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SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND

My Father

Kay Okino grew up in Hawaii before World War II. Her revered father was born in Japan before the turn of the last century, and her tribute only hints at the difficult time in his youth when he was left behind by his family and survived through the kindness of a geisha. 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 Kay Okino

My father, Aigoro Uyeno, was adopted by my grandparents Ichinouke and Kiku Uyeno who were childless. Later they had three boys of their own. When father was 18, the family immigrated to Hawaii. They left their home in Hiroshima, Japan, and sailed on a ship from Tokyo. My father developed stomach problems there and was not allowed to travel with the family. Left alone in Tokyo, he met a kind geisha (geisha is a professional who entertains wealthy patrons). She gave him a job of applying make-up to actors and putting on plays. This knowledge came in handy later in Hawaii when he helped with community plays.

Later in his 60's, when he first returned to Japan, he searched for this lady and found her still in Tokyo and was able to express his gratitude. He had never forgotten her kindness and always talked about her.

He worked for a very short time for a sugar plantation as all immigrants did. He went to school and learned carpentry.

He married my mother, Takiyo Nakao, who was born in Hawaii. In spite of their hardship living with grandparents, they had a very happy marriage. I have never heard a harsh word between them. After my grandparents returned to Japan for good, my parents began to prosper a little. Until then grandfather controlled the finances and took all of the money with him.

My father had a fantastic life. If anyone will go to heaven, I know for sure, my parents are there. Very few people have a chance to do meritorious acts of saving a life, but Father did that twice in his lifetime. That I know.

My house was on a hill and we could see miles of railroad track. One day Father saw hoodlums chasing a man on a railroad track. He said, "Someone is in danger."

He immediately ran down to the railroad track and followed them. He heard a faint cry of help coming from the ocean side. The hoodlums had tossed the man over the cliff to the ocean. Luckily he was stuck on the bushes. My father carried the critically injured man to a nearby home. The man eventually recovered.

Another incident happened in front of our home. We heard a loud crash and saw a car overturned on its side. We followed our dad to see the accident. In the car were a police officer and a convict struggling. The policeman had a gun and the convict a knife. The knife was a dangerous weapon. There was no way the policeman could alert father that the gun was empty. Together they apprehended the convict and everything turned out fine.

I had one great peeve against my father. When people died, he used his station wagon for a hearse. In those days there were no hearses or mortuaries. Everything was "do-it-yourself." I begged Father not to carry dead people in our car. Of course, he never listened to me.

My father died at my home in 1992 at the age of 98 1/2. We had a funeral here at Nishi Hongwanji Buddhist Church, and a memorial service in Ninole, Hawaii, in a church he built.

As we spilled out of the church, I heard a man telling everyone, "Mr. Uyeno was an angel." It made my heart rejoice to hear that. I wished his birth mother had known him. What a lovely person he was.

I did not express these sentiments to him when he was living. Regrets and gratitude surface belatedly as we write our memoir.



PHOTO COURTESY SPORTSNET L.A.

Downey resident Jeanette Leyva, 23, received a free Dodger Dog party Sunday for herself and 50 of her friends and family after winning a SportsNet L.A. sweepstakes.

Leyva is a U.S. Navy Airman who just returned home after seven months of deployment. After a 10-day visit home, she will redeploy to spend the next four years on an aircraft carrier.

VOTERS REJECT MEASURE B



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN BROWN

Mike Pope, left, president of the Downey Police Officers Association, and City Council members celebrate the results of Tuesday's election. Measure B opponents monitored results from the Lock & Key Social Drinkery.

Citizens retain vote on public safety

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Measure B, the controversial initiative that would have deleted a city requirement that Downey provide its own police and fire services, was overwhelmingly rejected by Downey voters on Tuesday.

If approved, Measure B would have allowed future city councils to contract police and fire services -- possibly to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department or L.A. County Fire Department -- without a two-thirds advisory vote by Downey voters.

With all precincts reporting, the ballot measure lost by more than 4600 votes as 82.9 percent

of voters rejected the initiative supported by the Downey Firemen's Association.

City officials called the defeat "a victory for all Downey residents."

"We sent the message tonight that we're united and we cannot be tricked by special interests," said Councilman Alex Saab, one of the spearheads of the "No on Measure B" campaign, along with realtor Lourdes Cotaya and planning commissioner Robert Kiefer.

"We're proud of our police and fire departments -- we've got the best around. They're not going anywhere, they're here to stay."

Early Wednesday morning, the fire union released a statement via Facebook, thanking those who supported the measure despite a tumultuous campaign.

"Thank you to the citizens of Downey who took the time to understand the complete picture of what Measure B meant," the union said. "Thank you to our membership and their families for their tireless efforts trying to get our message out through the negativity."

Last year, the Downey Firemen's Association successfully

collected more than 12,000 signatures to place Measure B on the primary ballot. While fire union officials insisted Downey was in violation of its own charter by hiring outside jailers, city officials saw the ballot initiative as an attempt to drive Downey closer to contracting county fire and emergency services.

Under the current city charter, unless 66 percent of residents approve contracting police or fire services, the Downey City Council cannot approve such a change. In 1998, the two-thirds advisory vote was added to the city charter, overwhelmingly accepted by 85 percent of resident voters.

Saab said the vote on Tuesday demonstrates that while times have changed in Downey, the values have not.

"We hope to work together with our fire association with the common goal to continue providing the best public safety for our residents," he said. "We're very proud of the community for standing up and defending their fundamental right to vote. This really shows that the future of Downey is brighter than ever."

ELECTION RESULTS

MEASURE B

YES: 1,197 (17%)
NO: 5,823 (83%)

STATE SENATE 32ND DISTRICT

Mario Guerra: 21,249
Tony Mendoza: 15,561
Sally Havice: 5,588
Irella Perez: 5,166
Carlos Arvizu: 986

U.S. CONGRESS 40TH DISTRICT

Lucille Roybal-Allard: 11,104
David Sanchez: 5,535

STATE ASSEMBLY 57TH DISTRICT

Rita Topalian: 12,412
Ian Calderon: 11,692

CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

Jerry Brown: 366,595
Neel Kashkari: 111,007

CALIFORNIA LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Gavin Newsom: 326,982
Ron Nehring: 113,402

CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

Alex Padilla: 219,844
Pete Peterson: 140,707

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John Perez: 155,043
Ashley Swarengin: 131,756

STATE TREASURER

John Chiang: 360,670
Greg Conlon: 170,902

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kamala Harris: 343,302
Ronald Gold: 62,127

LONG BEACH MAYOR

Robert Garcia: 23,296
Damon Dunn: 21,398

WHITTIER: DISTRICT-BASED ELECTIONS

YES: 2,972
NO: 2,646

SIGNAL HILL: MEASURE U (2/3 VOTE FOR TAX INCREASE)

YES: 377
NO: 722

L.A. County results shown.

GUERRA CRUISES TO PRIMARY VICTORY

• Tough battle awaits versus former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Downey councilman and former mayor Mario Guerra easily cruised to primary victory in the 32nd Senate district on Tuesday night, edging out former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza, who will now faceoff with Guerra this November.

With all precincts reporting, Guerra, the lone Republican candidate, earned 43.7 percent of the vote (21,249 votes) while Mendoza received 32 percent

(15,561 votes).

Both campaigns claimed victory Tuesday night while celebrating with supporters just blocks away from each other in Downtown Downey. Guerra, who's attempted to take a non-partisan tone during the campaign, said his win symbolized voters' desire to rid Sacramento of corruption and partisan fighting.

"The voters spoke loud and clear tonight," Guerra said. "I think the people are tired of corruption and special interests. We need change -- and now there's a clear contrast in this race."

While Guerra didn't mention Mendoza by name, his campaign later released a statement labeling Mendoza a "financial booster" of Senator Ron Calderon, who was

indicted for taking more than \$100,000 in bribes earlier this year.

"The voters are tired of it -- and I'm going to keep working hard to get my message out," Guerra said in front of his crowd of supporters. "Let's look at character. Let's look at the corruption. There's a reason I have the support of over 250 elected officials across party lines."

Surrounded by an army of young volunteers and several elected officials, Mendoza told his campaign workers on Tuesday that his second place finish almost ensured a win for the team come November.

"If you look at the results, it looks like we're losing, but Mario should be worried," said Mendoza, drawing cheers from the audience. "If he's at 44 percent, add up all the

votes for democrats -- we're at 56 percent."

After three consecutive terms in the state Assembly, Mendoza, a native of Artesia, is hoping to return to Sacramento this fall. In an overwhelming democratic district and with more than \$476,000 in his campaign coffers, a win in the 32nd Senate district may not be too difficult.

"There'll be a higher democratic turnout in November than in June. That's going to help us out a lot," he said.

Sally Havice, a Cerritos College professor and former assemblywoman, earned 11.5 percent (5,588 votes) on Tuesday,

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PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN BROWN

State Senate candidate Tony Mendoza held his election night party at Club DB Lounge. Downey Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez emceed the event.

SENATE: Guerra, Mendoza advance

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trailed closely by Whittier City School District board trustee Irella Perez who received 10.6 percent of the vote (5,166 votes). Newcomer Carlos Arvizu rounded out the top five, pulling in just 986 votes.

The newly-drawn 32nd Senate district incorporates the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Buena Park, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Hacienda Heights, Hawaiian Gardens, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Lakewood, Los Nietos, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Rose Hills, Santa Fe Springs and South Whittier.

