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## SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

### My Brother Bert

*Kay Okino was born and raised on the idyllic island of Hawai'i. In this story she shares a personal account of the tragedy wrought by one of the most destructive tsunamis ever known. Its origin was an earthquake in the Aleutian Islands determined to be a magnitude 8.6. 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

It is difficult to read this story to the class because it is very personal and sad. However, because this is a memoir class, I will share my story with you. My sister Miyoko and my brother Bert went to Laupahoehoe High School. That is the school I also attended and graduated from. If only the school bus had been ten minutes late on the morning of April 1, 1946.

The school was located in a valley. The land extended out to a beautiful peninsula which jettied into the sea, and this is where the school stood. Half a dozen teachers' cottages with coconut trees lined the beautiful shore.

That morning, as the bus rolled down the winding road, along a high cliff on one side and with the ocean below, the children must have seen the strange behavior of the sea. As the bus stopped, Bert and his friends, all boys, jumped off the bus and rushed to the water's edge. The beach was empty of water. Fish and other creatures were flopping in the sand.

When I was a little girl, my mother told me of the behavior of tidal waves. She said, "Before a tidal wave strikes, the ocean will suck back the water from the shore, and the ocean will come back with a vengeance to destroy everything in its path."

How ironic! Mother never spoke of this to my siblings; therefore, Bert never knew.

Before the boys realized what was happening, the angry ocean came roaring at them. The boys ran and climbed into the nearest building, a grandstand on the school grounds. They must have thought the high grandstand was a safe haven for them.

If only they had kept running, they might have been saved. As though the ocean had a mind of its own, it came roaring at them, engulfed the whole grandstand and the children in it. Like fish in a net, they were pulled back into the raging sea.

The teachers and their families died when their cottages were swallowed by the sea. Coconut trees were gone too. If only the waves had come a little later, children and teachers would have been in class and many lives would have been spared.

Together with other grieving parents, my parents and my sister Miyoko went daily to the courthouse, the temporary morgue, to claim their children abandoned by the sea.

My sister told my parents of the conversation she had with Bert the night before he died. Bert wanted to go to Honolulu that summer and asked mother if he could. Mother said, "No." Bert said to our sister, "That is okay. I'll go to a better place."

That was a strange conversation. When our parents heard that, they said, "Let's go home. Bert will never return." He never did.

When news of the tragedy reached me, I was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where my husband was attending military training at Fort Snelling. I cried for Bert as I have never cried for anyone. That was the first death in the family. Until then, death came in an orderly fashion – to an old person, to a sick person. It gave people time to prepare and time to expect and mourn. No one was prepared for this. There was not even an alarm to warn people of the impending "tsunami" which started in Alaska.

I loved Bert. He was the sibling my mother made me look after the most. As other children came after him, he became my ward. I strapped him on my back and went outside to play. He went with me everywhere. He was a very good child, a beautiful child. That is how I remember him.

A monument was erected at the place where the people vanished. Their names and ages are engraved on it. The school has relocated to higher ground elsewhere, and the site has become a tourist attraction.

My father's name is mentioned somewhere on the bulletin board there. He was the head of the construction crew. I believe all of the parents and friends who lost their children contributed to the monument. From time to time, this episode is shown on the Discovery Channel.

Today, because of this tragedy, Hawaii has an efficient system of warning. People are warned and evacuated if there is any ripple of waves which they think will grow into a tsunami.

Almost seventy years have passed since that fateful day. As I write this memoir, I am very sad. No one is left now. All of the parents who had lost their children and had mourned for them are gone. My mother and father are gone too. Even my sister Miyoko, who was with him that morning, and his younger sister Velma have died. Time has passed.

But, dear Bert, you will always be remembered. A little museum has been built in Hilo, Hawaii. Your name, together with those of your teachers and friends who perished that day are there on the wall for everyone to gaze at and to wonder. Who knows? One day you may all become Hawaiian folklore, for that is how legends are made.

To me, Bert, you will always be 14, playing happily with your best friends, Jitsumi, and those who died with you that morning so long ago. Goodbye, Bert – Love you, Big Sister Kay.

P.S. Regarding your good friend, who was an only child – his father died of a broken heart.

**A ceremony to recognize the renaming of West Middle School to Mary R. Stauffer Middle School will take place this Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria.**

**"In the history of the community, it can be argued that no other private citizen has done more for the city of Downey, the Downey Unified School District, and the children of Downey than Dr. Mary Stauffer," DUSD officials said.**

**The public is invited to the ceremony, particularly past Stauffer Scholars and award recipients.**



## Music for the soul

• Music artist Tito Rodriguez not only produces music, but charity efforts for the poor.

By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Being raised by a single mom on the streets of Long Beach wasn't easy for Tito Rodriguez.

"I grew up on 15th street. My mom sold Nikes at the swap meet [to make a living]," he said. "My big brother took care of me and told me to do the right thing, but I was a little punk kid."

However, Rodriguez harnessed the lessons he learned in the heart of LBC and translated them into a music career that not only produced hip-hop beats and rock jams, but also notable charity work in low-income neighborhoods.

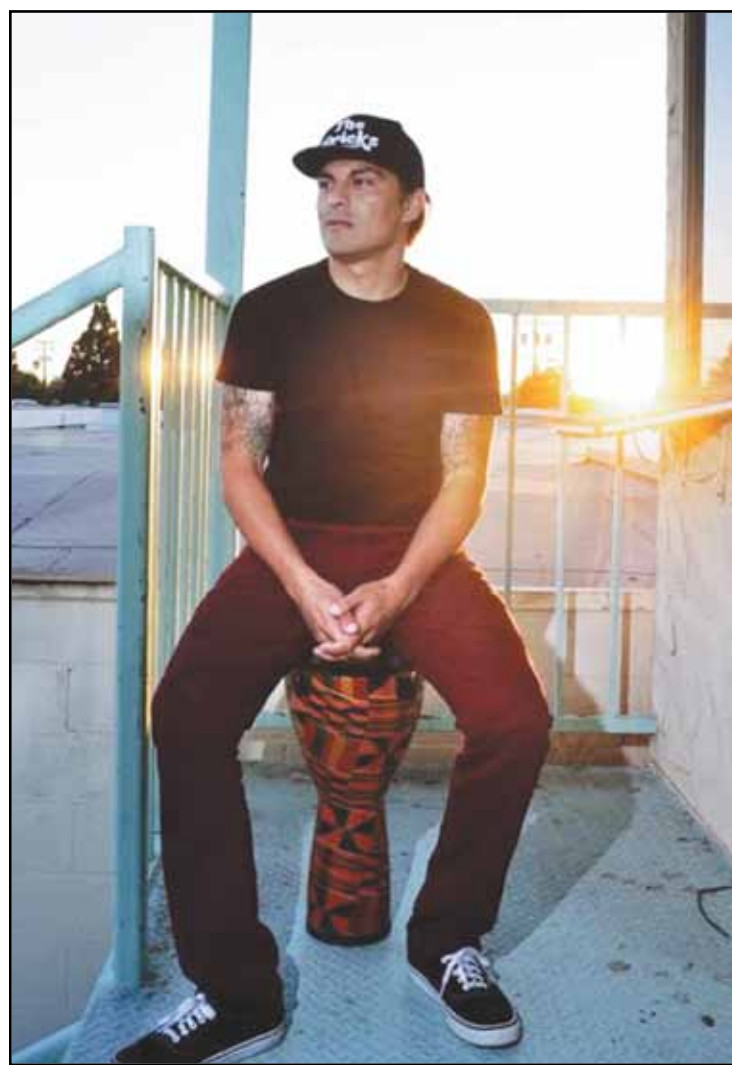
Rodriguez first made a name for himself as a street break dancer and skateboarder, but ultimately found a niche in music production when friend and rap artist Goldie Loc introduced him to the west coast hip-hop scene in the mid-90s.

"That's how I started working with The Eastsidaz and Snoop Dogg," Rodriguez said. "I produced the song '20 Minutes' on Snoop Dogg's album 'No Limit Top Dogg,' which sold like 8 million copies." The four-minute song featured Goldie Loc and opened up more doors for Rodriguez to produce music for the 2001 film "Bones," starring Snoop Dogg and Pam Grier.

By the late 90s, however, the luster of the hip-hop/gangsta rap industry started to languish for Rodriguez as the reality of what he was producing caught up with him.

"I got bummed out with the music we were doing – it was degrading to women and some days I didn't want to go to the studio," he said. "I had friends die, friends incarcerated and the music we were making was [promoting] that."

Rodriguez decided to move to Downey and open his own studio instead where he started his own band The Pricks, a hip-hop-infused punk rock group that toured the country during the early 2000s.



"We were the first unsigned band to sell out the Roxy Theatre on Sunset Boulevard – the police had to shut it down; there were so many people."

When the band dissolved, the 37-year-old father of two was left with a new task – producing his own original music. But unlike his former ventures, Rodriguez wanted his new sound to have a positive message.

"My song 'Angel' is about being a nice human being," he said. "It's simple, but we don't do it."

Rodriguez is determined to accept his own kindness challenge, even if no one else does.

