This can be achieved by not allowing any parking at any time on the boulevard side lanes or making the median divider narrow and pretty, but not wide enough to prevent the chance of having a third lane.

2.) Make median dividers narrow and with plants that are beautiful, permanently green, easy to maintain and non-seasonal.

3.) Please avoid the very, very expensive, long and large palm trees. All you see while driving is a large trunk that has roots high above ground level, covered with dirt. Besides, they drop their large leaves onto the street.

4.) Do not use large rocks to decorate the median cement as they collect dirt in between and get slippery. Some simple red bricks would be better.

5.) While working, please don't block a one-mile distance during the day, keeping 2-3 workers scattered, working slowly. Also, the used material mix (cement, tar, etc.) should be durable so it can tolerate the trauma and rain to avoid the need to fix the same road over and over. I know some construction workers do that to guarantee a future job.

Some may say, "What would a medical doctor know about road work?" I say, good observation, but common sense and caring about our city and community does not require an engineering degree.

Shahira A-Malek, MD

Downey

Water conservation

Dear Editor:

I have some questions for those who hose down their driveways:

- 1.) Why?
- 2.) Are you aware that So Cal is experiencing our worst drought in something like 100 years?
- 3.) What do you feel is the advantage of hosing down your driveway?
- 4.) Do you believe that the small amount of water you use makes no real difference?
- 5.) If yes to No. 3, do you then think that no one should be concerned about saving water?
- 6.) Do you believe that you have no responsibility for the environment?

Gary Myers

Downey

Endless letters

Dear Editor:

There has to be an end to the letters that either praise or condemn Elsa Van Leuven's letters to the editor. She's going to continue to write them and The Patriot will continue to print them so let's move along.

I don't read her letters anymore; they've really become very predictable, as her logic. Just by looking at the topic I could probably write her letters myself.

But give her her due: her punctuation is precise and her grammar is correct. I imagine she'll be happy that someone has noticed.

Muriel Schuerman

Downey

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ARC WALK FOR INDEPENDENCE -- WHY I WALK

By Kevin MacDonald

Chief Executive Officer, The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DON'T DICTATE LANGUAGE

By Daniel Ward

The Ukrainian conflict has highlighted the instability of nations in which languages and cultures compete for dominance. Despite fundamental differences, parallels have been drawn with the situation in the U.S., where Spanish is now being seen as a challenge to English in some areas. Although there is no danger of a Ukrainian-style conflict in the U.S., more must be done to encourage linguistic integration and equal access to economic opportunities, and thus minimize the potential for tension between communities.

In Ukraine, the division has been over-simplified by many commentators as an east (Russian-speaking) and west (Ukrainian-speaking) divide. Past polls indicate that a majority of Russian speakers living in the country have expressed loyalty to Ukraine and not Russia. Also, some people who identify themselves as Ukrainian-speaking may speak Russian in their day-to-day lives. However, the country's politics have been dominated by the linguistic divide since the breakup of the Soviet Union. Back in 2004, governors in eastern Ukraine warned that Russian-speaking regions in the east would secede if Viktor Yushchenko became president. The disputed election of Viktor Yanukovich, a Russia-backed candidate, was overturned and Yushchenko won in a reelection. The country remained politically divided, but discussion of eastern secession quickly waned. Ten years later, Yanukovich, elected in 2010 after disappointment in the Orange Revolution, has been ousted, and the east-west divide has again come to the fore.

Making Ukrainian the sole national language back in 1991 was a divisive move on which politicians have played to gain advantage. Yanukovich is a Russian speaker from the east and, despite his efforts to please nationalists by promoting the language, he still makes mistakes in Ukrainian. Yulia Tymoshenko (just released from jail), who lost the 2010 election, has spent years mastering Ukrainian, yet she called the

FIXING CONGRESS

By Lee Hamilton

These are hard times for Congress. Its approval ratings have seen a bump from their historic lows of a few months ago, but it's a small one. Our representative democracy's keystone political institution is widely derided as ineffective, unproductive, irrelevant, and sadly out of touch.

It is no coincidence that this comes while Congress has developed a taste for so-called "unorthodox lawmaking," wandering far outside its traditional procedures. That's why I would argue that as grim as things seem now, there is a fix for what ails Congress.

Broadly speaking, it involves congressional process. Let me quote John Dingell, the canny U.S. House member from Michigan who recently announced his retirement. "I'll let you write the substance," he once told a House Judiciary subcommittee, "...you let me write the procedure, and I'll screw you every time." In legislative bodies, whoever controls the process controls the result. If it wants to restore itself, Congress must make its processes exemplary and fair.

Members should begin by opening the floor to more amendments. At the moment amendments are tightly limited, if not banned outright, in an effort by the leadership to control the outcome. This restricts debate, impedes the free flow of ideas, and strengthens leaders while disempowering ordinary members.

The leadership also needs to give up its concentrated power and hand more authority to congressional committees. However worthy congressional leaders may be, they cannot do the job that the committee system was designed for: holding hearings, inquiring deeply into issues, eliciting facts, laying out options, arguing over amendments, finding the common ground needed to advance legislation.

The simple truth is that members of Congress are there primarily to legislate — not to raise money or score political points on television. Yet Congress seems to devote less and less time to crafting and passing legislation; it is losing the habit and the skills, and its work product suffers. It needs to work harder at the job Americans expect.

To make this possible, the Senate should do more of its business by simple majority vote of the senators present and voting. I know that many senators like the ability to filibuster, and do not want to abandon the rule that requires 60 votes to close debate. But here's the thing: the super-majority rule, as it has been applied recently, has become a formula for impotence and disorder. Every democratic institution in this country operates by majority rule except the Senate, where a small minority can completely gum up the works.

It's important for the majority to assure fair procedures that take minority views fully into account, but at the end of the day Congress needs to work, not be hamstrung by loyalty to a Senate rule that has outlived its purpose.

Which is not to say that tradition has no place on Capitol Hill. Many of the procedures it developed over long years of practice were designed to improve its functioning — especially in designing and enacting the federal budget. That process is completely broken now. Congress needs to focus its attention on returning to the traditional budget process of considering separate appropriations bills, as opposed to lumping the entire budget into a single bill.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Arc Walk for Independence — a tradition — of walking arm in arm together. The Arc's motto is "When You Give Help... You Give Hope." I will make that motto a reality.

A couple of hours on a Saturday morning — March 22nd at Stonewood Center in Downey

Let us come together.

2012 law making Russian an official language "a crime against the state."

The lesson from Ukraine and other linguistically diverse nations is that the creation of an official language leads to division rather than unity. It is usually a ploy to cater to nationalistic minorities for political gain. Furthermore, the groups that speak unofficial languages become constitutionally excluded, while their languages and cultures are delegitimized. In the U.S., where states and cities have enshrined English as the sole official language, we should learn from this experience and allow languages to develop organically without governmental intervention.

While Spanish is a very important language in the U.S. — almost 40 million Americans speak it at home — English is the de facto language of the nation and it does not need any official recognition as such. No matter how unjust it may be, the reality is that Americans who don't speak and write relatively well in English have less chance of economic success than those who do. Nobody knows that better than non-English speakers themselves, who are clamoring for classes, books, apps, CDs — anything that will help them to learn the language.

Instead of wasting time, effort, and money on amplifying divisions by creating a sole official language, we should be providing more free or low-cost programs to adult English learners and increasing investment in research-proven methodologies to help younger English learners achieve language competency and content knowledge hand in hand. Of course, the more forward-thinking English learners — and native English speakers — will see it as an advantage rather than a threat to be competent in another language, too.