In the 58th Assembly district, incumbent Cristina Garcia also advanced to November's general election after running unopposed in the primary. Garcia was elected in 2012 to represent the cities of Artesia, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Montebello, Pico Rivera and portions of Norwalk.

Democrat Ian Calderon, who was elected two years ago to represent the 57th Assembly district, narrowly lost on Tuesday as Republican Rita Topalian pulled in 51 percent of the vote (12,412 votes).

Ian Calderon, nephew of embattled Senator Ron Calderon, garnered 48 percent (11,692 votes) in the two-person contest. Both candidates will faceoff again in November.

The 57th Assembly district includes the communities of Norwalk, La Mirada, Whittier, Hacienda Heights, Santa Fe Springs, La Puente, South El Monte, South Whittier, La Habra Heights, Avocado Heights, East La Mirada, City of Industry, Rose Hills, South San Jose Hills, West Whittier, and Los Nietos.

Stauffer will have school named after her

• West Middle School to be renamed after education champion Dr. Mary Stauffer.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Effective this September, West Middle School will be renamed Stauffer Middle School, an homage to Dr. Mary Stauffer who has given millions of dollars to Downey's children.

After hearing from about two dozen speakers — all in favor of the name change — the seven-member board of education unanimously agreed to honor the 96-year-old philanthropist with her own school.

Stauffer, a retired physician and former chief of staff at Downey Community Hospital, is founder of the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation, which has given an estimated \$5 million to Downey schools and students. She gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships to high school and middle school students each year,

and funded computer labs at all four junior high schools.

Her contributions to Downey students and teachers are — quite literally — too numerous to list.

“Dr. Stauffer espouses the qualities of those we want in our children, now and in the future,” resident John Lacey said. He was one of several speakers to voice their support for Stauffer Middle School.

Betty Ferraro, a former Downey school board member, said Dr. Stauffer delivered her son several decades ago.

“She was the first person he saw, the first person he touched,” she said. “How many countless other people in our community are lucky enough to say that?”

School district officials said the name change should be in place before the start of the next school year. In addition to signage, the district needs to purchase new stationary, gym clothes, and other items to reflect the new name.

West Middle School principal Alyda Mir said school staff was in favor of renaming the campus. She even suggested a new school



PHOTO BY VALENTIN FLORES

West Middle School will be renamed in honor of Dr. Mary Stauffer.

motto: “See what Stauffer has to offer!”

Stauffer was present at Tuesday's school board meeting but did not speak. In the past, she has called her contributions “an investment in our community.”

“I believe every once in a while God sends an angel to walk among us,” said Ed Potter, a retired DUSD administrator. “I believe one of those angels is Mary Stauffer.”

Library launches summer reading programs

DOWNEY – Registration began this week for the Downey City Library's free independent summer reading program for adults, “Literary Elements.”

Participants receive a “book bingo” card and earn a chance to win an e-reader and other prizes.

Also beginning this week was the teen summer reading program, which runs through July 26.

The free program encourages teens to “Spark a Reaction” and read this summer whether for pleasure or to get a head start on books for the next school year. Young adults ages 13-19 may join

the program, win prizes and attend exclusive events.

Teens that complete the program receive a free book and become eligible to attend a pizza party July 25. Teens also have a chance at the pizza party to win an e-reader and other prizes.

The e-readers, a Kindle Paperwhite Wi-Fi edition, was donated by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

For more details, or to sign up, visit the library or call the Adult Information Desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

“Fizz, Boom, Read” is the

theme of the Downey City Library's summer reading program for children 12 years and younger.

During the program, which begins Monday, June 23, and ends Aug. 2, children may read independently at home to earn prizes including a free book.

At the kick-off on June 23, David Cousin will offer insights into the science of juggling starting at 10:30 a.m.

Story Time will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays from June 24 through Aug. 13 at 10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 and their caregivers (no groups or schools).

Special Thursday events for children ages 5-12 will be offered from 2-2:45 p.m. from June 26 through July 31 (no program July 3).

Featured performances include Dave Skale's Magic and Mayhem, Swazzle's puppet show, Annie Banannie and how to build a balloon mousetrap, a radical science show with Rudy Gonzalez, and a Belize whale shark expedition with Wayne and Karen Brown.

Free show passes will be distributed 30 minutes before show time to the first 110 children at each performance.

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Mayor's Healthy Heart Award

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A full day of music, art and community

DOWNEY – The second annual Make Music Downey festival boasts an impressive lineup with well-known, award-winning acts, making this Fête de la Musique event an opportunity for Downey to be recognized for its emerging arts scene on a scale never before seen.

Make Music Downey is a free, all day, all-ages, music celebration taking place at nine venues throughout Downtown Downey, Saturday, June 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Festival seating is open to all at the Main Stage in front of City Hall, and other venues are within easy walking distance.

The music will begin right after the first annual city bike ride, Tour de Downey. With 60 acts playing throughout the day, the range of genres offers a variety for all ages and musical tastes, including Latin sounds and jazz, country and hip hop, bluegrass and punk.

Headlining the event is East L.A. band, Las Cafeteras, who will be performing on the Main Stage at 1 p.m. Their infectious Mexican-Afro inspired lyrics and rhythms have earned them praise as “Best Latin Alternative Band 2013” by *LA Weekly*.

Last year these local musicians joined the LA Philharmonic in a free community event to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Disney Concert Hall. The BBC has called their music urgent and relevant.

Opening the show on the Main Stage are two well-known local Downey bands. Surf rock sounds from Gramps with Amps will start at 11 a.m. At noon, country singer/songwriter Steve Roberson will take the stage with Karen Tobin and Paul Marshall.

The Southern California band Quitapenas will perform later, along with Salt Petal, and Latin Grammy nominee Ceci Bastida. Closing the festival is Chicano Batman, a group that was featured on KCET with their music that blends traditional Latin American music and retro sounds.

Performers at other venues include the Long Beach Ukulele Club, the Warren High Jazz Chorus, returning jazz group Per Se, and the award-winning harmony group Honey Whiskey Trio. Local radio station KPFK is an official media sponsor.

Make Music Downey is presented by the Downey Arts Coalition, a non-profit organization



Las Cafeteras will headline the second annual Make Music Downey festival, taking place all day next Saturday, June 14, in Downtown Downey. Chicano Batman, pictured below, also will perform.

with the stated mission of supporting and promoting the local arts scene. The city was so impressed by the organization and success of the all-volunteer effort last year, that city officials suggested festival organizers coordinate the event with the city bike ride and relocate the Main Stage to the Civic Center.

Downtown eatery Mambo Grill will again be a venue this year, as will the arts and entertainment venues Epic Lounge, Stay Gallery, and Downey Music Center. New venues added this year include Porto's Bakery, Joseph's Bar and Grill, Downey Brewing Company, and the chapel at the First Baptist Church of Downey.

Festival organizers also hope to have a second stage outside of City Hall at the historic archway along Civic Center Drive. The arrangement of these multiple stages will make Downtown Downey “the walkable, vibrant, and busy place that so many envision it to be,” organizers said.

An interactive vendor village featuring more than 40 unique artists, crafts, and community partners along with popular food and dessert trucks will be next to the main stage located at 11111 Brookshire Ave. While browsing local art and clothing for sale audience members will also get to enjoy a photo booth, family entertainment, and the antique Rockview milk truck.

The day starts early with the



first annual Tour De Downey, a series of bike rides for all ages and experiences, presented by the city of Downey. The long distance ride, a 35-mile loop to Long Beach and back, starts at 7:30 a.m., meeting at City Hall Civic Center, with check in at 6:30 a.m.

A community ride with a smaller route around Downey, as well as a bicycle safety course for youth ages 3 to 7, Tour de Trainees, will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The community's help is needed to support the cost of bringing this full day of culture and community to Downey. Tickets for a chance to win a Stratocaster electric guitar copy hand-painted by Downey artist Don Lamkin, valued at \$600, along with a tenor Lulu Ukulele with a hard shell case, valued at \$500 donated by the Downey Music Center, can be found on the Make Music Downey website. Tickets

start at \$2 each.

Parking will be made possible with the donations of local churches. St. George Greek Church, the United Methodist Church, and the First Baptist Church of Downey will all have their parking lots open for the event.

For a full performance schedule, bike ride sign ups, more information on raffle tickets, or to sign up as a volunteer, visit makemusicdowney.org.

Habana Cafe adds live music on weekends

DOWNEY – Following a growing trend among restaurants to extend their hours into the early morning, Cuban restaurant Habana Cafe received permission from the Planning Commission this week to host live entertainment until 1:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Located at 11402 Old River School Rd., Habana Cafe's live entertainment is currently limited to a three-piece band near the restaurant's rear bar.

The restaurant proposed eliminating the restriction on the number of live musicians allowed at one time, while seeking permission to host a nightly DJ, karaoke and dancing on a 230-sq. ft. dance floor.

In a staff report, city officials said they had “concerns” about loud noise filtering to nearby homes and businesses. Instead they offered a compromise: up to five live musicians, and permission for a DJ, karaoke and dance floor.

Live entertainment, however, would be limited to 6-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; and 7 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday, with no live entertainment on Sundays.

“With respect to the requested time changes, staff finds that excluding Sunday and limiting weekday live entertainment hours from 6-9 p.m. will allow patrons to clear the restaurant earlier in the evening and thereby lessen the impacts of adjacent properties, while the proposed weekend hours for live entertainment are consistent with recent Planning Commission approvals,” community development director Aldo Schindler wrote in a staff report.