Last June, he launched food, clothing, and toy drives to give back to needy families and homeless persons in southeast Los Angeles county.

"There are a lot of homeless people...we asked if they needed socks, underwear, or hats," said Rodriguez. "People were getting

excited over a bottle of water and a bag of chips."

During Christmas last year, Rodriguez partnered with Frito-Lay, Diamond Supply Co., Monster Beverages, and Sara Lee to give away thousands of gifts to kids.

"I was puzzled by what I thought was poor. There was one house in South Central...there were 19 families living in there with one bathroom," Rodriguez said. "I told the workers to open the car and bring everything we had inside. The kids were so happy."

Rodriguez said he will continue his charitable work to reach as many kids like him as possible.

"This feels better than making music...there's no comparison, money isn't everything," Rodriguez said. "I came from music. I came from poverty. If I could do just a little bit to help – why wouldn't I do it?"

## Weekend Glance

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Saturday 90°

Sunday 89°

## Things To Do



**Mellow Man Ace** - Veteran Latino hip-hop artist Mellow Man Ace, best known for his 1990 hit "Mentriosa," will perform live at the Epic Lounge in downtown Downey. Saturday, Epic Lounge, \$15



**Greek Festival** - In its 60th year, the Long Beach Greek Festival has all the trappings of a first-class Greek festival, including authentic food and dance. Saturday-Monday, 12-9 p.m., Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church (free parking & shuttle at CSULB)

## One Thing to Know

Graffiti can be reported via phone, (562) 923-4484, or through the city's MyDowney mobile app. Graffiti is usually removed within 24 hours.

## Throwback Thursday



Downey and Warren football players compete in the first annual "Cheesesteak Bowl" in 2006, competing to see which team could eat the most cheesesteaks in one minute. Warren High was victorious.

## Facebook Conversation



**Downey firefighters' union files lawsuit**

**Bill Aumack:** "The job is what the job is. If the firefighters don't like the job and think they deserve better, then quit and get a better job. Nobody owes anyone anything. If working for the Downey Fire Department is the worst, then have all the firefighters quit and then city hall will understand and make some changes. Until then, either do the job or change jobs. Seems rather simple."

**Susan Shaw:** "Some one isn't happy with the vote and voice of the people."

## Tweet of the Week

**@CrystalPonce:** why is there a helicopter above my neighborhood asking for a guy to turn themselves in? this is not cool! I'm scared

## Coming Home: Clarence Roshell



Photo by John Zander

**DOWNEY** – Security is second nature to Clarence Roshell, currently employed as the Assistant Vice President of Operations at RMI International.

Roshell's career of serving to protect began at the age of 18 when he enlisted in the United States Army. Upon graduation from Zephyrhills High School in Florida in 1997, Clarence was looking for a way to pay for college to decrease "the burden on my parents." After extensive research, Clarence decided that the Army would be his opportunity to do just that.

Roshell attended and graduated from the United States Army Military Police School in Fort McClellan, Alabama. There,

Clarence continued his career of 8 years; from 1997 to 2005 as a part of the Military Police 95 Bravo. His service took him to four tours of duty overseas that included countries such as Panama and Egypt. Clarence was also a member of retired General Tommy Franks' protection team. His final mission brought him to Operation Iraqi Freedom serving as a team leader in 2005.

Roshell states that the lack of "interaction with his family" is what he struggled with the most when he was deployed. He also mentions that it was increasingly difficult to establish "connections with people because everyone would be moving around a lot to various locations at any given

time."

When asked if he would relive his career in the Army if given the opportunity, Clarence's reply was "Yes. I feel like I could've done more...I wanted to experience more regions." The transition to civilian life was proven to be difficult for the first six months" according to Roshell. Once that time passed and he was settled into his job his "confidence was up" and realized that he didn't "miss it as much."

Clarence suggests that anyone who is considering joining the military to sincerely explore the branch that you are considering; do your research. In addition to research; Roshell also mentions the great benefits and opportunities that are available. "Take advantage of all offers that are available in your branch."

Clarence is currently in enrolled in school at Harbor Community College where he hopes to transfer to Cal State Dominguez Hills to finish off his Bachelor's in Business Management. Clarence's chief priority is to be fully and completely dedicated his time to his son Desmond who is currently in high school.

"Coming Home: A Veteran's Story" is a project between the Living Tree Foundation and the Downey Patriot, with the goal of telling the stories of local veterans. If you are interested in telling your story, contact Julie Garcia at (562) 884-8683 or julieg@yourlivingtree.org.

## INTERVIEW: city council candidate Sean Ashton

• Ashton, a fifth grade teacher, is one of three candidates seeking to replace Mario Guerra.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Sean Ashton is not a seasoned political veteran. He's not especially politically savvy, either.

But if you ask him, that may be his best qualification for Downey City Council.

A Downey homeowner since 2000, Ashton is a fifth grade teacher with the Los Angeles Unified School District. He has taught at the same Lynwood elementary school since 1998.

Ashton is one of three residents seeking to replace termed-out Councilman Mario Guerra on the Downey City Council this November. The other candidates are Robert Kiefer, a small business owner and chair of the Planning Commission, and Dr. Shahira A-Malek, a physician.

Guerra represents District 2 in southwest Downey – roughly south of Firestone Boulevard and west of Brookshire Avenue.

Ashton, 44, says he is running on a common sense platform that will bring a fresh perspective to City Hall. He questions recent decisions made by the city.

"Some things I just don't see the logic in," said Ashton, speaking during an interview outside Porto's

Bakery.

"We have the prettiest islands and the worst streets," he says, gesturing to Firestone Boulevard. "There are certain areas in Downey that are better taken care of than others. All neighborhoods should be equal."

If elected, Ashton says his first act would be to sit down with the Downey firefighters' union, whose relationship with the city has deteriorated over the past two years amid lawsuits and claims of harassment.

"I still believe we need our own police and fire departments. Absolutely we need our own police and fire. If we give it away, it will never come back," Ashton says. "But I still think there is something we can do to stop all this bickering. It seems like they're using your newspaper to communicate back and forth instead of sitting down at the table and talking to each other."

Although Ashton became a Downey resident in 2000, his roots in the city actually go further back. He was the tire manager at the old Pace warehouse store where Studebaker Road meets Florence Avenue, which is where he met his future wife, Tammy.

Ashton left Pace when the new Home Depot opened in west Downey in 1996. Around this time he was also coaching freshmen basketball.

"It was fun but not paying the bills," he says. "That's when I transitioned to teaching."

Ashton and his wife have three kids: Tiffany, 18, who just started her freshman year at Purdue University; Dylan, 16, a junior at Warren High; and Nolan, 12, a seventh grader at

Stauffer Middle School (formerly West).

Ashton has taken an active role in his kids' education, serving as auditor on the PTAs at Old River and Imperial elementary schools, West Middle School and Warren High. He also served on the Downey Council PTA.

"Numbers can be kind of fun sometimes," he laughs.

After Downey voters passed a \$65 million school bond measure in 2003, Ashton was appointed to the advisory council that ensured the bond money was appropriately spent.

He has also coached with West Downey Little League, and is currently managing a winter/spring baseball team.

In 2011 he was named Volunteer of the Year by Keep Downey Beautiful. That same year he became chair of Downey's Green Task Force, tasked with finding ways Downey can become environmentally conscious.

Ashton says he briefly considered a run for the Downey school board – particularly now that the board has moved away from at-large voting districts – but ultimately declined because the school district is in a good place.

"All in all they've done a pretty good job," he says. "What would be the purpose? To run against someone doing a good job?"

City Council is different. Ashton sees room for improvement and he is eager to help keep Downey moving forward.

"Do I want to be a career politician? No," he says. "Do I want to help the community? Absolutely."

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# City Council rejects live music for south Downey bar

Wet Bar's request for live entertainment permit denied after noise complaints.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY – Wary of its close proximity to nearby homes, the City Council on Tuesday unanimously rejected a request by a south Downey bar and lounge to host mariachis, DJs and other forms of live entertainment.

Owners of the Wet Bar offered to sound-proof residents' windows, install trees, and try other noise-reducing efforts, but council members were concerned that the bar would be disruptive to the local neighborhood.

They also were apprehensive after the bar was twice caught with live entertainment even after a warning from police.

"In my gut, in my heart of hearts, I see this being a problem," Mayor Fernando Vasquez said in rejecting the appeal.

Located at the southwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Imperial Highway, the Wet Bar opened in 2012 with a liquor license.

Despite not having a live entertainment permit, local residents and police allege the Wet Bar hosted live bands and DJs, and the sounds filtered into nearby neighborhoods.

Only 36 feet separates the rear of the bar and a row of homes accessed by a private driveway.

Residents also complained of rowdy customers, public urination, suspected drug use, and illegally parked cars.

Lt. Leslie Murray of the Downey Police Department said police officers responded to the Wet Bar 27 times between May 2013 and March of this year for a range of incidents, from fights, car burglaries and disorderly conduct.

Luis Gomez and Osvaldo Flores, however, owners of the Wet Bar, said they were willing to work with the city to alleviate concerns. They offered to hire a security company staffed by law enforcement personnel and develop a security plan in conjunction with the police department.

