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SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND

My Cadillac

Many readers can empathize with Kacie Cooper's desire for a car when she was in high school and also working. When her dad drove her to Wilmington to look at a used vehicle, the purchase didn't end up quite as she expected. 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 Kacie Cooper

It was a Saturday night in June of 1969 and I was working, as usual, the evening shift at the nearby Taco Bell. I had been working there for two years at that time. Even though I complained about the place, I was happy that I had met my boyfriend there.

That night all of my peers had just come from a football game at Excelsior High, and there I was – putting on red sauce, folding bean and cheese burritos, wrapping Bell Burgers, and filling cups with “Pepsi,” not Coke.

I did all of this with a smile, and although I hated football games, I would rather have been at one of them than cooking for its rowdy spectators. “Maybe tonight won't be busy,” I thought as I slammed the head of lettuce down on the counter to remove its heart.

But as I placed the lettuce onto the slicing machine, I looked up and caught an eyeful of my classmates jumping out of their cars and running up to my window. Some of the burley football players stayed close by the fire pit that was out in front of Taco Bell. They were laughing and teasing each other, and even though it was an outdoor fast food restaurant, they were “raising the roof?”

When they were done, I watched from the backdoor as they pulled away in their shiny cocoa brown '65 Chevy Impalas, their '57 Chevy's, and their '65 Mustangs. I could hear the laughter and screams of joy. Someone in the last car was screaming, “Excelsior!” as he threw out his soda cup before speeding off.

It wasn't so much that I was jealous of what they were doing; I was more envious of what they were driving. Their cars all looked like classic cars even then. Some of the students even drove brand new cars, and I wondered if any of them were driving their daddy's car.

Later, as I swept up the debris in the parking lot, I wondered, “Where do they all get their cars? If they bought the cars themselves, how come they aren't working right now like I am?”

“They think they're so cool...in their cars!” I screamed out to the empty parking lot. “That's okay. My dad's taking me tomorrow to buy my first car, and that car is going to be the baddest car you've ever seen! Jerks!”

It was well after dark on the day that my dad and I set out to get my “new” car. My father was always wheeling and dealing with guys when it came to cars or car parts. He worked on cars, traded cars, and usually got the better end of the deal when it came to buying them. So when he told me that there was a 1962 Ford Comet that he wanted me to see, I was quite happy. I mean, the car was only seven years old...how bad could it be?

There it was, this 1962 Ford Comet. But let me tell you, it did not resemble any celestial star or comet that I had ever seen. It was the color of the sky - when there was a storm brewing, and the tail bumper on the right side was smashed in. If you wanted the window on the passenger side rolled up, you had to place your hand up, inside the door panel, lift the glass up and place it on a shaft that didn't always hold it tight.

“Now let's talk money,” the man told my father. I was secretly praying that it wouldn't be too pricey for my dad. When the bartering finally came to an end, the man turned and looked at me.

“Then \$35.00 it is, Young Lady.”

I just smiled and looked over at my dad. It seemed like an eternity before my dad said anything to me. “So do you have enough?” he asked me.

Do I have enough? I repeated inside my head. What are you talking about? What do you mean, do I have enough? Does he think that I'm buying this car? It takes me almost a whole week to make \$35.00!

In my head, I kept screaming at my father as I reached into my pockets, scrambling to see how much money I had brought with me. As I pulled out a twenty, a ten, and a five, I could see no change in my dad's expression. It was apparent that I would be the one who was paying for this “Cadillac.”

I must have been furious for a long time. I guess I was very angry with my dad and hurt. My high school classmates had cars and I didn't. And I had to work late at night, sometimes until 2:30 in the morning.

For years I told the story to anyone who would listen of how my father had driven me to Wilmington, but how I had paid the \$35.00 for my first car. Of course I was proud that I had paid for it.

It wasn't until forty years later that I realized what a petty little fool I had been. One evening my father stopped by and asked about the car. I was close to sixty years old then. He started the conversation with, “What year was that Comet that I bought for you in Wilmington?”

I felt like I had been slapped in the face. I responded quickly in one last effort to be heard. “Oh, no, Dad! You drove me over to Wilmington, but I was the one who paid for the car.”

I suddenly felt guilty for calling him on it. I finally realized that it didn't matter who had bought the car. My father had taken the time to help me when I needed it and he had gotten me a really good deal. For the next several years that car got me to school and to work, and to Cerritos College for a bit. My dad had rebuilt the engine, and I had a good time with that car.

Now, whenever I tell that story, my dad always laughs. I know what he's thinking, “Yeah, that taught her character.”

Now I think, “Yeah, Dad. Thanks for driving me to get my first car. I think it was my best one.”

Water barrel giveaway Saturday

DOWNEY – Free plastic food-grade barrels for emergency water storage will be given away this Saturday, Sept. 27, in the Stonewood Center north parking lot from 8 a.m. to noon, or until all barrels are gone.

The barrels were donated by Coca-Cola.

Vehicles should enter the parking lot from Cecilia Street and follow the signs. The distribution is drive-thru only; no walk-up visitors will be accommodated. There is a one-barrel limit per vehicle.

Barrel pumps (\$15) and multi-use barrel cap handles/wrenches (\$8) will be available for purchase.

FEMA recommends families have at least a two-week emergency water supply, with at least one gallon of water per person, per day.

For more information, email, ready@downeyca.org.



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

Blue Star Family Day, a festival featuring live music, food trucks, vendor booths and more, will take place this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Downey High School south parking lot.

The festival is designed to honor families who have loved ones currently serving overseas, although the event is open to all.

Live bands include Grampa with Amps (pictured above), a surf and '60s band; the New King James Band, a Christian blues band; and Classic Rock Revolution, which plays energetic classic rock.

There will also be a DJ, food trucks, military vehicle displays, and more.

Admission is free.



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

Downey resident Rick Rodriguez, center, was honored as a “Hometown Hero” by the American Red Cross this week in recognition of his work with veterans. He is pictured above with city administrators and council members.

Downey's Rick Rodriguez honored by Red Cross

• American Red Cross pays tribute to “ordinary citizens” who help save others.

DOWNEY – The American Red Cross honored Downey resident Rick Rodriguez on Wednesday in recognition of his extensive work with military veterans.

Rodriguez was one of nine people honored at the 10th annual Hometown Heroes awards luncheon, the Red Cross chapter's signature event fundraiser that recognizes “brave ordinary citizens that performed an extraordinary act of courage and saved a person's life.”

Below are bios of honorees, as provided by the American Red Cross:

Rick Rodriguez

As the father of two combat veteran sons, the idea for the 1st Annual Veteran's Bridge Building came naturally. But the roots for the bridge building event actually came more than two years ago when Rick Rodriguez, Sr. established the Living Tree Foundation (LTF).

As the name implies the LTF has many branches, working to

collaborate with other non-profits and other organizations to support veterans and their families. Bridge Building day brings them all together to collaborate on how to meet the needs of veterans.

“When they came home,” says Rodriguez of his sons, “I knew we had to do something to embrace all this energy they were bringing with them from combat.” As the owner of a security firm, Rodriguez had hired almost 200 veterans and knew some of their particular needs (in fact, 67 percent of his employees are veterans. The company received the Army Partner of the Year Award). He even worked with the Long Beach VA to educate his staff – vets and non-vets alike – about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The genesis of the LTF was one of his son's telling him, “Dad, I have 42 soldiers under my command. And they're all getting out. Little by little and I have to get (them) jobs.” That energized Rodriguez. He began hiring more vets and to pay for training and licensing for the vets that couldn't afford it. Slowly word spread about his efforts to get jobs for vets. The Long Beach office of the

State Employment Development Department volunteered to help by sending him job-seeking vets. Rodriguez trains them, equips them, and has refined his system so that they are job ready within three weeks.

But Rodriguez's largess knows no bounds when it comes to vets. He partnered with the Jonas Project to help a marine with terminal cancer by paying for his and his family's stay at Disneyland – something on the marine's ‘bucket list.’ His relationship with the Jonas Project actually came via another of Rodriguez's public service activities – he volunteers as a chaplain with the Wounded Warrior Battalion at Camp Pendleton.

Rodriguez is inspired by something General George Patton once said: There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer, a motto he puts into action every day.

Albert Del Real & Maria Isabel Haro

It was a quiet day at the Parnell Community Center in Whittier where Albert Del Real and Isabel Haro were working at the front

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 78°

Sunday 79°

Things To Do



Blue Star Family Day - Food, live music, performances, family-friendly fun.

Saturday, Downey High School, 11 -4 p.m.



Flapjack fundraiser - Benefiting military veterans at Cerritos College. Saturday, 8-10 a.m., Applebee's in Norwalk, \$10 (purchase online at ncccconline.us)

One Thing to Know

Applications for The View housing complex will be available Oct. 3-4 in the Downey Theatre patio and also online at downeyca.org.

Throwback Thursday



From Robinson's-May to Macy's, Sept. 15, 2006

Facebook Conversation



Warren High named one of nation's top high schools

Beatrice Martinez: “This is awesome! Beyond this, I hope that those great teachers at Warren continue to instill values in students to be the change in their community!”

Norma Marroquin: “This is a great accomplishment noting that there's more than 19k high schools nationwide and Warren is considered to be in the top 4%. Way to go Warren!”

Maribelle Esqueda: “Only 12% taking AP courses and only 35% college-bound? I see no reason to celebrate.”

Stan Hanstad: “Proud of WHS and all USD schools for Excellent in Education!”

Tweet of the Week

@morningmoneyben: There's a Dunkin Donuts coming in within walking distance of our house. God does exist.

THE PROBLEM WITH DOWNEYWATCHDOG.COM

Drug take-back Saturday



Altered photo as it appears on DowneyWatchdog.com



Same photo in its original form

• COLUMN: Anonymous website loses credibility with low-brow attacks.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Mario Guerra has been called – both publicly and privately – a bully, a narcissist, a micromanager and a hot head.