On Wednesday, planning commissioners unanimously agreed to the times but on several conditions, including no cover charges and that the restaurant not operate as a banquet facility (meaning it cannot close to the public for a private event).

To ensure the restaurant does not transform into a bar, a full menu must be available at all times. “Night club activity” is also not allowed.

Two weeks ago, the Planning Commission denied a similar live entertainment request by the Wet Bar in south Downey after residents complained of noise and other issues.

This time around, Lt. Leslie Murray of the Downey Police Department said the agency had “limited concerns” with Habana Cafe's request to expand hours. Police officers received only five calls for service from the restaurant in 2013, and so far only one this year.

The last noise complaint was received in May 2011, Murray said.

–Eric Pierce, editor

Excursion to see ‘Les Miserables’

DOWNEY – Downey's Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the La Mirada Performing Arts Center to take in a performance of “Les Miserables” on June 14.

Cost is \$56 for Downey residents and \$60 for non-residents. The fee includes transportation and theater admission.

“This production includes an amazing show with outstanding music, costumes and an uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit,” city officials said in a press release. “This will be a wonderful experience for all to enjoy.”

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PRESCHOOL PROGRAM MARKS 74 YEARS

DOWNEY - Downey Adult School's Parent and Child Participation Program had its annual open house and scholastic book fair May 21, marking the grand opening of its new classroom library.

The Parent and Child Participation Program has been in practice since Downey Adult School opened in 1940, providing parent and child education through hands-on learning for 74 years.

Parents attend, observe and interact with their child in a preschool setting where parents are required to stay for the entire session and work alongside their child. It is a safe, structured, yet flexible environment imparting age-appropriate activities to stimulate cognitive, social and emotional development of a child ranging from toddler to pre-Kindergarten age. Children are encouraged to explore their world through the medium of play, with an emphasis on discovery through in-depth, first-hand experiences.

Continuously changing, to stay aligned to the common core standards this program includes art, science, math, outdoor activities, reading, story time, music and movement, and circle time. The final objective is to reinforce parental education and give children every tool necessary to educate and prepare him/her for entering into Kindergarten with confidence.

Parents are educated through discussion and exercise while their children are learning in the classroom. By providing parents time to share concerns, discuss topics on child development and be part of a support group, they find a sense of community and comfort in one another. Teachers Darlene Gomez-Correa and Diane Chisum dedicate themselves to developing new programs and educational tools to keep their students, both parent and child, enlightened and engaged each day.

Broken up into three different age groups; the two-year-olds meet once a week and are accompanied by parents to each class, the three-year-olds meet twice a week, one class with parents and the other without. These classes are taught in adjacent rooms by Mrs. Gomez-Correa, who previously taught for Los Angeles Unified School District for 12 years. The four-year-old students are instructed by Mrs. Chisum, who has been an educator for 19 years. These four-year old students meet three times a week, two unaccompanied by parent(s) to develop a sociability and reassurance on their own and the third with parent(s).

"My son loves it here," said a parent of a four-year-old student who asked not to be identified. "Separation is always hard, but these classes have definitely helped with the transition stages of being left at school, both for him and for



Mommy/Daddy & Me preschool program instructors Darlene Gomez-Correa (left) and Diane Chisum welcome Superintendent Dr. John Garcia to their annual open house at the Downey Adult School on May 21.

me. They have also helped him feel comfortable in groups, I know he won't be shy come the first day of kindergarten."

Also assisting in the classrooms is retired teacher Claudia Fox, who was the instructor of this program from 1976 to 2005. Implementing classroom field trips to broaden the education of the students and bringing fathers into the program, were only a few of the milestone decision Mrs. Fox instituted. With the grand opening of classroom library and the great strides being taken to make this program unlike

any other, parents travel from other cities and districts to enroll.

"We've had parents from all over, one from Santa Monica and Ontario even that would make the drive each day," said Mrs. Gomez-Correa.

For more information about the Mommy/Daddy & Me Preschool Program and how to enroll, visit the DAS website at das.edu/classes/parent-education or email dasmommymy@gmail.com.

Longtime DUSD employees honored

DOWNEY - Thirteen retirees and 107 non-teaching classified employees were honored by the Downey Unified School District and Board of Education last month.

The ceremony was hosted by the DUSD Personnel Commission at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Recognizing and congratulating the employees were commissioners Dianne Lumsdaine, John Kennedy and Angie Rademaker, along with school board members Tod Corrin, Donald LaPlante, Barbara Samperi, Martha Sodontani, Nancy Swenson and Superintendent Dr. John Garcia.

Thirteen retirees were honored for their service. Receiving recognition were Daniel Appel, Daniel Coleman, Linda Corey, Hermelinda De La Torre, Suzanne Dodd, Jacob Flores, Sarah Flores, Mary Lizotte, Barbara Orloff, Raeann Parry, James Todd, Buck Weinfurter and Charlene Wohlford.

DUSD employees recognized at the ceremony represented 1,530 total years of service. Those receiving pins were honored in five-year increments of service, ranging from five years to thirty years of dedication. Receiving plaques, this year's ceremony was the first to award four employees for their 35 years of service to the district, the largest number of employees at this service point to receive this honor.

Recognized for their five year service were Jack Andreason, Maria Cerda, Irma Cervantes, Christina Fernandez, Luz Fernandez, Griselda Garcia, Samantha Gonzales, Dallas Gonzalez, Morgen Hoel, Izella Iriarte, Vanessa Lara, Ricardo Lizarraga, Beatriz Ortega, Raelynn Pacheco, Patricia Perez, Luz Rivaldo, Bernadette Roman, Olivia Sayula and Tiffanie Sims.

Honored along with the other 29 employees for 10 years of dedication was Vice President of the Board of Education, Tod Corrin. Paul Alexander, Angelica Angulo, Alexandria Baldwin-Hernandez, Andrew Balck, Liza Carrizo, Peggie Chesser, Angelita Colon, David Erb, Wendi Fleer, Rafael Garcia, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Laura Gonzalez, Yesenia Gonzalez, Sheri Graff, Roberta Han, David Harris, Angel Kellogg, Debbie Labrado, Carly Lee, Maria H. Lopez, Nancy Moreno, Srboui Oganesian, Mareea Phillips, Veronica Ramirez, Quinton Riles, Maria Carmen Rodriguez, Maria Silva, Cynthia Stott and Marcia Vandercapellen also received pins for their 10 years of service to the students.

Employees recognized for 15 years of service were Carnel Anderson, Wilronald Ayala, Elizabeth Banos, Mario Barbosa, Lydia Barraza, Milenka Bobic-Torres, Kimberly Buss, Wojciech Dondalski, Linda Garza, Martha Godinez, Brandy Gomez, Allan Harrod, Kevin Hughley, Jonathan Johnston, Maria Kulikoff, Nickie Moore, Angelica Perez, Darren Purselove, Maria Ramirez, Andre Rios, Karen Russell, Rachelle Saddler, Sharon Scott, Randi Swoboda, John Torres, Jorge Torres, Benjamin Valdez, Tracy Vasquez, Grant Walling and Amy Worthington.

Altering her location from congratulating award receipts to receiving an award was Dianne Lumsdaine, Chair of the Personnel Commission, for her 20 years of dedication. Also honored alongside Lumsdaine for their 20 years of service were Norma Arevalo, Deborah Buchanan, Linda Corey, Jose Cruz, Marco Estrada, Natalie Evans, Patricia Flinn, Felicia Henley, Sandra Huntsman, Nancy Lee, Leah Maldonado, Blenda Mendoza, Colette Oestreich, Estela Sharp and Joe Valdivia.

Employees honored for their twenty-five years of service for the DUSD were Helen Alvarado, Norma Apostol, Joann Castagnola, Khushnood Chaudhry and Richard Coronado.

Recognized for 30 years of dedication were Melissa Caggiano, Barbara Gibbs and Betty Lukas.

To finish the ceremony, the last awards were given to those for their 35 years of service. This group included Jeffrey Collier, Sharon Newberg, Leonard Segura and Cynthia Walters.

Patricia Van Riper mourned

DOWNEY - Patricia Van Riper passed away May 17 at the age of 90 in Vista, Calif.



She leaves behind her daughters, Teresa (Cliff), Gretchen (Jim) and Victoria (Tom); her niece, Augusta (Bob); and grandchildren, Jessica, Courtney, Amanda, Patrick, Katrina and Madeline.

She was born in Wichita Falls, Tex., to Frances and Chester Bailes.

She attended Ursuline Academy in Dallas and graduated from North Dallas High School. She moved with her mother and sister, Marian, to Los Angeles in the '40s.

During World War II, Pat worked at Hughes Aircraft. She met and married Courtney Chapman Van Riper in Los Angeles. They settled in Downey, where they lived for many years and raised their family.

Pat was a lifelong Episcopalian and founding member of St. Mark's Church in Downey, where she and

her husband attended for 36 years. At St. Mark's, she taught Sunday school, served on the Altar Guild and opened and helped run the gift shop.

She volunteered and served as president of the Downey chapter of the National Assistance League. She also volunteered for the Children's Theatre and Downey Museum of Art. She was awarded "Homemaker of the Year" by the Junior Women's Club of Downey several times in the 50s and early 60s.

Pat also owned the needlecraft

shop, The Garden, in Downey, where she taught needlework and stitching. She and her husband were members of "La Danza," a dancing group in Downey.

Upon her husband's retirement in 1985, the couple moved to Ocean Hills in Oceanside.

