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SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND

Ghosts

Elaine Held grew up in South Dakota before her family moved to California when she was sixteen years old. The disappearance of family farms and small towns has changed the landscape in the Midwest, and Elaine shares the grief she felt during a visit to her childhood home. 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 Elaine Held

Sorrowfully, I stand amid empty buildings – a house caving in on the middle, an empty barn needing stock. Everything is leaning, cracking, peeling, smashed, rotting, and empty. The leavings of the out-buildings hide among the overgrown grass.

I enter the house of a past friend to find unpainted walls, broken furniture, and empty open cupboards. Birthday cards received years ago are strewn about. Children's rooms I had played in as a child stand empty, wall paper hanging grotesquely. A marble rolls across the room as I step on wet paper that was part of a Sears catalog. As I stand grieving among the ruins, I remember when the sounds of life throbbed, but now the prairie winds shake the emptiness.

I walk out into the wheat field, slowly turning in a 360-degree circle, trying to gather in the faint sounds of the past. That would be Carl Peterson driving his tractor along the edge of his corn field. I remember Joe Stacey because he was the last man to use horses to work his fields.

At the Brook's farm there would be many farmers who gathered to organize the fall harvest or the spring planting or the spraying of plants that are pests. But now trilling songs of birds draw me back to the present.

I walk toward Main Street which was one block long. In the past it housed a general store, post office, saloon, meeting hall, machine shop, and at the end, a granary. Now all that is there is a temporary building that covers all needs.

The last person still living in Farmer, South Dakota, is fighting the present. Tomorrow the county comes to get him and put him in an old folk's home. They will burn his house, filling in the basement and planting grass over it, as if they can't wait to bury his history.

Two proud churches had served this small town. They were the center of living for the families here. All entertainment, social gatherings and worship went through them. I look at the grass that spreads over their former foundations and listen to the echoes of the past through eyes that don't wish to see the present.

I prefer the attitudes, work ethics, love, family, respect, and honor of the past. It is hard to listen to young people tell me that my country isn't important, only the planet Earth, so therefore I must sacrifice history and patriotism. What would the people who lived in this town think if they could hear such ideas?

As I try to gather the courage to leave I look at the strange sight before me - fields lush with crops, but no buildings or people to suggest life. No families, just corporations. Big business. Big money. It is not just a house that is empty. It is a way of life that is missing and dies with me. I am the last of a generation that remembers, and now I must stand here and say goodbye to my personal ghosts.

STATE OFFICIALS URGE EARTHQUAKE COVERAGE

LA HABRA – The California Earthquake Authority (CEA) has paid “numerous” claims for damage to homes that sustained relatively minor damage from the March 28 magnitude-5.1 La Habra earthquake, state officials announced this week.

To date, most CEA claim payments from the La Habra shake are to help cover costs for emergency repairs—a new feature in CEA homeowners policies that does not require meeting a deductible to receive payment.

“On the one month anniversary of the La Habra earthquake, we are again reminded that we live and work in earthquake country,” said California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones. “California is intersected by a complex fault system. Residents should learn about the risk in their area and what steps they should take to mitigate and prepare for the inevitability of the next major quake.”

Home insurance companies that offer CEA policies have responded to hundreds of calls from California residents who ask if they have coverage for earthquake damage.

“Home insurance policies do not cover earthquake damage,” said CEA CEO Glenn Pomeroy. “Without a separate earthquake-insurance policy, California residents with earthquake damage will be responsible for costs to repair or rebuild their homes, and to replace their personal property.”

Many claims filed after the La Habra quake have been denied because many of those residents did not have separate earthquake-insurance policies. Other claims have been denied because their damage did not exceed their coverage deductibles.

CEA's policies are designed to help homeowners and renters recover from damaging earthquakes. Deductibles of 10 or 15 percent are necessary to help reduce premiums. Though some believe earthquake-insurance premiums for older homes in high-risk areas are costly, CEA has lowered rates over time by a total of 45 percent and offers earthquake coverage for all Californians who insure their home with a CEA participating insurer, regardless of where they live.

California has two-thirds of the nation's earthquake risk, yet fewer than 11 percent of California residents have protected their household finances with earthquake insurance.

To learn more about CEA renters and homeowners policies (including mobile homes and condominium units), and to get a premium estimate, go to CaliforniaRocks.com.



BLURRING THE LINE BETWEEN ART AND MUSIC

• Bizarro psyche band Wax Children make music with a purpose.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – What do you get when you mix distorted guitars and spacey reverb with a noisy wall of sound that meshes melodious riffs, jazzy drumbeats, and hypnotic -- yet often indistinguishable -- lead vocals?

A fan of alternative rock might call this psych-rock or shoegaze, but local followers of the reemerging subgenres recognize this as the rising, Covina-based band Wax Children.

Formed two years ago by lead singer Mr. Wall and guitarist Cal Jones, the self-proclaimed “bizarro psychedelics” are now a quintet of twenty-something guys known not just for music, but for surrealist artwork, which will be on display at Stay Gallery later this month.

Drummer Julian Keith, who goes by the name “Fieldhouse,” joined the band early on after meeting Jones at an art exhibit in 2012.

“Cal and I were invited to display our artwork at a gallery. His art was right next to mine,” said Keith, who lives in Downey. “I had just come out of a band...and he was looking for a drummer. We kind of stumbled on each other.”

Keith played his first gig with the band the day after he agreed to join.

“Bizarro-psyche is a bizarre twist on psychedelic. It's very metaphorical, like being in a dream-like state. In a dream it doesn't make sense on first glance,” he said.

“We use a combination of noise pop, shoegaze, slight jazz fusion -- but we never tried to be one genre. We share the same favorite bands. But one guy loves delta blues and folk and another is heavy on punk and metal...we listen to a lot of stuff in the studio.”

However, music isn't the only thing these guys are willing to make “bizarro.”

Keith and Jones are also both accomplished artists who have displayed their surrealist and cubist pieces in several art galleries.

“My background with art started with me drawing on my notes in high school,” recalled Keith. “Painting is really a self-realization -- I do it for myself.

My angst in music becomes joy, but my angst in art is pain. I paint when something is bothering me.”

What's bothering Keith lately? GMOs, or genetically modified foods.

“They're feeding GMOs to children and they're hazardous to your body,” said Keith, who will display work on the subject during a three-day exhibit at Stay Gallery called “Reality Malfunction.”

“This is the first time I've

displayed in a while... ‘Reality Malfunction’ is just about expressing our angst towards society and bringing some realization.”

In fact, Wax Children released their third EP in February entitled “Angst,” but the group is already planning a return to the studio this year for a follow-up project.

“We're actually working on two albums and talking to some record labels. If we get major airplay, that'd be nice, but we're focused on finding a label that suits us properly,” he said. “We don't want to make it too big, but we would like to make a career out of this.”

Ironically, the band's name may describe much more about this group of young artistic rockers than one could ever imagine.

“It has different meanings, but for me, Wax Children is the realization that your childhood melts away as you get older,” Keith said with a smile. “So hold on to your childhood.”

To hear a sample of Wax Children's music, visit waxchildren.bandcamp.com or facebook.com/waxchildren.

“Reality Malfunction” opens on May 23 at Stay Gallery and will feature the surrealist artwork of Ozzie Juarez, Rene DeCasas, Alfonso “Cal Jones” Salcido III, and Julian “Fieldhouse” Keith, along with a special performance by Wax Children.

Boy hurt when dry ice explodes

DOWNEY – A 16-year-old boy was arrested last week in connection with a dry ice explosion that injured a young boy.

The 4-year-old boy was playing on the baseball field at Paramount High School on April 24 while his family played soccer at about 7:50 p.m., authorities said.

The boy apparently found a plastic bottle filled with dry ice. As the boy ran with the bottle, it exploded, causing minor abrasions to the boy's chest and arms.

Sheriff's detectives arrested the teen the following day and charged him with deploying a destructive device causing great bodily injury. Authorities did not identify the teen but said he lives near the school.

The case will be presented to the L.A. County District Attorney for consideration of filing charges.

Car crashes into garage after shooting

DOWNEY – A vehicle crashed into a property's garage Monday afternoon after the car was apparently shot at while driving.

Police say they received several 911 calls at 4:06 p.m. regarding a traffic collision on the 11500 block of Old River School Rd. involving a vehicle that crashed into a parked car before careening into an empty garage.

Police officers discovered two men inside the vehicle had been shot, and they were transported to a local hospital where their conditions are unknown.

No suspects have been arrested.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Steve Aubuchon at (562) 904-2361 or Detective Paul Hernandez at (562) 904-2368.

Street Faire is Saturday

DOWNEY – Now in its 21st year, the Downey Street Faire takes place this Saturday along Brookshire Avenue.

This year's event features more than 200 vendors, a kid's fun zone, food trucks, car shows and live entertainment.

New this year is a beer and wine garden located on Brookshire at 5th Street.

The Street Faire is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce.



A group of Warren High School students recently traveled to Europe on an educational trip. The students visited Germany, Italy and Switzerland. This picture was taken in front of the Lion Monument in Lucerne, Switzerland.



Sage Lee, a 15-year-old thought to have run away from her Downey home last week, has been found safe and reunited with family. A family spokesperson said Sage was found Monday after a renewed media push. No further details were released.

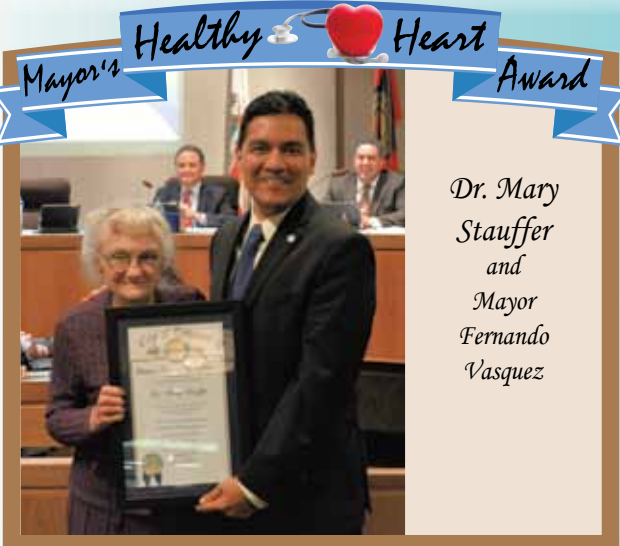
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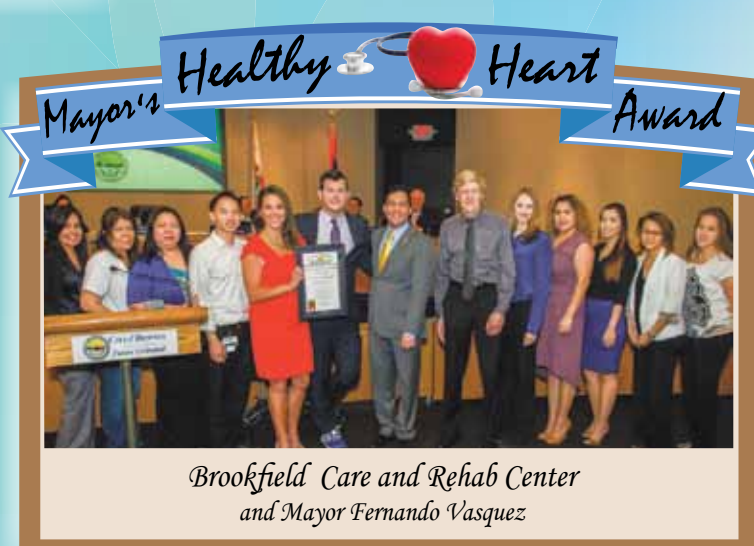
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Mayor Fernando Vasquez is recognizing individuals or organizations who are committed to improving the lives of others within the City of Downey. The Mayor recognized that countless individuals, in various professions make differences in others lives that contribute to improving their emotional, mental and physical health. Nominees can also be businesses that are committed to helping others improve their overall health and wellness.