His vehicle has been smeared with dog feces. He was criticized as the reason Trader Joe's won't open in Downey.

He even was blamed for pop music icon Richard Carpenter moving out of the city.

After seven years on the city council, and now a candidate in a heated state Senate race, such attacks, no matter how absurd, come with the territory.

But when Guerra saw the contents of a website that quite literally sprung up overnight – DowneyWatchdog.com – he knew his detractors had gone too far.

The website calls Guerra, who

is a Catholic deacon and founder of a Woodland Hills-based insurance brokerage, “corrupt” and a “big-spender millionaire [who] refuses to stop misappropriating and misusing public funds.”

Worse, the website published an altered photo of Guerra dressed in his clerical robe and with his arm draped around the shoulders of a young boy. A black bar covers the boy's eyes. Superimposed over the photo: “Mario Guerra Refuses to Disclose Why He Was Removed as Deacon.”

The unaltered photo is from 2011 and shows Guerra with his wife and son after a Mother's Day church service.

“They're playing off my faith and the obvious implication is that I did a hideous act in an attempt to slander my family,” said Guerra.

Under a tab titled “Damning Documents,” the website produces copies of Guerra's reimbursement receipts over a six-year period. The website calls it “evidence of Mario Guerra's corruption and misappropriations of public funds.”

The documents are legit but there is plenty of room for

interpretation. Personally, I was an outspoken critic of the city's extensive travel in 2013, including delegation trips to Denver and Roscommon, Ireland. Sending 21 people to an All America City awards competition seems like gratuitous spending to me.

But there is a distinct difference between “misappropriation of public funds” and disagreeing with a city's expenditures.

The spending habits of Guerra and other council members is not the core issue, however. The real issue with DowneyWatchdog.com is its slimy use of personal family photos and false innuendos that crossed every line of human decency, even in the deceitful world of politics.

“I was shocked and disappointed when I learned of the website,” said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. “It was a new low in the history of our city's politics.”

“I hate to even bring it up and give it more exposure than it deserves,” Councilman Roger Brossmer added. “It gives the entire city a black eye.”

So who is behind the website?

No one is taking responsibility but according to the city clerk's office, the documents that appear on DowneyWatchdog.com were recently requested by local resident Patrick Owens. (Requests for public records are themselves public records.)

Owens sits on the city's Green Task Force -- appointed by Brossmer -- and Public Works Committee -- appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Luis Marquez. Owens did not respond to a Facebook message seeking comment.

The DowneyWatchdog.com domain was registered Sept. 6 through a proxy server, shielding the registrant's identity.

The site's meta tags, however, include references to Tony Mendoza, Guerra's opponent in November's election. Meta tags are keywords included on the backend of a website to increase exposure to search engines.

Among the meta tags on DowneyWatchdog.com: “senate 32nd senate,” “tony mendoza” and “tony mendoza senate.”

Sergio Carrillo, a spokesman for Mendoza, said he would provide a statement on his client's behalf but never did.

Marquez, who is publicly backing Mendoza in the state Senate race, denied involvement in DowneyWatchdog.com.

“I want to be clear. I had nothing to do with the website,” Marquez said in an interview Wednesday. “I absolutely feel there is no place in elections and politics for anyone to attack anyone's family or religion. There's no place for it. I completely oppose stuff like that and anyone who does something like that.”

“I found out about the website when everyone else did,” he added.

Marquez also denied he is working for Mendoza.

“I'm a close friend. As a friend I give him advice, but I'm not on his staff,” Marquez said. “I've known Tony since we were kids. We grew up in the same neighborhood and went to the same high school together. For me it's a no-brainer – I'm supporting Tony.”

The irony of DowneyWatchdog.com is that it is so desperate to smear Guerra, it loses credibility with its over-the-top sensationalism. The website would have been far more effective had it presented the documents without its scandalous and melodramatic tone, and allowed readers to reach their own educated conclusions.

The timing is also suspect, with a critical election just weeks away.

And lest you think this is a defense of Guerra, it's not. With its exaggerated and irresponsible allegations of corruption, DowneyWatchdog.com is an affront to every Downey citizen who stands for character, honesty and integrity.

As nearby cities such as Bell, South Gate, Pico Rivera and Vernon grapple with scandals and allegations of impropriety, Downey has remained above the fray, due in no small part to engaged residents who hold their representatives accountable for their actions.

Downey citizens are educated on local issues, a fact substantiated by recent election results. It's one reason the city remains a desirable place to live and raise a family.

DowneyWatchdog.com loses further credibility when it chooses to remain cloaked in the shadows of anonymity.

As a Downey resident, and only as a Downey resident, I am offended.

DOWNEY – Residents can safely dispose of expired, unused or unwanted prescription medications at a drug take-back event this 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.

Warren High makes list of top high schools

DOWNEY – “Newsweek” and the Daily Beast have ranked Warren High School on its breakout list of one of the “Most Transformative High Schools in the Country.”

The list highlights high schools that best prepare students for postsecondary education.

The Transformative High School List was determined by the Daily Beast via multiplying each school's “Newsweek” score by the percentage of students who are eligible for free- or reduced-price lunches, a leading indicator of economic standing.

The overall ranking for each school is based on the graduation rate, college-bound rate, AP participation and API (Academic Performance Index) placement.

Warren High principal Laura Rivas also stated that Warren's API has increased 100 points in the last decade, increasing dramatically since 2004. A school's placement on the API is designed to be an indicator of a school's performance level and was, until 2013, calculated annually by the California Department of Education.

Downey Unified School District's API score as a whole, for the 2012-13 school year, topped at 801, which surpassed the statewide API average score of 788 in exams conducted in 2013.

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Anthony Moreno's winding road to Downey

• Baritone singer is featured soloist at Oct. 11 concert at the Downey Theatre.

DOWNEY - To begin this article, let's step back first to the Downey Symphony's Red Violin concert last February when the orchestra and violinist Elizabeth Pitcairn presented Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," as in spring, summer, autumn, winter. The plan for the performance included two narrators in period costume to recite poetry associated with each season, verses that inspired Vivaldi to compose his wonderful music in 1725.

Elizabeth Pitcairn enlisted her friend, the actress Sela Ward, to read the verses in English.

Music Director Sharon Lavery's task then was simply to find a visually striking male counterpart with great stage presence who could speak the Italian poetry convincingly and look comfortable in an elaborate scarlet satin coat with fancy cuffs appropriate to the year 1725 before a packed house in Downey's Civic Center Theatre.

Sharon appealed to USC's opera department and brought us a student named Anthony Moreno. He fit like a fine glove.

The concert was a triumph, a delighted audience on its feet, bows, curtain calls, flowers, cheers, and from somewhere a special request to hear a few words from the two narrators.

Sela Ward stepped forward graciously, smiled, and brushed modestly over her considerable accomplishments in film and television. Anthony Moreno told us he loved his studies in opera at SC. And then, on impulse, Sela invited him to sing something

from a favorite aria. Though he was caught completely off guard, out poured this glorious baritone voice in a segment of the Love Duet from "Pagliacci." It didn't take long for Sharon Lavery to engage a rising talent, Anthony Moreno, as our soloist for the first concert of the orchestra's new season. And that will be Saturday evening, Oct. 11, friends.

"One of my earliest memories," Anthony recalls, "was listening to music and liking it. But not classical music. Metallica. I wanted to be a rock star. At Torrance High School I never sang in a choir, never had a music class or a voice lesson. I couldn't read music, but I taught myself guitar and was lead singer in a hard rock band that played Southern California quite a bit and I got more comfortable on stage."

"My parents were supportive of me. Dad always said, 'Well, you will work. Or you will go to school.' So I figured, OK, if music doesn't pan out, I'll maybe teach math and coach high school wrestling."

Then the band broke apart. Anthony graduated from high school, sure only that he still wanted to be in music, preferably as that rock star.

He enrolled at El Camino Community College. Music

teachers there urged him to join a choir, take weekly lessons, learn to read music, sing in front of other musicians. He remembers being scared the first time he sang a solo, because it was a new experience.

"But I found I could stand alone. I could do it. That was rewarding."

Next came the first extended classical choral work he had ever sung, the "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure. He sang the choral body of the work and got the baritone solo as well.

"I had never heard music like this. I was amazed. We singers are live...acoustic...instruments."

Then he laughs a little and says, "You learn to swim by jumping in, I guess. Most of the good things that eventually happened to me came because I just showed up."

"For instance, at El Camino I was supposed to join a dance class, but on the way to the first session I ran into the lady who did the Opera Workshop program. I knew nothing about opera, so I told her I wasn't interested, but she said just come to the first class tonight anyway. Well, dance got out early, so I showed up at the opera class and listened to people sing. And it was great. In time we did musical theater, 'Brigadoon.' I sang in the

quartet from 'Rigoletto.' I began to hear symphonic music, Vivaldi to Stravinski, chamber works, and I fell in love with this 'old' music which was new to me."

Cal State Long Beach next, with music faculty ties to USC's Opera Workshop, and the chance to see operas performed, study voice with Shigemi Matsumoto, attend master classes, audition for scholarships, and get coaching in languages. An opportunity to work with Ken Cazan, SC's resident stage director, was "life-changing."

One day at a movie with a friend, Anthony saw a high definition preview for Tchaikovsky' opera, "Eugene Onegin," starring soprano Renee Fleming. He was stunned.

"This huge, swirling music with big vocal artists, big moments...I said to my friend, 'That's what I am going to do with my life.'"

He was in his first year at SC as an opera student in the master's degree program when he received the invitation from Sharon Lavery to go across town for an appearance with her Downey Symphony. He would speak lines of poetry from the time of Vivaldi. In costume. He showed up, rehearsed, performed, and enchanted us all.

"That experience with the Red Violin concert was so much fun," Anthony concludes. "Everyone in the Downey Symphony, Sharon, everyone, they were so good to me."