After Van's passing, she was remarried to Dave Davison, who also predeceased her.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Downey on Saturday, June 14, at 1 p.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

City Council's behavior

Dear Editor:

Since my family has been in the United States, well over 100 years, we have a long tradition of military service. We are proud to be part of this wonderful country and though we are sad that we and many others have lost family and friends in military service, we are also proud of their service and remember them in prayer at home. For this reason we attended the Memorial Day ceremony at Downey City Hall.

I was amazed at the guest speaker's wonderful talk about Memorial Day. He was interesting, captivating and I learned a great deal. He was obviously emotional about the lives and deaths of the many deceased military personnel who sacrificed their lives in defense of our great nation of which we all should be grateful and proud.

What also amazed me was the lack of respect and dignity displayed by the members of the City Council on stage during this talk. As they joked and laughed and ignored him, I was sad that we have lost so much dignity as a society that we allow such foolishness on such a solemn occasion. I love laughter and teasing and fun, but during that talk it was not time for juvenile behavior.

I am thoroughly disappointed in our City Council members who participated in such rude behavior in public. I hope they realize how foolish they looked and I hope others noticed the foolishness and, like me, chose to ignore it as much as humanly possible and focus on the message of that wonderful speaker.

Tanya Mendoza
Downey

Supporting the arts

Dear Editor:

My daughter Cara and I recently visited the beautiful city of Downey. I brought an exhibition of paintings over from Ireland, which were exhibited at Stay Gallery. This cultural event was a result of the recent twinning of Roscommon County, Ireland, and the city of Downey.

We had a very memorable and positive experience. Valentin Flores, Gabriel Enamorado and the team at Stay Gallery showed us the utmost hospitality. The professionalism in hanging and exhibiting my work was comparable to any city in Europe. I have exhibited my work in many cities in Europe including Scotland, Germany and Poland, so I speak from experience.

Stay Gallery is a relatively new gallery and I hope the local people, the politicians and the people in power will continue to support it. It is an innovative and vibrant cultural space and the people who work there are full of vitality and energy. It is important to educate children about the arts and to do this the children need a place in their own city where they can visit exhibitions and get to know living artists. It will also encourage young artists to stay and add to the cultural diversity of the city.

I have included this quote by Lyndon Johnson which expresses the importance of the arts in a country: "Art is a nation's most precious heritage. For it is in our works of art that we reveal to ourselves and to others the inner vision which guides us as a nation. And where there is no vision, the people perish."

Anne Rigney
Roscommon County, Ireland

Teen moms urged to stay in school

Lynwood Unified's pregnant and parenting teens were galvanized to continue their education and pursue their dreams after hearing inspirational stories from those who have overcome similar challenges during the first Pregnant and Parenting Teen Symposium on May 22.

Lynwood Unified, in partnership with El Nido Family Centers and the City of Lynwood, hosted the event at Bateman Hall to help support, empower and provide resources to these teens.

Spearheaded by LUSD Board President Briseida Gonzalez and Lynwood Mayor Aide Castro, the event centered on encouraging pregnant and parenting teens to continue their pursuits of college and career and connect them with the resources they need to reach their goals.

"We wanted to put this Pregnant and Parenting Teen symposium to provide the necessary resources and support these kids need to succeed in school regardless of their personal challenges," Gonzalez said. "In spite of everything, they still have dreams and ambitions and our goal is to help them get there."

Approximately 50 pregnant and parent teens participated in the symposium, which included workshops on stress management, co-parenting and health information, as well as information on the quality education programs and support services critical to removing barriers to school success.

The keynote was delivered by Castro, who had her first child when she was 17 years old.

"I'm one of your teen moms and I am your resource," Castro said to students. "You may be a teen mom now, but that does not mean you will not be successful and phenomenal women in the future."

In addition to hearing Castro's story, the teens listened to others tell anecdotes of their lives as young parents and how they stayed on the path of success.

The event also included a baby shower and college and career resource fair.

FRACKING DEBATE NEEDS SCIENCE, NOT SUPERSTITION

By Drew Johnson

Researchers in Colorado just came forward with a shocking claim: hydraulic fracturing, -- or "fracking" -- the decades-old method of using a high-velocity mixture of water, sand and chemicals to blast through rock to release oil and gas deposits, causes birth defects.

There's just one hitch: it isn't true. Like many environmental activists' policy positions on natural gas development, this mistaken conclusion is based on a combination of faulty science, selective reading of evidence and ideologically-driven self-deception. According to Larry Wolk, the Executive Director of Colorado's Department of Public Health and Environment, "a reader of the study could easily be misled to become overly concerned."

He even warned pregnant women to stay away from the bogus study.

The Colorado fracking example is just the latest of many instances in which environmental activists have allowed ideology to trump science. Consider the spectacular claim, first promulgated in the all-but-fictitious "documentary" Gasland, that fracking causes gas to seep into the water supply in such volume that people can actually set their running water on fire.

Colorado -- whose state government is headed by Democratic Governor John Hickenlooper -- investigated the claim, and found that the gas in the Gasland tap was "not related to oil and gas activity" at all, but was rather the result of the water well in question penetrating "at least four different coal beds," which have well documented occurrences of methane.

In Pennsylvania, the state government instructed citizens on how to vent water wells of naturally-occurring methane years ago long before fracking was in regular use in the state.

Another major groundless claim of fracking opponents is that the chemicals used in the process contaminate drinking water. Not so,

concluded the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under President Obama. Former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson told Congress in 2011 that she knew of no "proven case where the fracking process" affected water. The EPA itself has even used hydraulic fracturing to help clean up Superfund sites - uncontrolled areas that contain hazardous materials.

Then came the bogus assertion of a link between fracking and earthquakes. A U.S. Geological Survey scientist unequivocally stated that the agency finds "no evidence that [hydraulic fracturing] is related to the occurrence of earthquakes." Yet such claims often garner headlines and require many man-hours of review and investigation only to determine they are baseless.

Let's be clear about the stakes in these phony claims about fracking: A recent study by the respected research unit IHS CERA found that unconventional energy development, such as fracking and horizontal drilling, supported 2.1 million jobs last year and contributed \$284 billion to the U.S. economy.

By 2025, the total could be 3.9 million jobs and \$500 billion of our economy. But that's only if the industry is allowed to expand to its full potential. If they are successful, anti-fracking fabulists will destroy a major contributor to U.S. economic growth and energy independence.

Environmentalists often claim that those who doubt that human activity is contributing to climate change are denying scientific fact. Yet their concern for the facts when the subject is fracking is nowhere near as scrupulous.

Those who oppose natural gas development in this country should hold themselves to the same high standard of scientific veracity they require of others.

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

REINVENTING SCHOOLS

In spite of the billions of dollars spent on educational reform since "A Nation at Risk" was published in 1987, more than half of America's high school seniors are not proficient in reading, and 75 percent can't do math, according to the recently released National Assessment of Educational Progress.

"Clearly, the current approaches to educational reform are failing," says notes educational researcher and consultant Charles M. Reigeluth, author of "Reinventing Schools: It's Time to Break the Mold" (www.reigeluth.net). "The problem is that major aspects of our educational system were devised to meet the societal needs of a bygone era."

"We need to change the paradigm -- we need to move from Industrial Age 'factory model schools' to accommodate and reflect Information Age needs and realities."

The Industrial Age in the United States, roughly 1830 to 1960, was shaped by machinery and mass production. Many jobs moved from farms to factories, which required workers -- and therefore students -- who would follow instructions and endure repetitive, boring tasks, he says.

"We did not need to educate many people to high levels, so Industrial Age schools sorted students, promoting the few needed for managerial and professional work, and flunking out the many needed for the assembly lines," says Reigeluth, a former high school teacher and Indiana University professor.

"Today, knowledge work is more common than manual labor, and our systems are far more complex. All adults need a higher degree of knowledge just to function in society, so we can no longer afford a system that is designed to leave many children behind."

Here are four Industrial Age educational artifacts, according to Reigeluth, and how to update them for the Information Age:

- Time-based student progress: Currently students in a class move on together to the next topic according to the calendar, regardless of whether they have learned the current material. Slower students accumulate learning gaps that make it more difficult for them to master related material in the future, virtually condemning them to flunk out. The system is designed to leave many children behind.

A paradigm designed to leave no child behind would allow each student to move on as soon as he or she has learned the current material, and no sooner. This requires "personalized learning" and "learner-centered instruction" that is both high-tech and high-touch.

- Standardized and other broad tests: Rather than evaluating a student based on how much he or she has learned in a certain amount

of time, such as a 9-week period, each student should be evaluated to determine when the material has been learned, so we know when the student is ready to move on. This is called "criterion-referenced assessment," a different paradigm from "norm-referenced assessment."

"A big test with 20 different topics, as we use now, shows only how much a student knows compared to other students," Reigeluth says. "In the Information Age paradigm, all students are expected to finish learning whatever they undertake to learn. Like a Boy Scout working on a badge, each student continues to work until the material is mastered."

Assessments, then, are incremental and cover a single competency, or a small set of competencies. They certify mastery while also helping guide learning by showing students what they need to continue working on.

- The traditional grading system: The traditional grading system indicates how well a student performed compared to the other students in a class -- a tool that is only effective in sorting students. It's not an effective way of guiding and ensuring individual student learning, and it tells you little about what the student has learned.

"Rather than achievement reflected as grades on a report card, it would be reflected as lists of skills and concepts that the student has mastered," Reigeluth says.

- Locking students into grades: Grade levels are incompatible with the Information Age model because students learn at different rates and become ready to move on to different material at different times. Grade levels are a key feature of the time-based, sorting-focused paradigm that served us well during the Industrial Age, but are detrimental to meeting Information Age educational needs.