Gomez said he would also install sound-proofing material in his building and offered to pay for sound-proof windows for affected homes. He also said there would be no live entertainment on Sundays.

"Pretty much all my retirement has been invested into this business," said Gomez, who also lives in Downey. "We've put well over \$1 million into the place."

At its peak, Gomez said he employed 40 people at the bar when he hosted unpermitted live entertainment. Without live music or DJs, business has slowed and he is down to five workers, he said.

"Without a (live entertainment) permit, I guarantee they'll go out of business," said property owner

David Gonsalves.

Councilman Roger Brossmer expressed sympathy at the Wet Bar's plight – and even leveled criticism at the city for approving a bar so close to homes in the first place.

"It's mind boggling to me that we couldn't anticipate this problem," said Brossmer, who spent eight years on Downey's Planning Commission. "If you're 35 feet from a home's window, it just doesn't work. It doesn't have to be live music; it could be people getting in and out of their cars. Thirty-five feet doesn't work."

"I don't think you can have a more business-friendly council," added Councilman Mario Guerra. "We are business-friendly, but we're also more resident-friendly than not...to grant this would go against the residents and my better judgment."

The Planning Commission rejected the Wet Bar's live entertainment application last May after 57 residents signed a petition opposed to the permit.

The Wet Bar appealed the decision to the City Council.

"This is the south side of Downey, but we're not trying to cut any corners," Gomez told the Patriot in 2012, shortly after the bar's opening. "Individuals we know say this bar belongs in Studio City, but there's a lot of potential here. Downey will benefit from something like this."

## Gas Company working on Suva Street

DOWNEY – Residents in northwest Downey can expect traffic delays as Southern California Gas Company begins work along Suva Street near Bluff Road this week.

The work is expected to last 2-3 months.

Crews will perform a hydrostatic pressure test on a segment of natural gas transmission pipelines. "The pressure test is being conducted to assess the pipeline's integrity and is part of our system-wide plan to further enhance the safety of our pipelines throughout the communities we serve," said Julia Emerson, public affairs manager for the Gas Company.

"The test involves digging around the underground pipeline and safely venting natural gas from the pipeline," Emerson added. "We will then fill the pipeline with water, and increase the pressure to a level that is higher than the pipeline's normal operating pressure. If the pipeline holds the pressure without any leaks, it will be put back in service. If the pipeline leaks during the test, SoCalGas will repair the pipeline and retest it, or replace it with new, pre-tested pipeline."

Eastbound Suva Street between Bluff Road and Guatemala Avenue will be closed at times, with flaggers assisting with traffic flow and pedestrian crossing. There will also be parking restrictions along Bluff Road, south of Suva.

The Rio Hondo bike trail will remain open.

Crews are scheduled to work from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

## Band, color guard performing Friday

DOWNEY – Warren High School's band and color guard will hold a "Parent Preview" Friday, Aug. 29, at 4 p.m. in the Warren stadium.

This will be the band and color guard's first performance of the 2014 school year.

"Parent Preview" allows the band and color guard to show the marching drill learned during summer camp.

The performance is free and open to all residents, and the band booster club will be selling snacks and drinks.

## Warren band launches decal drive

DOWNEY – Warren High band and color guard members will be canvassing the Downey community this coming Tuesday and Wednesday from 5-8 p.m., giving away decals in exchange for donations.

The decals read "I Support Warren Band and Color Guard."

Students will be dressed in their practice gear, properly identified as a Warren High band or color guard member, and escorted by a band booster volunteer.

For questions, comments or other donation opportunities, email mwhitewarrenband@gmail.com.

Warren High's band and color guard features more than 160 students and relies on fundraisers and donations from the community to operate.

## Host city Downey plans volunteer effort

DOWNEY – With Downey now an official host city for the 2014 Special Olympics World Games, officials have set a Sept. 4 planning meeting to coordinate the large-scale volunteer effort.

The meeting is from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Downey will host up to 125 Special Olympic athletes next summer, plus their families and trainers. As a host city, Downey will provide accommodations, training facilities and transportation to local attractions.

City officials are counting on local service clubs, businesses and residents to help in the effort.

"Due to the large commitment of being an official Host Town we are inviting any Downey organization, business or resident that may be interested in supporting or volunteering their time for a worthy cause to this planning meeting," officials said.

## Drug take-back event Sept. 27

DOWNEY – Residents can safely dispose of expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications at a drug take-back event Saturday, Sept. 27, outside the Downey Police Department.

Police personnel and volunteers will be collecting medicine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Prescription and over-the-counter medicine can be dropped off, but sharps and needles will not be accepted.

All medications will be incinerated by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

For questions, contact Jennifer Burkhardt at (562) 904-2374 or jpreda@downeyca.org.

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# Frontier Fiesta is Coming September 5 & 7 Everyone is invited!!!!

Downey United Methodist Church is celebrating 160 years as a worshipping community and we want you to be a part of the celebration. On **Friday, September 5**, we are hosting a mixer in the Fellowship Hall from 7-10 p.m. There will be food, music, games, historical displays, and much more. Then, on **Sunday, September 7**, we will be having a special service of worship beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed immediately by our "Frontier Fiesta". There will be games, lots of activities for the kids, food, prizes, music, and much, much more. This will be a grand celebration. Come and be a part of the excitement. Everything is free and all are welcome.

For more information, contact the church office at

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

## Arts funding

Dear Editor:

After reading that the City Council has agreed to fund the Stay Gallery three more years, it seems that \$75,000 to support the gallery is financially over the top in these difficult times which people are facing today.

Does Downey not have a place in Furman Park that was once a gallery where poetry could be read and art displayed?

I realize that this money comes from a fund where a tax was put on developments to fund an arts program in the city. I would prefer that the City Council vote to put this money in the city treasury and possibly reduce some of the taxes they put on utilities, etc.

Another subject: I wish the Planning Commission would ask new businesses to consider naming their business more family-friendly names. First we have Bastards, and now what I understand to be an upscale restaurant, Lock and Key Social Drinkery. "Drinkery" isn't even a word.

And, of course, the Planning Commission allowed two hookah parlors in Downey. I heard the other day that they cause lung cancer more quickly than cigarettes, so our city is helping them, because some want them, or is it maybe to add to the city money? If some want cocaine or meth, do we do that too for money?

Downey does not need any more bars.

**Betty Logan  
Downey**

## Downey firefighters

Dear Editor:

I am losing my patience with the Downey Fire Department.

After losing Measure B last June, I now read the firefighters union representing them has brought about yet another legal challenge. Really?

And what about our trusted Downey firefighters? Have they lost their collective way? Have they no conscience?

Just a friendly reminder: You get into public service to help humanity, not yourself. If you no longer wish to give of yourself to the people of and visitors to Downey, then stop whining about the department and lateral out. Make room for up-and-coming firefighter-hopefuls that burn for the opportunity to serve this community.

Stop your union's continuing assault on us and the city's limited financial resources. You're wasting taxpayers' money and giving your next pay raise to the lawyers. The union ultimately cares about its survival, not yours. Not the city. Don't tamp out our trust in you.

I continue to be proud of the 83 percent of my fellow thoughtful residents who refused to throw their voting rights away. And of our City Council persons for standing up for its constituents.

Should I have a need for fire services, I will not hesitate to call on the Downey Fire Department for their expert help. However, I'm afraid I'll be fighting the urge to hold my nose while doing so.

**Joseph Palmieri  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

I may have more sympathy for our firefighters if a single one of them actually lived in Downey. But they do not, and I resent the fact that they are continually trying to change our city.

The fire union is costing our city hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees. I hope the city tries to recoup the money and puts the fire union out of business once and for all.

It's a shame that Downey firefighters were once a source of great pride for our city. Now I look the other way when I see them driving down the street.

**Miriam Luisa  
Downey**

## Poverty

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago, Congressman Paul Ryan released his latest proposal for tackling America's poverty epidemic.

Unfortunately, the plan does very little to combat poverty in our country, and instead, continues the devastating austerity policies that Ryan himself helped to create. Thanks to those policies, entire communities across America are underwater, and struggling to survive in tough economic times.

One of those communities is Ferguson, Mo. While that community continues to protest the police shooting death of unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown, it's also dealing with crippling poverty. An analysis by Elizabeth Kneebone, an economic scholar with the Brookings Institution, found that unemployment in Ferguson more than doubled between 2000 and 2012. The analysis also found that more than a quarter of Ferguson households had incomes below the federal poverty line of \$23,492 in 2012.

So, not only are the people of Ferguson dealing with the traumatic death of Michael Brown and the resulting violent reactions to that death, they're also dealing with debilitating poverty. And unfortunately, both of those experiences are likely to stick with the Ferguson community for decades to come.

This, America, is something that brews up when the people of this country feel that something is not right.

**Margaret Hittinger  
Downey**

## The 5 biggest problems with healthcare

By Leah Binder

Americans are losing patience with our nation's healthcare system. But the reverse is also true -- our healthcare system is literally losing "patients."