And that brings us almost full-circle.

Now in his second year at USC as a masters student, Anthony says, "I feel blessed about what I do, and I am still learning -- there are so many fresh ideas out there."

Not many people understand how much work it is to dedicate yourself to this art. I am honored to be called a music student.

So at the next Downey Symphony concert on Saturday evening, Oct. 11, you will hear Baritone Anthony Moreno sing arias from three Mozart operas: "The Magic Flute," "Don Giovanni," and "The Marriage of Figaro." (He promises to show up.) Also on the program are orchestral works by Mozart and Beethoven's thrilling Symphony No. 7. A wow evening.

Downey's theatre is at 8435 Firestone Blvd.; parking is free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the lobby's art show and Sharon Lavery's pre-concert discussion, with concert time at 8.

For ticket information and details, visit downeysymphony.org, or call the theater's box office at (562) 861-8211.

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In Memory of
Lloyd Robert Long
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Lloyd Robert Long passed away due to natural causes on Sunday, September 21st, 2014, in Laughlin, Nevada at the age of 64.

Lloyd was born on June 30, 1950, in San Gabriel, California. He was the second child and only son of Eva Rice and Lloyd Delmar Long.

While Lloyd grew up in Commerce, California, he had fond memories of his time spent on the east coast, particularly Camp Hi-Rock in Massachusetts. Lloyd spent many summers there serving as a camp counselor and in later years returned frequently with his own family to the camp.

After high school, Lloyd attended California State Polytechnic University at Pomona where he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1972. He married Cheryl Denise Schaad on July 10, 1982 in Arbutle, California, and together had a son, Harrison Lloyd, on August 1, 1986.

Lloyd was a member of the Planning Commission for the city of Commerce, and also served the City of West Hollywood for more than two decades before retiring as the Director of Human Services in 2009. He loved the people of his community and diligently served them.

Lloyd was a deep thinker and voracious reader. He loved poetry as well as golf, baseball, and his beloved pugs Maddie and Beau. He enjoyed his retirement years by spending time with his best friends and traveling.

Lloyd was preceded in death by both his mother and father, Eva and Lloyd Long, and is survived by his former wife, Cheryl, his son, Harrison (Kelsey), his sister Linda, and Linda's children Ashleigh (Jeff) and Andrew.

A memorial service will be held for family and friends on Saturday, September 27th, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the Fiesta Hall, 1200 N Vista Ave, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

Memorial donations can be made to the YMCA Camp Hi-Rock in honor of Lloyd.

<http://camphirock.org/make-a-difference/ways-to-give/>

Richard Allen, accountant and golfer, mourned

DOWNEY – Richard H. Allen died at his home in Diamond Bar on Sept. 21.

Born Richard Allen Heimerdinger on Dec. 19, 1927 in Bell, he lived in Huntington Park, graduating from Huntington Park High School after which he entered the Navy Flight Training Program in Pensacola, Fla.

After leaving the Navy, he worked for the Huntington Park Police Department while finishing his college degree in accounting and licensing as a certified public accountant.

Moving to Downey in 1960, Richard opened his accounting office and lived and practiced in Downey until his retirement in 2013. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Rio Hondo Golf Club for many years, serving as an officer in various capacities over the years.

He is survived by a younger brother, Tom, from Fresno; and two stepsons from a prior marriage, Steven Christian of Winterpark, Fla. and Tony McCargar of Durango, Colo.

A private funeral service for family will be held at Rose Hills.



19-year-old woman charged with fatal stabbing

DOWNEY – Police have arrested a 19-year-old Lancaster woman for allegedly killing a Downey man last week over a dispute for payment for sexual favors.

Police responded to an apartment on the 7300 block of Florence Avenue on Sept. 18 after receiving a 911 call at 2:26 a.m.

Officers found James Henry Abney suffering from multiple stab wounds, authorities said. Abney, who was a registered sex offender, later died.

“Detectives believe the murder occurred over a dispute regarding payment for sexual favors,” the Downey Police Department said in a statement.

Davonna Crisp, a 19-year-old woman from Lancaster, was arrested and charged with his murder.

Anyone with additional information is asked to call the police department at (562) 904-2308, Detective Del Rio at (562) 904-2324 or Detective Aubuchon at (562) 904-2361. Tips can be left anonymously by calling (800) 222-TIPS.



AFFORDABLE LIVING IN DOWNEY

DOWNEY VIEW APARTMENTS at 8314 2nd Street, Downey is a 50-unit six-story modern architecture building scheduled to open in January 2015. Downey View consists of 100% affordable apartments for very-low income residents.

Amenities include rooftop garden, community center, computer lab and a Tot Lot. Pre-applications can be picked up on October 3rd from 9am to 5pm and October 4th from 9am to 3pm at the Downey Civic Theatre, Patio Area, 8435 Firestone Blvd. in Downey. Pre-applications may also be downloaded on the City of Downey's website at www.downeyca.org only during the times of October 3rd from 9am to 5pm and October 4th from 9am to 3pm. Applicants will be selected from a lottery process in October 2014. Please note that residency or work preference may apply.

Please call for further information at (562)287-4897

CRIME REPORT

Friday, Sept. 12
At 10:00 p.m., officers responded to a report of a traffic accident at the intersection of Old River School Rd. and Irvinggrove. Upon arrival, they discovered the suspect was driving his vehicle northbound when he clipped a truck traveling in the same direction. The suspect's vehicle overturned and the passenger was knocked unconscious and sustained a large laceration on his forehead. The passenger was transported to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries and the driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

Saturday, Sept. 13
At 12:40 a.m., officers responded to a burglary call at Sussman Middle School (12500 Birchdale). Responding officers arrested one suspect and further investigation led to the identification of other suspects. Prior to police arrival the suspects had broken into the school removing school property. The involved suspects were booked for the burglary. Detectives are investigating.

Sunday, Sept. 14
At 12:40 a.m., officers responded to the 8600 block of Lowman Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. Responding officers spoke with residents who reported when they returned home they discovered unknown suspects forced open a bedroom window to gain access inside their residence. Once inside they removed a small safe from a bedroom and fled. Detectives are investigating.

Monday, Sept. 15
At 12:45 a.m., a Downey police officer located a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of 11510 Lakewood (Downey Inn). Before the officer could contact the vehicle's driver, he exited and fled into the courtyard area of the hotel. A police helicopter responded and observed the suspect on the roof of the hotel. The suspect jumped from the roof to that of the neighboring business, before ultimately surrendering. Downey Fire Department responded with a ladder and the suspect was able to climb down. He was arrested for auto theft.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Cerritos unveiling new sculpture

CERRITOS – “Cerritos Celebrates the Arts,” a month of art-themed activities, kicks off in the Cerritos Sculpture Garden at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

A new lighted sculpture by Cliff Garten, “Infinity,” will be showcased. The event includes a brief program by the Cerritos City Council, live music and refreshments.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Government size

Dear Editor:

Wednesday, Sept. 17, was known as Constitution Day. ON that day in 1787 the constitutional convention concluded and the constitution was sent to the states for ratification.

The purpose of the constitution was explained by James Madison in the Federalist Papers No. 51. Madison wrote: "But what is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature? If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed and in the next place oblige it to control itself."

The main purpose of the American constitution is to protect the liberty of the citizen by defining the powers that the federal government has and does not have. The federal government has grown far beyond what the founders ever dreamed of and it is necessary to reign in the size and scope of the federal government.

Brand Cariello
Norwalk

Kashkari's politics

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to David Mathews letter, titled "Neel Kashkari" in the Thursday Sept. 18 edition of the Patriot.

Mr. Mathews argued that Gov. Brown is in part responsible for the drought, and refuses to "seed" the clouds in order to make it rain. Furthermore, Mr. Mathews seems to be under the impression that Mr. Kashkari has some special potion to make it rain. I love that on the same page as Mr. Mathews letter was published there is an article that reads, "Failures in Math and Science Education Beginning to Add Up".

It is clear that Mr. Mathews does not understand that cloud seeding is not a reliable or effective way to make it rain. I would refer Mathews to the Wiki article on the internet about "cloud seeding". Why wouldn't Gov. Brown want to impress the voters by making it rain at the last minute just before the all-important November election? Can you imagine what a great trick that would be? Any politician who could pull that off would seem omnipotent and could probably rule the universe.

In fact, Kashkari loves to brag about being an aerospace engineer, I'd love to see this big mouth make it rain if he could. And I am so tired of hearing about the bullet train. Mr. Mathews sounds like he is reading directly from a Neel Kashkari script as he tries to disabuse the voter of his idea. Mr. Kashkari isn't going to make our lives better. He's a newb. He's a greenhorn and a smarmy know-it-all, with a showman's perfunctory charm. All of whose answers to any challenge in a debate or from the media is met with the greatest superficiality.

He's a Washington insider with a nick name well earned, "The 700 Billion Dollar Man", because he's for corporate welfare like the now embattled governor of Texas, Rick Perry, who offered Toyota of Irvine a \$40,000,000 incentive to switch states while neglecting the poorest people in his state. And he is against a living wage for the working class. He argues that it would create fewer jobs. He plays on the ignorance of people who don't understand the benefits of a living wage, and don't read the award-winning nationally renowned New Keynesian economist, Paul Krugman's Op-ed piece in the New York Times.

He tries to portray himself as sympathetic to immigrants but clearly supports laws that would unnecessarily abuse them. We are a country that still has child labor on tobacco farms in North Carolina. And those workers are immigrants who get paid very little and are exploited for their desperation. There is no depth to this man. He is simply a political opportunist who expects Californians to let him come in an make us the guinea pigs for his experimental governorship and then move on to the presidential campaign for the White House.

He is the quintessential malignant narcissistic politician out for himself and nobody else.