Instead, group students into similar developmental levels, which typically span three to four years.

"Grouping developmentally, rather than based on age or rigid levels of content learning, accounts for the different rates at which children develop socially and emotionally," Reigeluth says. "Children can remain in their social-emotional peer group while working on projects typically tackled by students of a higher or lower age."

Charles M. Reigeluth has a B.A. in economics from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in instructional psychology from Brigham Young University. He was a professor at the Instructional Systems Technology Department at Indiana University, and is a former chairman of the department.

ROBOTS IN THE OPERATING ROOM

Robotics-assisted surgery has become enormously popular, with physicians around the world performing 1.5 million procedures -- from hysterectomies to heart valve repairs -- in 2011.

"But myths and misconceptions about robots in the operating room still abound," says physician Dr. Keith Chisholm, MD, a Board Certified General Surgeon on staff at Florida Hospital North Pinellas, (www.fhorthpinellas.com).

"One is that the robot performs the surgery -- 'a robot operated on my hernia,'" says Dr. Chisholm. "Technically, it's not a robot because it can't perform surgery without someone controlling it -- it's actually computer-assisted surgery. The surgeon guides all of the movements using finger-manipulated controls."

He and other robotics surgeons use the da Vinci Surgical System, which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved for minimally invasive surgeries in 2000. Nine years later, the da Vinci was being used in 80 percent of surgeries to remove cancerous prostates, according to its maker, Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

"The benefits of robotics-assisted surgery are numerous," says Dr. Chisholm, who performs several different procedures using da Vinci and became the first Pinellas-Pasco physician to use it for a single-incision cholecystectomy (gall bladder removal).

"The robotic arms hold miniaturized surgical instruments, so we can get in through very small incisions," he says. "That means there's less chance of infection, less pain, much less scarring and a quicker recovery time. Because the arms have 'wrists' that can rotate more than 360 degrees, we have far more maneuverability than we do with laparoscopic surgery, and we can get into hard-to-reach areas."

"One of the robotic arms holds a magnified 3D high-definition camera, which gives us a much better view of the surgical site than we would have with just our own two eyes."

In a 2013 FDA survey, surgeons experienced with da Vinci said their patients have less bleeding, fewer complications, much quicker recovery times and less time in the hospital -- 24 hours on average.

What are some other myths and misconceptions?

- Myth: Robotics-assisted surgery costs much more than traditional surgery.

A study published in July 2013 found that half of the minimally invasive procedures reviewed, including robotics-assisted and laparoscopic surgeries, cost insurance providers less than the same surgeries performed in the traditional manner. Four of the six minimally invasive surgeries also resulted in fewer lost work days -- sometimes several weeks fewer.

"The robotics technology is expensive and the whole surgical team has to be trained, which can add to the cost," says Dr. Chisholm. "But there's also a tremendous savings compared with traditional surgery because the patient is out of the hospital more quickly and there are fewer complications."

- Myth: Robotics-assisted surgery is riskier than traditional surgeries. Any surgery has certain risks, but in many ways, robotics-assisted surgeries have fewer overall, Dr. Chisholm says.

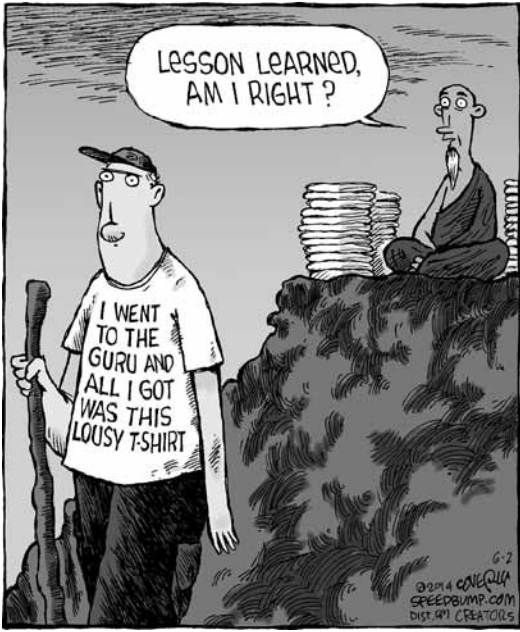
"Many times, the robotics-assisted procedures can be done much more quickly, so there's less risk simply because the duration of the procedure is shorter," he says. "You also have the smaller incisions, less bleeding, etc. that reduce the risks."

Dr. Keith Chisholm graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Medical School and went on to residency training at the University of Florida, becoming an assistant adjunct professor and attending surgeon at the Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Fla.

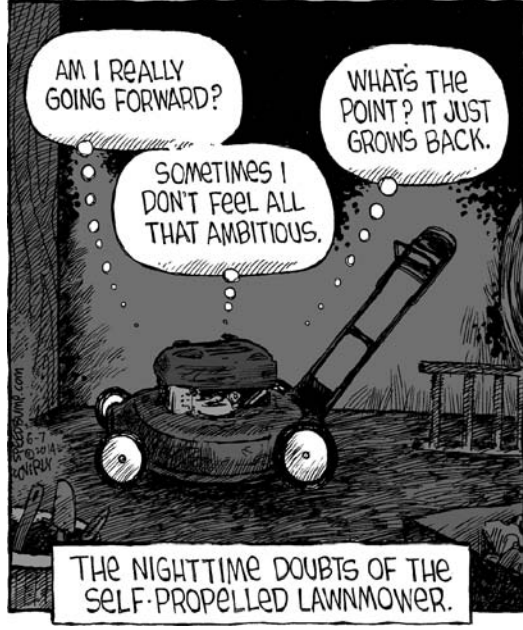
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1981: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that five homosexuals in Los Angeles had come down with a rare kind of pneumonia; they were the first recognized cases of what became known as AIDS.
2004: Ronald Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93.
Birthdays: TV personality Suze Orman (63), saxophonist Kenny G (58), actor Ron Livingston (46), R&B singer Brian McKnight (45), actor Mark Wahlberg (43) and musician Pete Wentz (35).

Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Fri., June 6: **Downey-Warren photography exhibit**, Stay Gallery, 6 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.
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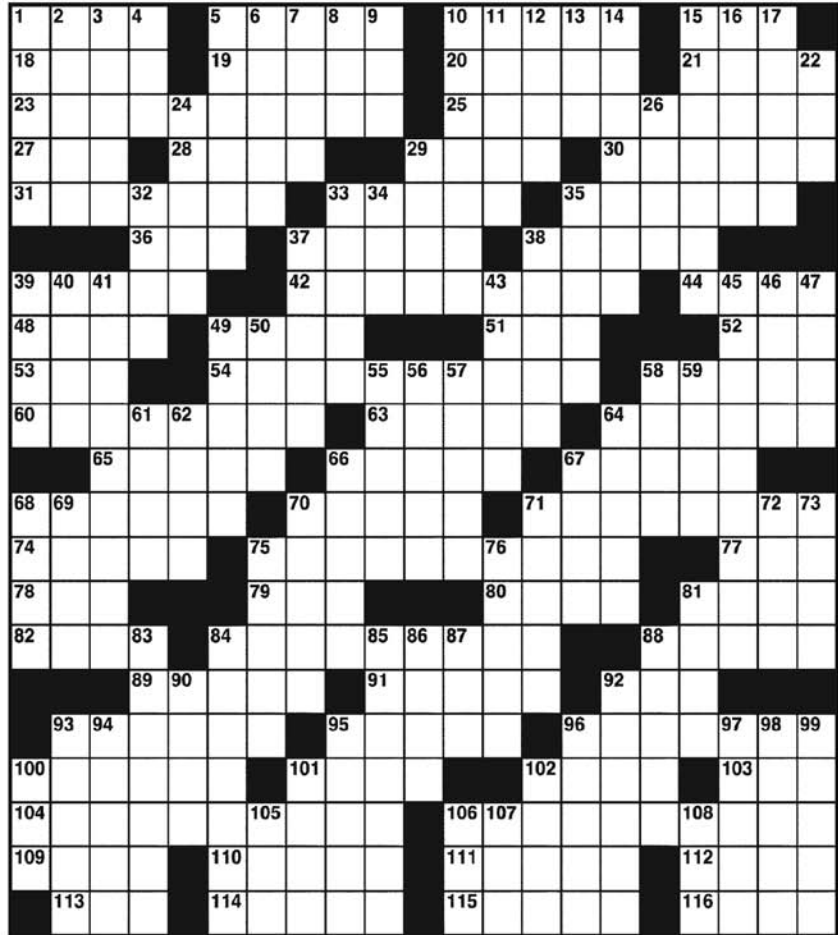
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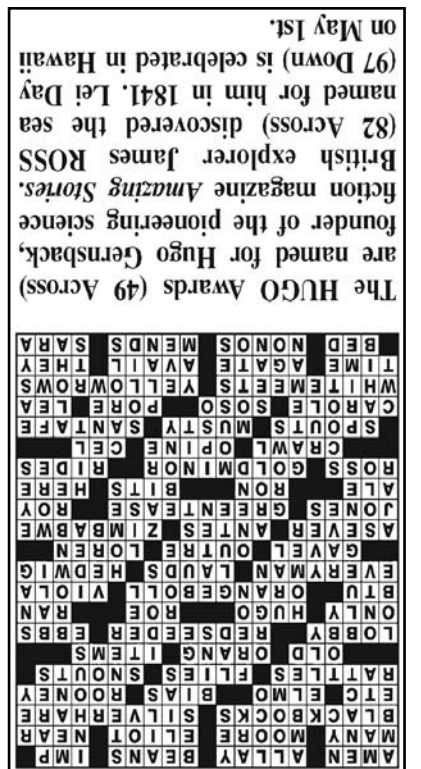
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SPORTS BRIEFS: spring athletic seasons wrap up

• Spring seasons have mostly ended, but summer camps just around the corner.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' track team has seen its season come to an end.