Daniel Ward is editor of Language Magazine



Other key processes also need mending. The confirmation of presidential appointees is absurdly slow, seriously jeopardizing a president's ability to govern. Some 50 ambassadorial nominees await votes in the Senate, some of them having cooled their heels for months, and foreign governments are noticing and taking offense. The congressional ethics committees are dormant. Travel privileges are routinely abused — the government should pay for legitimate congressional travel and no trips should be paid for by special interest groups. The crucially important oversight process has become a political sideshow. Campaign expenditures should be limited and donors should be disclosed.

The point of all this is that Congress is listing, but it can right itself. It may not be able to tackle all of these proposed fixes at once, but each is within its power. Members should quit throwing up their hands and protesting that they can't do anything about their own institution's problems. It's their job to put Congress back in working order and they have the power to do it.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

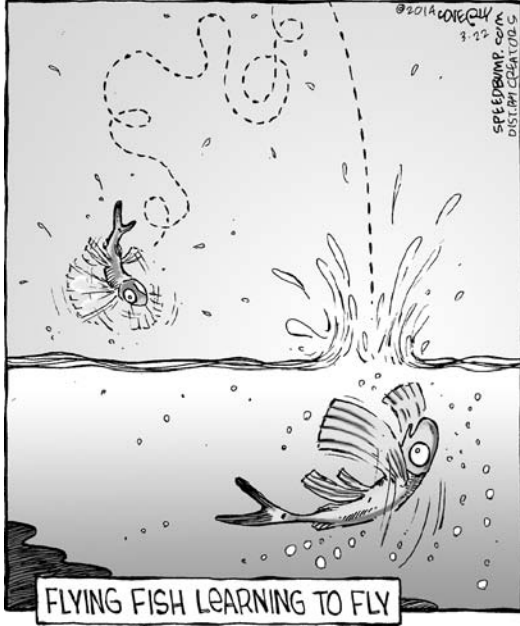
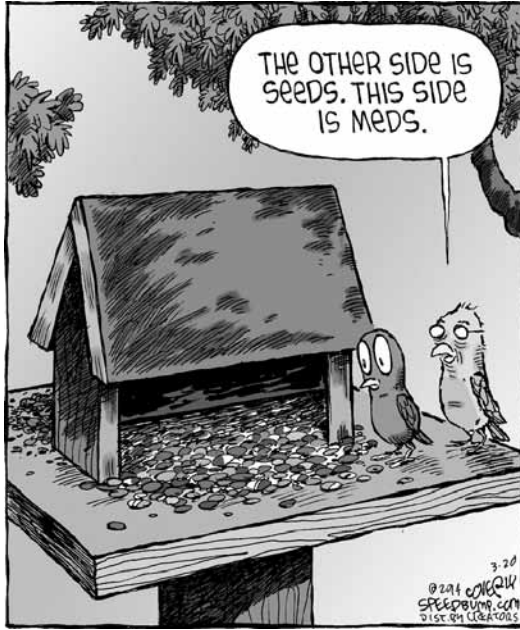
CORRECTIONS: A story in last week's paper about the recovery of a stolen art piece identified the wrong managing partner of Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle. Daniel R. Gold is managing partner. The story also misspelled the name of Dr. Gustav.

A sports story last week inadvertently omitted Downey High graduate Robert Chism from a list of wrestlers who have earned medals at the state meet. Chism placed fifth at the state meet and qualified for nationals two years ago. We apologize for the errors.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

- Fri. March 21: **New American album release party**, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
- Sat. March 22: **Arc Walk for Independence**, Stonewood Center, 8 a.m.
- Sun. March 23: **Pancake breakfast**, Warren High School, 8 a.m.

City Meetings

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 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.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

On This Day...

March 20, 1727: Sir Isaac Newton - physicist, mathematician and astronomer - died in London.
1969: Rock musician John Lennon of the Beatles married Yoko Ono.
1996: A jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their millionaire parents.
Birthdays: Director Carl Reiner (92), hockey hall of famer Bobby Orr (66), director Spike Lee (57), model Kathy Ireland (51) and actor Michael Rapaport (44).

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TRIPLE PLAY: You'll likely catch on quickly

by Gail Grabowski

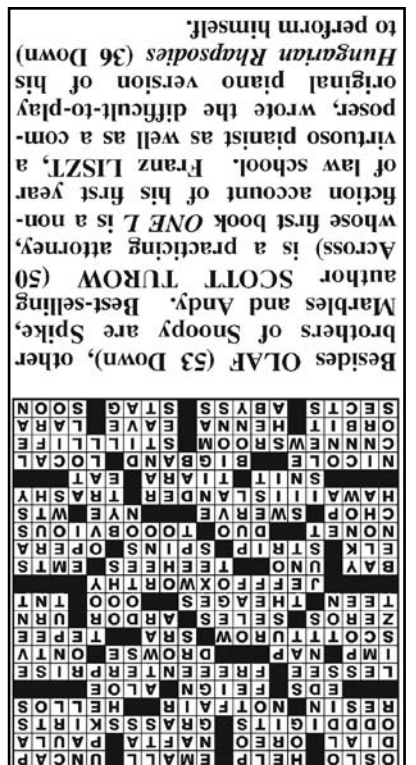
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DOWNEY RESIDENT EARNS FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO HARVARD



• Angel Rodriguez, 23, will study science at Harvard University.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – For as long as he can remember, Angel Rodriguez has always aspired to be the best -- mainly because he had to be.

"I've battled most of the qualities that separate me from my peers," Rodriguez said recalling his childhood. "When you come to this country and are not supposed to be here, you hide a lot of qualities. Unalienable rights is not real for everyone...so you've got to be the best."

And some might say Rodriguez had an obligation to succeed after his mother carried a 2-year-old Angel from a war-torn Guatemala through the

borders of Mexico to Pico-Union, Los Angeles, a major point of entry for many Latin American immigrants.

"My mother cleaned Jewish people's houses. That's how she made a living," he said. "I remember being in wealth, exposed to what it's about, but not having it. I think that put a fire inside of me. I've got to see how wealth works in this country and what it allows you to do."

After years of study and sacrifice, the 23-year-old Rodriguez can now proudly say he's one of the best as the Downey resident was awarded a full scholarship last month to Harvard University to earn a Ph.D. in the history of science.

"The day I found out, I wasn't shocked," Rodriguez recalled. "But my mother was crying. She said, 'son, we made it in America.' It's like when you get drafted to the Lakers, you know what's coming. After this degree, every

door is open."

Rodriguez's academic journey, however, didn't start in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Before coming to Downey, Rodriguez's family lived in south Los Angeles where he attended Cathedral High School, an all-boys college prep Catholic school.

"I received my U.S. citizenship on my 17th birthday -- if that wouldn't have come through, I would've joined the Navy," he said. "But I always wanted to go to college."

After graduating in 2008 in the top four percent of his class, Rodriguez was offered guaranteed acceptance to a campus within the University of California system. He was accepted to UC Santa Barbara where he completed his bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 2012 and this May, Rodriguez will complete his master's degree in Latin American Studies at UC Santa Barbara.

"I'm graduating with my master's degree with zero debt. I'm a very faithful person -- God is really blessing me," said Rodriguez, who received a full scholarship to complete his graduate work. "I always wanted to do more than just school. I love research, the ability to create knowledge. The lifestyle of the professor."

Rodriguez acknowledges that his lifestyle could have gone very differently had it not been for his mother, Jeanet, and the mentors he met along the way.

"Every victory is a team victory. It's hard -- the challenges are very subtle, but they're there," he said. "I love fast cars, fast

money...I love hip-hop, that gets me motivated. But I couldn't go that route."

When his doctorate program starts on Sept. 2, Rodriguez will be acquiring a degree in the history of science, which researches mostly niches pertaining to medical history.

"Very few schools have it so it's really selective and competitive," he said. "I will be researching the history of medicine in the 1940s and 50s in Central America. It's a loaded topic, but that's what you've got to bring to the table. I have to push myself to ask those hard questions."