Dr. Mary Stauffer and Mayor Fernando Vasquez

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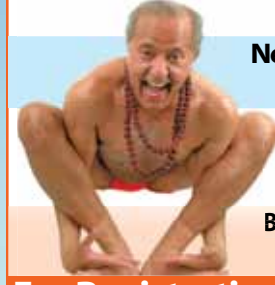


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CRIME REPORT

Friday, April 18

At 10:00 p.m., the Montebello Police Department asked for help with searching a vehicle they had stopped in their city. Downey Police K-9 "Dash" responded and found evidence of narcotics, which led to the suspect's vehicle being impounded for further investigation.

Saturday, April 19

At 3:00 a.m., officers located a male loitering at Independence Park and cited him for being in the park after closing hours.

At 5:45 a.m., officers responded to the area of Paramount Blvd and 7th street regarding an assault with a deadly weapon investigation. The male victim reported he had spoke with the suspect and agreed to meet in the area. Shortly after meeting with the suspect, the suspect stabbed the victim with a knife and fled. The victim was treated at a local hospital for his injuries. Detectives are investigating.

At 11:15 a.m., Elder Fraud Detectives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department served an arrest warrant at a home in the 10800 block of New Street and arrested a 45-year-old man for Financial Abuse of the Elderly. The suspect was booked at the Lakewood Sheriff's Station and held on \$325,000 bail.

Sunday, April 20

At 1:00 a.m., officers conducting a bar check at the Wet Bar (8832 Imperial) discovered the bar was having live entertainment without a permit to do so. The manager was cited.

During the afternoon, officers extra patrolled our parks and issued 4 parking citations at Dennis the Menace Park and 5 parking citations at Wilderness Park. 1 vehicle was also impounded.

At 1:30 p.m., Officers responded to the area of Lakewood Blvd and Gallatin Rd. regarding an injury traffic collision. The collision was between two vehicles and a motorcycle. After a brief investigation it was discovered the motorcycle had been stolen from the City of Long Beach. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

MAYOR'S CORNER: INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Greetings Downey Family!
It's always my pleasure to be able to connect with all of you through my monthly Mayor's Corner article. I feel this is a great opportunity for me to connect with you and I value the importance of keeping our residents informed.

I first want to start off by thanking all those who came out to the State of the City event last month. There was a great turnout with hundreds in attendance and it was great seeing so many of our local businesses and community members come together. A special thank you to the Downey Chamber of Commerce for putting on such a successful event.

As many of you have experienced while driving around town, there is a lot of construction going on in our City. Although it may cause headaches for many of us due to traffic delays and congestion, these construction projects are helping improve our City streets and infrastructure. Our City is experiencing something unique when it comes to devoting funds for capital improvement projects. For the first time ever, we are committing a great amount of City funds and resources to be able to improve some of our major City corridors, which have been in need of major improvements.

Overall, the City is allocating approximately \$9.4 million for major improvements such as the Firestone Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard projects. The Firestone Boulevard project, with a total cost of \$4.3 Million, is expected to be complete by

this September 2014, and the Lakewood Boulevard project, totaling \$5.1 Million, will be in construction from June 2014 to September 2014. Other construction projects also include the replacement of the Firestone Boulevard Bridge, anticipated to be complete by December 2015, and the I-5 Freeway Widening project involving the Florence Avenue Interchange, expected to begin September 2014 and end in late 2016.

Another area that we have always focused on has been Public Safety and our goal is to make sure that our Police Officers and Firefighters have the necessary tools and equipment to perform their job efficiently. We recently purchased new equipment for our Fire Department, which consisted of replacing the department's aging ambulance fleet and incident command vehicles. In addition, our Police Department has installed new dashboard cameras in all patrol vehicles and will be purchasing individual body worn cameras for all of our officers. The Police Department also recently unveiled their new Force Training Room, which provides on-site training for officers to enhance their decision making and judgment techniques. As part of this training, officers have the opportunity to refresh their knowledge of current statutory and case laws, and how these apply to use of force situations.

Save the date for the following events: Kids Day will be held next Saturday, May 10th at Apollo Park and will feature a fun run, carnival



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

games, community info booths, live entertainment, rockwall, mobile skate park and much more. Festivities begin at 10am. We will hold a special Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 26th at City Hall beginning at 1pm. Our Rock n' Ride event is scheduled to take place Saturday June 14th and will feature a first ever Tour de Downey Bicycle Ride and Make Music Downey. This will all take place in the Civic Center and Downtown areas. Hope you can join us!

Lastly, as some of you know, on May 23rd I will be getting married to my beautiful fiancé Donna Noushkan. We will be joined by our families and close friends for a very special ceremony and I look

forward to beginning this new chapter in my life. Thank you all for your support and well wishes as Donna and I begin this new journey.

As always, please feel free to reach me by email at fvasquez@downeyca.org or by calling our City Council office at (562) 904-7274.

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SYMPHONY MUSIC: BETTER THAN RECESS

• Symphony quintet enralls Old River Elementary fourth grade students.

By Joyce Sherwin
Downey Symphony

DOWNEY – The cafeteria at Old River Elementary School waits quietly, floor polished, tables folded away for an event. Five adults at one end of the room adjust five music stands, carefully tune their instruments, loosen up fingers, mouths, cheeks, shoulders. Then doors open and the room bursts with color and energy that flows in with long streams of expectant kids. The audience has arrived!

These fourth grade students, sitting quickly on the floor, are excited and confident at the same time. They know these five performers who come to their school each year, bringing examples of the wonders of music. “Good morning,” says the

smiling string bass player. “You remember me – I’m Mark.”

“GOOD MORNING, MARK!” And so begins another session, up close and personal, with principal players from the Downey Symphony, who present Music in the Schools performances at every elementary school in the Downey Unified District, every year since 1995.

The late Tom Osborn, for two decades music director of the Downey Symphony, created lessons that convey musical concepts: style, rhythm, meter, pitch, tempo, and today’s lesson on melody and accompaniment. He arranged orchestral works for just five instruments representing the sections of an orchestra, using violin, clarinet, trombone, percussion and the bass viol.

Students hear Mozart and Gershwin, Stravinsky and “Harry Potter.” They learn how each instrument is played and how it sounds.

Dave asks, “What do you think my trombone is made of?” Kids

confer in whispers and finally one boy’s hand shoots up. “Gold!” (Well, almost!)

Danielle gives them a brilliant passage on the xylophone, sends chills with cymbals and a brush, then plays the rhythm that holds together every marching band in the country and asks who knows what kind of drum she is playing. A girl answers, “Snare drum!”

“Right!” says Danielle, then adds an impromptu insight: “A snare drum is not very good at playing melody.”

Mark: “Who wants to conduct us?” Two or three hands.

“You could boss us around.”

This time lots of hands. A slender girl comes up to help the quintet demonstrate variations of tempo by raising and lowering both her arms. She’ll never forget that feeling of command.

The quintet gives two performances this morning at Old River, to accommodate the fourth grade classes. The kids’ faces beam, they listen carefully, one boy simply bounces with enthusiasm when he claps. But at the second program, Mark announces they will have to cut it short – “It’s time for recess. Do you want to go to recess?” he asks. The cafeteria erupts. “N-O!” a hundred voices shout.

If ever there was testimony to the power of music and learning, that was a shining moment.

For more information on Music in the Schools and the Downey Symphony, please visit our website, downeysymphony.org and bring your kids to hear the orchestra on Aug. 6 at Furman Park’s free summer park series to find out what is even better than recess!

Under the direction of music teacher Andrea Keen, Doty Middle School’s Concert Band (right) received two unanimous “superior” ratings at a recent competition festival, and will be advancing to the regional competition festival in May.



West MS team wins first in ASPIRE tournament

DOWNEY – The city of Downey’s ASPIRE after-school program recently competed in the 6th Annual Teen Adventure Challenge held at the Hansen Dam in Los Angeles.

Ninety-three teams from the surrounding Los Angeles area competed in a designed wilderness course that presents obstacles that are both physical and mental. Some of the challenges included kayaking, mountain biking, and rock wall climbing.

This was the fourth year ASPIRE sent teams composed of students from Griffiths, Sussman and West middle schools to compete. The teams included one ASPIRE leader and four students from the after-school program, with each school sending two teams.

The event kicked off with many pre-race activities including an appearance from Eli Quintana, formerly of the original Harlem Globetrotters. When the event started the six ASPIRE teams raced against 15 other middle school for the grand prize of \$200 and a matching donation to their charity of choice.

Prior to the awards being given out, Sussman ASPIRE cheer put on a performance in front of all those in attendance. It was a dance routine they had been practicing for months while in the program.

In the end, ASPIRE brought home first place for the fourth consecutive year with a team from West middle school. The team guided by ASPIRE leader Xochilt Gutierrez included Isabel Rodriguez, Jeffery Morales, Alex Gomez, and Nathaniel Contreras finished with a time of 1-hour and seven minutes.

Sussman middle school also had a good showing as one of their teams was presented with the Spirit award. This award went to the team that showed the most camaraderie, enabling them to cooperate and work well together.

The event was hosted by the ARC after school program and CORE educational services as a way to promote an active and healthy lifestyle along with encouraging youth to explore new opportunities.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Return of poetry

Dear Editor:

I want to commend you on the placement of the new "Poetry Matters" column in the April 24 issue of The Patriot.

Putting Rick Smith's poem on the same page with other events in the culture world was a happy choice. Readers with an interest in the arts could also find out about happenings at the Stay Gallery, and see - my favorite - a picture of the Eiffel Tower in April, from a faithful reader on spring break.