Benjamin Gonzalez and Andres Barragan barely missed qualifying for the state meet last weekend at Cerritos College. The top six runners qualified for the state meet or anyone running under the at-large mark of 9:08.64 qualified.

Gonzalez ran a 9:12.74 and missed qualifying while Barragan finished in a time of 9:08.67. Barragan missed qualifying for the state meet by .03. Both runners were disappointed for not qualifying. However, they will both be back next fall and will resume cross country.

Heading into next season, Warren will have a potent 1-2 combination. Junior Jonathan Rodriguez, sophomore Matthew Sanchez, and sophomore Bryan Pluma will provide the Bears with the 3-4-5 scoring threats. All three runners can run sub 10 minute times. Warren went 1-6 in the 3200 at league finals.

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The Warren High School baseball team has seen its season come to an end after a C.I.F. Division 3 quarterfinal home loss to Palm Desert 7-4 last Friday.

The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 29-5 and a S.G.V.L. record of 7-3. The Bears were the number 2 league entry in the playoffs from the San Gabriel Valley League.

Warren defeated Rancho Alamitos at home 6-0 in the first round and defeated Diamond Bar on the road 4-1 in the second round before falling to Palm Desert 7-4. Coach Pearson is proud of his team's effort this year. Pearson, his staff and players will regroup and get ready for next season.

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The 2014 spring sports season

has come to a close. San Gabriel Valley League spring sports were dominated by Downey and Warren High Schools. There were nine S.G.V.L. titles up for grabs. Warren took seven titles and Downey claimed the other two.

Downey baseball and boys' swim were 2014 league champions. The Viking baseball team finished their season with an overall record of 20-9 and were 9-1 in league play. Downey lost to Quartz Hill in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. The Downey boys' swim team was 13-0 in competition en route to their third straight league title and won 7/11 events at league finals.

Warren boys' golf, softball, girls' swim, boys' tennis, boys' and girls' track and boys' volleyball were all San Gabriel Valley League champions as well. Warren boys' golf won the league title for the second year in a row. Warren golfers took 2nd, 3rd and 4th places, respectively, in individual league finals.

Warren softball finished their season with an overall record of 22-6 and a S.G.V.L. record of 9-1. The Bears were co-champs with Gahr but earned the number one league seed after defeating Gahr in the second round of league play. Girls' swim were league champions as well. The Lady Bears won 10/11 events at league finals en route to their fifth straight swim title.

Warren boys' tennis won the S.G.V.L. title. The Bears were led by Sam Kang. Kang competed in the C.I.F. Individual Tennis Championships at Whittier Narrows Tennis Center in Pico Rivera.

Boys' and girls' track also claimed league titles. Ben Gonzalez and Andres Barragan narrowly missed qualifying for the state meet after competing in Master's competition this past weekend at Cerritos College. Warren boys' volleyball claimed the S.G.V.L. title but were defeated in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs at home in five sets by Rio Mesa.

It has been a very successful spring sports season for both Downey and Warren High Schools. Scholarship signings will be featured next week.

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The Warren High School girls' basketball team will begin their summer basketball camps June 23. Bear Skills Camp will be June 23-27. The ages of this camp are 14-18 and will last from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$125 and you may register at the door. The camps will be held in the Warren High School gymnasium.

The philosophy of the Warren basketball camp is to have fun in a positive learning environment while fine-tuning skills to prepare young athletes to play high school basketball. This camp is for serious players only. This camp is also for returners and for any girl wishing to be part of Warren High School basketball. Any incoming freshmen are welcomed.

The skills camps will concentrate on shooting, dribbling, passing, perimeter moves, post moves and screening offensive plays. Individual instruction from high school coaches and specific guest skills trainer Coach Leflore (aka Coach Z) will be featured. If players are selected to play on the summer team, they will receive a game schedule and summer packet. There will be a summer fee of \$175. The first summer league game is Monday, June 23rd and players will be given a reversible shirt and shorts. There will be weekly practices and games during the month of July.

Little Bears Camp will be July 7-11. Ages will be 8-13 and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost will be \$100 and you can register at the door. This camp is for those who would like to learn the basic fundamentals of basketball and have fun in a positive learning environment. The basic fundamentals of team play, shooting, passing, dribbling, proper footwork and defense will be taught. Fundamentals first will focus on ball handling skills, stationary and

moving. Offensive skills will cover shot ready, proper footwork, off the pass, off the bounce and guard/post moves. Rebounding will focus on technique and positioning while defense will cover stance, both on the ball and off the ball. Passing will be covered as well.

Camp participants will have an opportunity to join Club Elevate. Club Elevate will help the student-athlete continue to develop fundamentals to reach the next level. Coach Palmer and her staff hope to see you in the Warren High School gym this summer.

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The Downey High School wrestling program will begin its summer workout schedule Monday, June 23, for both new wrestlers and returners.

The purpose of the Viking summer program is to introduce and execute a lifting, running and wrestling program tailored to new wrestlers and current returners for high school wrestling success.

Practices will last from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for returners with summer leagues on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Wrestlers will attend

"New Breed" wrestling camp July 23-26 from 1-8 p.m. This camp will cost \$20. Transportation for this camp must be provided by parents/guardians and will take place at John Glenn High School in Norwalk.

New wrestlers will practice from 2-4 p.m. New wrestlers will not attend any summer leagues until the week of July 15. New wrestlers need to get their own rides to and from summer league scrimmages. More information prior to summer scrimmages will be provided at a later date.

New wrestlers will also be invited to attend the "New Breed" wrestling camp July 23-26 from 1-8 p.m. at John Glenn High School.

Coach Soto and his staff invite you to become a Downey wrestler. Downey wrestlers are "punctual and prepared, positive and accept coaching, supportive, a student of the discipline, a positive member of society, carry their weight and make up for it when they don't and never give up or quit." Coach Soto and his coaches hope to see you on the mat this summer.

Downey swimmer going for gold

DOWNEY – Warren High School junior Krusz Jimenez will be swimming for gold at the Special Olympics Southern California 2014 Summer Games Invitational, taking place this weekend at USC.

Jimenez already won a couple of gold medals at last week's regional games. He also participated in the Lakewood Aquatic's "swimathon," completing 140 laps.

This weekend, he will be swimming both solo and as part of a relay team.

Ex-boxer to tell his story

DOWNEY – Former WBO lightweight champion Ebo Elder will speak at Desert Reign Church in Downey next Friday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

Elder, 35, was a contender on the ESPN boxing reality show "The Contenders 2."

Elder will speak about "one man's rise to success and his fall to despair."

The event is free.

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Talented Downey teen facing heart surgery

DOWNEY – Downey teen Eileen Garrido, who has raised millions of dollars benefiting children with cardiovascular illnesses, will undergo surgery for an enlarged heart June 10.

Eileen, 14, was born with a congenital heart defect known as Tetralogy of Fallot, a condition in which the heart produces insufficient oxygen.

"[It] literally was causing me to suffocate," Eileen said.

After two successful heart surgeries, Eileen's damaged heart was repaired. A gifted vocalist, she founded the Beating Hearts Foundation and sang around the country to raise money for children suffering from heart defects.

She also got involved in the Downey community. According to her website, she received the Downey Kiwanis Youth Service Award and was named an honorary princess by the Downey Rose Float Association in 2011.

"I was lucky that my parents had insurance. Unfortunately, not all children are as lucky as I was," said Eileen. "Many parents do not have the means needed to help provide for their sick children. That's where my foundation hopes to make a difference. Through musical performances, donations, and fundraisers, I raise money to help children with serious heart conditions just like mine.

Unfortunately, last November doctors discovered complications with her pulmonary artery and valve, resulting in an enlarged heart. She will undergo heart surgery June 10.

But first, Eileen is working to raise \$10,000 for the heart institute at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She wants to raise the money before her surgery date.

"It's her way of saying thank you for saving her life," said Carlos Garrido, Eileen's father.

"She's in good spirits and my wife and I are staying strong for her," Carlos added. "We have lots of father and know God will be looking over our little angel of music."

To contribute to Eileen's fundraising effort, go to support.chla.org/pages/eileen_garrido
 -Eric Pierce, editor



Thrift shop reopens after renovation

DOWNEY – City officials and loyal customers attended a ceremonial ribbon-cutting recently at the newly-renovated Second Tyme Around Shoppe in downtown Downey, where thrift shop sales help fund philanthropic programs by Assistance League of Downey.

The Baptist and Mormon churches were "extremely helpful during the renovation," officials said, with the Baptist church donating a storage room for two weeks and the Mormon Elders helping to retrieve everything from storage after construction.

Assistees and their mothers came on a Saturday and packed and moved their store's contents to the Baptist church. Gypsy Johnson members and their husbands moved remaining merchandise to the back of the store.

Walls came down, electrical outlets were repositioned, new paint, display racks and shelves covered the walls, and new carpeting completed the new look.

Much planning by Assistance League members enabled the renovation to be completed in two weeks.