Rodriguez was awarded a Harvard Prize Fellowship, a six-year package that will fund his research trips to Guatemala and allow him to teach undergraduate students at the university.

"It's a blessing finally seeing your success after being blind for a long time and it's an honor to represent Downey," he said. "No one handed me nothing -- I couldn't buy my way into Harvard."

Set to visit Harvard next month, Rodriguez hopes his story will motivate other students to succeed in school despite the challenges they may have faced early on.

"It starts with ambition because ambition is free," he said. "It costs nothing but what you're willing to contribute to it. If you've got a hustling ability, instead of hustling drugs, why don't you sell some knowledge? That's what drives me."



Downey FC U12 girls soccer team won the State Cup Presidents Division championship. Back row, from left: Oscar, Beatriz, Jassmin, Hennessy, Gema and Fabian. Middle: Katelyn, Priscilla, Alice, Elizabeth, Kimberly and Amanda. Front: Yadira, Kira, Alyssa, Serena, Hailee and Valerie.



The Downey Bocce Club's "Downey 1" team remained undefeated among 17 teams to capture first place, the perpetual trophy and gold medals at the annual 4S Ranch Bocce Tournament last Sunday in Rancho Bernardo. The winning team was comprised of (from left) Miguel Tamagno, Pat Limatola, John Fiorenza and Amadio Egizii.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey grad earns football scholarship

• Former wrestling standout Robert Chism will play football at Glenville State.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – Former Downey High School standout wrestler and football player Robert Chism has earned a football scholarship to play football at Glenville State College, a Division II school located in north central West Virginia that competes in the Mountain East Conference.

Chism will be playing football for the Pioneers this fall. Unfortunately, Glenville State College does not have a wrestling program.

Chism graduated Downey High School in 2012 and earned his scholarship playing for Cerritos College.

While at Downey, Chism earned first-team All-SGVL and All-CIF honors as an offensive center his senior year. Chism also placed fifth in the heavyweight division (285) his senior year at the California state wrestling finals in Bakersfield and qualified for Nationals in Virginia Beach.

Robert Chism attended Cerritos College after high school where he played football for two years and wrestled the last part of his sophomore year. Chism earned first team All-conference and first team All-state honors at offensive center for his sophomore season's performance. Chism also finished

fourth in regionals and fourth at state in the heavyweight division for junior college wrestling. For his top four finish at Stockton, Chism was selected as an All-American.

Chism recently coached Bellflower High School's wrestling program with former Downey High School teammate Enrique Carrasco. Chism enjoyed that experience and hopes to continue coaching on the side and after college. Chism is finishing up his general education requirements at Cerritos College before leaving for Glenville State in August. Chism wants to work in law enforcement and plans to study criminal justice.

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The Downey High School boys' lacrosse team currently has an overall record of 3-1 and have not started league play.

Downey will begin South Bay League play when they play at Mira Costa later today. The Vikings hosted Viewpoint of Calabasas Wednesday evening (score unavailable).

The Vikings lost their first game of the season to Birmingham of Lake Balboa 9-8 on 3/7. The Vikings rebounded from that early setback to win three straight games. Downey defeated Glendale 11-10 on 3/10, El Segundo 13-7 on 3/12 and Manual Arts 18-0 on 3/14. Downey will host Mira Costa next Wednesday, travel to Santa Monica on 4/2 and play Beverly Hills on 4/4.

Downey competes in the South Bay League against Redondo Union, Culver City, Santa Monica, Mira Costa, Beverly

Hills, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Palos Verdes. There are no other San Gabriel Valley League teams that offer lacrosse. Head coach Dale Schlegel, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of South Bay League play.

The Downey High School girls' lacrosse team currently has an overall record of 3-4 and are 1-1 in Bay League play. The Lady Vikings were defeated by Newport Harbor at Newport Harbor 6-4 on 3/4, were defeated by Esperanza at Esperanza 7-5 on 3/6, defeated El Dorado at El Dorado 12-8 on 3/11 and were defeated by El Segundo at Downey 8-6 on 3/12.

Downey then played three games in one day at Laguna Hills High School. The Lady Vikings defeated Sage Hill 9-7, were defeated by San Juan Hills 7-4 and were then defeated by San Clemente 13-6 at the OC/LA Shootout on 3/15.

The Lady Vikings will play Sage Hill next Tuesday at Downey, will travel to play Beverly Hills next Wednesday and will then host Redondo Union on 4/1. Downey competes in the Bay League against Redondo Union, Culver City, Santa Monica, Mira Costa, Beverly Hills, Palos Verdes Peninsula and Palos Verdes. There are no other San Gabriel Valley League teams that offer lacrosse. Head coach Marvin Mires, his staff and players are looking forward to Bay League play.

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St. John Bosco High School standout quarterback Josh Rosen

was scheduled to make his college football decision Thursday afternoon on campus at 12:30 p.m.

Rosen is one of the most sought-after quarterbacks in the country going into his senior season. Rivals.com has Rosen ranked as the number two player in the country and the number one ranked quarterback.

Rosen has entertained offers from several Division I schools including, but not limited to: Florida State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Texas, USC and UCLA.

It is highly suspected that Rosen will choose UCLA. If Rosen does choose UCLA, he will rejoin two of his Bosco teammates next season in safety Jaleel Wadood and defensive end Jacob Tuioti-Mariner.

Rosen led the Braves to an undefeated 16-0 record this past season and a high school national title. Rosen passed for 3,200 yards and threw 39 touchdowns. Rosen also rushed for eight touchdowns.

For his outstanding efforts this past season, Rosen was selected all-Trinity League first-team offense, first-team Press-Telegram Dream Team, All-CIF Offensive MVP and California All-State Junior Player of the Year.

Bosco head coach Jake Negro is extremely proud of Rosen and how hard he has worked while at Bosco. The countless hours lifting weights, practicing and watching film has paid off. Bosco appears to be reloading for the fall and standout quarterback Josh Rosen will once again lead the way.

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The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 5-2 and will begin S.G.V.L. play against Lynwood at Warren next Tuesday.



The Downey AYSO U14 girls Flex soccer team went undefeated at the 11th annual AYSO Grape Stomp Tournament held March 8-9 in Rancho Cucamonga. The Flex defeated teams from Chino Hills, Upland and Lakewood to earn their fourth consecutive tournament championship this season. They did so by outscoring their opponents 16 goals to one. Back row, from left: Jezzalyn, Jenna, Vanessa, Lyla, Analia, Tyler, Bryanna and Dalia. Middle row: Angie, Gabriela, Andrea and Brianna. Front: Ingrid and Lesly. Not pictured: coaches Ernesto and Francisco, and team manager Peka.

The Bears defeated Santa Fe at Warren 3-0 last Tuesday, defeated La Palma Kennedy at Warren 2-1 last Thursday and were defeated by La Serna 8-3 at Warren on Tuesday.

The Bears will compete in the Springfest Tournament at Mt. SAC from 3/27-29. At the Springfest tournament, the Bears are scheduled to play six games in three days. Warren will open up against Diamond Bar on 3/27 and their opponents will depend on who wins and who doesn't.

The Bears will follow that up by traveling to Mayfair on 4/1, traveling to Gahr on 4/8 and by hosting cross-town rival Downey on 4/10. Other league games include hosting Paramount on 4/22, traveling to Dominguez on 4/29 and hosting Gahr on 5/1.

Other San Gabriel Valley League teams are preparing for the start of league play as well. Downey is currently 1-5, Dominguez is currently 0-4, Gahr is currently 6-3, Lynwood is currently 5-0 and Paramount is 0-5. Things are certainly going to change once these teams start playing each other.