More than 1,000 Americans die every day from errors, accidents, and infections in hospitals. Many more suffer at the hands of procedures that never needed to be done in the first place.

Consider early elective deliveries, which perfectly embody the five biggest problems in our health system. These are births scheduled without a medical reason between 37 and 39 completed weeks of pregnancy.

**Problem 1: Too Much Unnecessary Care**

Overuse and unnecessary care account for anywhere from one-third to one-half of all healthcare costs. That's equivalent to hundreds of billions of dollars, in addition to the half-trillion dollars per year that experts attribute to lost productivity and disability.

Early elective deliveries are unnecessary, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Several other highly respected organizations like Childbirth Connection, the

March of Dimes, and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses have said the same.

Nonetheless, until recently these deliveries have become much more common over the past 20 years.

**Problem 2: Avoidable Harm to Patients**

Early elective deliveries harm women and newborns. Babies born at 37-39 weeks' gestation are at much higher risk of death. They are also at a far higher risk for harms like respiratory problems and admission to the neonatal intensive care unit.

Avoidable harm is a problem for patients of all ages. One in four Medicare beneficiaries admitted to a hospital suffers some form of harm during his or her stay.

**Problem 3: Billions of Dollars are Being Wasted**

A report by the Institute of Medicine Health suggests one-third or more of health costs is wasted. The cost of early elective deliveries was estimated in a study in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology to be nearly \$1 billion per year.

**Problem 4: Perverse Incentives in How We Pay for Care**

Traditionally, health plans, Medicare, and Medicaid pay providers for whatever services they deliver, regardless of whether the service truly benefits the patient. That's created an epidemic of perverse incentives.

Our payment system encourages early elective deliveries. They generate admissions to neonatal intensive care units, and NICUs are profit centers. Studies suggest that reducing the rate of these deliveries to a reasonable number could eliminate half a million NICU days. That would lower health costs.

States like South Carolina and Texas are trying to reverse the incentives, as are many employers. Unfortunately, they are not the norm.

**Problem 5: Lack of Transparency**

It's far easier to find information about buying a new car than it is to figure out where to go for lifesaving health care.

Transparency galvanizes change like nothing else. After rising for decades, the rate of early elective deliveries began declining after my organization, The Leapfrog Group, started reporting how often hospitals performed the procedure in 2010. Last year, the rate of early elective deliveries was 4.6 percent -- down from 11.2 percent last year and 17 percent four years ago.

Consumers deserve to know these rates for every hospital delivering babies in the country.

**A Dose of Optimism**

Thanks to public reporting, a growing cadre of providers, policymakers and consumer advocates are uniting to end early elective deliveries. The Department of Health & Human Services declared the issue a top priority. Regional coalitions are vowing to do the same.

Businesses and consumers must work together address these five big problems in health care. They all have a direct impact on their financial -- and physical -- health.

*Leah Binder is President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group (www.leapfroggroup.org), an organization that works to improve the safety, quality and affordability of healthcare for Americans.*

## Immigrants deserve better than Obama

By Sen. Ted Cruz

We should welcome a debate over how to secure our borders and reform the legal immigration system. That's not a debate, however, that President Obama and his supporters are willing to have. Instead, they are devoted to amnesty -- and they're holding the safety and security of our nation hostage to get it.

Although polling shows that 68 percent of Americans disapprove of Obama's immigration policies, the president and his allies remain committed to an agenda that has created an unprecedented humanitarian crisis at our southern border.

As the son of a refugee from Cuba, I understand the plight of immigrants in a very personal way. And I'm unwilling to follow the president's course of spending billions on social services but maintaining the amnesty that will in perpetuity cause thousands more children to be victimized.

I am opposed to the president's immigration policy because I believe immigrants deserve better. The direct cause of the border crisis that Texas is now forced to address is the president's 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. In 2011, before this policy was enacted without approval from Congress, roughly 6,000 unaccompanied children were apprehended at the border; in 2014, with the policy in effect, an estimated 90,000 children will cross the border, many of them smuggled by vicious criminals.

If amnesty is granted to those who come as children, many more children will come. And those children are being victimized, many physically and sexually assaulted by violent drug cartel coyotes. It is not compassionate to act like the Democrats, who are doing nothing to stop tens of thousands of little girls and boys from being abused.

We cannot solve this crisis without ending the amnesty. According to a survey conducted by Obama's own U.S. Border Patrol, 95 percent of adults and children who are apprehended say they came to the U.S. because they believe they will receive a "permiso" that will allow them to remain here. That has to end.

Earlier this month, the U.S. House passed two major reform bills to address the crisis. Several elements of that legislation mirror proposals that I had introduced in the Senate. However, Senate Democrats refused to even allow a vote on these reforms, and Majority Leader Harry Reid sent the Senate home for August without having passed anything to address the crisis.

Immigrants deserve a system in which they will be welcomed to the United States safely and with dignity.

The solutions are really quite simple: Secure the border, end the amnesty and implement a system that celebrates legal immigration. If, that is, Democrats would let us.

*Ted Cruz is a Republican United States senator from Texas.*

## Illegal refugees

Dear Editor:

In response to Cristina Garcia's op-ed ("U.S. Should Do Its Part with Child Immigrants," 8/7/14), I agree that these refugees should be treated humanely. However, they should then be reunited with their families in their countries of origin.

The solution for this problem cannot be resolved by our inept Congress. The number one way to resolve illegal trespassing has been, is, and forever will be to secure our borders with Mexico.

Sure, it would be honorable to support all the poor people in the world. There is poverty in all countries. If we allow these illegal refugees to remain in our country, an example will be set for all poor people to send their children to the United States, and this, of course, will open the door for their families to follow.

Our national debt is becoming unsustainable. Tell me how we can support an estimated 90,000 children crossing the border into America by the end of 2014? Taxes are continually increasing for the roughly 50 percent of the people paying taxes to keep our government malfunctioning.

One thing the federal government could do would be to better direct monies sent to other countries. Instead of giving \$400 million to the Hamas/Palestinian state so this country can obtain more rockets to shoot at Israel, this money could be used to help feed the 1 out of 4 children in our country who go hungry every day, and perhaps give a little help to Central America.

I have never believed in cutting lines -- not at the airport, supermarket and certainly not in the long lines of people going through the proper procedures to come to America. Yes, our country has benefited from the influx of immigrants who legally have entered our country. I have friends from Mexico, Canada and Russia who came to America legally. These and other legal immigrants are part of the great melting pot that makes up America, and I personally welcome them.

These refugees must be returned to their country of origin so they and their parents can get in line with the rest of the people who want to come to America. Unless, of course, you and your supporters have very deep pockets and can take care of all their needs financially and emotionally.

**Martha Call  
Downey**

## Free trade

Dear Editor:

Dan Cristea brings many important points about free trade agreements to the fore.

In my 50-plus adult years, I have always advocated an open-trade position as I firmly believe that it is the most beneficial arrangement for both business and consumers.

But I believe that we only need one over-riding principle to guide us: Complete and Absolute Reciprocity -- we will treat your goods when they enter the United States in the same manner in which you treat our goods when they enter your country!

**Drew Kelley  
Downey**

## Political fighting

Dear Editor:

I sit here and wonder why it costs us so much to run our government. The U.S. House of Representatives took 239 days off in 2013, and in 2014 they already scheduled 113 days away from government duties.

Now to go to President Reagan, here are some other facts during his 6 1/2-year term: He spent a year off, with 25 days during one month vacationing at his ranch. The bill was over \$600,000, and that was in 1987 dollars.

Now George W. Bush, who spent 487 days away from his office taking 149 trips to Camp David, spending 77 days at his Crawford ranch and 11 trips to his father's mansion -- this totals more than a year away during his term.

Now we come to President Obama, where the news constantly reports he's going on vacation. As of two days ago, he's had 138 vacation days, or approximately 3 weeks per year.

With the things going on in the world, I should think about the extreme mental strain he is under -- especially with a Congress that won't work for our government, with the President or on behalf of the Americans who put them in positions of power.

The bottom line: I think our elected political power should quit complaining and do what's good for the people instead of fighting each other's party position. Maybe it's time to do away with parties and just vote for the person and not his party that supports him.

I would vote for an open election, instead of a party vote. We should also do away with lobbyists who are interfering with congressional efforts to help us.

Let's put the government back into the people's hands and not the political party's hands.

**Robert Gustafson  
Downey**

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## On This Day...

**Aug. 28, 1955:** Emmett Till, an African-American teenager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he was accused of whistling at a white woman. He was found murdered three days later.

**1963:** 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

**Birthdays:** Actor Daniel Stern (57), figure skater Scott Hamilton (56), country singer Shania Twain (49), actor Jack Black (45), actor Jason Priestly (45) and country singer LeAnn Rimes (32).

## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For September

Wed., Sept. 3: **Stauffer Middle School dedication**, former West Middle School campus, 2 p.m.  
Thurs., Sept. 4: **Special Olympics host city planning meeting**, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 3:30 p.m.