The Assistance League of Downey is a nonprofit organization of volunteers who provide and administer philanthropic programs within the community. Among their programs is Operation School Bell, which provides new clothing to school children, and HOME (Housing of Medical Emergencies), a 10-unite apartment complex which serves relatives of patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

Wine tasting, music June 20

DOWNEY – A night of wine tasting, music and appetizers will be held Friday, June 20, at a private home in Downey to benefit Downey Lions Club.

Tickets \$35 and include eight wine tastings and appetizers. There will also raffle prizes.

Tickets can be purchased from any Lions Club member or by calling Lenora at (310) 283-9825 or Rosa at (562) 879-5130.



Lady Guaman and Rosa Ramos are part of a growing number of female ESL students who want to learn English as they pursue jobs in the U.S. Downey Adult School is offering a take-home ESL class.

Downey Adult School offers take-home ESL class

DOWNEY – English as a Second Language students Lady Guaman and Rosa Ramos are learning English from home as part of Downey Adult School's ESL/Distance Learning Program, in which students can check out a DVD and homework packet, then return a week later for the test.

The program charges a nominal fee for quarterly enrollment. Guaman and Ramos are mothers of young children, so they are unable to attend a structured ESL class on a daily basis. They meet with a teacher weekly to check their test, and have the opportunity to speak English and ask any questions they may have.

Both women said they are motivated to learn English so they can help their children in school when they become old enough to attend.

Ramos does the bookkeeping for her husband's business, so she is also taking an online course called Business Soft Skills. She is one of 12 ESL Advanced students chosen to try the online program "as she has excellent computer skills and wants to learn the English needed to send and respond to business emails," school officials said.

Both women are part of a growing number of female ESL students who are pursuing careers or employment in the U.S., but want to increase their employability by learning English first.

The class is "a common-sense solution to meet a growing need for English-language acquisition among the immigrant population," officials said.

Interested students can enroll anytime in room L-71 at Downey Adult School, or call (562) 940-6238.

Volunteers needed for ESL class

DOWNEY – Volunteers are needed on Thursday mornings at Downey's Adult School in the English as a Second Language class.

English-speaking facilitators meet from 9-10 a.m. in comfortable conversation groups with the students to give them practice in listening to and speaking English. No other language skills nor teaching skills are required of volunteers.

For more information, or to visit a class session, call facilitator Joyce Sherwin at (562) 928-4122. This opportunity will be open again next September, when the new school year begins.

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Choral concert Sunday

DOWNEY - Chorale Bel Canto, a community masterworks chorale based in Whittier, is teaming up with Claremont Chorale for a joint concert this Sunday at the Downey Theatre.

The 4 p.m. concert will feature works by American composers. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors ages 55 and older, and \$10 for students. Student rush tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Free home safety checks for seniors

DOWNEY – A Downey company is offering free home safety checks for senior citizens living in Downey. “An annual safety check can help seniors avoid dangers that could threaten their independence,” said Leslie Cabral of Home Instead Senior Care. “When we go into homes, we see a lot of red flags that are easily overlooked by those who are familiar with the home. Most of the time, these are relatively easy and affordable fixes – and they could be the difference between a trip to the emergency room and staying at home safe.”

Preventable home hazards, such as throw rugs or loose railings, can be particularly harmful, experts said, leading to falls and injuries that impact seniors’ abilities to live independently.

Studies show, however, that the majority of seniors haven’t taken any steps to prepare their homes for their changing needs as they grow older.

The most common issues found in seniors’ homes are tripping hazards, bathrooms without assistive equipment (such as grab bars on the shower or tub), and storage that’s too high or too low.

To request a free home safety check, call Home Instead Senior Care at (562) 401-0010.

Flag Day at CareMore

DOWNEY – CareMore at 10000 Lakewood Blvd. will host a Flag Day ceremony Friday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“In honor of the heroes who served and continue to serve our communities and our nation we’ve invited the entire community to come celebrate with us,” CareMore officials said. “To memorialize the day, we’ll be presenting veterans with commemorative flags.”

RSVP by calling Kellie Sala at (562) 650-5830.

Church marks 60 years

DOWNEY – The Moravian Church of Downey will celebrate its 60th anniversary this Sunday, June 8, with a special worship service featuring the Moravian Trombone Choir at 10:30 a.m. and a luncheon celebration to follow.

“We are celebrating 60 years of ‘sharing the love of Christ’ through worship, fellowship and service in Downey,” church officials said.

For more information, call the church at (562) 927-0718.

Compost workshop

DOWNEY – A smart gardening workshop offering tips on backyard composting will be offered Saturday, June 14, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Wilderness Park.

The workshop will be held inside the park building, and no pre-registration is necessary.

Participants will learn about backyard composting, worm composting, grass recycling, and water-wise and fire-wise gardening techniques.

Compost and worm bins will be available for purchase (cash or check only).

For questions, call (562) 904-7103.

Summer Bible program for kids

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church is hosting a weekly vacation Bible school program for kids starting June 25.

Classes are for elementary-aged kids and are held Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

The program’s theme is “Wacky World of Water” and each class includes a water-themed Bible lesson, small group discussion, wet and wild games, crafts, snacks and more.

Children entering preschool through fifth grade are eligible to attend. To register, or for questions, call Pastor Mark at (562) 862-2438 or go online to downeyfirst.org/vbs.

Book club meeting

DOWNEY – The “Booked for Lunch” book club will meet from 12-1 p.m. next Thursday, June 12, at the Downey City Library.

They will discuss “The Plum Tree” by Ellen Wiseman.

All are welcome to participate or simply listen in.

For questions, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

Bus trip to Pechanga

DOWNEY – The Newcomers Club of Downey is planning a bus trip to Pechanga Casino on Wednesday, July 16.

Price is \$5 round trip. Bingo will be played on the bus.

Reservations must be made early by calling Nancy Anna at (562) 806-1782. The public is invited.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014131275

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHELOU, 13930 ACORO STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CECILLE-LOU JONES, 13930 ACORO STREET, CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/CECILLE-LOU JONES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 14, 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 5/22/14, 5/29/14, 6/5/14, 6/12/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014137589

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JON DHONT BAIL BONDS, 2155 CHORAL DRIVE LA HABRA HEIGHTS, LOS ANGELES CA 90631, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAN ANDRE DHONT, 2155 CHORAL DRIVE,

LA HABRA HEIGHTS CA 90631

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 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/JAN ANDRE DHONT, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 21, 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.

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The Downey Patriot 6/5/14, 6/12/14, 6/19/14, 6/26/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014141330

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELL GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 89 25TH REUNION, 5321 HARBOR STREET, COMMERCE CA 90040, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELICA RIVAS, 9824 1/4 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) YOLANDA FLORES, 5321 HARBOR STREET, COMMERCE CA 90040

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ANGELICA RIVAS, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 23, 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 6/5/14, 6/12/14, 6/19/14, 6/26/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014139353

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLASSIC REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 14267 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EVELINE I. MARSH, 589 N. DARTMOUTH WAY, ANAHEIM CA 92801

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/EVELINE I. MARSH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 22, 2014.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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The Downey Patriot 6/5/14, 6/12/14, 6/19/14, 6/26/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014114542

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOPSHELF ATTIRE, 8504 FIRESTONE BLVD #379, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY RUBIO, 14633 FAIRFORD AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) DANIEL RUBIO, 11423 CHARLESWORTH RD, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670 (3) CHARLIE MATTHEW MADRIGAL, 11632 ROMA ST, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670 (4) ERWIN QUINTANA JR., 13527 DELAVAN AVE, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ANTHONY RUBIO, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 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).

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The Downey Patriot 5/22/14, 5/29/14, 6/5/14, 6/12/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014129887

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EL TEXANO AUTO REPAIR, 6128 CHERRY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 5912 JOHN AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN F SILDANA, 5912 JOHN AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805

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/JUAN F SILDANA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 13, 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 5/22/14, 5/29/14, 6/5/14, 6/12/14

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014131165

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALIFORNIA CLEAN FUELS, 12524 COLUMBIA WAY, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS

ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) R.F. DICKSON CO., INC, 12524 COLUMBIA WAY, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/05/2002.

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/STEVE DICKSON, PRESIDENT, R.F. DICKSON CO., INC.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 14, 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 5/29/14, 6/5/14, 6/12/14, 6/19/14

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2014129837

File Number 2011147604 DATE FILED: DECEMBER 13, 2011

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): EL TEXANO AUTO REPAIR

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 6128 CHERRY AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90805

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO SILDANA OROZCO, 5912 JOHN AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805

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.)

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NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04-20-2004, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.
On 06-19-2014 at 9:00 AM, ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04-29-2004, Book NA, Page NA, Instrument 04 1056761, of official records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ZULMA GRANADOS MANCIA, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.
Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650
Legal Description: THE NORTHWESTERLY 80' x 100' RECD (14002) ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THAT PORTION OF LOT 4 OF THE PARTIAL AMOUNT OF THE HEIRS OF MAHALA ANN MAYES, IN THE RANCHO SANTA GERTRUDES, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1138 PAGE 310 OF DEEDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF OTTO STREET AND THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF DOWNEY AND SANFORD BRIDGE ROAD, AS SAID STREET AND ROAD ARE SHOWN ON THE MAP OF TRACT NO. 17493, IN THE SAID CITY, COUNTY AND STATE, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 477 PAGES 23 AND 25 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 08' WEST, ALONG CALIFORNIA STREET A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 19' 55" WEST, TO A POINT ON A LINE, WHICH IF PROLONGED WOULD PASS THROUGH A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 4, DISTANT NORTH 58 DEGREES 39' 00" WEST, THEREON 200.00 FEET FROM THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, SAID ABOVE FIRST MENTIONED POINT, BEING 135.00 FEET TO 31 DEGREES 19' 55" EAST, THEREON 90.00 FEET FROM SAID SOUTHWESTERLY LOT LINE; THENCE SOUTH 58 DEGREES 39' 00" EAST, 200.00 FEET TO A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT, THAT IS DISTANT THEREON SOUTH 31 DEGREES 19' 55" WEST, 135.00 FEET FROM THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 19' 55" EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LOT LINE, 135.00 FEET TO SAID POINT OF BEGINNING.