While I am not satisfied with all of governor Brown's policies, he is a man who has a well-defined agenda and experience that can't be disregarded except by the most intellectually disingenuous. I would not venture to replace him with a swaggering cocksure Ivy league blow hard like Mr. Kashkari.

Lastly, Mr. Mathews is somewhat in error in his point that Kashkari is not supported by the GOP. Mario Guerra has endorsed Kashkari and the Republican old guard has endorsed Guerra for Senate. And that is the sneaky way to make your candidate look like an outsider to a growing cynicism among voters in America.

Do not believe everything you think you see spun by the spin-doctors of professional political trickery. It's all a game to Karl Rove and the Koch Bros. The world is theirs to own. They just need the right suckers to believe. And the right cooperation from the right patsies in the media who do their bidding. Their antics should conjure the ghost of Edward R. Murrow to want to rise up from his grave and put his cigarette out in the collective eyes of all those newspaper editors that play the game of keeping its readers in the dark and stupid for all time sake.

Greta Campbell
Downey

Food festival

Dear Editor:

Kudos to the chamber and the city for a very successful International Food Festival that was held this past Saturday. As a lifelong resident, I have never seen such a huge turnout for an event such as this.

The streets were packed with Downey residents (and probably others). It was a tremendous success and looked well-planned with layout and activities. It seemed like a giant block party where you saw all your friends from town.

Now since I didn't see a particular country represented, may I say you have all of next month to schedule it...Oktoberfest!

Achtung!

Dorothy Pemberton
Downey

Political attacks

Dear Editor:

The Guerra family has always been committed to community service. We are proud of being a part of Downey and love our city.

When Mario asked about running for State Senate last year, I knew it would take a lot of work and family unity. But the opportunity to restore character and ethics in Sacramento is something we both feel strongly about and I know Mario is the person with the right plan to make that happen and I am prepared to help him bring integrity back to our legislature.

What I wasn't prepared for was to have my children used as props in a political smear campaign. The acts of those who support Mario's opponent have compelled me to write this open letter because of a devious deed perpetrated on my family.

As a mother of five, wife, and grandmother, I was appalled to see an image of my son and husband, with my son's face blacked out insinuating my husband, as a clergy, had done something hideous. To me, this is a character and moral issue, not a Republican or Democrat matter.

What was the goal of those responsible for creating this site? Was it to gain political points? Or was it a sinister attempt to bring shame to my husband? Was my son just a prop? Was this an attack on my religion and faith? Was this to use my husband's status and position in our church against us?

It disturbs and pains me to discuss a malicious attempt to defame and smear my family. I am asking those responsible to take accountability and shut down the website and call on my husband's opponent to condemn the site, those who are involved in its creation and launch and smear campaign tactics.

Whatever the motivation, it was wrong to use my family like this. It was wrong to ever use a young child for political purposes. What they have done crosses a line of morality and decency. This type of conduct has no place in our political system.

It has been a trying time as of late but thanks to family members, friends and supporters and their prayers and well-wishings, I have been given strength and new hope that these childish, devious and unnecessary political strategies are seen for what they are - deceptions and lies. We will continue to pray for them.

Thank you for reading this and for your continued support. God Bless,
Ann Guerra
Downey

Fighting a ticket

Dear Editor:

Mission Impossible: contesting a parking citation in Downey.

Designed to ensure no revenue loss a long time ago. No blame on present council members for this fiasco. I tried for several months jumping through hoops, from May to September, all to no avail.

Received citation - no parking during certain hours - on May 24, 2014, a Memorial Day Saturday holiday weekend - at east side of 7-lane, extra-wide Paramount Boulevard, between De Palma and Clea streets, adjacent to Warren High School swap meet.

Same day, went to Downey Police Station to secure form to contest cite. No personnel at reception desk, waited 15 minutes, then left. Returned May 26, spoke to Sgt. Miller, who told me no form there to contest cite, to write a letter to processing center in Huntington Beach.

Went to traffic bureau, second floor City Hall, gentleman clerk told me no form was available. Went home, wrote 3-page, hand-written letter stating my reasons for contesting cite. About a month later, reply came from Huntington Beach - denied, citation upheld.

Went back to Downey PD for a denial form, spoke with Sgt. Laughner, who said no such form available there or at window panel to right of reception desk, and to again write a letter contesting the denial to the processing center. He sympathized with me because he was going through the hoops to contest a parking cite he got in L.A. Went again to traffic bureau to see if they had a denial contesting form, no form available there. He said PTA benefits from swap meet revenue. Told me to see Melissa, who had just gone to lunch. Called her the next day, she said they do have a form, and she would mail it out to me. Wow, how about that! She seems to be one of the very few that knows what's going on in matters such as this.

Filled form out, again giving reasons for contesting, checked place for a person-to-person administrative hearing on the form, sent my fine check to Newport Beach. About a month later, got a reply back: citation upheld.

Sometime in August, I went to see Adria, third floor City Hall, for some stats about cites at crime scene on Paramount "Sacred Ground" Boulevard under the Freedom of Information Act. A couple of weeks later, got a letter stating that there were only nine citations given out of the 100 Saturdays there. Interesting, huh.

I was prepared to go to court to further fight this cite, which I thought was unfair and unjust, until I read the kicker: the court was in L.A. and no way was I going to spend my life going there. You would think reasonably that all vehicle matters would be adjudicated in the local jurisdiction, not in Timbuktu.

My reasons for contesting cite was that in all the two years the swap meet operated there, I have never seen any vehicles cited there or on De Palma, so it appeared they were not enforcing in a constant and consistent manner, until the Memorial Day weekend when most cities do not overly and aggressively enforce parking problems. Never seen a cite of De Palma either, even at a fire plug.

True justice in this matter would be to quash all those cites given on that day and refund their fines. It's not the money -- \$38 - it's the principle of fairness and right. There is no sign there that states no parking at certain hours, just no parking at any time. Paramount Boulevard from north to south allows parking on both east and west sides, why not this sacred spot?

Joe Cvetko
Bellflower

Medical marijuana laws

Voters in seven states, one U.S. territory, and at least 17 cities and counties across the nation will face a marijuana initiative when they go to the polls in November. For some, the question is easy: They're either for some level of legalizing marijuana or against it.

But for others, the issue is not so cut and dried. Decriminalizing marijuana can be good for the country - and it can be potentially dangerous, says Wall Street commodities expert Steve Janjic, CEO of Amercanex (www.amercanex.com), an electronic marketplace exchange for the cannabis industry.

"I'm a part of the industry, but that doesn't mean I'm in favor of every measure to legalize pot," Janjic says. "We need to proceed with care and thoughtful consideration of possible consequences, intended and unintended, of the decisions we make. We have the opportunity to fix some problems through decriminalization, but we don't want to end up with even bigger problems down the road."

The November initiatives range from legalizing recreational marijuana sales and use for adults in Oregon and Alaska to permitting it for medical purposes in Florida and Guam, to decriminalizing possession of small amounts in cities and counties in Maine, Michigan and New Mexico. Californians will decide whether to downgrade possession to a misdemeanor.

"Because we now have two states with sales and use of recreational marijuana, and medical marijuana in 23 other states, we can start looking at what works and what doesn't," Janjic says. "As a society, we'll be able to make better informed decisions going forward."

He points out three considerations for voters pondering ballot decisions in November - and those who will inevitably face those questions in the future:

- The crime rate is down and tax revenues are up in Colorado.

Washington state's cannabis stores have been open only since July, but Colorado's have been in business since January. They provide an early glimpse of trends.

- "In the first six months of sales, and 18 months of decriminalization, overall crime rates in Denver dropped 10 percent and violent crimes were down more than 5 percent," Janjic says, citing a report by The Drug Policy Alliance, a non-profit whose mission is to advance policies and attitudes that reduce the harms of both drug use and drug prohibition.

- Marijuana sales generated \$10.8 million in revenue in the first four months - 50 percent more than anticipated. Part of that money is earmarked for schools.

- Examine how medical marijuana laws are written.

Some in Massachusetts, which passed its medical marijuana law, are now concerned the bill's writers allowed for dangerously high possession limits. The state's limits are the third highest in the country at 10 ounces every 60 days.

"Growers are always breeding for greater potency, so smaller amounts of marijuana are required," Janjic says. "The worry in Massachusetts is, what will happen to the leftovers? Will so much availability mean it will be more easily for teenagers to get?"

That's a concern because numerous studies show marijuana can cause structural changes in teens' brains, resulting in cognitive and mental health problems. The National Institute on Drug Abuse says teens are more likely to become addicted to marijuana than people who begin using as adults -- one in six versus less than one in 10 for older users.

- Decriminalizing marijuana will mean fewer criminals - and the associated costs.

Advocates for legalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana point to the unintended consequences of felony convictions, including economic hardship for the families of breadwinners who go to prison; prison crowding; the cost to society of law enforcement and punitive measures.

"Colorado is expected to save \$12 million to \$40 million a year by reducing penalties," Janjic says, citing the Colorado Center on Law and Policy, "That state averaged more than 10,000 arrests and citations every year for possession of amounts that are now legal there."

For voters faced with choices in November regarding marijuana laws, Janjic says it's important to read the bill's wording and listen to state and local discussions pro and con.

"Sometimes the concept is good but the law is not well written," he points out. "If that's the case, it may be wiser to say no this time around and hope for a better crafted bill in the future. Because it will come up again! I'm sure of it."

Steve Janjic is CEO of Amercanex, founded to provide a transparent, neutral and non-manipulated marketplace for institutional cannabis-industry participants, including growers and retailers.

Obamacare open enrollment

Open enrollment for 2015 health insurance coverage from the government marketplace is proposed to begin Nov. 15. People who plan to shop healthcare.gov should understand the rules or risk facing serious consequences down the road.

Granted, the rules were confusing to begin with and have been changed and re-arranged with little public explanation or education. Additionally, policies available through HealthCare.gov have been marketed as providing better coverage at lower subsidized prices than what's available to most individuals shopping privately or covered through employer-sponsored programs.