### City Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **City Council**, Council Chamber.  
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.  
4th Mon., 5 p.m.: **Green Task Force**, at City Hall.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.  
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info call 304-3439  
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.  
3rd Tues., 6 p.m.: **American Legion #270**, at Sizzler Restaurant, for information call 544-0372.  
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 Vanlangen 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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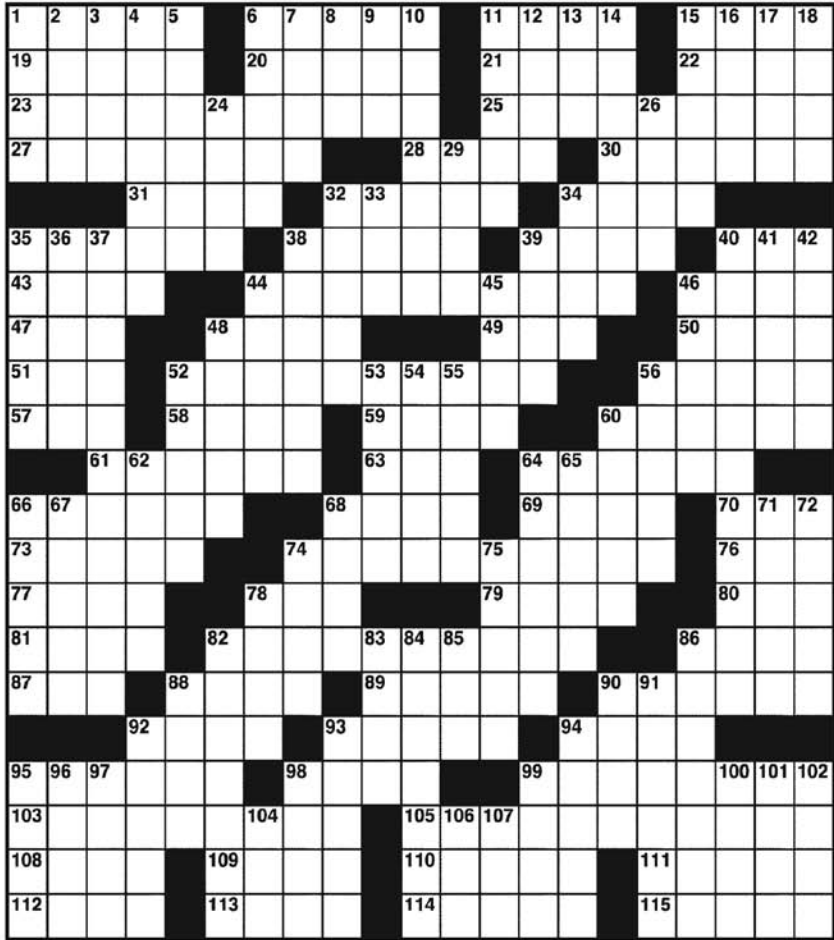
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



ten-year study in Scotland, which found that 20% more people die of heart attacks on Mondays than on any other day. Perhaps we overindulge on the weekends, or are experiencing the stress of a new workweek?

When our fingers touch something, that message is sent to the brain at 124 miles per hour.

The hydrochloric acid in our stomach is not only good at dissolving that pizza from dinner, but can also eat through many types of metal – it can even dissolve a razorblade!

We can survive and function far longer without food than without sleep. Assuming that one consumes only water, on average we could survive for a month or two (depending on body fat and other factors). But consider that after only a few days without sleep, we start to experience radical personality and psychological changes. The longest recorded time spent without sleep is 11 days. Let's not try it.

Digestion causes the body to produce gases, which must be released. On average, we experience flatulence 14 times every day. No one is too dignified.

Approximately 75% of our stool is water – water does not exit the body solely through urine and sweat. Stool requires that much liquid in order to leave the body without causing pain.

The skin of the foot is the thickest on the body. It's three times thicker than the skin on our palm, and 15 times thicker than the skin on our face.

Let's remember to appreciate our amazing body, and take only the very best care of it!

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

## Study: number of kids experimenting with e-cigarettes tripled since 2011

More than a quarter of a million youth who had never smoked a cigarette used electronic cigarettes in 2013, according to a CDC study published in the journal *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*.

This number reflects a three-fold increase, from about 79,000 in 2011, to more than 263,000 in 2013.

The data, which comes from the 2011, 2012, and 2013 National Youth Tobacco surveys of middle and high school students, show that youth who had never smoked conventional cigarettes but who used e-cigarettes were almost twice as likely to intend to smoke conventional cigarettes as those who had never used e-cigarettes. Among non-smoking youth who had ever used e-cigarettes, 43.9 percent said they intended to smoke conventional cigarettes within the next year, compared with 21.5 percent of those who had never used e-cigarettes.

"We are very concerned about nicotine use among our youth, regardless of whether it comes from conventional cigarettes, e-cigarettes or other tobacco products. Not only is nicotine highly addictive, it can harm adolescent brain development," said Tim McAfee, M.D., M.P.H., Director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health.

There is evidence that nicotine's adverse effects on adolescent brain development could result in lasting deficits in cognitive function. Nicotine is highly addictive. About three out of every four teen smokers become adult smokers, even if they intend to quit in a few years.

"The increasing number of young people who use e-cigarettes should be a concern for parents and the public health community, especially since youth e-cigarette users were nearly twice as likely to have intentions to smoke conventional cigarettes compared with youth who had never tried e-cigarettes," said Rebecca Bunnell, Sc.D., M.Ed., Associate Director for Science in CDC's Office on Smoking and Health and the lead author of the study.

The analysis also looked at the association between tobacco advertisements and smoking intentions among middle and high school students. Students were asked about whether they had seen tobacco ads on the internet, in magazines and newspapers, in retail stores, and in television programs and movies. Consistent with previous studies, this study found that youth who reported exposure to tobacco ads had higher rates of intention to smoke than those who weren't exposed to such ads.

The researchers also found the greater the number of advertising sources to which young people were exposed, the greater their rate of intention to smoke cigarettes. Thirteen percent of students who said they had no exposures to such ads had intentions to smoke, compared to 20.4 percent among those who reported exposures from one to two ad sources and 25.6 percent among those who reported exposures from three to four of the sources.

More than 50 years since the landmark Surgeon General's Report linking cigarette smoking to lung cancer, smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. Smoking kills nearly half a million Americans every year. More than 16 million Americans live with a smoking-related disease.

Smoking-related diseases cost Americans \$132 billion a year in direct health care expenses, much of which comes in taxpayer-supported payments. Each day, more than 3,200 American youth smoke their first cigarette. The Surgeon General has concluded that unless the smoking rate is rapidly reduced, 5.6 million American children alive today – about one in every 13—will die prematurely from a smoking-related disease.

—Contributed by the Centers for Disease Control

## The problem with energy drinks and kids

Anxiety, hypertension, elevated heart rates, interrupted sleep patterns and headaches are just some of the side effects commonly associated with energy drinks, and those problems are more pronounced in children, according to a recent University of Miami study.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg. These drinks have also been linked to heart palpitations, strokes and sudden death.

The term "energy" drink is an unfortunate misnomer, says food science expert Budge Collinson. They don't give your body energy; they stimulate you with brief jolts of caffeine and unregulated herbal stimulants, he says.

"Soccer moms and dads buy these 'stimulant' drinks for their kids before matches because both kids and parents want that competitive advantage," says Collinson, founder of Infusion Sciences and creator Youth Infusion, ([www.drinkyouthinfusion.com](http://www.drinkyouthinfusion.com)), an effervescent, natural multivitamin beverage that helps people maintain consistent and healthy higher energy levels.

"For a few moments, you'll get that spike, but it's a short-term experience with a heavy long-term toll."

So, what are some ways kids can get a healthy energy boost? Collinson offers the following tips.

- Go for a speedy bike ride together, take a brisk walk or hold foot-races in the yard. Numerous studies demonstrate the power of vigorous exercise in boosting energy. Exercise pumps more oxygen – pure, healthy fuel -- into the bloodstream and to the brain and muscles for a short-term energy boost. Exercising regularly will increase lung capacity, so the body will get more oxygen on a sustained level for the long term. Exercise also releases endorphins, the body's natural

feel-good chemical, which makes us feel happy. And happy people are energized people.

- Seek nutrition from a variety of sources. As humans, we need more than 40 different vitamins and minerals to keep our bodies functioning optimally. Since there is no single food that contains them all, it is important for children and adults to eat a variety, including as many different vegetables and fruits as possible. Adding a daily multivitamin supplement with essentials such as CoQ10, arginine, theanine, resveratrol and magnesium can help ensure bodies young and old are running at top speed.

- Drink plenty of water – the natural energy drink. Even mild dehydration can leave children (and adults) feeling listless, so encourage children to make a habit of drinking plenty of water. Kids need more water than adults because they expend more energy, and they may not recognize when they're slightly thirsty. Parents, too, often don't recognize the signs of dehydration; a national survey of more than 800 parents of kids ages of one month to 10 years found that more than half feel they don't know enough about dehydration. A quick, light pinch of the skin on the child's hand or arm is an easy check. If the skin is slow to resume a smooth appearance, the child is likely at least mildly dehydrated.