The Bears also have the La Mirada Showcase Tournament scheduled for the first part of May to coincide with the second round league play. The Bears have an extremely busy schedule in preparation for the start of league play as well as for the Division 3 playoffs. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are finding their stride as the 2014 softball schedule moves forward.

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OPTIMIST CLUB FINDS NEW WAYS TO HELP DOWNEY'S KIDS

• Optimist Club is finding new ways to raise money for deserving kids.

By Greg Waskul
Contributor

DOWNEY – Jennifer had dreamed all her life about going to a four-year college, but when she got accepted to Cal State Long Beach, she and her family couldn't pay the tuition and she would have had to attend a community college without getting help.

Although Mark worked 30 hours per week while excelling at school during the day, all the money he earned went to support his mom and five siblings. Since he had no computer, he had to go to the library just to do his schoolwork, and yet he still earned straight A's.

His friend Julia was embarrassed by the clean but shopworn and outdated outfits she wore to school, because all her clothes came from thrift stores. She often fantasized about having some nice new clothes so that she could dress like her friends.

Her young neighbor Bobby wanted to be a Boy Scout, but the cost of participating was beyond his family's meager financial resources.

"The Optimist Club of Downey was able to help each of these remarkably worthy young people get just what they needed to make a difference in their lives. Anyone who works with our local youth would tell you that the financial challenges faced by these kids and their families are typical of the real-world challenges faced every day by the children of Downey," said Optimist Club of Downey President Tom Burney. "That's why all the service clubs of Downey are working so hard

to raise money to help these very deserving kids."

HEALING AN EPIDEMIC OF BROKEN DREAMS

"We have an epidemic of broken dreams in our community," Tom said. "We are doing everything we can to be the difference makers for kids who need a hand up to make their dreams come true. That's why the Optimist Club of Downey has quadrupled its annual financial commitment to local youth over the last three years."

The ability to help great kids like Jennifer, Mark, Julia and Bobby with the things that can make a difference in their lives is largely dependent upon a single event. "Our 25th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, which will be held April 28 at Rio Hondo Golf Club, is the main fundraiser for our organization," Tom said.

"We all receive many charitable appeals," Tom said. "We're asking our friends to consider that without the community's support of this event, we won't be able to continue to expand our efforts to positively impact the lives of our local youth."

The Optimist golf event is known as the Tom Watts Memorial Tournament, held in memory of "Del" D'Allesandro. "These two dedicated leaders made the tournament a success for many, many years, and today we carry on in remembrance of them as we raise funds to help children in need," Tom said.

NEW WAYS TO HELP LOCAL KIDS

This year the Optimist Club is introducing five new ways that the community can sponsor a child in addition to playing in the golf tournament.

"We know that not everyone is a golfer, but we know that everyone wants to support deserving kids in our community," Tom said.

"That's why we're giving people a chance to help in many new ways. For example, a donation of \$50 will sponsor a child to attend the Optimist Club's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Holiday Lunch at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center," he said.

Other new opportunities to sponsor a child in connection with the tournament include:

- For \$100, making it possible for a child in need to take their PSAT, SAT or Advanced Placement Test

- For \$250, sponsoring a local boy scout or girl scout for a year

- For \$500, helping the Optimist Club fund its efforts on behalf of kids at the annual Pumpkin Patch, which provides a safe and fun Halloween experience for more than 7,000 local children and their families each year

- For \$1,000, making possible a child's college education by funding a 2014 Optimist Club Scholarship, which will be presented in the name of the donor

"The good news is that all donations to our golf tournament are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law, because we are one of the few Optimist Clubs in the nation that has its own federal 501(c)(3) nonprofit designation," Tom said.

WARREN HUMANITARIAN SOCIETY STEPS UP

"This year, for the first time in the history of the tournament, members of the Warren High School Humanitarian Society will help us raise funds in the community and assist us on tournament day," Tom said.

"We are very excited to help the Optimists raise more money this year because we know so many of our fellow students that need help with things that really matter in their lives," said Humanitarian



PHOTO BY GREG WASKUL

Optimist Club of Downey will host its 25th annual golf tournament April 28, with proceeds benefiting Downey youth.

Society President Debora Jeong.

Tom asked the community to support the noble efforts of the Humanitarian Society members. "These wonderful teenagers are taking their time to help their fellow students, so please be generous in your support of their efforts," Tom said. "The Humanitarian Society members see the work we do each and every day in the community, and they are helping out so we can do even more."

OPTIMIST CLUB'S SUPPORT FOR KIDS

Some of the Optimist Club of Downey's charitable work on behalf of youth includes:

- Sponsoring an annual scholarship program for deserving students graduating from Downey's high schools

- Supporting children with disabilities throughout the year

at Downey's world-renowned Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

- Partnering with the Warren High School Humanitarian Society, whose more than 300 members work tirelessly on local charitable projects throughout the year

- Sponsoring the annual "Pumpkin Patch" at Apollo Park in Downey, which provides a safe and fun Halloween for thousands of local kids and their families. Last Halloween, more than 7,000 guests received free hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, donuts, sodas and helium balloons at what has become Downey's largest event

- Holding Essay and Oratorical Contests for local high school students

- Making substantial annual gifts to Arc of Los Angeles and

Orange Counties, Downey Family YMCA, local Boy Scout troops, and Darrell Jackson's Ten-Twenty Club

"We're very proud of the impact we're having in helping children who need a hand up to reach their dreams," Tom said. "We also know that we couldn't do it without the support of our fellow community members, who play such a pivotal role in our efforts on behalf of kids in need. That's why we're appealing to the hearts of everyone who cares about kids to support our golf tournament and make a difference for the wonderful children in the city we love."

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Temple hosts guest speaker

DOWNEY – Rabbi Osnat Margalith will speak about her recent experience praying with the “Women of the Wall” in Jerusalem when she visits Temple Ner Tamid on March 28, Sisterhood President Cheryl Saltzman announced.

Rabbi Margalith was born in Israel and is currently serving the congregation of Temple Beth Shalom in Whittier.

The Women of the Wall is a group advocating for women to have the same prayer rights as men contesting Orthodox prayer rules which has attracted support from diverse sections of society in a struggle roughly 25 years old.

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For questions, call Sophia at (562) 861-9276.

PEOPLE PROFILE

GETTING TO KNOW: KATHY PEREZ

• Downey resident and Norwalk teacher Kathy Perez has a love for community.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Kathy Crowe Perez has been an elementary school teacher at Norwalk-La Mirada Unified for the past 28 years, teaching in various grades in various years. Prior to joining NLMUSD, she was also an elementary school teacher at St. Emydius School in Lynwood (where she was born) from 1982-1986. She had been an Instructional Aide at Lennox School District from 1980-1982.

Her other work experience included stints as a sales clerk at Clark Drugs in 1976, obviously a part-time job while she was still attending St. Pius X High School and transitioning to go to college.

While matriculated at Loyola Marymount University, she worked as library page/aide at the Los Angeles County Public Library from 1977-1982. She was to graduate from LMU summa cum laude with a BA in liberal studies in 1982, and afterwards would earn a master's in education from Cal State Long Beach in 1987.

At NLMUSD, she taught grades 1-3 in the '90s, and has subsequently taught grades 4-7. For the past three years, she has been teaching the 5th grade, with such subjects as language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, along with visual and performing arts.

Her class size averages 31, and math topics last week focused on decimals, after dispatching integers the week before. To be tackled next, she said, was fractions. Then eventually the class will be introduced to coordinates, algebra, functions, then at the tail-end, a dose of geometry, including a little solid geometry.

The conversation turned to Common Core. To Kathy, there's no real difference in its content. It's the delivery of it that matters.

While noting that student

performance assessment will be done on the computer, more emphasis will be placed on higher-level thinking and on problem-solving, she said. “We've already done some pilot testing. Next year the real thing begins.”