Many policies purchased through the Health Care Act websites also qualify for government subsidies for the purchaser. Those subsidies are not available for policies purchased through other means.

That allure, and the public's failure to understand the rules, is leading many to inadvertently break them, which may result in stiff penalties for individuals and families down the road.

Under the law, employers with 50 employees or more must offer policies that meet or exceed the new Health Care Act rules which, for instance, require certain preventative measures to be 100 percent covered. Some employees, unhappy with their companies' offers, are instead purchasing through the marketplace in hopes of a better deal.

That's a violation of the rules.

The IRS has been collecting data from all employers about who has access to an employer health plan. The IRS, according to information publicly available at this time, will not act on database comparisons that show which individuals with access to employer plans have instead purchased a plan through Obamacare.

That means those individuals will not get an early warning that they've violated the rules.

The result may be an IRS financial nightmare for those individuals, with the potential for fines, penalties, interest and having to return to the employer policy.

Before you sign up for a policy, ask an accountant, licensed insurance professional, or other person who understands the rules for a personal review and opinion of your specific circumstances. Each person will have a different set of issues that may determine which course of action is proper for your family.

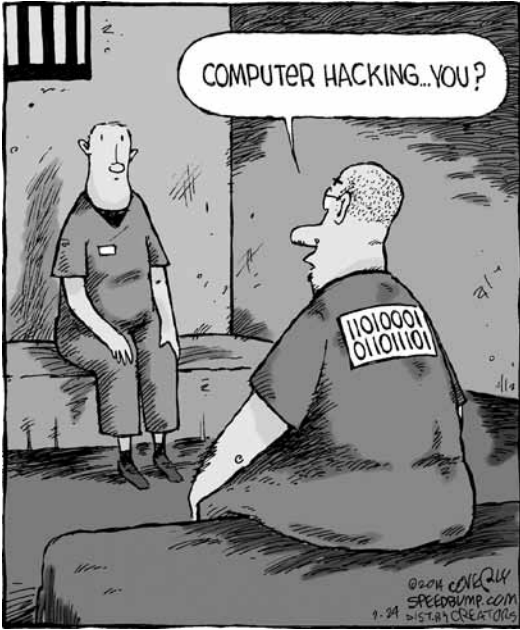
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

- Sat., Sept. 27: **Water barrel distribution**, Stonewood Center, 8 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 27: **Drug take-back event**, Police Station, 10 a.m.
- Sat., Sept. 27: **Blue Star Family Day festival**, Downey High School, 11 a.m.
- Mon., Sept. 29: **Author and poet Jimmy Santiago Baca**, Downey City Library, 6:30 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 Karika Austin 260-3856.
- 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 Vanlengan 310-1355.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 p.m.: **Downey Arts Coalition**, at Epic Lounge.

On This Day...

Sept. 25, 1493: Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, with a flotilla of 17 ships on his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

1775: American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.

1981: Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Birthdays: Actor Michael Douglas (80), basketball hall of famer Bob McAdoo (63), actress Heather Locklear (53), basketball hall of famer Scottie Pippen (49), actor Will Smith (46), actress Catherine Zeta-Jones (45), MMA fighter Rashad Evans (35) and rapper T.I. (34).

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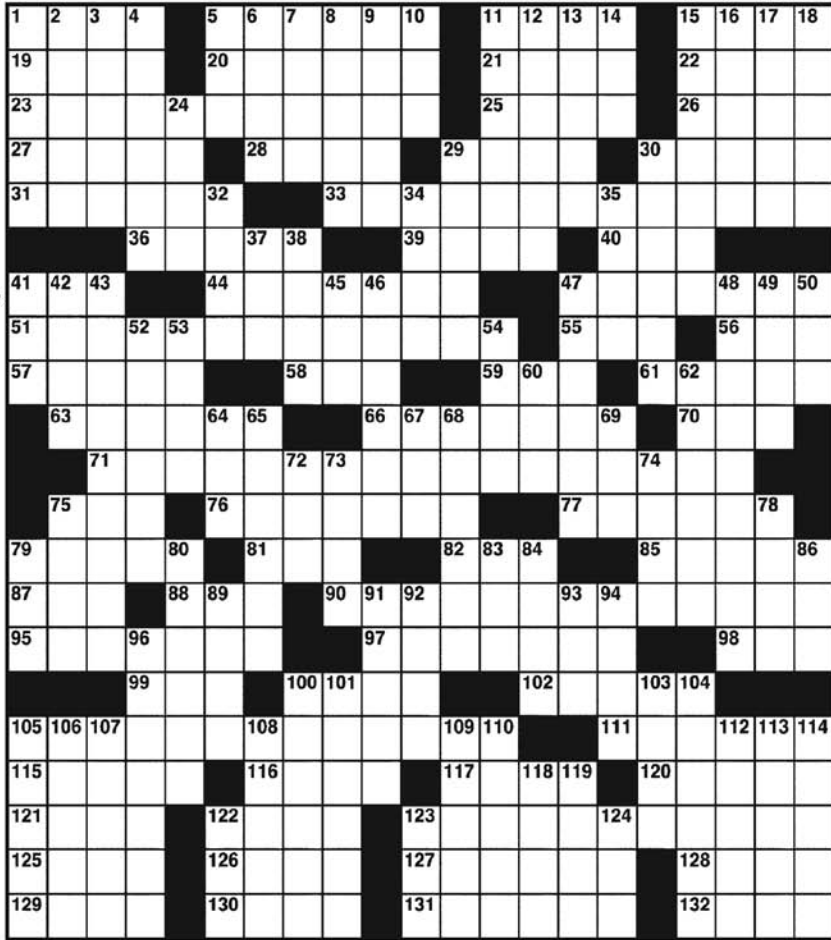
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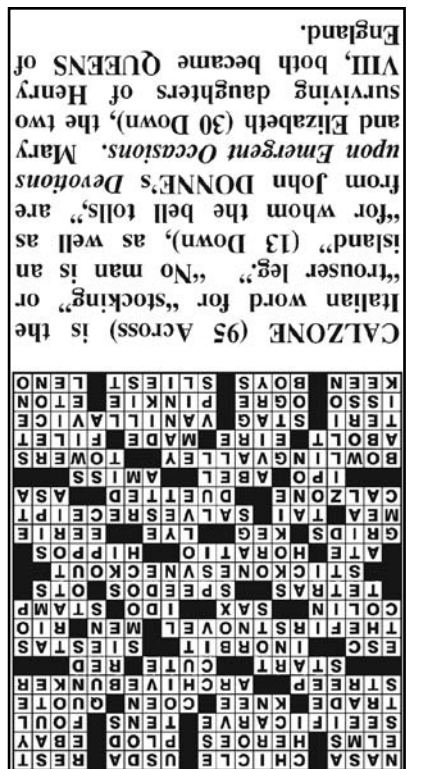
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Today's issue is not life threatening, but is quite significant if it happens to you! Baldness and thinning hair is extremely common; by age 35 over two-thirds of American men will have it to some degree, and by 50, the figure increases to about 85%. By one survey, more than half of them would prefer more hair over money, and one-third report that they would give up sex if it meant they would get their hair back! Regardless of whether this survey was conducted scientifically, it is clear that baldness and hair loss can be devastating and certainly can affect self-esteem and confidence.

Balding or hair loss has three main causes:

Hereditary hair loss, called androgenic alopecia, affects both men and women. Men with this type of hair loss experience male pattern baldness, a type of baldness that targets the top of the head and hairline. Women's hair may thin, but they do not tend to become bald.

Diseases that can cause hair loss include diabetes, lupus, fungal infections, hair follicle scarring, thyroid disease, stress, and severe chronic illness.

Drugs that can cause hair loss as a side effect include chemotherapy, retinoids, NSAIDs (which include aspirin, naproxen, and ibuprofen), beta-blockers, birth control pills, and antidepressants.

In addition, environmental exposures, harsh hair treatments, hormonal changes and childbirth, vitamin deficiencies, low iron levels, and smoking can aggravate hair loss. Note that hair loss can occur if the hair is constantly pulled or twisted. Science never passes up a chance to name a condition, and this is known as trichotillomania. It can affect children as well as adults, and may develop as a habit and/or from a psychological problem. Even wearing tight ponytails, buns or other tight hairstyles over time can cause hair loss.

Naturally, a common but unwanted affliction like hair loss has its share of myths and factoids. The desire for simple solutions is understandable! For example, Hippocrates, father of modern medicine, recommended a mixture containing horseradish and pigeon droppings. Common but incorrect beliefs include:

Genes for hair loss come only from the mother's side of the family. While the maternal side does play a greater role in hair growth, common baldness can be inherited from either side of the gene pool.

Bald men have high levels of testosterone. Hair loss is caused by a greater genetic sensitivity of hair follicles to the hormone DHT (dihydrotestosterone), which is

a byproduct of testosterone, and far stronger. There is actually no link between hair loss and a man's fertility or virility. On the other hand, estrogen helps women avoid complete baldness. Still, over 40% of women suffer from significant thinning throughout their lifetime.

The natural course of balding results in clumps of hair falling out. This is untrue; instead, hairs with normal thickness are gradually replaced by finer, thinner hairs, and each hair follicle has a shorter lifespan. This process is known as "miniaturization."

Decreased blood flow causes hair loss. The truth is actually the opposite! When hair is growing, it requires a significant amount of blood flow. Once hair is lost, less circulation is needed, and blood flow to the scalp decreases. A decreased flow of blood to the scalp is not a cause of hair loss, but a result.

Wearing a hat causes baldness, due to the hat preventing the scalp from breathing. Nope - hair follicles get their oxygen from the blood stream and not from the air.