The opposite page, with the banner, "Dining/Entertainment," continues to share news from the top of the pyramid of self-actualization and leisure: Downey Library activities, student achievements and speech competitions.... "Sports" fits in next as well.

The lower half of the page gives the listings at the Krikorian movie complex, plus a notice for a philanthropic pan cake breakfast as well as colorful ads for dine-out options at local restaurants.

A double page bouquet of pleasures.

Thanks,

Lorine Parks
Downey

Civil rights not debatable

Dear Editor:

It becomes utterly ridiculous (and admittedly funny at some point) for one to read the last addition to Elsa Van Leuven's rant, which more than anything reflects her own hateful views (not opinions) regarding LGBTQIA culture, science, and the supposed "progressives" we have in American politics.

First, to say that biblical views serve as a guide for people's condemnation of homosexuality is not an opinion. It is a misguided and prejudicial view based on a mis-translated archaic text that calls for limiting the civil rights of a group of people who have a distinct (or similar) sexual preference to Van Leuven. Ironically, historically speaking, the same text that Van Leuven claims people just "have opinions" was used in justifying racism, colonization, and slavery. Sorry Van Leuven, strike one.

The race card? Really? I'm sure to Ms. Van Leuven Trayvon Martin's and Jordan Davis' family employed that card well. I'm sorry but just because we have an African American president doesn't mean that racism has disappeared. In fact, it's because we have an African American president that all the neo-Nazis and white supremacist groups, the Tea Party folks, have come out of the woodwork to "save America." It's not a coincidence racism is in full force. Strike two!

In 2014 is Ms. Van Leuven really going to claim evolution is just not true at all? She's seriously going to write in a letter that it is hard "to understand that something came from nothing"? That is a horribly simplistic understanding of evolution (I strongly recommend starting with Darwin's "Origin of Species"). Strike three.

Attributing the decline of this nation to so-called Progressives is actually ridiculous and incorrect. Is she talking about the Green Party? The Peace and Freedom Party? President Obama is a Democrat and last I checked, the Democrats, like the Republicans, are wedded to corporate sponsorship, have pretty much parallel views to Republicans when it comes to foreign policy, and only differ slightly from the GOP when it comes to social services and education. Technically, the nation's economic woes is thanks to the collaboration of both parties having paid attention to making corporations richer and keeping the rest of us battling for crumbs. Strike out!

About the only thing sustainable in Ms. Van Leuven's letter was to ask voters to vote no for Measure B. I agree with her on this one. We should be in control as to whether or not we DO or DO NOT want our own fire and police departments.

Giovanni Hortua
Downey

NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

On Wednesday, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham, both members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, released the following statements recognizing the end of National Minority Health Month:

"As we mark the end of National Minority Health Month, we must rededicate ourselves to ensuring access to affordable and high-quality health care for all Americans, regardless of race or ethnicity," said Rep. Roybal-Allard. "As the lead sponsor of this year's Health Equity and Accountability Act, I will continue to work to reduce disparities in health coverage across minority populations, and stem the epidemics of obesity and diabetes that are disproportionately affecting minority communities."

"Last year, I hosted the Congressional Tri-Caucus health disparities summit in my district, which focused on increasing health equity in minority communities," said Rep. Lujan Grisham. "I have introduced the HEAL Act (H.R. 4240) in order to combat this disparity by increasing access to health insurance coverage for legal immigrants in our communities. Limiting access to healthcare has a profound negative impact on minority families, and we must continue fighting to correct it."

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The justices and the scramble for cash

By Lee Hamilton

Many trends in American politics and government today make me worry about the health of our representative democracy. These include the decline of Congress as a powerful, coequal branch of government, the accumulation of power in the presidency, and the impact of money on the overall political process.

Recently, the Supreme Court's five-member majority declared that it's unconstitutional to limit the aggregate amount an individual can give to candidates, political parties, and political action committees. Campaign contributions amplify free speech, these justices maintain, and campaign finance laws violate the First Amendment: any limit on the ability of individuals to contribute to candidates is a restraint of free speech. The only legitimate cause for the government to step in is to fight blatant, obvious corruption; it should not act to limit access and influence by well-to-do donors. The result of this decision will almost certainly increase the impact of money on the political system.

The problem is, money doesn't have to be handed over in an envelope filled with one-hundred-dollar bills to be harmful. The Supreme Court decision seems to be insensitive to what money is doing to the political system.

Big money is here to stay in politics. Those of us who wish it were otherwise have lost that argument — at least for the near term.

But we weren't mistaken about the impact of free-flowing campaign cash on the system. Politicians need large sums of money to run for office, and they spend a lot of time raising it. They are keenly attuned to generous donors. Inevitably, this gives more political influence to the relative handful of wealthy donors (only a few thousand at best) who choose to "invest" in politics and often, though not invariably, get what they want. The influence of voters without the financial means to command attention is diminished.

Lawmakers, of course, insist that big donors get nothing in response for their contributions except, perhaps, for a little face time. I am skeptical of that claim. Money buys access that people without money don't get, and access is nothing less than an opportunity to affect legislation. It is a rare politician who can remain entirely uninfluenced by large political contributions to his or her campaign. After all, members of Congress seek

assignments to committees that are known to be useful for fundraising, and those wealthy individuals and interests spend large sums on wooing and electing politicians for a purpose: to get public policy favorable to their views and interests.

Over many years both inside and outside Congress, I saw very little outright corruption, but on a frequent basis I could see money's disproportionate influence on the decisions of government and its distortion of our representative democracy. With their decision the justices may have expanded personal liberty, but they've done so lopsidedly: boosting the liberty of ordinary individuals who cannot afford to give to political campaigns gains them nothing in the way of political influence.

The Court's decision further empowers a few rich people and disempowers many ordinary people. This is not a desirable direction for our representative government. Our system should encourage a government responsive to all citizens, not just a few.

What can we do? I would prefer that the President and Congress step in and design rules of campaign finance that would reverse the growing influence of money on our campaigns, but that does not appear likely to happen. Indeed, even now opponents of campaign finance laws are preparing challenges to the remaining limits on individual contributions and to the easily avoided disclosure laws we already have. I'm certain they'll get a sympathetic hearing in the Supreme Court.

Paradoxically, this may be our best hope. Because I also believe that Americans are growing tired of the outsized impact that great wealth enjoys in politics, and that a backlash to the Court's decisions is taking shape. My sense is that growing numbers of ordinary voters are recognizing that money is a poison in our system. I fervently hope that support for public financing and for muscular disclosure laws will grow with time, because our politics will be more democratic, more honest, and more free if we reduce the impact of money on elections.

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.

The death of Barnes & Noble?

By Michael Levin

If anyone gives you a Barnes & Noble gift card, be sure to cash it in by the end of the year. This may be the last year that Barnes & Noble bookstores remain open.

It's bad news for people who love books. It's worse news for the next generation of readers, who may never experience buying a book in a bookstore.

B&N has been closing about 20 stores per year since 2012 and has said it will continue to do so for the next several years. But its financial position is bleak.

This follows a decades-long period of expansion, moving into neighborhoods where privately-owned bookstores thrived, destroying those stores with cut-price best-sellers, and all but owning the book business.

Borders collapsed because of poor choices -- weak locations, an overemphasis on music, and, worst of all, selling off its online bookstore to Amazon for \$20 million in the 1990s. Chump change, by today's standards.

So why is B&N on the ropes if it has virtually no competition today from chains or privately owned bookstores? Five reasons.

First, Amazon makes it so easy to buy books.

Second, publishers thrashed B&N by selling best-sellers at deep discounts in non-traditional outlets such as supermarkets, Wal-Mart and Costco, thus removing a key source of revenue for the chain.

Third, the woefully underfunded Nook is competing with Amazon's Kindle, which is like bringing a knife to a gunfight.

Fourth, the antiquated model of printing books on spec, putting them on trucks, and crossing your fingers that they'll sell doesn't work in the internet print-on-demand era.

And fifth, book buyers want decent customer service. At B&N these days, the only way to find a sales clerk is to attempt to shoplift.

The company that owns QVC nearly bought B&N a couple of years ago, presumably to sell low-cost jewelry and other tsotchkes in B&N's

nationwide chain of stores. That would have been hello collectible coins and bye-bye books.

Now, one of B&N's key investors has cut the level of its financial stake in the company. A wise move, alas.

In many B&N stores, it's actually hard to find books. You've got to wade through toys, umbrellas, Nook displays, chocolate bars, notebooks, birthday cards, and all kinds of other stuff that has stolen shelf space from books.

The publishers have to be running scared. If B&N suddenly shutters its doors, then billions of dollars of books, which the bookstores take on consignment, go into the limbo of bankruptcy court.

But the fate of B&N weighs most heavily on readers. Literary agent David Vigliano says that the disappearance of bookstores, and the move to buying books on Amazon, represents the death of browsing.

Serendipity -- the sweet surprise of happening upon an unexpected book -- is an experience that can happen only in a bookstore.

Yes, Amazon's algorithms can point you to books you may like, but there's no substitute for wandering the aisles of a bookstore, looking into a section you might never have visited before, and finding a new author or subject you had never considered.

That experience is on the verge of disappearing. Barnes & Noble killed privately owned bookstores, and Amazon and technology are killing B&N. It's downright Darwinian.

Can B&N hang on through the holidays? Most likely. But sad to say, once Black Friday gives way to the 12th day of Christmas, a once-proud book chain may well have reached its final chapter.

And that would be chapter 11, of the Bankruptcy Code.

New York Times best-selling author, "Shark Tank" contestant and "World's Greatest Writing Teacher" Michael Levin runs www.BooksAreMyBabies.com, the portal to the ultimate 200+ video channel on writing and getting published.

What the President can learn from Saudi Arabia

By Michael James Barton

The United States is the new Saudi Arabia. At least with regards to oil and natural gas deposits.

To take full advantage of our nation's energy bounty, however, the federal government must allow the same kind of careful, responsible exploration and production now occurring on private lands to take place on public lands.

The federal government owns about 650 million acres of property -- around 29 percent of the country. Over 35 percent of this land is in Alaska alone.

Yet the government inexplicably restricts oil and gas production to just 13 percent of our federally-owned land. As a result, we are failing to reap the full benefit of innovative new technologies that have allowed unprecedented access to underground oil and natural gas.

On private lands, however, the federal government has no authority to block these job creating endeavors. New technologies utilized on private land have created booming growth in an otherwise lackluster economy. At the same time, they've reduced energy prices and our dependence on foreign energy.

Further, abundant low-cost natural gas is increasingly crowding out dirtier, more traditional energy sources, bettering the environment.