Kathy, who will be 54 in June, has three kids: Teresa, the eldest, is 29 and married, and has a daughter; Nicholas, 18, is studying history at Cerritos College; while Steve, 17, (“Definitely my science guy”) is interested in medicine.

Last summer, Kathy, her two boys, along with her youngest brother, traveled to Stonehenge, then proceeded to Wales and Ireland. “Most of my mother's family was from Ireland,” she said. “Dad descended from Irish and German ancestors.”

“My dad was a salesman for 40 years for Sears,” she narrates. “He started in Chicago, and after WWII moved to Huntington Park first, then bought our first house in Lynwood. He worked at the Compton store, then at the Cerritos store. He retired at age 65.”

“How he managed to support a family on a salesman's salary, buy a house, and send us to college, is amazing,” she said.

“My mom was primarily a housewife. She worked also at the Huntington Park library. She loved books,” Kathy said.

Kathy lists as her favorite pastimes the following: 1) “Taking care of my granddaughter,” followed by 2) visiting and



helping to preserve historic sites, 3) reading (biography, mystery, thrillers), 4) traveling (as above), 5) camping (“Generally at Big Sur”), 6) connecting and reconnecting with friends on Facebook, and 7) watching sports (basketball, football, baseball).

She has taken Item #2 to a different level. Her advocacy for restoring The Avenue Theater as a historical landmark, for preserving the original Taco Bell site on Firestone Boulevard, and “for preserving what is left of the Rockwell Boeing site” are all too well-known. Now she has questioned the matter of relegating the space shuttle mock-up to a veritable graveyard “because the city has no place to showcase it.”

“This unique piece of American history should be preserved and displayed for the world to experience and enjoy, rather than be taken apart and stacked up in a maintenance yard,” she wrote recently to The Downey

Patriot after the city announced its relocation.

“We've just been to the Santa Ana Discovery Center,” she told this reporter the other week. “The kids, when they saw the rockets [there], were so excited.”

“I hope to see the space shuttle as the centerpiece of the Boeing development,” she went on. “It would be the destination of people. I had this idea that it will be something different. I think it will be an awesome sight, something that will draw more people to see it. Once people know its history, and the presentation is effective, people will want to go see it. This is my dream.”

“In this matter of historic preservation,” Kathy, who has had her share of volunteer service activities over the years, said, “we want to be proactive, not butt heads. We ought to celebrate what we have.”

City gives update on Firestone construction

DOWNEY – Over the course of the last two years, the City of Downey has been diligently planning the much needed street improvements along the Firestone Boulevard corridor, from Old River School Road to Brookshire Avenue.

The Firestone Boulevard enhancements will improve infrastructure capacity, safety and beautification. Through the guidance and leadership of the Downey City Council and Downtown Subcommittee members, Councilman Roger Brossmer and Councilman Mario Guerra, the implementation of their vision is taking shape.

During the initial planning stages of the Firestone Boulevard Improvement Project, as part of an extensive public outreach program, City staff worked very closely with local businesses and members of the community to discuss the traffic related issues along Firestone Boulevard and determine how to best accommodate the daily traffic volume of nearly 40,000 vehicles. Ultimately, it was agreed that adding a third traffic lane in each direction and installing new median islands along Firestone Boulevard would enhance traffic movement and safety.

One of the most important aspects of this project is the planned improvements along Firestone Boulevard in the Downtown area, between Myrtle Street and Dolan Avenue, to create an inviting public place for visitors and pedestrians. These improvements include decorative colored pavers, benches, decorative lighting and complementary landscaped features. One of the most exciting and unique features of this project will be the Downtown Downey Gateway Monuments, which will be installed at the four corners of Firestone Boulevard and Downey Avenue.

In October 2013, construction on the Firestone Boulevard Improvement Project started by upgrading the storm drain and potable water systems. The concrete improvement phase of the project started on March 3, 2014 and will be completed by June 30, 2014. The planned concrete improvements include removal of the existing median islands, sidewalk, curb and gutter, and driveways, as well as construction of new median islands, decorative sidewalks and concrete seat-walls in the Downtown area.

As the construction activities continue, other phases

of work including electrical and decorative street lighting improvements, landscape and irrigation improvements, pavement rehabilitation (night work), and installation of site furnishings, will take place. It should be noted that in order to minimize the inconvenience caused by the construction activities, the pavement work will be completed during the night. The Firestone Boulevard Improvement Project is expected to be substantially complete by October 2014.

Mayor Fernando Vasquez stated, “I'm looking forward to seeing the project take shape and kindly ask businesses to please be patient during the process. I understand that the businesses will be impacted by the construction, but we could all agree that Firestone Boulevard needs a vast improvement. When the project is complete, it will be exciting to see the transformation of Firestone Boulevard.”

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This year, the Main Stage will be at the Downey Civic Center, and other venues will be located in historic Downtown Downey.

Music will begin at the conclusion of the Tour de Downey bike ride and performances will be from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last year's event featured more than 60 groups spread among six venues.

All musicians/singers are invited to play: amateurs as well as professionals, jazz bands and Mariachi bands, chamber groups or ukulele groups, country music or hip hop.

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SPANISH COMPOSER LOVES DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY - Oscar Navarro loves the Downey Symphony.

The Spanish composer first heard the orchestra while he was studying at USC. He was so impressed he composed his "Downey Overture" for them, and it received its world premiere in Downey in 2011. Since then, the piece has carried Downey's name and fame to audiences in London, Valencia, Massachusetts, Texas, and Minnesota.

It headlines the Symphony's concluding concert of its 56th season on April 5 at 8 p.m. in the Downey Civic Theatre.

The Orchestra has developed a strong connection with Navarro. They gave his "Noah's Ark" its American premiere and will be presenting another piece by him next season. His "Overture," which links Spain and California in a Latin-American fusion, will find a congenial place in a program Music Director Sharon Lavery chose with an eye to this summer's World Cup tournament.

With music from soccer powerhouses Argentina, Mexico, Brazil, Spain, and Italy, the concert will feature spirited rhythms and colorful melodies.

Alberto Ginastera's Estancia was written for a ballet representing rural and gaucho life and incorporates Argentine folk melodies. José Pablo Moncayo's Huapango uses folk melodies from the Veracruz region of Mexico. Brazilian composer Heitor Villa Lobos' Fantasia for Saxophone and Orchestra, which will be performed by the brilliant young saxophonist Christopher Bartz, is a rhythmic and lyrical piece for the seldom-heard soprano saxophone. Rounding out the program are pieces by

Verdi and Rimsky-Korsakoff. Played by a full orchestra, these composers' outstanding instrumentation will shine.

The concert will be joined with an art exhibit in partnership with the Downey Arts Coalition featuring artworks that engage environmental issues. It can be seen in the lobby before and after the performance. Music Director Lavery will interview the soloist Christopher Bartz at 7:15 pm. Long-time

resident Priscilla Winslow,

winner of the baton auction last year, will conduct the final pages of Tchaikovsky's rousing 1812 Overture. Finally, a cookies, punch, and champagne reception following the concert will provide an opportunity for patrons to meet the orchestra and congratulate them on the completion of a successful season. Altogether, the event will provide patrons with an elegant, engaging, and

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For information go to www.downeysymphony.org. Tickets can be ordered online at downeytheatre.org, by phone at (562) 861-8211, or in person at the box office at 8435 Firestone Boulevard, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the evening of the performance.

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PEOPLE PROFILE

GETTING TO KNOW: MOHAMMAD MOSTAHKAMI

• New director of public works started new job in Downey last month.

By Henry Veneracion
 Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Today, the first day of spring, is Nowruz, the Iranian New Year. One Iranian who will definitely celebrate it will be Mohammad Mostahkami, Downey’s new director of public works. He joined Downey’s city staff on Feb. 23.