Shampooing causes hair loss. Think about this. When we shampoo, we notice hair in the tub or shower. Concerned about hair loss, some people might wash their hair less often, and the hair that would be coming out regularly now builds up on the scalp. With the next shampoo, even more ends up in the tub, seemingly confirming the belief that shampooing causes hair loss! Again, normal hereditary baldness is not due to hair falling out, but rather by "normal" hairs gradually being replaced by finer, thinner hairs.

If you are balding, shaving your head will help your hair grow back thicker. Untrue! What is important are the hair follicles, not the hairs.

Finally, remember that once hair loss begins, it tends to progress over a lifetime and never really stops. It is fair to say that the younger you are when hair loss begins, the more likely you are to become bald.

Treatments vary for men and women. Because hair loss in women is usually due to vitamin or hormone issues, supplements can be useful. There are a few very popular FDA-approved medications used to help treat hereditary baldness in men. Rogaine and Propecia work reasonably well in slowing down hair loss and even may generate some hair re-growth. Hair replacement techniques include micro grafting, slit grafting, punch grafting and scalp reduction. Since there can be a considerable cost and some side effects, it's important to weigh all options. Remember that baldness and hair loss won't actually harm you.

Everyone's hair is different, so hair loss and treatments will vary. Remember, a balanced diet and a healthy lifestyle can't hurt!

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CDC: Millions of children not getting recommended preventive care

Millions of infants, children and adolescents in the United States did not receive key clinical preventive services, according to a report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Supplement.

Clinical preventive services are various forms of important medical or dental care that support healthy development. They are delivered by doctors, dentists, nurses and allied health providers in clinical settings. These services prevent and detect conditions and diseases in their earlier, more treatable stages, significantly reducing the risk of illness, disability, early death, and expensive medical care.

The CDC report focuses on 11 clinical preventive services: prenatal breastfeeding counseling, newborn hearing screening and follow-up, developmental screening, lead screening, vision screening, hypertension screening, use of dental care and preventive dental services, human papillomavirus vaccination, tobacco use screening and cessation assistance, chlamydia screening and reproductive health services.

The findings offer a baseline assessment of the use of selected services prior to 2012, before or shortly after implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Sample findings include:

In 2007, parents of almost eight in 10 (79 percent) children aged 10-47 months reported that they were not asked by healthcare providers to complete a formal screen for developmental delays in the past year.

In 2009, more than half (56 percent) of children and adolescents did not visit the dentist in the past year and nearly nine of 10 (86 percent) children and adolescents did not receive a dental sealant or a topical fluoride application in the past year.

Nearly half (47 percent) of females aged 13-17 years had not

received their recommended first dose of HPV vaccine in 2011.

Approximately one in three (31 percent) outpatient clinic visits made by 11-21 year-olds during 2004-2010 had no documentation of tobacco use status; eight of 10 (80 percent) of those who screened positive for tobacco use did not receive any cessation assistance.

Approximately one in four (24 percent) outpatient clinic visits for preventive care made by 3-17 year olds during 2009-2010 had no documentation of blood pressure measurement.

"We must protect the health of all children and ensure that they receive recommended screenings and services. Together, parents and the public health and healthcare communities can work to ensure that children have health insurance and receive vital preventive services," said Stuart

K. Shapira, M.D., Ph.D., chief medical officer and associate director for science in CDC's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

"Increased use of clinical preventive services could improve the health of infants, children and teens and promote healthy lifestyles that will enable them to achieve their full potential."

The report reveals large

disparities in the receipt of clinical preventive services.

For example, uninsured children are not as likely as insured children to receive these services and Hispanic children were less likely than non-Hispanic children to have reported vision screening.

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desk. A meditation class was taking place in a nearby room.

Suddenly, the day's routine was interrupted as instructors and students of the class rushed out and said someone had collapsed and stopped breathing. Isabel rushed to the room while Albert called 9-1-1. Uncertain of the victim's true condition, Albert relayed information fed to him by the students and instructors, careful to make sure the information was accurate and relevant.

With the paramedics on the way, Albert joined Isabel to help bring Mary, the victim, back to consciousness. They could see Mary's skin was pale and she was not alert. They got Mary from her chair to the floor and Isabel started CPR. Isabel was worried – she'd never seen anyone as

unresponsive as Mary. Finally – on the tenth compression – Mary exhaled and opened her eyes. "I can't tell you the joy that just came into my heart," says Isabel.

For Albert the incident taught him the value of "being prepared ... because you never know when it is going to happen." He also says, modestly, that it was a team effort and that knowing how to prioritize and ask critical questions is vital. He believes the biggest benefit to telling his story is to inspire others to be prepared.

"I think being courageous is when you are scared, and you know that you are in a dangerous situation, but you push through that fear to save that person."

After the event, Isabel remembers telling her supervisor, Fran, "Every time I sat in those CPR training classes, I would think, 'How could this class be

important to me? I'll never use this. And if someone does need help, I think I'd be too scared to offer them assistance."

Thanks to the CPR training, Isabel had the skills and the confidence to save a life.

Giovanni Galluzzo

It was a festive birthday party for his mother when 8-year-old Giovanni decided it would be fun if he and his friend Jaden (three-years-old) could ride a raft in the backyard pool. It was a warm day and it would be a great way to cool off. But shortly after they straddled the large raft, fun suddenly turned to terror when Giovanni realized Jaden was no longer behind him on the raft.

Calling his name several times, Giovanni quickly noticed bubbles coming from the pool's depths. "It was really scary,"

remembers Giovanni. "I just had to think so fast." Without concern for anything other than his friend's dilemma, Giovanni dove to the bottom of the 8-foot pool and looked for his friend. It wasn't easy, he said, because he couldn't see. He tried opening his eyes even though it hurt to do so.

Finally, he saw Jaden sitting on the bottom and pushed himself downward. He grabbed Jaden's wrist and began trying to pull him to the surface. Others in the pool hadn't noticed what happened so Giovanni knew he was on his own.

In his panic, Jaden was kicking, making it more difficult for Giovanni to pull him upward. At times, Giovanni found it difficult to breathe but at last he pulled his friend to the surface where a cousin assisted in bringing Jaden out.

Giovanni remembers lessons his grandmother had taught him about what to do if someone falls into a pool – grabbing tools like the skimmer or a floatation device – and pulling them to safety. But, Giovanni knew there wasn't enough time to get assistance. He had to act instinctively or his friend would suffer.

For Giovanni, who learned to swim at age five, water safety runs in his family. His cousin is a lifeguard, but Giovanni kids him about not having saved anyone yet, while Giovanni has. And he's been well educated never to go into water unless someone is nearby.

For Giovanni he worries that he didn't keep his eyes on his friend but of saving him he says, "It feels good! I was happy that he is okay."

Joshua Schoenberger

A post-July 4th outing turned into near tragedy for the Schoenberger family. Joshua's mother was driving their car. His dad was in the front seat, and Joshua, his brother and a friend in

the back.

Suddenly, his mother screamed. Joshua was seated directly behind his father and quickly realized something was wrong. Joshua found his father's eyes had rolled back and he wasn't breathing.

"Pull over, Mom," Josh ordered. Once they came to a stop, Joshua told his friend to call 911, checked for a pulse and found none. Joshua's father is a weight lifter, so his weight made it difficult for Joshua to pull him out of the car. Therefore, Joshua reclined the seat and started CPR. After a few moments his father began to breathe, albeit not smoothly.

Joshua's training served him well. He'd taken a CPR and emergency health care course while at Cal State Long Beach. It also helped that his mother works in the medical field and Joshua 'grew up' in her office, something that has encouraged him to plan for a future in the medical field as well.

Finally, the group managed to get his father out of the car and propped him up against the car door. But, his father's breathing was still labored. Joshua kept urging him to take deep breaths and asking him questions to test his mental acuity.

A police officer arrived and advised getting the father on the sidewalk and onto his back. Again, Joshua's instincts kicked in. His father's upper body weight made it difficult for him to lie on his back, so Joshua suggested getting his father on his side to allow him to breathe comfortably.

When paramedics arrived they told Joshua, "You're doing great, just keep doing what you are doing," while they hooked up the EKG machine. Ultimately, they got his father into the ambulance and Joshua piled in to go with him.

During the entire episode Joshua recalled a lesson his father had taught him, "If something

goes wrong, you can be upset and cry and do everything else later, but you have to deal with the situation in the moment."

Lawrence J. Sanchez

As a driver for UPS for 30 years, Lawrence Sanchez knew the importance of keeping his eyes open for any emergency. One day, as he drove his usual route, he saw a truck ahead in the fast lane. It wasn't going fast – in fact it was going exceedingly slow – and Lawrence instinctively prepared to take evasive action. But another car on the freeway wasn't as prepared and it hit the slow-moving truck with tremendous force. The car bounced across the freeway lanes and Lawrence's early braking prevented him from slamming into it.

For the truck in the fast lane, gasoline had begun leaking and flames quickly erupted. The driver was able to quickly exit, but Lawrence realized there was someone else in the truck and its driver was frantically trying to get the person out.

Another vehicle stopped and its driver, Raphael, started assisting the truck's driver while freeway traffic continued to zoom by. But, Lawrence realized there was more that needed to be done. He grabbed his truck's fire extinguisher and dodged across the debris-filled freeway. By the time he got across he found the passenger – a girl – had been pulled out of the truck but her hair was on fire. Lawrence doused the flames and then turned to the truck. The flames were consuming the vehicle and the heat was intense.

When the California Highway Patrol arrived, Lawrence went back to his truck and called his dispatcher relaying what had happened – "I did the best I

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could," he said, the emotions taking hold as he thought of his own family, his own daughters. He flashed back to an event several years earlier when he witnessed a car flip over trapping a pregnant woman. He had jumped into action and was able to free the woman. Now events had called him to action yet again.

Later the CHP presented Lawrence and Raphael with the Commissioner's Award for bravery. It was only at the ceremony that he learned the victim's name, Denise, and met her. In addition, the Burn and Fire Foundation presented the two heroes with their Courage Award.