Already, natural gas and oil are directly responsible for 9.8 million jobs across the country, paying a total of \$200 billion in wages. In 2010, during the worst of the Great Recession, the oil and gas industry contributed \$476 billion to the U.S. economy. Throughout the recession and recovery, private-sector employment increased by only about 1 percent, but within the oil and natural gas sectors, it skyrocketed by 40 percent.

The future looks even brighter. The Energy Information Administration predicts the United States will produce an additional 8.5 million barrels of oil a day in 2014, increasing to 9.3 million barrels by 2015. Natural gas production is forecast to enjoy a 56 percent increase between 2012 and 2014. If government policy doesn't restrict growth, oil and gas could easily create an extra 1.4 million direct jobs in the United States by 2030.

The International Energy Agency has reported that the United States is on track to become the top energy producer in the world by 2015. Moreover, natural gas is fast coming to dominate the domestic energy marketplace, contributing to a greener tomorrow.

Sadly, the federal government is doing little to encourage this domestic

energy bonanza. The Department of the Interior reports that the number of drilling permits issued on federal lands was slashed by 36 percent between 2008 and 2012. Furthermore, the Congressional Research Service has found that all of the increased production in crude oil between 2007 and 2012 occurred on non-federal lands. During that same period, the federal share of U.S. crude-oil production dropped 7 percent, despite the trumpeting about reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

In fact, in his recent State of the Union Address, Obama praised natural gas as one of the key reasons we are "closer to energy independence than we've been in decades," conveniently failing to mention that this occurred despite his fierce opposition to drilling.

That comes at significant cost to Americans in this struggling economy. An estimated 26 billion barrels of oil are trapped below federal lands, waiting on permits. The Institute for Energy Research estimates that federal lands hold \$128 trillion in oil and gas resources, "about 8 times our national debt." The 10-year royalties, rents, and lease bonuses alone would earn the government around \$150 billion total in revenue. And those numbers draw off a widely-considered conservative estimate by the Congressional Budget Office.

This public land must be developed responsibly, taking into consideration both the environment and affected local communities. Though state governments are best positioned to make responsible choices about permits and drilling, current policy puts the authority in the hands of distant federal regulators -- shutting out the local residents and community organizers who are most directly affected by these policies.

As a result, some states are lagging behind as the key to their economic future rests beneath residents' feet. In Texas, which does not allow the federal government to own territory, oil and natural gas jobs are booming. Meanwhile, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada are left behind in this energy revolution because the federal government controls over 60 percent of the total combined land mass of these states and refuses to approve permitting.

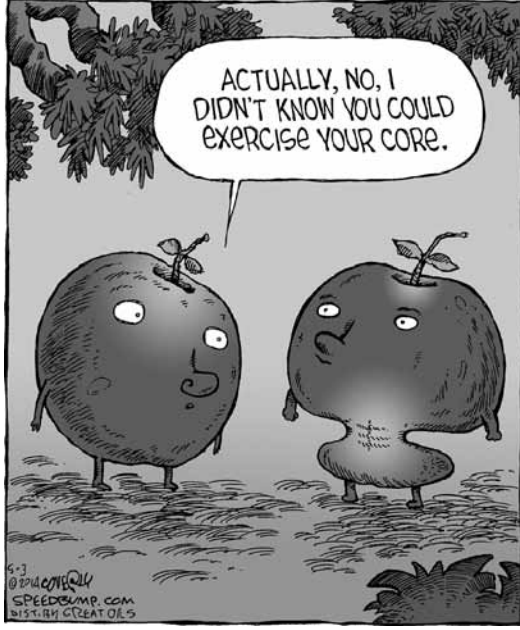
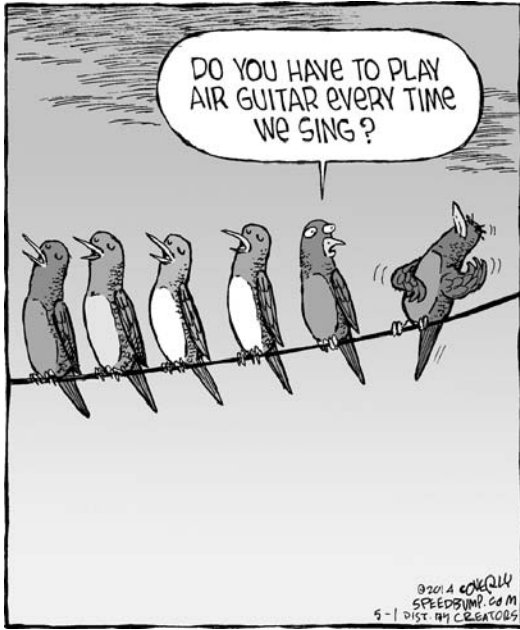
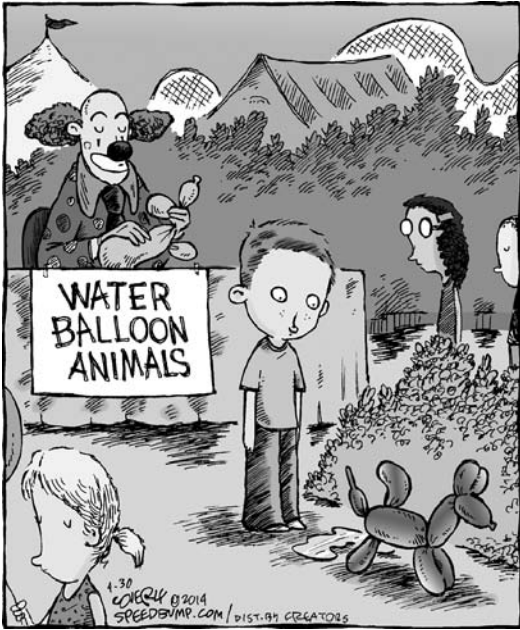
To fully realize our potential, the Obama administration must lift its economic blockade of these affected states. We can't afford to miss out on this golden opportunity to be energy independent, reduce our federal debt, and create the jobs Americans desperately need.

Michael James Barton is the Director for Energy at ARTIS Research. He previously served as the deputy director of Middle East policy at the Pentagon.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

- Fri. May 2: "The Best Medicine" exhibit opening, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
- Sat. May 3: Street Faire, Brookshire Avenue, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sun. May 4: "Frida" movie screening, Epic Lounge, 3:30 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 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.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 p.m.: Downey Arts Coalition, at Epic Lounge.

On This Day...

- May 1, 1962: The first Target discount store opened in Roseville, Minn.
- 1992: On the third day of the Los Angeles riots, Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, asking "Can we all get along?"
- 2011: President Barack Obama announced that Osama Bin Laden, the mastermind of the September 11 attacks, was killed by United States forces in Pakistan.
- Birthdays: Singer Rita Coolidge (69), country singer Tim McGraw (47), director Wes Anderson (45), football hall of famer Curtis Martin (41) and football player Wes Welker (33).

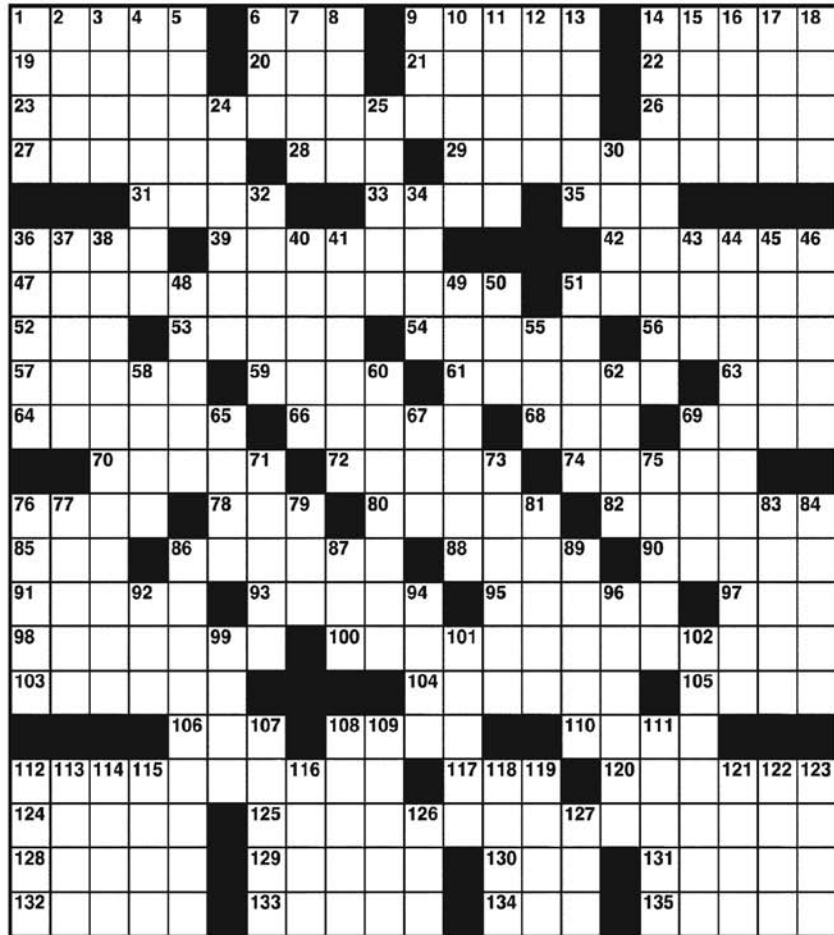
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5 QUESTIONS: ART HERNANDEZ



"5 Questions" is an occasional feature in which we ask five questions of Downey business and community leaders. This week's participant is Art Hernandez, a real estate agent and Ironman athlete. Interview conducted by Eric Pierce

1.) You weren't always a super-healthy person. What was your lifestyle like before you got healthy?

Not even close to being healthy; the most activity I would have was motorcycle riding in the desert. It was a big accomplishment for me to hold on to the bike for 1 or 2 hours with the bike doing all the work.

Pizza was my greatest sin. I loved it to death and even now just talking about it my mouth is watering.

I always considered that I could conquer the world and tried to do so: wake boarding, paintball, motorcycle riding, but I never had any fitness to fall back on and most of the time I ended up just getting hurt. I thought I could do everything and tried to do it as well.

Camping and boating occupied the first 17 years of my marriage to my beautiful wife, Lilian, so most days out on the water and around the campfire were an exercise in consumption. All the ladies at camp would compete for best dessert several times a day. That lifestyle pretty much carried on to everyday life - sitting down at 8 p.m. in front of the TV with two of my signature gourmet peanut butter and jelly sandwiches was always a happy ending to any stressful day.

2.) What inspired you to make a change?

During a hiking trip where I thought I could climb anything I was quickly reminded that I was in no condition to be performing at that level and limped away with a broken ankle. I continued to work and limp for several hours a day but 45 days later I was having difficulty doing open houses; I would talk to visitors and after about 5-8 minutes of standing, I would excuse myself and pull up a chair in front of them and sit down. It started with my ankle swelling, then the other, and after three weeks I was going home early with my legs completely swollen from the knee down.