Let's take one more look at fascinating facts about the incredible human body. It never ceases to amaze me just how remarkable it is. Let's start from the top and work our way down:

You may have heard that it takes twice as many muscles to frown as it does to smile. The number actually varies depending on the researcher, the size of the smile, etc. Regardless, smiling is indeed easier than putting on a scowl, squint, or frown.

We generate 1 to 1 1/2 liters of saliva every day. During a lifetime, we each will make enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.

What is the strongest muscle in the human body? In proportion to its size, it is the tongue. Consider what a workout it gets throughout the day – not only while eating, but while drinking and talking as well.

Women tend to be better smellers than men, and remain so throughout life. Sadly, two out of every hundred people have no sense of smell whatsoever. The average nose is capable of sensing up to 50,000 different odors – far fewer than a bloodhound, but nonetheless pretty impressive.

An average person might breathe in 1/2 liter of air, 15 times every minute. If we live for, say, 35 million minutes, then we will breathe in over 265 million liters of air in a lifetime! Along with all that air comes dust, and we might well breathe in 45 pounds of dust as well.

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## Downey's Edward Mejia heads to Italy

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident Edward Mejia embarked on the trip of a lifetime last weekend – a 10-month study abroad journey to Florence, Italy.

Mejia is starting his junior year as a California State University, Chico student in the capital city of the Italian region of Tuscany.

He intends to study the Italian language and travel around Europe throughout his time in the E.U.

This is a welcomed break from Mejia's busy schedule as a student leader at the second-oldest university of the CSU system.

He is involved in a multitude of clubs, including Habitat for Humanity, the council for the university's community affair council, Lead Cat organization,

the Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE), and the Golden Gate Bridge project in which he cleaned the beaches of San Francisco with a group of fellow student volunteers.

He also enjoyed a summer of 'workcation' as a camp counselor for children last summer at the River Way Ranch Camp near Fresno.

Many of his camp counselor friends that he made during the summer were from England, and he plans to visit them during his time abroad.

He was awarded last week the first place scholarship from the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals Montebello/LA chapter



Mejia is the son of Downey residents Eduardo and Paula Mejia, and the brother of Jacqueline Mejia, a former intern for the Downey Patriot who also studied abroad in Europe during her six-month stay in Pamplona, Spain.

## COUPLE CELEBRATES 73 YEARS

**DOWNEY** – Longtime Downey residents Wynn and Sol Kreiser are celebrating their 73rd wedding anniversary Saturday. Aug. 29, at Temple Ner Tamid.

The Kreislers built their house 54 years ago when Sol began what would be a 21-year career with Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach. But it's more of a romantic story than meets the eye.

Wynn, a ballet dancer and the eighth daughter in her family, was on her way to a Bnai Brith Social, and Sol also in his 1940 Ford. There was dancing, attending the Hollywood Christmas Parade, nature trips to beloved wildflower sites and then the marriage ceremony Aug. 31, 1941.

While Wynn's parents escaped the Pogroms in Austria, first to France and then New York, Sol's mother passed when he was three years old and his father when he was five and a half. He was raised by his aunt and uncle.

The uncle was a janitor of a six-story apartment with 30 families in residence on a block-long street between Amsterdam and Broadway in New York City that was filled with Italians, Germans, French and Irish kids who liked to fight and since he was the only Jewish kid and small of stature, he had to learn how to box.

At 16, Sol was able to skip some grades and enter NYU studying the brand new field of Aeronautics, he having spent time in the local library and reading about Charles Lindbergh's flights across the ocean. A degree in those days went for \$300 per semester, a princely sum especially for his uncle's salary. And upon graduation, Sol first worked for nothing, an apprenticeship-type arrangement that was worth it because it was aviation but it was 1935 and

America was in a big depression.

Finally, after a stint with Brewster Aircraft as a designer and with the beginning of war in 1941, Sol was offered a Design Specialist job with Douglas Aircraft working on the C-47 and the XA26-F Invader, which was Douglas's first jet attack bomber. Later he worked on the C-124 which was the only plane at the time capable of hauling bulldozers and tanks without disassembly.

He also was designer on the larger C-133 Cargo Master, the Douglas Radio Controlled Life Raft and the Thor ICBM, or Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

Exciting times, yes, he tells of flight testing a new heater system, which he'd designed at 10,000 feet when the heater caught fire. None of the extinguishers would put the blaze out and the pilot told them to prepare to jump. Sol said by the time he was able to clip all the fastenings of his parachute, he looked out the door there were trees going by and they bumped to a "smooth landing" in a farmers bean field in Anaheim.

Later, though not due to the heater incident, Sol was recruited by a friend to work at TRW. World War II was over and missiles were coming on line. He was a project manager for Intermediate ICBM's with nuclear warhead capability



and a 1,500-mile range, a distance traveled in about 15 minutes. He also worked on the first Apollo Lunar Explorer system and other missile systems 16 years in all.

Now at 100 years old he does some handmade jewelry design, most proud of a glass piece he found scuba diving in the Red Sea in Israel at a site where the Romans had a glass making kiln, and the rubble left waiting all these years.

Wynn, soon to be 99, still sprightly as the couple looks forward to another anniversary flanked by their two grown up children: Marten and David.

—Story contributed by Temple Ner Tamid

## Ramona Apodaca turns 99

Decades of walking, thousands of handmade tortillas and a positive outlook have kept Downey resident Ramona Apodaca active her entire life – even as she celebrates her 99th birthday.

Born in Mesilla, New Mexico on Aug. 31, 1915, Ramona celebrates her 99th birthday as a proud Downey resident, and will celebrate the milestone day with her closest family members. Ramona and her late-husband, Lorenzo, first moved to California in 1943, after Lorenzo began working for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach during World War II. Ramona worked for 25 years at a local factory before retiring. An avid walker her entire life, Ramona's independent spirit kept her constantly moving, whether it was to the grocery store, the bank or to the hair salon. Even recently, she sought joy in walking to the nearby Calvary Chapel bookstore, proving that at 99, nothing was going to keep her from enjoying a casual stroll.

“She has been more active ever since she retired,” said grandson Raymond Apodaca. “Her daily regimen includes cooking, cleaning, doing her laundry and tending to her garden. As if that weren't enough, she has always walked through the city – up and down the streets, through the parks and always made friends with the neighbors along the way. She has been more active since she retired, but has yet to be tired.”

Ramona and Lorenzo raised their three children in neighboring Los Angeles cities before calling Downey home for the last 20 years. Two of her grandchildren, Raymond and Matthew Apodaca, attended neighboring schools St. John Bosco and Pius X. Her great-grandchildren, Matthew, Joseph and David Apodaca, are graduates of Downey High School.

In addition to her love of walking and being active, Ramona grew to be famous among family and friends for many of her traditional Mexican dishes, all of which she would make from scratch. Her



specialty: handmade tortillas. In her 99 years, Ramona has lived through 15 presidential administrations (from Harding to Obama), nine popes and several historical milestones, including the great depression, both World Wars and the civil rights movement. Looking ahead to her next milestone, her family is already in full preparation for her centennial celebration in 2015. Happy birthday, Ramona, and cheers to many more!

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## SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey lacrosse looks to build on success

• After finishing 8-0 in league competition last year, Downey girls have high expectations.

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** - The Downey High School girls' lacrosse team has been working hard this summer in preparation for their upcoming season.

The Lady Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 16-5 and were 8-0 in Ocean League play. Downey was the 2014 Ocean League champion. Unfortunately, the Lady Vikings did not compete in postseason play due to a scheduling issue.

The Lady Vikings competed in a lacrosse tournament at the the Rose Bowl last week in June. Downey finished that tournament 2-1. The Lady Vikings had daily practices from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in June and July. Coach Mires also had his team do some team building activities off the field. The Lady Vikings went on a hiking trip to Palos Verdes and on a kayaking adventure in Long Beach.

Downey took the month of August off due to the C.I.F. mandated "dead period" and to recharge their batteries for the start of their season. Coach Mires is excited for this season to start and is upbeat about his team. Last season the Lady Vikings were one of the twelve best teams in Los Angeles County and were ranked fifth. This season looks to be even better than last season. According to Coach Mires, "a deep run in the playoffs is certainly a realistic

expectation."

Downey will compete at the U.C.I. tournament in November and in the Sandstorm tournament in Indio in January in preparation for the start of their season.

The Lady Vikings lost both of their captains to graduation in 2014. Standout midfielders Virginia Mariscal and Abigail Marin are now at Cal State Fullerton and U.C. Irvine, respectively. This season the Lady Vikings will be led by junior midfielders Ashley Guerrero and Melissa Ramirez. Ashly West will also play a key role in the Lady Vikings' success.

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The Downey High School boys' soccer team has had a busy summer. The Vikings competed in the Bellflower tournament in June and July where they finished with a record 4-1.

Downey competed in and won the Monrovia 7-7 tournament in mid-July with a record of 6-0. The Vikings also made the quarterfinals at their own 14 team Downey tournament with a split squad. The Vikings conducted daily practices in late June and July from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Vikings are taking the month of August off due to the C.I.F. mandated "dead period" and to recharge their batteries for the start of their winter season schedule. Downey will compete in the Aliso Viejo 32 team tournament in early December as well as the San Diego 32 team tournament in late December before the start of their league season in January.