Maria Ayala

Maria Ayala has been an active member of the Bell Gardens Neighborhood Watch Program since 2006. Maria is recognized for her lasting commitment to improving the safety of her community, while being a tremendous role model to her nine children. As a single mother who came to the United States in 1970 from Michoacán, Mexico, Maria faced many challenges in providing a safe and comfortable home for her children. Maria's life experience had taught her that education was important for a better quality of life. Therefore, she volunteered at her children's schools and emphasized learning.

She began to worry that her children, especially her two youngest, might join a gang because of a belief that they were missing something at home. This concern motivated her to join the Neighborhood Watch Program to educate herself on how gangs operate, and what she could do to stem future gang violence in her community of Bell Gardens. Since joining the Neighborhood Watch Program, Maria volunteers time each day acting as a liaison between the residents and law enforcement as a Block Captain

for one of four geographical areas in the city.

She walks door to door canvassing neighborhoods to recruit new members. She hosts meetings in her home to educate her neighbors on how to recognize and report suspicious activities, and encourages their attendance at other crime prevention meetings and City events. Maria assists the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator with a number of activities, including vacation home watch, the distribution of crime prevention materials and volunteering at Neighborhood Watch partner programs, such as Red Ribbon Week at local schools. She remains very active in other community programs such as National Night Out, Clergy Advisory Group meetings, and numerous City events promoting Neighborhood Watch.

Maria knows the importance of family values and therefore requires her children to participate in the program as well. Her hard work and dedication has made a positive impact on the community, and even more importantly, her children. Her two youngest children are both attending college and doing well. Maria is a true role model to her family and community.

Michael Vargas

For Michael Vargas the saying, "being at the right place at the right time," is amazingly applicable. A musician and bartender, he was at loose ends one day - several appointments having been delayed or canceled - when he stopped at a Whittier hotel to see a friend. He noticed two women yelling frantically in a foreign language. It took a few moments, and the women making hand gestures toward the hotel pool before Michael understood - someone was in need of help.

Following the hotel manager he saw a woman's body in the pool's deep end. Michael observed no air bubbles so he knew the

woman was in dire condition and dove into the pool. Shaking the woman to see if there was a response, he quickly surfaced and ordered the bystanders to call 9-1-1 before diving again. He scooped the woman into his arms and brought her to the surface where the manager helped pull her out.

Others arrived poolside to help, with one man starting chest compressions. But, Michael - having taken several CPR courses - could see it was being done incorrectly. "Stop," he yelled, thinking the woman would be injured. Pushing the Good Samaritan aside, Michael started chest compressions himself. After five compressions the woman spit up water. Michael continued, and then turned the woman on her side to force more water out.

When the police arrived and took over, Michael assisted by keeping the woman's head sideways so she wouldn't choke and her air passages clear would remain clear.

Upon returning home and explaining what had happened to his family, Michael felt ill at ease thinking that it was happenstance he arrived at the hotel when he did, and what might have happened had he not been there. It must have been 'destiny,' he says. Had his day gone as planned, he never would have been at the right place at the right time.

Niccolo Owens

It's not often a 10-year-old is called on to save lives, but that's what Niccolo Owens did and he believes he was well prepared.

In the very early morning hours of February 2014, Niccolo was awakened by the smell of smoke in his family's Whittier home. His cries of "Mom," awakened his mother, Alysha,

who found his upstairs room filled with black smoke. Niccolo quickly awakened the other family members, including his 9-year-old sister and uncle who were also sleeping in his room. There were six family members in the house. Niccolo realized the smoke might have overcome his 21-year-old uncle, something later confirmed by firefighters.

But Niccolo managed to get his uncle and sister downstairs and yelled "fire," "fire." He and his father managed to get everyone, including the family dog, out of the house. "Call 9-1-1," Niccolo remembers telling his mother.

So, where did Niccolo learn about what to do in an emergency? In school, he says. "I read a library book about fire. Also, on career day because my friend's dad is a fireman. He told us, if there is a fire we should get on our hands and knees." Niccolo remembers learning "not to run away standing up because you will inhale dangerous smoke."

He says he was scared, but was more concerned about his family having lost their home and all the memories that it contained, especially since he kept telling his mother not to return to the flaming building to retrieve belongings. "Mom, you are wrong! Wait for the firemen!"

When firefighters arrived they confirmed Niccolo's admonitions. They told him it was a matter of minutes before the home would have been consumed, and if Niccolo had not alerted his family the smoke and the carbon monoxide would have likely engulfed them as well. Says Alysha, "Niccolo saved our lives! It could have been a very different story if he had not responded the way he did."



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SPORTS BRIEFS: Warren High snaps 24-game losing streak

• Bears defeat Firebaugh High to earn first victory since 2011.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football team defeated Firebaugh High of Lynwood, 20-6, last Friday night at home.

It was the first win for the Bears since Oct. 28, 2011. On that Friday evening, the Bears defeated Lynwood 21-14 at home. Warren tied Marina at Marina earlier that season and finished 2011 with an overall record of 1-8-1 and a S.G.V.L. record of 1-4.

The Bears' 24-game losing streak is now over and Warren looks to earn their second win of the 2014 season tonight at home against Western. The Western

Pioneers come into tonight's game with a record of 1-2.

The Pioneers defeated Katella 28-27 on 9/4, lost to Millikan 47-3 on 9/11 and lost to El Modena 42-14 on 9/19. Warren has an excellent opportunity to even their record at 2-2 and extend their winning streak to two games.

Warren will finish their preseason schedule at Gardena next Friday before they start San Gabriel Valley League play. The Gardena Panthers are 0-3 at the time of this writing and play a 2-1 Morningside team this evening at Gardena. The Bears may very well finish their preseason with a 3-2 record. The Bears will open S.G.V.L. play by hosting Gahr on October 10th before traveling to cross-town rival Downey for their showdown on October 17th.

Junior quarterback Jordan Yancy and sophomore running back Jordan Mayes continue to

improve as they get more varsity experience under their belts. The offseason work is starting to pay off for the Bears. Coach Raul Lara maintains that "there's still a lot of work to do and we are trying to get better each day."

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The Downey High School football team defeated the Millikan Rams, 14-6, last Friday night at Millikan. With the win, the Vikings improved to 2-2.

It was the Rams' first defeat of the season, dropping them to 3-1.

Downey will host the Huntington Beach Oilers tonight at 7:00 p.m. Downey will travel to Lynwood next Friday for their S.G.V.L. opener against the Knights.

The Oilers come into tonight's game with a record of 0-4. Don't be fooled by the four losses though. The Oilers lost to Coronado 41-26 on 8/28, San Clemente 44-21 on 9/5, JSerra 63-17 on 9/12 and Moorpark 52-49 last Friday. Coronado is 2-1, San Clemente is 4-0, JSerra is 4-0, and Moorpark is 3-1, respectively. The teams are a combined 13-2. Huntington Beach has certainly played a tough preseason schedule.

In the Millikan game, Downey quarterback Rafeeq Rahim completed 7/14 passes for 102

yards and one touchdown pass. Rahim was helped out on offense with a solid running game from Daevon Vigilant and Justin Huff. Vigilant had 20 carries for 131 yards and Huff had 15 carries for 153 yards. The two running backs combined for 284 yards on 35 carries.

The Viking receiving corps were led by Albert Padilla's three catches for 65 yards and a touchdown, Cameron Carr's three catches for 65 yards and Justin Huff's one catch for four yards. Kicker Omar Juarez was 2/2 on PAT attempts.

The Viking defense was led by Kiefer Enslin's four solo and eight assisted tackles, Jacob Cook's three solo and seven assisted tackles, Manny Ramirez's three solo and seven assisted tackles, Ryan Collins' three solo and five assisted tackles, Cameron Carr's five solo and two assisted tackles and Eddie Preciado's four solo and three assisted tackles.

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The Warren High School boys' cross country team competed at the Woodbridge Cross Country Classic held at the Great Park last Saturday in Irvine.

The Warren boys finished in 14th place overall in a team time of 1:16:13. Great Oak was the overall boys' winner in a team time of

1:13:37. The Bears were paced by seniors Benjamin Gonzalez's and Jonathan Rodriguez's individual times of 14:43 and 14:51, respectively.

Other San Gabriel Valley League competitors included Downey, Gahr and Paramount. Paramount finished in 52nd place with a team time of 1:18:54, Gahr finished in 62nd place with a team time of 1:19:12 and Downey finished in 94th place with a team time of 1:20:28.

The Warren High School Lady Bears also competed at the Woodbridge Cross Country Classic. The Warren girls finished in 31st place overall in a team time of 1:32:39. Great Oak was the overall girls' winner in a team time of 1:24:38.

Other S.G.V.L. competitors included Downey, Gahr and Paramount. Downey finished in 87th place with a team time of 1:36:39, Paramount finished in 126th place with a team time of 1:40:05 and Gahr finished in 155th place with a team time of 1:43:10. The Lady Bears did not have standout senior runners Lisa Vasquez and Marissa Pluma compete.

Warren boys and girls both competed in their first S.G.V.L. cluster meet yesterday at Wilderness Park (times unavailable at press time). The second cluster meet will take place Thursday, October 16th, at Cerritos Regional Park and league finals will take place on Wednesday, November 5th, at La Mirada Regional Park.

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The Downey High School girls' volleyball team improved to 14-3 on the season with a five set thrilling, come-from-behind win

against Troy at home on Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings won 24-26, 19-25, 25-21, 25-19 and 15-10. Kimberly Schnars led the Viking attack with 25 kills and 14 digs. Amy Crowell contributed with 48 assists in the winning effort.

The Lady Vikings hosted Valley Christian yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Downey will host Cypress next Tuesday in a final tune up before S.G.V.L. play starts. The Lady Vikings will travel to Lynwood next Thursday in their league opener. Downey will host cross-town rival Warren on October 7th.