The inspiration to change never came to me like you would have thought it would. I never had great ambitions to perform incredible athletic feats. I always knew I could lose the weight but the years and the decades rolled by and I never did anything about it.

My son and I would play video games together and he has always been my best friend but on Father's Day of 2011 he handed

me a car with the note, "Dad, we're going to get you into shape". He took me out and it was a struggle to bike around the block, and several rides those days left me laid out on the lawn. But I noticed that my leg spinning would bring down the swelling in my legs. I have always introduced my son as my first coach.

3.) Tell us about your first triathlon. When was it and what was it like?

I had been introduced to Ironman through an attorney friend and knew to what ends he trained to accomplish such goals, but I never saw myself doing one. I was busy cycling and having fun with a new lease on life, I never knew what I had been missing my whole life. It felt like I was caged and now I could see the world.

A fellow real estate agent from my office called me out on Facebook saying, "I'm committed to being in the best shape of my life by mid 2012. I'm signing up for this Olympic triathlon, anyone that wants to step up and begin training contact me." I liked the idea and began training right away. Of all the people that were up for it, at the end of the day no one showed up at race day.

Of the 2-3,000 participants, I counted four racers that started without a wet-suit. I started in the back corner of my wave, because I did not want to be in the mix when it started. I had heard of elbows and kicks to the face and wanted no part of it. Before I got to the first buoy I felt something at my feet then on top of me, then another, and before I knew it, I was run over by the next wave of starters and some 15 minutes later the wave after that. On the last turn I could see the beach in the distance and the only thing that kept me motivated was the thought that I would soon be together with my bicycle.

I got out of the water and going into Transition 1, I changed into my cycling gear. Whereas the pros complete the transition in about 35 seconds, it took me over 8 minutes.

I felt like I was free to get into my specialty, the bike was my sport and I proceeded by passing as many people as I could. On the way back into town I remember telling myself to slow down, I needed to come in rested, but as I approached there were spectators everywhere and all of them cheering me on, which in turn made me go faster.

Transition 2, and another complete change of clothes, kiss

the wife and my son, and off to run! One step, two step, and I was thinking to myself, "OK, there is something wrong here." My legs didn't work the way they were supposed to. I must have passed at least 300 people on the bike but I think 500 passed me on the run. At the 3-mile loop I was so tempted to call it a day and just say I was done but I kept going. At mile 5, my daughter passed me up who was doing the smaller event. As she passed me by she's chatting away with a lady and all I hear is, "Oh yeah, that's my dad."

The last two blocks were as true as people told me. All pain is gone, all sense of despair is gone, and the only feeling is a sense of accomplishment. You would think I came in first place as I waved to the crowds and my family.

When I finished, my son came up to me and said, "Wow Dad, top 25 percent overall." I handed him my Ironman medal and thanked him, telling him he was the reason I did it.

4.) What is your fitness routine like?

One year prior to Ironman, we took fitness to a whole new level. I was blessed to do all my training with two very close friends who were also first timers: Marcos Hernandez, principal at Tweedy Elementary, and Carlos Romero, a payroll manager for Benefitmall. It really helped that we were close to the same fitness level (I wish). We had a schedule and in the final 5 months leading up to the event, we were training 10 times a week with most days having double training sessions.

Every Friday was an open water swim in Long Beach with technique swim during the week. Saturdays were our long runs, 12-23 miles, but overall we were averaging about 22-24 hours of intense training per week, swim about 5 miles a week, bike around 200 miles a week and averaging about 35 miles of running a week. We would do marathons and smaller triathlons as part of our training schedules. I used to remember that we were always tired, never would we start a training session fresh, and we never had a problem sleeping.

I don't think I could have kept up that kind of intensity without my friends and family's support. Starting from not much and to pick it up to that much intensity was a little overwhelming.

5.) Any tips for people who want to get healthy?

Exercise is hard work. It

requires a lot of motivation and how can you be motivated about working and sweating and pain? It was and has always been fun for me, it has fulfilled my necessity to be competitive and we are very social creatures - I can go out and do a run or ride on my own but I do this because it's enjoyable. Even the pain is enjoyable now, because you know that you went out there and pushed as hard as you could.

Start out doing enough to get you to like it, and don't compare yourself to the guy that cycles 50 miles and get intimidated by it. We all have a story and yours isn't written yet.

Find a partner that is going to support you, push you when you're having a bad day and you do the same. There is a whole world out there that I never knew existed, that I am still discovering. To run a marathon, swim around an island, bike to San Diego and back? What is your story going to be? To be young again? To be around for your children?

Kevin Bell finishes basic training

DOWNEY - Air Force Airman Kevin M. Bell, a 2011 graduate of Calvary Christian School in Downey, has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland.

Bell completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Robert Bell, of Whittier.



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How To Select A Realtor®

There's no simple formula for selecting a real estate agent. Making such an important choice requires time, planning, and a careful analysis of what each agent has to offer. You can start by getting referrals from friends or by contacting local agents and setting up interviews. You shouldn't go blindly with a referral. What works for your friend may not work for you. Take the time to interview.

The Interview Process
 If you are selling your home, contact a few agents and schedule listing presentations. If buying, set up interviews as well. You can often get a good idea of which agents are most professional and most committed by looking at their personal marketing materials—brochures, direct mail, listing presentation book, etc. Are they professional? You might ask yourself, "If they don't have the wherewithal to properly market themselves, how will they market my home?" In the interview, look for an agent who asks pointed, specific questions. That's the sign of someone who is already thinking about your situation. Make sure you feel comfortable being around this person—you will be relying on his or her expertise.

Marketing Your Home
 Despite having the same basic marketing tools at their disposal, every real estate professional has a different marketing strategy. Learn each agent's marketing philosophy, and see what will work best for you.

Communication
 Do you want weekly, daily, or hourly reports from your agent? Are you comfortable with letters, phone calls, or do you want to discuss matters in person? Determine how much communication you want, then find an agent who will give you the attention and time you desire.

Determining Price
 Pricing your home is the most critical step to selling it, and you should choose a Realtor® who has the knowledge to price your home wisely. Here's what to avoid: DON'T go with a "yes man" who will promise a high price in order to get your listing—your home may languish on the market. DON'T let an agent talk you into an artificially low price designed simply to sell as fast as possible. DO have each agent justify the price through comparable properties and facts about the market. The selling price should attract prospective buyers to your home, get you top dollar in the current market and reflect the condition of your house. Be realistic. A good Realtor® will be honest with you about the value of your home.

The Support Team
 Agents work with a team of professionals in many fields, including title, escrow, mortgage, home inspection, pest control carpet cleaning, etc. You are not obligated to work with an agent's team, but often it is the optimum way to go. Agents have built strong relationships with their "teams," and can often get expedient service or cash in a favor for your transaction should a crunch or problem arise.

Some agents employ an assistant or staff. This doesn't necessarily mean better service, but it can be an indicator that the agent treats selling real estate like a business. By employing someone to handle the small details, he or she can devote more time serving your needs. However, you may want one-to-one service. Discuss this with the agent at the interview.

Get References
 Don't be afraid to ask for references. Any agent who provides good service and is proud of his or her work will be happy to provide references.

These are a few pointers I hope will be helpful in selecting a real estate professional. I'll be happy to answer them myself as one of your interview candidates. Please call me to schedule an interview at your convenience, and I would be happy to send you a copy of my personal brochure.

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Assistance League of Downey recently held a luncheon where it honored its volunteers. Pictured are President Florence Towers, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and past president Joan Frey.

Cemetery to mark Memorial Day

Downey - Memorial Day will be celebrated at Downey Cemetery on May 26 with a wreath-laying ceremony and rifle salute by the local American Legion.

There will also be a playing of "Taps" and remarks from local dignitaries.

The annual ceremony pays tribute to "all of our servicemen and women who have fought and sacrificed for our country throughout our nation's history - and all those who are fighting today both at home and abroad," city officials said. "Let's show our appreciation for their courage and sacrifice through remembrance."

Visitors should park at the Green Line station, where a shuttle will take guests to the cemetery and back. The ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Wall and Garden and is expected to last about an hour.

Downey Cemetery traces its history back to the 1870s and serves the cities of Downey, Bellflower, Paramount and parts of South Gate. For questions about the Memorial Day program, call Lorena Arellano at (562) 904-7223.

Woman's Club's May events

Downey - The Woman's Club of Downey has released its May schedule of events:

On May 7 at 11:30, the club will hold its general meeting with entertainer Gloria Haslam presenting a musical program of popular Broadway show tunes.

On May 10 is the club's spring fashion show featuring exclusive styles by Drapers and Damons. Tickets are \$35.

On May 15, club member Adele Burger will be honored as the club's Volunteer of the Year at the Downey Coordinating Council dinner.

Finally, on May 19, the club will play bunco starting at 6 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools program and Friends of the Downey City Library.

For more information on any of the events, call Jean Barrera at (562) 861-1114.

Fashion show June 9

Downey - The Downey Newcomers Club will host its annual fashion show Monday, June 9, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$25 and the public is invited.

For tickets, call Mary Ann Collins at (562) 923-6611.

Bingo lunch at St. Raymond's

Downey - St. Raymond's Catholic Church's Italian Catholic Federation is hosting a bingo luncheon Sunday, May 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Cost is \$10 and includes one bingo card, lunch and door prizes. A \$25 money tree and other prizes will be raffled.

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

Students make Dean's List

Downey - Downey residents Carlos Aparicio, Hannah Larsen, Joseph Lim and Vanessa Serrano were named to the Dean's List at Biola University.

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LA MIRADA THEATER RELEASES 2014-15 SCHEDULE

LA MIRADA – The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts has released its 2014-15 season schedule, highlighted with the world premiere of the musical “Pride and Prejudice” and the Los Angeles premiere of “Carrie the Musical.”

The full schedule is below:
Sept. 19 – Oct. 12, 2014: “Good People”

In south Boston, this month’s paycheck covers last month’s bills, bingo is a night on the town, and sharp-tongued single mom Margie Walsh has just been let go from yet another job. Scrambling to make ends meet, she looks up an old flame, hoping he’ll help her make a fresh start in this humor-filled drama from Pulitzer Prize-winner David Lindsay-Abaire about how twists of fate determine our path. Contains mature language and themes.

Oct. 24 – Nov. 16, 2014: “Late Nite Catechism: Las Vegas Sister Rolls the Dice”

“Late Nite Catechism” is the latest class in the sinfully funny Catechism series. The church needs a new roof, so Father Murphy has decided that Sister, with her extensive gambling experience running the church bingo for last 25 years, will organize a Las Vegas night. Sister will tackle topics ranging from magicians to show girls. Don’t forget: what happens in Vegas may stay in Vegas, but God sees everything.