Mostahkami, a native of Tehran, says the celebration of Nowruz actually starts a few weeks before the New Year, with a variety of activities and festivities that symbolize the good things Iranians wish for in the coming new year.

Such things a native of Tehran like Mostahkami doesn’t easily forget. Mostahkami, which he says means “strong” in Persian, graduated from Tehran’s National University with a physics degree (with a 3.95 average), then immigrated here and obtained an M.S. in civil engineering from USC in 1980.

After working for more than a year and a half at a small private firm, Mostahkami began his uninterrupted public service in February of 1984 with the city of Whittier. His career began to pick up when he joined the city of Arcadia in 1985. He was to spend more than 13 years there starting as assistant civil engineer (1985-1989), then associate civil engineer (1989-1991), then senior civil engineer (1991-1994), and finally as assistant city engineer (1994-1997).

But it was when he moved on to South Gate in 1997 that his career really gathered steam. He was to serve the city for more than 16 years.

First he served as senior civil engineer (1997-2001), then assistant city engineer (2001-2002), then city engineer (2002-2010), then held the titles of director of public works/

city engineer simultaneously from 2010 up to the time he moved on to Downey just a little more than three weeks ago.

He says his association with the city of South Gate was special. The city even gave him a memorable send-off by issuing a proclamation which summed up his many contributions to the city (outlining his service in the various capacities mentioned, his securing of millions of dollars in grants to cover South Gate’s projects, his management of over \$125 million in capital improvement programs [CIP] including street, median, sidewalk; energy-efficient lighting; traffic signal improvements; water improvements; sewer improvements, city facilities and park infrastructure improvements; upgrade of water mains; state-of-the-art traffic management center and the city’s water facilities management center).

It also cited Mohammad’s involvement in the Metro Technical Advisory Committee, the Gateway Cities COG Transportation Committee, and the I-710 Major Corridor Technical Advisory Committee—memberships he continues to be active in today.

It said Mohammad even went above and beyond the call of his position to “make a connection with South Gate citizens and addressed their concerns as they related to parking, traffic safety, and many other public works-related matters.”

Finally, it noted: “South Gate citizens and employees had the pleasure and benefit of working with this esteemed professional and wish him the best as he continues his exceptional public service.”

Thus it can be said Mohammad has truly been there, done that.

He says he may be new to Downey, but he considers himself a veteran player in the workings of the public works department. Besides, it’s standard operating procedure that when a really complex technical problem comes up, public works departments (or other departments for that matter) call in a consultant to help them solve the problem.

Thus he says Downey’s department description of “It plans, manages, and maintains the city’s roadway, water, sewer, drainage, and sidewalk infrastructure: vehicle fleet, public facilities, rights-of-way, urban forest, parks and recreation facilities” is nothing new to him.

He has taken note of the fact that Public Works provides essential services to Downey’s population of over 115,000 with the city extending over an area of 12.6 square miles, while the overall responsibilities of the department include the operation and maintenance of the potable water system, sanitary sewer system, and storm drain system, as well as 210 centerline miles of paved streets, 112 acres of parks, 244 vehicles, 10 miles of alleys, 15,600 trees, and 2,000 street lights.

These are of course not alien to



his extensive experience either, in the cities he has served, especially the city of South Gate. Further, it’s been documented that he is good at securing grants. Indeed, in welcoming Mohammad to Downey at a recent city council meeting, mayor Fernando Vasquez said: “We are incredibly fortunate to have Mr. Mostahkami joining our city team. His experience and his professional connections, from MTA to Gateway Cities to water and sewer issues, will be invaluable assets to the city.”

He says he decided to work in Downey because he wanted to “explore other opportunities, expand my horizons, and challenge myself”

His other active memberships include: the City Traffic Engineers Association and the Gateway Cities Public Works Officers Association.

Providing another angle, following is a summary of Mohammad’s experience that appears in his resume: “Over 25 years of experience in management of federal, state, metro and other grant-funded public works and parks projects; extensive experience in water, sewer, drainage, pavement and street lighting master plan preparation; and extensive experience in management and administration of traffic control system, traffic signal synchronization, traffic calming and traffic safety enhancement.”

Seizing a rare chance to visit Tehran after eight years (“to see my folks and relatives”), Mohammad traveled to Iran just prior to reporting for duty in Downey. He came back rejuvenated.

Right now, he says, the department is “extremely busy,” especially with several capital improvement projects underway.

The eldest of four siblings (two boys, two girls), Mohammad resides in Tustin. He says he has played soccer “ever since I was a kid.” He adheres to a disciplined physical fitness routine, by going to the gym twice a week and watching his diet, with excellent results. He also likes swimming and walking (on the beaches, in the park). He recently took up racquetball.

“My goal,” he says, “is to help the Gateway Cities in any way that will improve the quality of life in the region, especially in the city of Downey.”

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A STEMI, or “ST elevation myocardial infarction,” is one of the most common and deadly forms of heart attack. Patients experiencing a STEMI are at risk of developing sudden cardiac

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“Patients in our community have had to endure long ambulance transports to hospitals out of our region,” said SFMC President & CEO, Gerald Kozai.

“Now they have the high quality services, technology, and cardiac care specialists they need much closer to home.”

Supporting the hospital’s expansion of its Heart Center services is the honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District, who was guest speaker at the press conference. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas stated, “The residents of South Los Angeles deserve access to high-quality

services in their community and the opening of this new receiving center does just that. Lives will be improved and even saved because of what is happening today.”

SFMC was successfully approved as a STEMI Receiving Center (SRC) by the LA County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency after an extensive survey with EMS officials in mid-January. The STEMI Receiving Center Confirmation

Agreement was ceremoniously signed at the press conference by SFMC and EMS representatives. SFMC is now one of 34 STEMI Receiving Centers in LA County, and the only medical center providing these services within an approximate 10-mile radius of the medical center, which serves major regions of South and Southeast Los Angeles.

“Coronary disease is the leading cause of death in the community we serve,” said Kozai. “Yet there is a marked shortage of STEMI Receiving Centers in our service area, which is why we took the steps to fill this gap and further SFMC’s commitment to serve our community’s needs.”

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Plaintiff. vs. JUNSHIK AN 12830 Sycamore Village Dr. Norwalk CA 90650 Defendant.
ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE THE COURT FINDS: Service of process upon the defendant Junshik An, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 21.05, and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED: Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following method(s): Other: Publication in local newspaper in Norwalk, CA. For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.
DATE: 2/27/14 LYNNE A. PIERCE Judge A TRUE COPY CATHY M. GARRETT Wayne County Clerk By: D.B. Deputy Clerk (11-14) (11-28)

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 13C00325 (New Case Number 13CH0325)
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): SIXTO ZAZUETA aka SIXTO ZAZUETA JR., an individual; THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, acting by and through the CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, a government entity; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive. **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** LBS FINANCIAL CU, a California corporation **NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your

case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales

gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos pro imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 6548 CILES AVE. HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): THOMAS J. PRENOVOST, JR., SBN 77813 TOM R. NORMANDIN, SBN 102265 PRENOVOST, NORMANDIN, BERGH & DAVE 2122 NORTH BROADWAY, SUITE 200, SANTA ANA, CA 92706-2614 714-547-2444, 714-835-2889 Date (Fecha): February 25, 2013 John A. Clarke Clerk, by (Secretario) A. ZAMORA, Deputy (Delegado) SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 PLAINTIFF: LBS FINANCIAL CU DEFENDANT: ZAZUETA, SIXTO Case Management Review/Conference Minute Order CASE NUMBER: LAM 13CH0325 DEPARTMENT/UNIT: 077 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (213) 974-6135 Case Management Review held. Hon. STEPHANIE M. BOWICK, Judicial Officer presiding. The court issues the following Case Management Order on 08/19/13: 1. CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW & TRIAL SETTING The case is set for COURT TRIAL on 08/19/14, at 08:30 AM, in DEPT. 077. 5. OTHER ISSUES -The court further orders as follows: PLAINTIFF IS ORDERED TO GIVE NOTICE OF TRIAL. Notice to be mailed by clerk.