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The Downey High School boys' and girls' cross country teams competed at the Woodbridge Cross Country Classic this past Saturday at the Great Park in Irvine. Downey's boys finished in 94th place with a team time of 1:20:28. Downey's girls finished in 87th place with a team time of 1:36:39.

Boys' coach Robert Gleason has high expectations for this year's seniors Luis Munoz and Erick Ayala. Junior Jary Solis is also expected to play a key role for Coach Gleason this year. Downey was runner-up last season in the S.G.V.L. to cross-town rival Warren.

Girls' coach Amy Overgaauw also has high expectations for senior Erika Garcia, junior Jailene Orozco and sophomore Alexandra Gurrola. All three girls are expected to play key roles pacing the Lady Viking cross country team this season. Downey was runner-up last season in the S.G.V.L. to cross-town rival Warren.

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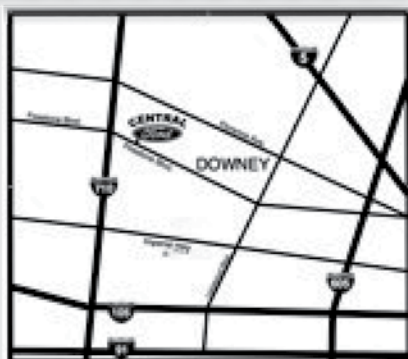
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

(UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)
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(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. 0496
 (1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
 (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: FERDINAND SUMABAT AND REINA SUMABAT, 7435 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
 (3) The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is:
 (4) The names and business address of the buyer(s) are: SERGIO AVALOS AND CHITA AVALOS, 7435 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: ALL STOCK IN TRADE INCLUDING INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, MERCHANDISE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, AND GOODWILL of that certain business located at: 7435 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
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 All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: HAI NGUYEN, 1522 S ISABELLA AVE, MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754
 The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, MACHINERY, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, SUPPLIES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS and is located at: 14835 PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650
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 Dated: 9/23/14
 HAI NGUYEN, Buyer(s)
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The Downey Patriot 9/25/14, 10/2/14, 10/9/14, 10/16/14

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2014242885
 File Number 2014133862 DATE FILED: MAY 16, 2014
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): SOAPY MAIDS STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 10017 NEW NEWVILLE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARICELA GARCIA, 10017 NEWVILLE AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90240
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by an Individual I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/MARICELA GARCIA, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 20142428864
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JE ENTERPRISES, 4523 FENDYKE AVE, ROSEMEAD CA 91770, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEPH SAMUEL EDDY II, 4523 FENDYKE AVE, ROSEMEAD CA 91770
 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/JOSEPH SAMUEL EDDY II, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 20142427468
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRICELESS PENNY, 8405 1/2 LUXOR, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DIANA SOLORZANO, 10063 MATTOCK AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) JULIANA SOLORZANO, 1063 MATTOCK AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
 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 09/02/2014
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/LATONYA BROWN, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 20142427551
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BIG SCREEN PARTY RENTALS, 4570 VALLEY BLVD, 204 A, LOS ANGELES CA 90032, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) BIRCHDALE CA 90240, LOS ANGELES CA 9

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALICIA ANNE ATKINSON, 12596 ADLER DR UNIT C, WHITTIER CA 90606
 State of Incorporation: N/A
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 S/ALICIA ANNE ATKINSON, OWNER
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GOVERNMENT

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VIDEO DETECTION UPGRADE PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 16, 2014 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 15-08 – VIDEO DETECTION UPGRADE PROJECT.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the upgrading of existing traffic signal video detection systems at 16 signalized intersections and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 15-08.**

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$30.00 per set.** The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 15-08. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, bidder's bond, or a cash deposit, payable to the City of Downey, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount bid as a guarantee that the bidder, should he be successful, will, within ten (10) days after the contract has been mailed or delivered to him or his authorized agent, execute the contract and furnish the necessary bonds. Should a bidder's bond be submitted with any proposal or bid, the bid bond form provided by the City shall be used, and use of substitute forms may disqualify the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit Corporate surety bonds with the Contract. A bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price shall be furnished, guaranteeing the faithful performance of said Contract, and a bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished for the protection of all laborers and materialmen.

The local prevailing wages, as determined by the State of California, Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 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 3300.1 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 C-10, "Electrical Contractor".

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) 904-7109.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot
 9/25/14, 10/2/14

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, October 10, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. and ending October 16, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

The following items will be available for online auction (eBay):
 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 and reference a particular item number and description in the email title. For general questions about this auction, please email: auction-info@interschola.com

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

The Downey Patriot

9/25/14, 10/2/14

NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: VS025987
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ERIC MARTIN MAGANA BARBOSA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Patername (1) ERIC MARTIN MAGANA BARBOSA to Proposed name (1) ERIC MAGANA.
 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 10 court days before the hearing 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 31, 2014, Time: 8:30 am, Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12702 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90659.
 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 1, 2014
 Margaret Miller Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Officer or Attorney, In Pro Pro
 Eric Martin Magana Barbosa, In Pro Pro
 10577 So. St.
 Norwalk, CA 90650
 (562) 281-3096

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GEORGE L. FEARN Case No. BP155783

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GEORGE L. FEARN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Robin Elizabeth Fearn Haught in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robin Elizabeth Fearn Haught 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 Oct. 16, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 1111 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:
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SBN 225243
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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20110015005170 Title Order No: 110461140 FHA/VA/PMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE.
 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/07/2007, 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. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20071175404 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: GUILLERMINA JIMENEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924a(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 10/01/2014 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14322 IBEX AVE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8072-017-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the sale is \$342,829.13. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL

BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20110015005170. 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 FOLLOWING INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 2 3210 ELL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 09/08/2014 A-4483298 09/11/2014, 09/18/2014, 09/25/2014

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APN: 8053-035-018 TS No: CA05001040-14-1 TO No: 59193034 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 2, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 20, 2014 at 09:00 AM, behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in certain Deed of Trust recorded on May 15, 2008, as Instrument No. 20080867272, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by LIZZY I KOJO, AND CHARLES IKOJO, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE BANK, FSB as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC SALE, any and all interests in the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$338,466.38 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale, in addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the undersigned Trustee shall be responsible for the collection of cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. 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Housing applications available next week

DOWNEY – Applications for The View, the downtown affordable housing complex, will be available Oct. 3-4 in the Downey Theatre patio area, and also on the city's website.

Here are the parameters:

- Only one pre-application will be accepted
- Applicants will be selected from a lottery process in October 2014
- The pre-application can be submitted by mail or fax
- Applications will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on October 17, 2014
- Residency or work preferences may apply

Applications can be picked up at the theater Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For questions, call National Community Renaissance at (562) 287-4897.

The View is scheduled to open in January.

Pet fair Saturday at RSG Park

DOWNEY – SEAACA will host a Pet Care Fair this Saturday at Rio San Gabriel Park, with low-cost spay and neuter services and a vaccination clinic.

The event is from 12-3 p.m. Book a spay or neuter appointment by calling (855) 499-5829 or email info@lucypetfoundation.org.

Church hosting financial series

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church is hosting a financial education seminar that begins this Sunday at 2 p.m.

The first class is free.

Financial Peace University is taught through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities.

Students will learn how to eliminate debt, manage money, spend and save wisely, and more.

For details, contact Pastor Mark Schoch at (562) 862-2438 or mark@downeyfirst.org.

HIGH SCHOOL PTSA IN FRIENDLY WAGER

DOWNEY – The PTSA presidents from Warren and Downey high schools have wagered a friendly bet to see which school can get the most new members between now and Dec. 1, with the losing school having to wear their rival's school colors at volunteer events during the entire month of December.

"In the end we know that both schools will be winners as promoting membership to such a vital organization is not only great for the school but also for the students," said Claudia Cano, second VP, chair of membership, of the Warren High PTSA.

Downey residents can help by joining the PTSA at their high school of choice. Membership is \$7 per member and can be paid at each school's front office.



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FEATURED PROPERTY

Great Downey Home!
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4 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms,
Priced at: \$359,000

10005 Karmont, South Gate
3 BD, 3 BA, 1571 sq. ft.
Priced at: \$309,000

373 Sycamore, Claremont
3 BD, 2 BA, 1208 sq. ft.
Priced at: \$429,000

17385 Ridgedale, Yorba Linda
3 BD, 2 BA, 1714 sq. ft.
List Price: \$585,000

11440 Hart, Artesia
3 BD, 2 BA, 1200 sq. ft.
Sold for: \$535,000

5931 E. Marsha Circle, Anaheim Hills
3 BD, 3 BA 2597 sq. ft.
Sold for: \$835,000

7854 Arnett, Downey
3 BD, 2 BA, 1887 sq. ft.
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OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND

Northeast Downey Home Built in 1993
5 BD, 4.5 BA, living room w/ fireplace, formal dining room, kitchen w/ large pantry, & family room w/ fireplace & wet bar. The home has central air & heat, central vacuum system, intercom system, recently painted interior, & new carpet. Backyard w/ detached bonus room which could be used as a storage room.
Priced at: \$919,000

OPEN HOUSE THIS WEEKEND

Everything You Could Ask For!
3 BD, 2 BA, over 2,000 sq. ft., remodeled kitchen and bathrooms, family room with built-in cabinets and wet bar. Newer hardwood floors, new carpet, fresh paint, central air and heat, water softener, and inside laundry room.
Priced at: \$625,000

JUST LISTED!

Commercial Property For Sale In Norwalk
Perfect for investor or owner/user looking to utilize office, retail or automotive space. Zoned auto repair but currently rented to a church & a print supply shop. Property is on a corner lot in high traffic area of Norwalk near 5 freeway. Plenty of parking available. The building itself is over 3,000 sq ft but can be transformed for any use imaginable.
Priced at: \$489,900

FOR RENT

Northeast Downey
2 BD, 2 BA condo, assoc pool/spa.
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