Jan. 16 – Feb. 8, 2015: “Billy Elliot”

Millions of fans, thousands of standing ovations, 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical... one show shines above the rest. This is “Billy Elliot,” the

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April 17 – May 10, 2015: “Pride and Prejudice”

In this musical, which was the runaway hit of the New York Musical Theatre festival, the love story of Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy comes to life when Jane Austen and her sister, Cassandra, revisit “First Impressions,” an earlier version of the beloved novel. As Austen makes changes, the Austen sisters must learn to see both the story and each other in a new light.

May 29 – June 21, 2015: “Mary Poppins”

Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, “Mary Poppins” includes a score filled with timeless classics such as “Feed the Birds,” “Jolly Holiday,” “Step in Time” and the Academy Award winning “Chim-Chim Cher-ee.” The jack of all trades, Bert,

introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family how to value each other again.

“Mary Poppins” delighted Broadway audiences for more than 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony awards.

March 12 – April 5, 2015: “Carrie the Musical”

Twenty-five years after its spellbinding premiere shocked critics and audiences from London to New York, “Carrie” the Broadway musical comes to Los Angeles for the very first time.

A misfit at school, terrorized by her holier-than-thou mother at home, 17-year-old Carrie White nonetheless has a secret.

And when a prank at the high school prom goes horribly wrong, they’ll all find out just how scary a secret can be. The show has been called “outrageous, controversial and completely thrilling.”

March 1, 2015: “Ballroom with a Twist”

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May 23, 2015: Amy Grant
 Amy Grant has earned six Grammy Awards and numerous Gospel Music Association Dove Awards as well as three multi-

platinum albums, six platinum albums and four gold albums.

She’s achieved 10 Top 40 pop singles and placed 17 hits on the Top 40 adult contemporary charts as well as scoring numerous hits on the contemporary Christian charts. The Nashville native gained a reputation for creating potent songs that examined life’s complexities with an open heart and keen eye. She became the first artist in Christian music to have a platinum record and went on to become a crossover sensation.

Subscriptions to the 2014-15 season are now available by calling the box office at (562) 944-9801. Single tickets go on sale May 30.



Joshua Guerrero, a 2010 graduate of Warren High School, graduated from the Rio Hondo Fire Academy last Saturday. Guerrero grew up in Downey and attended Rio Hondo Elementary and Griffiths Middle School before going to Warren High. He played football all four years at Warren and was also a Downey Razorback. “We are so proud of him,” said his mother, Rosy Guerrero.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Warren splits Gahr series

• With baseball playoffs around the corner, Bears are at top of SGVL standings.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 16-4 and are 2-3 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

Warren split their first two league games against Gahr. In their first game on 4/8, Warren lost at Gahr 5-4. In their second game on 4/11, Warren defeated Gahr 1-0 at Warren behind a strong pitching performance from Bear ace Alan Trejo.

Warren lost to cross-town rival Downey at Downey 7-2 on 4/22 and lost to Downey at Warren 1-0 last Friday.

Warren defeated Simi Valley at Simi Valley 8-2 on 4/26, defeated Marshall 10-2 on 4/28 and defeated S.G.V.L. foe Dominguez at Dominguez 21-0 Tuesday. Warren will host Dominguez later today and will play in the Chatsworth Tournament against Newbury Park tomorrow. The Bears will host Lynwood on Tuesday and will then travel to Lynwood next Friday to complete their home and away series. Warren will wrap up league play by hosting Paramount on 5/13 and will then travel to Paramount on 5/15.

Downey is currently 14-8 overall and 4-1 in league play while Paramount is 9-13 overall and 3-1 in league play. Gahr is currently 14-7 overall and 3-2 in league play. Lynwood is currently 8-5 overall and 2-2 in league play.

Warren is right behind Downey

in the standings with an overall record of 16-4 and 3-2 in league play.

Dominguez is at the bottom of the standings with a 4-13 overall record, including 0-5 in league play.

The Bears are ranked 110th in the Southern Section and 15th in Division 3. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are looking forward to finishing league play strong, earning a favorable seed in their C.I.F. bracket and making a run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

The 6th annual Cindy Vega Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held Wednesday, June 18, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Activities will include a best ball scramble, two closest to the pins competitions, longest drive and raffles. Proceeds go to the Cindy Vega Scholarship Fund.

Cindy Vega was a math teacher at Warren High School. As a teacher, Cindy cared for her students and strived for the success of each child that walked through her door. Vega also became the Pep Squad advisor. From 2006 to June 2008, Cindy held the position of ASB Director. This was a position that Cindy put her heart and soul into and loved every second of. As the ASB Director, Cindy worked tirelessly behind the scenes of every Warren High School dance, rally, spirit day, fundraiser, teacher appreciation breakfast and luncheon, blood drive and canned food drive.

Cindy was an outstanding mentor to her ASB students. Cindy consistently taught her students to be responsible, punctual, and successful. Cindy was also instrumental in bringing the Link Crew, a freshmen welcoming

program, to Warren High School. Education was Cindy's passion and she took every opportunity possible to teach and encourage her students to learn everything they could, not only academically, but in life.

After her passing, Cindy's family, friends and colleagues could not think of a better way to honor her legacy than a scholarship in her name which will continue to give the gift of education to Warren students.

The Downey High School baseball team suffered their first league loss of the season Tuesday at Gahr 4-1.

The Vikings currently have an overall record of 14-8 and are now 4-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Going into the Gahr game, the Vikings were ranked ninth in Division 3. The Vikings had won 11 straight games before their streak was snapped Tuesday.

Downey started S.G.V.L. play with a 9-0 win against Lynwood at home on 4/8 and then traveled to Lynwood on 4/11 to finish the home and away series sweep with a 16-0 win. The Vikings then defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey 7-2 on 4/22 and finished the series sweep at Warren 1-0 on 4/25.

With their win against Downey on Tuesday, Gahr improved to 14-7 overall and are now 3-2 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The two teams will face off again later today at Downey in a heated battle for first place. If Downey can win, they will have a two game lead against Gahr with only four games remaining against Paramount and Lynwood.

Downey will host Paramount (3-1) next Tuesday and will then travel to Paramount on Friday. The

Vikings will then conclude league play with a game at Dominguez on 5/13 followed by their season finale against Dominguez at home on 5/15.

The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 7-15 and are 2-3 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings lost at home to Paramount 9-8 on 3/27, lost at Gahr 7-5 on 4/1, won at Dominguez 19-0 on 4/3, won at Lynwood 10-0 on 4/8 and lost at cross-town rival Warren 11-3 on 4/10.

Gahr is currently 12-8 overall and are 5-0 in league play. Warren is currently 13-4 overall and are 4-1 in league. Downey is currently 7-15 overall and 2-3 in league play.

Downey lost to Hart 10-0 and Buena 9-2 at the Thousand Oaks Tournament on 4/19. The Lady Vikings concluded the Thousand Oaks Tournament with a 7-2 loss against host school Thousand Oaks on 4/26.

Downey returned to S.G.V.L. play yesterday at Lynwood (score unavailable at press time). The Lady Vikings will host Warren next Tuesday, will host Gahr next Thursday, will travel to Paramount on 5/13 and will conclude their league schedule by hosting Dominguez on 5/15.

Despite their 7-15 record, the Lady Vikings have a .313 team batting average, a .406 on base percentage, have stolen 55 bases, have an earned average of 4.03, a fielding percentage of .933 and have scored 132 runs. Senior captains Rachel Rodriguez, Alexis Zavala, Daphne Gaspar, Cassie Grana, Brittany Juarez, and Karen Guillen continue to play hard in their final seasons as Vikings.



From left: Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez, Southeast Network Vice President Ricardo Perez, Downey Art Vibe executive director (and Cal alum) Valentin Flores, and Southeast Network President Miguel Duarte

UCLA ALUMNI GATHER TO DO GOOD WORK

DOWNEY – The UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network held their first public board meeting at Stay Gallery on April 16. The event doubled as a “Tacos and Beer” mixer and was open to UCLA alumni and members of the public who support UCLA.

The board meeting featured a welcome by Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez and a presentation on veterans issues by Nick Velez, owner of Bastards Restaurant and Grill in Downtown Downey.

Vasquez encouraged the Southeast Network to experience Downey. “Downey is filled with people who support UCLA and we want to thank the university for engaging their alumni, their friends and supporters,” said Vasquez. “We look forward to many great events in our city!”

The mayor also led the group in UCLA's famous cheer, the “8-Clap.” For his part, Velez introduced the group to his non-profit organization, Save the Brave, and stated his desire to see collaboration between UCLA and Save the Brave. Velez touched upon the issue of post traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, bringing the crowd to silence when he pointed out that “22 veterans commit suicide every day in America. This is not okay. This has to be addressed.”

Southeast Network President Miguel Duarte encouraged UCLA alumni to get involved with Save the Brave and the Southeast Network. Duarte also announced board elections for late June.

The Southeast Network will be hosting an event called “Bruinco de Mayo,” at La Barca restaurant in Downey on May 5 from 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. There is a \$5 donation, with proceeds going to fund future Southeast Network events and scholarships. La Barca also announced that they would donate to UCLA 15 percent of the total amount spent by the group's guests.

To RSVP for the Bruinco de Mayo event, contact Southeast Network Vice President Ricardo Perez at ricardoperezlaw@gmail.com.

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and you wait for the medication to work.
Just like the rest of us.

Rick Smith draws on life as he sees it, from street reality to lyric surrealism. He'll be reading from his poems for Poetry Matters on May 8 at Stay Gallery. Open mike poets start at 7:30 pm.

Kathleen Reuter mourned

DOWNEY – Downey resident Kathleen Reuter died April 19 with her daughters at her side.

She moved to Downey in the early 1960s and successfully operated Downey Business Service. She moved to the state of Washington after selling her business but returned to Downey a few years later.

She nearly died of a brain aneurism in 1986. After more than a month at Downey Community Hospital and brain surgery, she started a new business, Downey Office Supply. She retired in 2002 and moved to Henderson, Nev.

Kathleen returned to Downey for her final days of battling lung cancer.

She is survived by her daughters, Clara and Karen; grandchildren, Billy, Kirstin and Alexander; and a great grandchild, Flynn.



Paul Minnig dies at 87

DOWNEY – Paul Minnig, a longtime resident of Downey, passed away peacefully at his residence this month at age 87.

A pioneer and innovator in the early days of computers, he was a husband, father and grandfather, and volunteer at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

He attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles until his father's untimely death obliged him to work to help support his mother and two sisters while attending school at night.

Following a stint in the Merchant Marines, Paul returned to Southern California and took a job at the Auto Club of Southern California, where he met and married Florine Hurley.