The foregoing minutes are true and correct. Dated: 8/19/13 K. THOMAS, Deputy Clerk

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FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014048310
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) G-MEN FLEET SERVICES (2) MOVERSTARS (3) SUPERIOR MOVERS, 12620 BROCK AVE., DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) JONATHAN GRUJALVA, 12620 BROCK AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/04/2013 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/JONATHAN GRUJALVA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 24, 2014
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014035722
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) L & C METERING, 15502 BECHARD AVE., NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LEAMON

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201405330
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RED KOMODO PROMOTIONS, 11020 NEWVILLE AVE. APT. D, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE ESPARZA, 11020 NEWVILLE AVE. APT. D, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) BRYAN RACE, 1846 1/2 S. LONGWOOD AVE., LOS ANGELES CA 90019 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by Copartners The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/03/2014 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/JOSE ESPARZA, COPARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 25, 2014
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014032778
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KAY TEES, 1657 E 68TH ST., LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALLISON TILLMAN, 1657 E 68TH ST., LONG BEACH CA 90805 (2) KALA TAYLOR, 1657 E 68TH ST., LONG BEACH CA 90805 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/06/2014 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

C. CALLOWAY, 15502 BECHARD AVE., NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/03/2014 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/LEAMON C. CALLOWAY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2014
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).
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Code Adopting the 2013 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code and its Amendments as the Downey Green Building Standards Code.

Amending Article VIII ("Building Regulations") Chapter 12 ("Energy Code) of the Downey Municipal Code Adopting the 2013 Edition of the California Energy Code as the Downey Energy Code.

Amending Article VIII ("Building Regulations") Chapter 13 ("Downey Residential Code") of the Downey Municipal Code Adopting the 2013 Edition of the California Residential Code and its Amendments as the Downey Residential Code.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Amending Chapter 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Article III of the Downey Municipal Code, through Adopting by Reference the 2013 California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9), Based on the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, with Errata, and those Portions of the International Fire Code, 2012 Edition, Including Appendices a through K inclusive, Together with Certain Additions, Insertions, Deletions, and Changes Thereto, for the Purpose of Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to the Life And Property from Fire or Explosion; and Adopting Chapter 6.95 of California Health and Safety Code for the Purpose of Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to Life and Property From the Handling, Use, Storage, or Release of Hazardous Materials or Hazardous Waste.

On March 25, 2014, the City Council will introduce an ordinance approving a Lease Agreement between the City of Downey and New Circular Wireless PCS, LLC., for a Cell Tower site at Discovery Park, 12400 Discovery Way, Downey.

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

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC, City Clerk
 Dated: March 20, 2014

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 3/20/14

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025607

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner TRACI ANN THOMPSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name TRACI ANN THOMPSON to Proposed name TRACI ANN ASCHERI. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: April 30, 2014, Time: 1:30pm , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Superior Court, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** March 18, 2014
 Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
 By Adrienne Robledo, Deputy
 Petitioner or Attorney
Traci Thompson
15217 Campillos Rd.
La Mirada, CA 90638
(562) 713-3630

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025540

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

Present name ALVARO MARCO TREJO GOMERO to Proposed name ALVARO McNAUGHTON. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: April 30, 2014, Time: 1:30pm , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Superior Court, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** February 28, 2014
 John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk
 By M. Ceballos, Deputy
 Petitioner or Attorney
Alvaro Trejo
11565 Downey Ave., Apt #1
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 441-5480
alvaro_mtg@hotmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LUSD) of Los Angeles County invites all interested parties to bid on:

IFB # 031814-RJ

PALLETIZED AND WRAPPED OBSOLETE BOOKS AND VARIOUS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

LUSD will only accept Bids for (1) Lot of "all 17 pallets" and Offer will not be parceled out in smaller Lots.

Mandatory Site Visit to be held on April 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Location: Lynwood USD Warehouse, 11300 Wright Road, Lynwood, CA 90262

The LUSD affirmatively assures that Large, Small, Women Owned and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunities to participate. Companies interested should request information by mail or email only.

NOTE: Telephone requests will not be accepted.

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 Renee E. Johnston- Buyer
 11321 Bullis Road
 Lynwood, CA 90262
 Email: rjohnston@lynwood.k12.ca.us

****Bid Due Date: April 15, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. ****

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 Keith Webster, Director of Purchasing
 11321 Bullis Road

Lynwood, CA 90262

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK COURTHOUSE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025493

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KATYA ROEDEL CALVO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name KATYA ROEDEL CALVO to Proposed name KATYA CALVO CORADO. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 4-9-14, Time: 1:30 pm , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is Norwalk Superior Court, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** February 11, 2014
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney
Katya Roedel Calvo
11340 Belfair Street
Norwalk, CA 90650
626-215-2344
krvalvo@hotmail.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025510

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner (present name) HERIBERTO CRUZ has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing petitioner's name to (proposed name) JANCIE CRUZ.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 4/16/14 , Time: 1:30 PM , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWSPAPER**, February 18, 2014
 Margaret Miller Bernal
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney
Herberto Cruz
3040 Iowa Ave
South Gate CA 90280
323-691-3955

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025529

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner (present name) MARISOL GUZMAN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing petitioner's name to (proposed name) MARIO SANTANA GUZMAN.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 04-23-14, Time: 1:30 PM , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**, February 25, 2014
 MARGARET MILLER BERNAL, JUDGE
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney
Marisol Guzman
6633 Candace Ave.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
(562) 325-2266

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOSE I. MEJIAS aka JOSE ISRAEL MEJIAS aka JOSE MEJIAS
Case No. BP149635

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOSE I. MEJIAS aka JOSE ISRAEL MEJIAS aka JOSE MEJIAS

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jose A. Mejias be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 25, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
MARC T EAGAN ESQ
SBN 81759
265 S RANDOLPH AVE

NO 290
 BRECA CA 92621

CN896174
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RUTH ROBINSON SALLA
Case No. BP149665

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RUTH ROBINSON SALLA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Sandra L. Stuart and Diana D. Salla in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Sandra L. Stuart and Diana D. Salla be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 1, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
SCOTT R MAGEE ESQ
SBN 120001
MAGEE & ADLER APC
400 OCEANGATE
STE 1030
LONG BEACH CA 90802

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIO CARL GULCK
Case No. BP149873

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIO CARL GULCK

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nicole May Gulck in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nicole May Gulck be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 7, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:
Nicole May Gulck
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 9434-1410 TSC Ord No.: 15402827 A.P.N.: 8050-003-023 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/12/2005. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 08/24/2005 as Document No.: 05 2031296, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by LARRY BATEMAN, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date and Time: 04/11/2014 at

11:00 AM Sale Location: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12718 LEIBACHER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$277,574.50 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (714)730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, https://www.lpsasap.com/, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9434-1410. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not 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 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751