The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 18-5-2 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 6-3-1. Downey was the number three entry from the S.G.V.L. in the Division 2 playoffs behind Warren (7-3) and Paramount (7-3), respectively. Downey won their wild card game 3-1 against Villa Park before being eliminated by Fullerton 1-0 in the first round. The San Gabriel Valley League will move up and compete in Division I this winter.

Downey lost two All-C.I.F. players in 2014 to graduation. Forward Rodryck Ortega and defender Javier Torreblanca have moved on. Standout midfielder Ernesto Patino has also graduated. Senior forward Omar Perez, senior defender Robyn Ortega and senior forward Isaias Rodriguez look to step up and lead this year's team into the playoffs.

Head coach Marvin Mires, assistant coach Ian Mcfadyen and Viking players are looking forward to the start of the 2014-15 soccer season.

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The Warren High School football team has a bye this week but will scrimmage against Burbank Burroughs at Burbank Burroughs tonight.

Warren will open their season on the road at St. Paul against the Swordsmen next Friday, September 5th.

The Swordsmen finished last season with an overall record of 1-9 and a Mission League record of 1-4. The St. Paul Swordsmen played a difficult schedule that included losses to Serra (13-1), Chaminade (14-2) and Mater Dei



The So Cal Athletics-Mercado 12u travel softball team won the PGF national championship Aug. 2 after an exciting 4-3 victory over the DirecTV Genies from Frisco, Tex., in a game that was not decided until the bottom of the seventh inning. Paloma Usquiano, 13, a resident of Downey, represented her hometown on the Athletics. She started her softball career with the Downey Ponytails pee-wee division with then-coach Mark Fetter. Paloma is the starting shortstop.

(11-3).

Warren has also struggled in recent years. The Bears were 4-6 in 2010, 1-8-1 in 2011, 0-10 in 2012 and 0-10 in 2013. Warren last won the San Gabriel Valley League title in 2008 and 2009 when standout running back Jesse Callier (Washington) led the Bear offense his junior and senior years.

New Bear head coach Raul Lara and his coaching staff hope to turn the Warren football program around. Lara's new staff includes defensive coordinator Jack Murray, linebacker coach William Alo, offensive coordinator Brent Perez and strength and conditioning coach Gregg Washington.

Several Bear players are expected to make an impact this season. Strong safety Jordan Mayes, inside linebacker Steven Zepeda and free safety Benjamin Donerson will be names to watch for on defense. The Bear coaching staff will also rely on quarterback Jordan Yancy and running back Jordan Mayes to move the chains

and score points on offense.

Linebacker coach William Alo said that this year's team is "hungry and eager to learn." Gone are the days of "socks and flipflops in the weight room" and here to stay are phrases "get to or got to" and get on the b.u.s. (brotherhood, unity and sacrifice). There is a definite change in attitude on the 2014 Warren football team.

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The 2014 St. John Bosco High School football team opened their season right where they left off from last season, defeating an overmatched St. Louis High School (0-2) team of Hawaii, 63-14, last Friday night at Aloha Stadium.

The Braves are currently ranked sixth in the nation and first in California.

St. Louis High School is consistently one of the top programs in Hawaii. The Crusaders have appeared in the state title game eight times since

1999. The Braves (1-0) have a bye tonight and will play Norwalk at Cerritos College next Friday, September 5th.

The Braves led at the end of the first quarter 21-0. Bosco continued their impressive offensive display and led 42-14 at halftime. The Braves scored 14 more points in the third quarter and led 56-14 at the end of the third quarter. Bosco added a fourth quarter touchdown and won going away 63-14. Backup quarterback Quentin Davis scored the final Brave touchdown on a 10-yard run.

Bosco quarterback Josh Rosen threw for 252 yards and a touchdown and ran for another touchdown. Sean McGrew had 14 carries for 179 yards and scored three touchdowns. The Braves gained 585 total yards, which included 326 on the ground. The Brave defense only allowed 165 total yards and did not give up a single rushing yard.

Norwalk (0-0) will travel to Bell High School tonight for their season opener. Norwalk finished last season with an overall record of 13-1 and a Suburban League record of 6-0. The Lancers lost to La Serna last season in the C.I.F. Southeast Division championship game 41-38 in double overtime. Norwalk standout running back Rashaad Penny has graduated and is now playing Division I football at the Aztecs at San Diego State.

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## Symphony's Garden Party will have Mad Hatter theme

**DOWNEY** – The Mad Hatter is coming to town! Look for him at the Downey Symphony's annual Garden Party on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 3-7 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The Garden Party is the keynote fundraiser event for the Symphony's upcoming 57th season.

Pat Gil, organizing committee chair, noted that "the Garden Party is always a fun event, but this year we decided to make it even more special by adding a theme."

The idea of a Garden Party brought to mind hats, and that led her, she said, "to the wild and whimsical Mad Hatter tea party from 'Alice in Wonderland.' Everyone is encouraged to wear a hat, the more creative the better."

Committee member Eloisa (E.J.) Ball adds, "This is your chance to show off, from top hats for men to that stunning high-fashion headgear for women" Although wearing a hat is not required, it is encouraged, and everyone who wears a hat will get a ticket for a special drawing.

The cocktail hour starts at 3 p.m., so everyone has time to look over the treasures up for auction, including four tickets to Disneyland, tickets for upcoming shows at the Downey Theatre, dinner gift cards, dinner with Music Director Sharon Lavery and a seat on stage at an orchestra rehearsal, and much more.

In addition, beautiful and unique works of art by local artists, including Terry Walker, Mike Ferguson, Carolina del Toro, and Jorge del Toro will be up for auction.

Tickets are only \$65 and include a delicious three-course dinner. Decorations will be whimsical in keeping with the theme, and there'll be musical entertainment by USC's Brass Quintet. For tickets, contact Eloisa Ball at (323) 304-0172, preferably before Sept. 9.

The event benefits the Downey Symphony Orchestra and its Music in the Schools Program. Over 80% of the expenses of the Symphony come from donors and fundraising events like this one.

The Music in the Schools program brings a full concert to all 3rd and 5th graders in Downey, and the Orchestra also sends a quintet of musicians to each of the elementary schools to introduce children to some elements of music and perform for them.

Sipping your favorite beverage while overlooking the beautiful greens of the Rio Hondo Golf Course as the sun sets is a great way to say goodbye to summer and welcome to the Symphony's exciting new season. The first concert will be on Saturday, Oct. 11, in the Downey Civic Theatre. Concert subscriptions are now on sale.

For full information on subscriptions, individual tickets, donations, and concert programmes, visit us at [downeysymphony.org](http://downeysymphony.org). Tickets are also available from the Box Office at (562) 861-8211.

--Don Marshall

## Flapjack fundraiser for symphony

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Symphony Orchestra will hold a flapjack fundraiser at the Applebee's restaurant in Norwalk on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8-10 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased by Sept. 5 by calling E.J. Ball at (323) 304-0172.

## Artists sought for Oct. 11 show

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Arts Coalition has issued a call to artists for an Oct. 11 show at the Downey Theatre. The show is titled "Lucky Number 7" and is in conjunction with a Downey Symphony performance the same night.

"We are asking artists to explore and celebrate the wonders of seven," a flier reads. "Selected artists will be featured in the Symphony concert program with their contact information, will be publicly recognized from the stage, and have the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets to the performance."

For consideration, email images to [ej@downeyarts.org](mailto:ej@downeyarts.org).

# CRIME REPORT

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**

At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to the 8200 block of Firestone Blvd. regarding an attempted robbery investigation. Officers spoke with the victim who reported he was walking when an unknown male approached him. The male hit the victim and tried to take the victims cellular phone. The male suspect was unable to take the phone and ran away after a few seconds. The victim was not injured. Detectives are investigating.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**

At 6:55 p.m., officers were in the area of Fostoria Avenue and Newville street when they conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Officers asked for Downey Police K-9 Officer to respond to assist with the traffic stop. K-9 Officer Duke was deployed and alerted to the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. A search was conducted and a substantial amount of marijuana was located. The driver also had a large amount of U.S. currency. The driver was arrested for possession of narcotics. Detectives are investigating.

At 8:35 p.m., officers responded to the 10300 block of Dolan Street regarding a deceased person. When officers arrived they found an 18 year old male deceased in his bedroom. Officers spoke with family members and foul play is not suspected. The death appears to be accidental. Detectives are investigating.

**Thursday, Aug. 21**

At 10:45 p.m., officers responded to the area of Lubec and Norlain Streets regarding an assault with a deadly weapon investigation. Officers met with the victim who reported he was riding his bicycle in the area when a vehicle pulled alongside him. A male occupant inside the vehicle fired 2 shots from a firearm hitting the victim one time. The victim sustained a moderate injury and was treated at a local hospital. No other injuries were reported. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

## Blue Mass for police, fire

**DOWNEY** – The 10th annual Blue Mass dedicated to the Downey police and fire departments will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

The Mass is dedicated to police and fire personnel "and is a time, as a community, to pray for their continued safety and protection throughout the year."