At the Auto Club, Paul joined the new field of data processing; programming and specifying state-of-the-art computers; advising, testing and developing protocols for a new field of data storage and manipulation. He culminated his career as project manager for the construction of the massive data center for AAA on Fairview in Costa Mesa.

Following his retirement, he became a founding member of his community association, serving on the board of directors for more than 20 years. He also served as an usher at OLPH's Saturday night Mass for over 25 years.

He is survived by his two sons (Bill and Michael), their wives (Mia and Eileen) and two granddaughters (Alyson and Kyla).



Dia de los Muertos to return

DOWNEY – Save the date: Downey's second annual Dia de los Muertos Art Festival has been confirmed for Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Downey Theatre.

The family-friendly festival features artisans and master craftsmen displaying, demonstrating and teaching traditional Mexican arts such as papel picado, paper mache and calaveras de azucar.

There are also displays of sculpture, paintings and altars.

"Last year's event exceeded expectations in both attendance and in presentation," said Arlene Salazar, Downey's director of Parks and Recreation.

Red Hat Society seeks members

DOWNEY – The Downey chapter of the Red Hat Society is accepting new members into its club.

The women's club is popular for its "red hat casual or dressy attire" for special events, which include teas, Victorian lunches, bingo, conventions and pajama breakfast parties.

The group also tries new eateries every month.

All women ages 18 and over can join. For details, call Lola at (562) 923-1978.

Edward James Olmos at Citadel Outlets

COMMERCE – Award-winning actor Edward James Olmos will be at Citadel Outlets in Commerce this weekend to promote his new film, "Water & Power."

Olmos will take part in a meet and greet with fans from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. He will be at center court, available to take pictures and answer questions about his latest film.

Veteran actor Emilio Rivera, who plays Marcus Alvarez on "Sons of Anarchy," also will be present.

There will also be live performances by Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles, and a roving mariachi band will serenade shoppers throughout the outlet center.

Downtown thrift shop reopens

DOWNEY – We have a new look and we want to share it with you.

We closed the Assistance League's Second Tyme Around Shoppe for two weeks to give ourselves a facelift. We have new paint, new carpet, new fixtures and the "same old prices." Customers have been generous with their compliments and sales are brisk.

Join us for the Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Wednesday, May 7, from 12-2 p.m.

All money generated at the shop goes back into the community in numerous ways:

- Operation School Bell provides clothing to students in need attending our Downey schools.

- Downey Dental Program provides dental services to students in need. Many times this is the first visit to the dentist and the services are numerous.

- Kids On The Block - provide information to elementary school students on bullying, dealing with strangers, and numerous other topics requiring repeated student reinforcement.

- Glamour Gowns provides formal wear to young women for the winter formal and the prom.

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Rick Smith is featured poet

DOWNEY – This month's edition of Poetry Matters – Thursday, May 8, at Stay Gallery – features poet, musician and clinical psychologist Rick Smith.

Smith has had several parallel and intertwining careers. A virtuoso harmonica player and accomplished songwriter, his early career as a musician included rubbing shoulders with Bob Dylan and Richie Havens in New York, opening for Smokey Robinson in Venice Beach, and playing of the sound track for the Oscar-nominated film "Days of Heaven."

In another professional life, Rick has a strong Downey connection. He has a long career as a clinical psychologist working with brain-damaged patients. During that time he spent years in the acclaimed neurology service at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center.

Throughout all this Rick has maintained his love for lyric poetry. His fourth collection, "Whispering in a Mad Dog's Ear," is just out.

When asked what it is about, Smith answered, "love and death and drugs - the usual."

An Angel Among Us

In the 2013-2014 school year, the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation donated over \$360,000 to the students of Downey Unified School District and to the programs that contribute directly to their educational experience.

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From the administration, faculty, staff and students of the Downey Unified School District



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Warren High team wins stock market contest

DOWNEY – A team of Warren High School students won a Stock Market Analyst Competition last Saturday at UCLA. Samantha Cano, a junior, was the team's captain.

The competition is part of a free program that prepares high school students for a successful college experience and also facilitates in the area of business.

The program is offered over eight Saturday sessions and includes human resources and organizational behavior case study overviews led by UCLA Anderson faculty; team-based exploration of the stock market; a real estate competition focusing on Los Angeles communities; guest speakers from top industry leaders; SAT preparatory workshops for sophomores and juniors; professional development seminars that include resume writing, interviewing techniques and networking workshops; and personal mentors.

Deadline to apply for the program's next installment is May 16. For details go to anderson.ucla.edu.

Comedy to premiere in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – A new comedy film, "Midnight Cabby," filmed entirely in Southern California, will make its premiere Sunday, May 11, at the Art Theatre in Long Beach.

Targeted for a teenage audience, "Midnight Cabby" is a beat-the-clock, madcap comedy.

The premiere begins with a red carpet at 7 p.m., followed by the screening at 8:30. The public is invited.

To request tickets, contact Gigi Fusco Meese at gigifuscomeese@gmail.com.

Police launches 'Operation Save Our Seats'

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department is launching "Operation Save Our Seats," an effort to reduce the number of third-row seats stolen from sport utility vehicles.

On May 17, police officers are offering to etch license plate numbers onto the frame of the third-row seat.

Etchings increase the likelihood that the seat can be returned to its rightful owner "and hopefully hold those accountable for committing the thefts," authorities said.

"Operation Save Our Seats" specifically targets newer model Chevy Tahoes, GMC Yukons and Cadillac Escalades, however, all vehicles with removable third-row seats can request an etching.

Etchings are done free of charge and take about 15-20 minutes to complete. The operation will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the police department's west parking lot.

Reservations are requested by calling Detective Lockwood at (562) 904-2332 or email tlockwood@downeyca.org.

PIH Health named one of nation's top 100 hospitals

WHITTIER – PIH Health was recently named one of the nation's 100 top hospitals for the second consecutive year by Truven Health Analytics, a leading provider of information and solutions to improve the cost and quality of healthcare.

The Truven Health 100 Top Hospitals program is an annual study that evaluates hospital performance across a range of objective variables, such as mortality rates, complications, patient length of stay, and adherence to core measures.

"At PIH Health, we take great pride in providing high-quality healthcare to our patients – their safety, well-being and medical conditions are always our primary concern," said Judy Pugach, vice president of Enterprise Quality, Patient Safety, Accreditation and Licensing for PIH Health.

"We are honored to have been named as a 100 Top Hospitals recipient two years in a row."

The study shows that if all hospitals in the United States performed at the level of this year's winners:

- Nearly 165,000 additional lives could be saved
- Nearly 90,000 additional patients could be complication-free
- More than \$5.4 billion could be saved
- The average patient stay would decrease by half a day

"We are pleased to once again be among a select group of healthcare leaders," said PIH Health Hospital - Whittier Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer Reanna Thompson. "At PIH Health, we are dedicated to providing a superior healthcare experience for our patients."

Hospital executives will gather at the annual 100 Top Hospitals Summit in Arizona June 11-13.

For more information on the 100 Top Hospitals program, visit tophospitals.com. For information on PIH Health, go to PIHHealth.org.

Giant networking event at DoubleTree

NORWALK – The DoubleTree Hotel in Norwalk will host the 12th annual Kaleidoscope Fundraiser, a giant networking opportunities for local residents and business owners.

Six chambers of commerce will participate, including Norwalk, Fullerton, La Habra, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier.

Each city has been assigned a color and guests are encouraged to wear their city's color.

In addition to networking opportunities, there will be a live auction featuring hundreds of items. RMH Dance & Production will provide entertainment, and local food vendors will offer appetizers. The event includes a no-host bar.

All proceeds from the silent auction, raffle and sponsorships will go to CAPC Inc., a nonprofit that works to empower people with developmental disabilities.

For questions about Kaleidoscope, contact Carolyn Reggio at fundraising@capcinc.org or call (562) 693-8826, ext. 3008.

Cerritos recruiting marrow donors

CERRITOS – The city of Cerritos is holding marrow donor recruitment drives this coming week in an effort to save lives of local patients in need of marrow or blood cell transplants.

People suffering from leukemia, aplastic anemia, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndrome and other blood-related diseases could be cured with a bone marrow transplant from a matching donor, city officials said.

Only 30 percent of patients find matches from within their family. A patient is more likely to find a match from within his or her racial or ethnic background.

A national marrow database has more than 10 million people, of which more than 7 million are Caucasian and the rest are African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Hispanic, mixed race, and other minorities.

Cerritos will hold donor registration drives this Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Cerritos Farmers Market, and from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Cerritos Library.

To join the national registry, donors must be in good general health and be willing to donate to any patient in need.

Donors must also be between the ages of 18 and 44, and able to give a cheek cell sample.

32 arrested at checkpoint

BELLFLOWER – Thirty-two people were arrested at a DUI and driver's license checkpoint in Bellflower on April 10.

The checkpoint was located on Artesia Boulevard, just east of Lakewood Boulevard.

Of the 32 arrests, 18 were for driving without a valid driver's license. Another six drivers were arrested for driving on suspended or revoked licenses.

Three people were charged with driving while under the influence of marijuana, and one driver was arrested for allegedly driving while drunk and high.

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The Downey Patriot
4/24/14, 4/17/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2014082735

File Number 2014082734 DATE FILED: JULY 26, 2010
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): GLAMOUR PHOTO STUDIO
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9125 BELMONT ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARLENE ARROYO, 9125 BELMONT ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual 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/MARLENE ARROYO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MARCH 27, 2014

The Downey Patriot
4/10/14, 4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014082079

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ERG ENTERTAINMENT, 16042 SANTA FE ST., WHITTIER CA 90603, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDUARDO R. GOMEZ, 16042 SANTA FE ST., WHITTIER CA 90603
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/EDUARDO R. GOMEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 27, 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).

The Downey Patriot
4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201411805

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MINERALZ, 2134 MONTEBELLO TOWN CTR, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9021 BEVERLY RD APARTMENT #33, PICO RIVERA CA 90660
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROM SILVAS, 9021 BEVERLY RD APARTMENT #33, PICO RIVERA CA 90660
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ROM SILVAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 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).

The Downey Patriot
5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14, 5/22/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014112566

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NORWALK BASEBALL BOOSTER CLUB, 11356 LEFFINGWELL ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RUBEN MARQUEZ, 19218 JACOB AVE., CERRITOS CA 90703
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/26/2014
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/RUBEN MARQUEZ, OWNER, RUBEN MARQUEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 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).

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014097055

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DREAMS TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, 3543 WINDSTORM WAY, RIVERSIDE CA 92503, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TAREQ KAHALA, 3543 WINDSTORM WAY, RIVERSIDE CA 92503
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/TAREQ KAHALA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 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).