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(s) must be made payable to National Default Services Corporation, 14619 STUDEBAKER ROAD, NORWALK, CA 90650. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$460,069.79 (Estimated good through 3/14/14) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default to be filed to Sell to be recorded in said county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 2/26/14 Robbie Weaver Assistant Secretary and Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation 6 Venture, Suite 305 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (877) 257-0717 / (602) 638-5700 Fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztecrest.com NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, (714)730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, https://www.lpsasap.com/, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9434-1410. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not 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 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 13-20878-SP-CA Title No. 130166406-CA-MAI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO 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 08/01/2005. 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(s) must be made payable to National Default Services Corporation, 14619 STUDEBAKER ROAD, NORWALK, CA 90650. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the 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 service of process, and of the Trustee's publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ricardo Hernandez, A Married Man as his sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 08/10/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1909008 (or Book Page) of the Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 04/09/2014 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: \$1,054,018.93 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9050 GAYMONT AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6365-018-001 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. 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 undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code Section 2923.5. 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 lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a

courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 13-20878-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 03/13/2014. NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Linda DeGrandis, Trustee Sales Representative A-4447407 03/20/2014, 03/27/2014, 04/03/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 13-520266 INC Title Order No. 1535879 APN 8075-031-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/18/06. 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 03/26/14 at 11:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Cuatemoc P. Garcia and Maria N. Garcia, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., a Federally Chartered Savings Bank, as Beneficiary, Recorded on 06/07/06 in Instrument No. 06 1249022 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for GSR Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-0A1, as the current Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal bank, a check drawn by a state

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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 may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 480-5690 or visit this Internet Web site www.salestrack.tdsf.com, using the file number assigned to this case 21358CA. 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. In addition, the borrower may be sent a written notice if the sale has been postponed for at least ten (10) business days. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 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". Date: 02-25-2014 MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE/FA/PMI, INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION/DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE 3 San Joaquin Plaza, Suite 215, Newport Beach, CA 92660 Sales Line: (714) 480-5690 OR (702) 586-4500 Stephanie Garcia, Foreclosure Officer Meridian Foreclosure Service Is Assisting The Beneficiary To Collect A Debt And Any Information Obtained Will Be Used For That Purpose. TAC: 967967 PUB: 3/06 3/13 3/20/14

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T.S. No.: 2013-29295 Loan No.: 7141640750
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a),
THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION
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ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE. A COPY
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NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
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YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/18/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn 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 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 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 said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and 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

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Porsche Smiley, Trustee Sale Assistant

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

APN: 6287-015-017 Property: 9519 Quinn Street, Downey, CA 90241 Title Order No.: 730-1301543-70 Trustee's Sale No.: 2001-005519-F00 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED January 20, 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 March 27, 2014, Sage Point Lender Services, LLC as duly appointed Trustee, will SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT drawn on a state or national bank, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BELOW MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST Executed by: ALFRED B. VALENCIA AND JENNIE M. VALENCIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded on January 26, 2006, as Instrument No. 06 0191149 of Official Records, in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California Date of Sale: March 27, 2014 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9519 QUINN STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241 APN# 6287-015-017. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale is \$406,699.67. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to the return of the deposit. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney, NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are

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TSG No.: 7373465 TS No.: CA1200248050 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 8052-011-0350 Property Address: 13603 LEIBACHER AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/06/2006. 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 04/09/2014 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 09/13/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2035695, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, Executed by: FRANCISCO J. VASQUEZ AND TERESITA DE JESUS VASQUEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (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 in the ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 8052-011-035 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13603 LEIBACHER AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 I have 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 undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. 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 or visit this Internet Web <http://search.nationwideposting.com> propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1200248350 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 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 Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 CAMPUS CIRCLE WESTLAKE, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0228049 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 03/20/2014, 03/27/2014, 04/03/2014

The Downey Patriot 3/20/14, 3/27/14, 4/3/14

TSG No.: 6944314 TS No.: CA1200246074 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6251-025-003 Property Address: 7972 HARPER AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/30/2006. 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 04/02/2014 at 10:00 A.M. [PLEASE NOTE: Original Sale Date has been Postponed to a Future Date.], First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/13/2006, as Instrument No. 20062765466, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, Executed by: HECTOR PERALES AND ANA LETICIA PERALES, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (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# 6251-025-003 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7972 HARPER AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241 I have undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 573-1965 or visit this Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 12-49302. 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 Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.5(a) was fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded on 4/6/2011. Date: 3/13/2014 Old Republic Default Management Services, A Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee 500 City Parkway West, Suite 200, Orange, CA 92668-2913 (866) 263-5802 For Sale Information Contact: Priority Posting & Publishing (714) 573-1965 Dalaysia Ramirez, Trustee Sale Officer "We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." P1086655 3/20, 3/27, 04/03/2014

TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0227928 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 03/20/2014, 03/27/2014, 04/03/2014

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T.S. No.: 12-49302 TSG Order No.: 5814393 A.P.N.: 6247-016-031 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CA CIVIL CODE 2923.5 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/21/2004. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/14/2014 at 9:00 AM, Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust, Recorded 10/29/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2798275 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: VIVIANNE FAYEZ BANOUB, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND SOFIA S. ISRAEL, A WIDOW, as Trustor, DOWNEY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, F.A., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED ASSOCIATION OF SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS, AS TRUSTEE, AS DEBT COLLECTOR WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7803 LUXOR STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$379,677.85 (Estimated). 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This Friday night, local Downey band New American will be releasing their self-titled album at Stay Gallery. The event begins at 7 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m., with a performance by the band at 9 p.m. Local artist "Oogum Leftfoot" will also be displaying his artwork in tribute to the event. Limited edition band t-shirts will be available.

WEEK 5

BICYCLE SAFETY: safety reminders

Common causes of bicycle and pedestrian injuries:

1. Crashing or falling while not wearing a helmet
2. Bicyclists on the wrong side of the street
3. Pedestrians trying to cross the street mid-block
4. Not following traffic signs and signals

As a reminder, always stop and look both ways before entering a street, even from a driveway or parking lot. Look left, right and left again before entering the street. Make eye contact and make sure the driver sees you before crossing in front of a car.

Never carry things that would prevent you from putting at least one hand on the handlebars of the bicycle (Vehicle Code 21205). To be safe, keep 2 hands on the handlebars when possible.

Hitching rides on a car is against the law for bicyclists, scooters and skateboards (Vehicle Code 21203).

Each rider of a bicycle must have a seat; double riding is not allowed (Vehicle Code 21204 (b)).

Riding a bicycle requires your full attention! Do not ride with headphones in both ears (Vehicle Code 37400).

Stay focused and stay alert! Ride defensively; try to anticipate and predict what motorists may do.

Keep your bicycle in good condition.

-Contributed by Downey Police Department. Information courtesy of California Office of Traffic Safety.

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Theatre seeks feedback via survey

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Theatre is conducting an online survey and will use the results to determine future programming, event coordination and marketing efforts.

The survey is also part of an effort "to make sure the theatre has long-term viability and continues to be relevant in the community," according to a press release.

The survey is available online at downeytheatre.com and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

"The theater management wants to hear from Downey residents regarding what they like, what they don't like and what shows they'd most like to see," theater officials said.

Surveys completed by March 31 will be entered into a drawing for a four-pack of tickets to a Downey Theatre production. Four winners will be chosen.

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Red Carpet Heritage Realty Celebrated their 2013 Annual Awards
Red Carpet Heritage Realty celebrated their 2013 successes last week at an annual Awards Dinner. On behalf of Red Carpet International Franchise, Broker/Owner Chris Baumann and Manager/Owner Bev Baumann had the honor of recognizing each of the company's real estate agents for their dedicated work in giving outstanding service to all clients. Red Carpet Heritage received the prestigious Franchise National 2013 award, "Hall of Fame Office" and "Top Selling Office". Also awarded were Red Carpet Heritage top three agents. Durga Campos, "Top Agent Award", Joanne Beck, "Diamond Award" second in sales and Connie Martinez "Diamond Award" placing third in sales. The company has maintained a stellar reputation in Southern California since 1976 and is always "Continuing the Tradition of Service".
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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. Medallion home. Private backyard. Garage is semi-attached, with cabinets and carpeting, and set up like rec area.

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