Police officers and firefighters from other jurisdictions are invited to attend as well.

A reception will immediately follow the Mass in the Carey Center.

## Military-themed festival Sept. 27

**DOWNEY** – Blue Star Family Day, a festival honoring families whose loved ones are currently serving in the armed forces, will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, in Downey High School's south parking lot.

The event is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features live music, military vehicles, raffles, food vendors, military tributes, and more.

The festival is sponsored and hosted by the Living Tree Foundation.

## Coordinating Council meeting

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Coordinating Council will meet Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

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Fred Voss, *Hammers and Hearts of the Gods*

*In 1894 by act of Congress the first Monday in September was dedicated to the social and economic achievements of the American worker. In Voss's poem, the force that lifts the hammer builds the universe. From "best is the morning" cup of coffee to "best is the blood still flowing through our veins" Voss connects machine beds to the ballerina in Carnegie Hall and the hanging galaxies. The poem has no punctuation because the flow of energy never stops. Fred Voss lives in Long Beach and works in a factory near by.*

-- Lorine Parks, curator, Poetry Matters

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This business is conducted by an Individual  
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S/ DIAMOND STEWART, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 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 8/7/14, 8/14/14, 8/21/14, 8/28/14

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2014227210  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALL ME WIRELESS, 4121 FLORENCE AVE. UNIT A, BELL CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JONATHAN HUEZO, 8300 LEXINGTON RD, UNIT 15, DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/JONATHAN HUEZO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 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 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14, 9/11/14

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2014215169  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MINERO INSURANCE SERVICES, 3709 E. SLAUSON AVENUE, MAYWOOD CA 90270, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 7531 ADWEN STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT J. MINERO, 7531 ADWEN STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241  
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/ROBERT J. MINERO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 6, 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 8/14/14, 8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2014215891  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) L.A. HOMES REALTY INC., 9214 MANZANAR AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, P.O. BOX 39094, DOWNEY CA 90240  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) L.A. HOMES REALTY INC., 9214 MANZANAR AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240  
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 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/L.A. HOMES REALTY INC., PRESIDENT,





1773 and 1773.1 are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey. The Contractor for this work shall not pay less than the prevailing wage determinations by the State of California.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification C21, "Building Moving/Demolition Contractor". Furthermore, any Contractor or Subcontractor who will engage in the required asbestos abatement and hazardous substance abatement work shall possess the State of California Contractor's Asbestos Certification and Hazardous Substance Removal Certification from the Contractor's State License Board and shall be registered with the Occupational Safety and Health, in accordance with Section 6501.5 of the Labor Code.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award, if made, will be made to the lowest responsible bidder.

**QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION, AT (562) 622-3488.**

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
Adria M. Jimenez, CMC  
City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot  
8/28/14, 9/4/14**

## SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

On August 26, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-1333amending Article III, Chapter 1, Part 13, Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Brookshire Ave. between Firestone Blvd. and Stewart & Gray Rd., and Regentview Ave. between Stewart & Gray Rd. and Washburn Rd.

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

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC, City Clerk  
Dated: August 28, 2014

**The Downey Patriot  
8/28/14**

## LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF AUCTION FOR OBSOLETE VEHICLES, FURNISHINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that Lynwood Unified School District will conduct an online auction of Obsolete Furnishings and Equipment with assistance from Interschola. **On-Line Auction Date: Beginning Friday, September 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m., and ending September 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.**

The following items will be available for online auction (eBay):  
Vehicles and Buses  
Equipment  
Furnishings

Description and auction information regarding these items can be found online at: <http://stores.ebay.com/interschola>. Type this URL into your internet browser and click on the item description as listed above to learn more about an item and to place an online bid.

If you have any specific questions, email InterSchola at: [ebay-info@interschola.com](mailto:ebay-info@interschola.com) and reference a particular item number and description in the email title. For general questions about this auction, please email: [auction-info@interschola.com](mailto:auction-info@interschola.com)

**LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262,  
Phone: (310) 886-1600

**The Downey Patriot  
8/28/14, 9/4/14**

## NOTICES

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NORWALK CREDIT HOUSE – SOUTHEAST DIVISION ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS0206234

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DANIEL WILLIAM MATERNACH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) DANIEL WILLIAM MATERNACH to Proposed name (1) DANIEL WILLIAM PERSON.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **OCTOBER 22, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
Department C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**, July 21, 2014.  
Margaret Miller Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Daniel William Maternach, In Pro Per**  
1304 Orange Ave.  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660  
(562) 418-0780  
[dwm@shotmail.com](mailto:dwm@shotmail.com)

**The Downey Patriot  
8/28/14, 9/4/14, 9/11/14, 9/18/14**

### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS0206066

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMANTHA LYNN HOLGATE, ANDREW SCOTT DANIEL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) OLIVIA LYNN DANIEL to Proposed name (1) OLIVIA LYNN HOLGATE.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection

is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **SEPTEMBER 17, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
Department C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**, July 21, 2014.  
Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Samantha Lynn Holgate, In Pro Per**  
13844 Cornishcrest Road  
Whittier, CA 90605  
(562) 447-9598  
[Samcole7@msn.com](mailto:Samcole7@msn.com)  
**Andrew Scott Daniel**  
15219 Terracade Dr.  
La Mirada, CA 90638

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8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14, 9/11/14**

## PROBATE

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CONSTANTINOS PANAGIOTIS ANTONIOU aka GUS ANTONIOU Case No. BP154769

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CONSTANTINOS PANAGIOTIS ANTONIOU aka GUS ANTONIOU  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Chris Theoharatos in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Chris Theoharatos be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 15, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**JAMES J MENTAS ESQ**  
SBN 207304  
4665 LAMPSON AVE  
SUITE 312  
LOS ALAMITOS CA 90720

**CN902506**

**The Downey Patriot  
8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14**

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DALE LELAND KOSKI aka DALE L. KOSKI Case No. BP154633

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DALE LELAND KOSKI aka DALE L. KOSKI  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Damon Ray Koski in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Damon Ray Koski be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 11, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**PETER A KEON ESQ**  
SBN 224452  
**JOHN W CHANG ESQ**  
SBN 248999  
**KAVESH MINOR & OTIS INC**  
990 W 190TH ST  
STE 500  
TORRANCE CA 90502

**CN902238**

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8/14/14, 8/21/14, 8/28/14**

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JAMES E. TURNER Case No. BP154805

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAMES E. TURNER  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Elli M. Turner in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Elli M. Turner be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 15, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**RICHARD J ROSIAK ESQ SBN 141430**  
**LAW OFFICES OF RICHARD J ROSIAK & ASSOCIATES**  
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**CN902258**

**The Downey Patriot  
8/21/14, 8/28/14, 9/4/14**

## TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-14-621258-BF Order No.: 1629366 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/25/2007. 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.** 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 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): **SEBASTIAN DIAZ, A SINGLE MAN** Recorded: 12/6/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2978731 of Official Records in the County of Los Angeles, California; Date of Sale: 9/11/2014

**Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$254,056.11** The purported property address is: **12804 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650** Assessor's Parcel No.: **8045-007-046** **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 mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924-g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call **714-573-1965** 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-14-614160-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.

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-14-614160-AB Order No.: 8410315 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/4/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **SEBASTIAN DIAZ, A SINGLE MAN** Recorded: 12/6/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2978731 of Official Records in the County of Los Angeles, California; Date of Sale: 9/11/2014

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Trustee Sale No. 752855CA Loan No. XXXXX8889 Title Order No. 110474423-CA-MAX ATENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE ADVISED THAT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST D



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recorded 6/25/2007, as Instrument No. 20071516344, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MIGUEL A. CARDENAS AND DEBORAH MARTINEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: 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: 12910 ARROYO LANE NORWALK, CA 90650-0000 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: \$360,371.54 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 014820-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: 8/8/2014 Date Executed: CLEAR RECON CORP., Authorized Signature CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117 A-4477334 08/21/2014, 08/28/2014, 09/04/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 759172CA Loan No. XXXXX9025 Title Order No. 730-1400279-70 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY: PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04-23-2009. 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 09-18-2014 at 9:00 AM, ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 05-01-2009, Book NA, Page NA, Instrument 20090641803, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California, executed by: STACEY QUESADA A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR METLIFE HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF METLIFE BANK NA, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Legal Description: The land referred to in this Report is situated in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows: Lot 84 of Tract 12760, in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 244, Page(s) 30 and 31, of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$421,390.79 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8230 LANKIN STREET DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6259-015-061 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares:

that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 08-19-2014 ALAW, as Trustee REGINA CANTRELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALAW 9200 OAKDALE AVE. - 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818)435-3661 For Sales Information: www.servicelinkASAP.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 ALAW IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not

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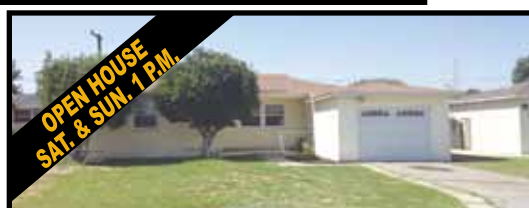
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