The Downey Patriot
4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014104064

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HUMILITY THROUGH PAIN, 11711 RONALD DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, 11711 RONALD DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90638
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 04/17/2014
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/RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, OWNER, RICHARD RODRIGUEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 17, 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).

The Downey Patriot
4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014093122

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PARAMOUNT INJURY INSTITUTE, 10800 PARAMOUNT BLVD, SUITE 102, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN WALTER HESS, 10800 PARAMOUNT BLVD, SUITE 102, DOWNEY CA 90241
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 01/07/2014
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/JOHN WALTER HESS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 8, 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).

The Downey Patriot
4/10/14, 4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014083692

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALKEN CARE, 13649 FLATBUSH AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA THERESA C. RUALO, 13649 FLATBUSH AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) ALBERTO C. RUALO JR., 13649 FLATBUSH AVENUE, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/13/2005
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/MARIA THERESA C. RUALO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 28, 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).

The Downey Patriot
4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014095853

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JW

CONSULTANT ASSOCIATION FIRM, 9631 FLOWER STREET SUITE 202, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEPH LEROY WALKER, 9631 FLOWER STREET SUITE 202, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/09/2014
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/JOSEPH LEROY WALKER, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 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).

The Downey Patriot
4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2014077587

Current File No. 20110153056 The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) GAREYS AUTO CENTER located at 2455 N ANGELES AVE, DOWNEY CA 91767 (2) GAREYS 1 STOP AUTO.
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on JANUARY 27, 2011 in the County of LOS ANGELES. The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): GIRGES ANTHONY, 9313 PRICHARD ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
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/GIRGES ANTHONY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on MARCH 24, 2014.

The Downey Patriot
4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014102206

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GREAT WORLD PROPERTIES, 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD, SUITE 4, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GRISELDA M REYES, 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD, SUITE 4, DOWNEY CA 90241
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 04/16/2014
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/GRISELDA M REYES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 16, 2014
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The Downey Patriot
4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014091553

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT, 9819 PALM ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICIA EUGENIA MEDINA, 9819 PALM ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
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 01/01/2014
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/PATRICIA EUGENIA MEDINA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 2014
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The Downey Patriot
4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014091553

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICIA EUGENIA MEDINA, 9819 PALM ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
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 01/01/2014
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/PATRICIA EUGENIA MEDINA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 2014
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The Downey Patriot
4/10/14, 4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council, on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to approving the **Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2014 - 2015**: The Action Plan is an implementation plan, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which describes projects and activities the City Downey will fund under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) programs. The proposed Action Plan includes a recommended distribution of the federal funds, the required application for the HUD grants, and a discussion of actions the City will undertake during the program year regarding homelessness and anti-poverty initiatives.

During the next program year, the City of Downey is projected to receive \$1,456,147 in new entitlement grants under the federal CDBG and HOME programs. The combined total of new federal Grants, estimated program income and the balance from prior year line of credit will be distributed (proposed) on the activities listed below.

ESTIMATED FUNDS IN 2014-2015	CDBG PROGRAM	HOME PROGRAM
New Federal Grants	1,090,427	365,720
New Program Income (Estimate)	0	50,000
Prior Year Balance (Estimate)	46,975	162,508
TOTAL:	\$ 1,137,402	\$ 578,228

PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS in 2014-2015

Housing Improvement Programs	\$ 545,458
Code Enforcement Program	\$ 150,000
Payment on HUD Loans	\$ 275,256
Community/Senior Center	\$ 83,300
Public Services Grants	\$ 74,060
Affordable Housing Development	\$ 106,431
General Planning and Administration	\$ 218,085
Economic Development – Job Creation	\$ 250,000

At this time and place, all persons interested may be present to give testimony on the proposed Action Plan for program year 2014-2015. A copy of the above referenced plan will be available for review during normal business hours at the following locations: the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Ave.; the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. and at www.downeyca.org. Persons interested in obtaining a copy or for further information, please call Jose Vazquez, Housing Administrative Aide, at (562) 904-7161. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2014.

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
Downey City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
5/1/14

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK COURTHOUSE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025710

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOHN ZELAYANDIA-ESTRELLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name JOHN ZELAYANDIA-ESTRELLA to Proposed name JOHN ZELAYANDIA.
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: JUNE 11, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is Southeast District, 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk 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 April 16, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney
John Zelayandia-Estrella
10524 Orange Ave.
South Gate, CA 90280
(323) 812-6580

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4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025666

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BARBARA BOUDALIS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name SAMUEL TEDDY CLARK to Proposed name SAMUEL TEDDY BOUDALIS.
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: 05-28-2014, Time: 1:30 pm , Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk 90650
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Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney
Barbara Boudalis
P.O. Box 1425
10929 Firestone Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650
(562) 278-5714

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4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025528

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MIGUEL ANGEL PENICHE JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name MIGUEL ANGEL PENICHE JR. to Proposed name MIGUEL ANGEL PENICHE RUBIO.
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: JUNE 11, 2014, 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 the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT April 11, 2014
Kevin C. Brazile, Judge
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney In Pro Per
MIGUEL ANGEL PENICHE
9223 MINES AVE
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
(323) 321-1670

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4/24/14, 5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK COURTHOUSE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025628

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CYNTHIA CASTANON AND GABRIEL LUNA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name ALONDRA CASTANON to Proposed name ALONDRA LUNA.
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: 05-21-14, 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 March 20, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney
Cynthia Castanon, Gabriel Luna
9410 Mayne St
Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 483-3587

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4/10/14, 4/17/14, 4/24/14, 5/1/14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025632

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALEXANDRA TORRES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name ALEXANDRA TORRES to Proposed name ALEXANDRA CERVANTES.
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: 05-21-14, 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 April 08, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney (Mother)
CENDY SUAREZ
3293 SEQUOIA DRIVE
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
(310) 948-1697
cendypamela12@sbcglobal.net

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5/1/14, 5/8/14, 5/15/14, 5/22/14

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SOUTHEAST DISTRICT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS025632

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALEXANDRA TORRES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name ALEXANDRA TORRES to Proposed name ALEXANDRA CERVANTES.
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.
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T.S. 16554CA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04-26-2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05-15-2014 at 10:30 AM, MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTD, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 05-05-2004, Book Page, Instrument 04 1120063 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Eunice Jungsook Yang, A Married Woman As Her Sole And Separate Property as Trustor, First Federal Bank Of California, A Federally Chartered Savings Bank, Santa Monica, CA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the notes (s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: near the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Legal Description: As More Fully Described In Said Deed Of Trust The street address and other common designation of the real property purported as: 8718 MELVA STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6261-017-032 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$554,619.39 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 the property itself. Placing the highest bid at 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 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 (888)988-6736 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 16554CA. 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 on the loan shall 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: 04-11-2014 MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTD, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE 3 San Joaquin Plaza, Suite 215, Newport Beach, CA 92660 Sales Line: (888)988-6736 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: 968533 PUB: 4/24 5/01 5/08/14

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 6232-022-028 T.S. No. 004687-CA Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/2/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 5/15/2014 at 11:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/15/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-2798150, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ERNEST BERT ESTRADA AND LILLIAN M. ESTRADA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 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 ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11924 Susan Ave Downey, California 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street

address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$420,915.15 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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.LPSASAP.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 004687-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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (714) 730-2727 Date: 4/14/2014 Date Executed: CLEAR RECON CORP., Authorized Signature CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117 A-4451587 04/24/2014, 05/01/2014, 05/08/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 751229CA Loan No. XXXXX3199 Title Order No. 110357434-CA-MAI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06-11-2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05-15-2014 at 11:00 A.M. ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06-18-2004, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 04 1558105., and Re-recorded on 06-18-2004,

Book , Page , Instrument 04-1558105 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ROBERTO GUTIERREZ AND NORA GUTIERREZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 201 OF TRACT NO 14173 IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 293 PAGES 5 THROUGH 8 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$269,489.24 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8137 ADOREE STREET DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number:

6260-008-037 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 04-24-2014 ALAW, as Trustee BRENDA BATTEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALAW 9200 OAKDALE AVE. - 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818)435-3661 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 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

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OPTIMIST CLUB'S GOLF TOURNAMENT IS A SUCCESS

DOWNEY – Monday's 25th Annual Optimist Club of Downey Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the youth of the community was a triumph in every way.

Known as the "Tom Watts Memorial Tournament Held in Honor of 'Del' D'Alessandro," the event was held at Rio Hondo Golf Club under sunny skies with temperatures in the mid-80s. "It was a great day for golf, it was a great day for fellowship, and most importantly, it was a great day to raise the funds we need to make a difference for the youth in our community," said Optimist Club of Downey President Tom Burney.

The charity golf tournament is the Optimist Club's major fundraiser. Its continuing success has been instrumental in making possible the club's fourfold increase in support for area youth over the last three years.

One of this year's tournament highlights occurred off the golf course, as 16 members of the Warren High School Humanitarian Society joined the event after their school day ended and assisted tournament organizers with a variety of tasks from picking up tee signs to arranging raffle items. They also interacted with event participants at the tournament dinner.

Thomas Watts III, son of the tournament founder, stated how he, his brother and their families felt about the tournament: "Rich and I along with our grateful families all join to thank you for staging this 25th annual tournament honoring our father. Each year since these worst of financial times, the field has been regaining its ground and the excitement growing. It was stunning to see the high school folks supported by the Downey Optimists turn out this year to show their thanks for the result of your hard work. Thanks again to the Downey Optimists and the tournament organizers from yeoman to chairman."

Humanitarian Society advisor Jackie Pardo also praised the event. "The students really enjoyed interacting with the golfers. It was really awesome to be part of this fund raiser. I know the kids will continue to participate and assist in making this event successful in the future," she said.

Monday marked the farewell tournament for longtime Optimist Club Treasurer Steve Allen, who plans to move to Arizona with his family later this year. "Steve and his wife Milayna have been one of the major reasons for the success of our tournament over the years," said Optimist Club President Tom Burney.

"We are very grateful for their extraordinary service and leadership, and they will truly be missed."

Tom also gave kudos to Optimist members Sam Mathis, John Marifian, Fred Donnelly, Bob Winningham, John Taormina, Bert Wootan, Meredith Perkins, Roy Acker and Mark Shelton for helping make the tournament a giant success.

"The outstanding results of the tournament, including raising significantly more funds than last year, will allow us to again expand our investment in the youth of our city," Tom said. "That is the true bottom line of the Optimist Charity Golf Tournament—to provide critical support for meaningful programs that will empower even more of the wonderful young people in our community."

—Greg Waskul, contributor

Anais and Ariana Castagnola visited New York City with their mother and grandmother last week.

This picture was taken in Central Park, next to a statue of a famous sled dog named "Balto," who, in 1925, delivered medicine pulling a snow sled 674 miles during a raging blizzard. The event occurred during an outbreak of diphtheria in Nome, Alaska.



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