The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): WILLIAM A RUANO, AND EVELYN I MCKAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 2/3/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0263214 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 10/28/2010 as Instrument No. 20101549410 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 6/12/2014 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: **Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$329,577.25, estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14819 WHEATSTONE CIRCLE, NORWALK, CA 90650 P.N.: 8072-032-02070. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, 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, you may wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site [www.auction.com](http://WWW.AUCTION.COM), using the file number assigned to this case 14-1515-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 5/29/2014, 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-593101-AB Order No.: 8351099
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): OLIVIA LEON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 3/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0524416 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 6/12/2014

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 855-880-6845 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 2500-009000-F00. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 5/29/2014, 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014

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 855-880-6845 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.NATIONWIDEPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 2500-009000-F00. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 5/29/2014, 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014

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T.S. No. 14-1515-11 Loan No. 215461995 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: MICHAEL LACAYANGA, A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, 8018-013-007 T.S. No. 012757-CA as Instrument No. 20100221159of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 6/19/2014 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650Amount of unpaid balance and other charges:\$329,577.25, estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14819 WHEATSTONE CIRCLE, NORWALK, CA 90650 P.N.: 8072-032-02070. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, 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, you may wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site [www.auction.com](http://WWW.AUCTION.COM), using the file number assigned to this case 14-1515-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 5/29/2014, 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-524893-JB Order No.: 120284046-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): WILLIAM A RUANO, AND EVELYN I MCKAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 2/3/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0263214 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 10/28/2010 as Instrument No. 20101549410 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 6/12/2014 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: **Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$493,331.04 The purported property address is: 14406 CABRILLO AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650-5203 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8070-018-002 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, 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, you may wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site [www.auction.com](http://WWW.AUCTION.COM), using the file number assigned to this case 14-1515-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 5/29/2014, 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-13-593101-AB Order No.: 8351099
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/14/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): OLIVIA LEON, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 3/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0524416 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 6/12/2014

at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: **At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650** balance and other charges: \$699,325.98 The purported property address is: 11856 LYNDORA ST, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8048-014-005 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, 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 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://WWW.AUCTION.COM>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-593101-AB**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 5/29/2014, 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014

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property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. **IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE MORTGAGEE, THE MORTGAGEE'S ATTORNEY, IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCHARGED THROUGH BANKRUPTCY, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED OF PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS LOAN IN WHICH CASE THIS LETTER IS INTENDED TO EXERCISE THE NOTE HOLDERS RIGHT'S AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY ONLY.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-13-593101-AB** IDSPub. #0065841 5/22/2014 5/29/2014 6/5/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 6248-025-018 T.S. No. 012757-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 12/27/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/19/2014 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/10/2008, as Instrument No. 20080057149, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: *DEMETRIO

property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. **IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE MORTGAGEE, THE MORTGAGEE'S ATTORNEY, IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCHARGED THROUGH BANKRUPTCY, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED OF PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS LOAN IN WHICH CASE THIS LETTER IS INTENDED TO EXERCISE THE NOTE HOLDERS RIGHT'S AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY ONLY.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-12-524893-JB** IDSPub. #0066094 5/22/2014 5/29/2014 6/5/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 APN: 8018-013-007 T.S. No. 012757-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 8/10/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/16/2014 at 11:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/20/2007, as Instrument No. 20071946950, in Book N/A, Page N/A, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JAMES FERNANDEZ AND MARIA TERESA HERNANDEZ AND MARIA TERESA HERNANDEZ AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE. 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: 11908 JERSEY AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): WILLIAM A RUANO, AND EVELYN I MCKAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 2/3/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0263214 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 10/28/2010 as Instrument No. 20101549410 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 6/12/2014 at 9:00 A.M. Place of Sale: **Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$446,510.55

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. **IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE MORTGAGEE, THE MORTGAGEE'S ATTORNEY, IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCHARGED THROUGH BANKRUPTCY, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED OF PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS LOAN IN WHICH CASE THIS LETTER IS INTENDED TO EXERCISE THE NOTE HOLDERS RIGHT'S AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY ONLY.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318** Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: **CA-13-593101-AB** IDSPub. #0065841 5/22/2014 5/29/2014 6/5/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 6248-025-018 T.S. No. 012757-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 12/27/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 6/19/2014 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/10/2008, as Instrument No. 20080057149, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: *DEMETRIO

ALONSO* A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance 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 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 undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, 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 undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 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: 9227 FLORENCE AVENUE # 20 DOWNEY, CA 90240-0000 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: \$494,425.29 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 014871-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:** (800) 280-2832 Date: 5/12/2014 Date Executed: CLEAR RECON CORP., Authorized Signature CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117 A-4459865 05/22/2014, 05/29/2014, 06/05/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 13-31280-JP-CA Title No. 130146343-CA-MAI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/13/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described

property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Vincent Villeda And Rina Villeda, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 07/27/2004 as Instrument No. 04 1914108 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 06/25/2014 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$519,938.84 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10057 PICO VISTA ROAD, DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6391-024-003 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a 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.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 13-31280-JP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/02/2014 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, Trustee Sales Representative A-4462726 06/05/2014, 06/12/2014, 06/19/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-11-489486-AB Order No.: 6361244 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/15/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state,

will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RAQUEL ACOSTA, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY** Recorded: 8/22/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1872083 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 6/19/2014 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: **By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$469,270.05 The purported property address is: 13209 DALWOOD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8050-019-002 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed,

and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-11-489486-AB**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney.** If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Date: **Quality Loan Service Corporation 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-11-489486-AB IDSPub #0066510 5/29/2014 6/5/2014 6/12/2014**

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Sally Johnson



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Congratulations, Joe and Heather. You two make a perfect couple and I wish you much happiness and success in your coming marriage. I love you tremendously.

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POETRY MATTERS

WITH YOU GONE

the figs you left
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I pull a silver knife
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half moons
revealed

the figs you left
in that blue bowl
untouched by Artemis

I draw the blade
cool on my hand --
slice

the figs you left
in that blue bowl
bare is the tree

By Sharon Alexander

In this imagist poem, the poet's sense of finality is intensified by a single action, repeated in a setting clear of all but the essential details. Alexander will read from her chapbook, Voodoo Trombones, at Stay Gallery Thursday, June 12, at 7:30 pm. -- Lorine Parks, curator, Poetry Matters



FC Long Beach U10 boys team won the championship at the Newport Meza Classic Soccer Tournament held Memorial Day weekend. Downey High School assistant soccer coach Ian McFadyen led the boys to a 2-1 victory over Striker soccer club Mission Viejo. Both goals were assisted by Tony Robledo, also from Downey. Pictured are Tony, team midfielder, and his grandpa, Jose Rico, both Downey residents.



The Downey Ball Hogs won first place in the 13U division of a basketball tournament in Garden Grove on May 25. Although the team has only been together a couple of months, they finished the tournament undefeated. Back row, from left: Coach Peter Hernandez, Derek Ibarra, Johnny Beeks, Abel Escarzaga, Donnelly Fletcher, Shedrick Lockridge and coach Julian Ramos. Front row: Joel Thomas, Cal Garcia, William Lucas, Justin Ramos, Bruno Escarzaga, Fernie Gomez and Coach Fernando Gomez.



Downey United AYSO's Extra U16 girls team won first place in the Fox & The Hare Tournament held recently in Lakewood. Downey defeated Hawthorne, 8-0; Lakewood, 2-1; and Saugus, 3-0. Top row, from left: Coach Julio Garneff, Eliana, Alex, Julianne, Mary, Alexa, Grace, Alyssa and Assistant Coach Manny Ham. Bottom: Isabel, Nicole, Catherine, Valarie, Amaris and Rebecca. Not pictured: Giselle, Cessy and Celeste.



The Downey United U10 girls team won first place in the Quartz Hill Shootout held recently in Lancaster. Downey defeated Quartz Hill, 3-0, in the title game. Downey United scored 10 goals over the course of the tournament and only allowed one goal scored against them, and with only seven players. Top row, from left: Coach Carlos, Cayla, Ariel, Monique and Paulina. Bottom: Mia, Brooke and Iliana.

Poet Sharon Alexander to read work

Downey - This month's edition of Poetry Matters - Thursday, June 12, at Stay Gallery - features poet Sharon Alexander.

Born and raised in New York, she moved to California to attend college. She was a marriage and family therapist, and later worked as a contract administrator in music, film and television.

Her recently released debut chapbook, "Voodoo Trombone," examines love, sex, grief and time.

"I hover before / your dark

gauntlet," she writes in "Falconer, a poem of desire and rivalry.

Poetry Matters is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7 p.m., and there is an open mic at 7:30.

Stay Gallery is at 11140 Downey Ave., across from Porto's Bakery.

Casino night fundraiser

Downey - The Downey Rose Float Association will be hosting a Western-style casino night at the Gold Rush Camp at Knott's Berry Farm on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

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