



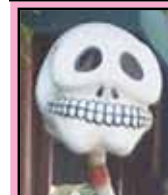
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SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND

Uncle Jerry

Some would say Elaine Held's Uncle Jerry led a charmed life. He was the kind of character that movies are made about. He survived a difficult childhood to become a skilled pilot and marksman in World War II, and later in life he was keeper of the lighthouse in Crescent City, sharing the domicile with a ghost. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Elaine Held

Uncle Jerry was my hero. He was the reason I wanted to be a pilot. He was the reason for many of my life decisions. I loved my Uncle Jerry.

When Jerry was nine in 1930 his mother died and his father fell apart. His father began to drink and he was a mean drunk. When Jerry was fourteen his father took him to the nearest highway, gave him twenty dollars and sent him on his way. His reasoning was that a teen age boy cost too much to feed.

Jerry's passion was to fly so he went west twenty miles to Mitchell, South Dakota, and headed straight for the dilapidated airport used by only two pilots. He told them he would do anything they needed around the hanger or for the planes if they would teach him to fly.

In those days there were no rules so if somebody wanted to teach a wild-eyed fourteen year old how to fly he just threw him in a plane and said, "Now watch this." Jerry lived at the hanger and the pilots fed him in exchange for keeping the hanger and runway clean. He soon learned everything there was about fixing an airplane and how to fly.

My mother tells that her family always knew when Jerry was flying over because he would be about forty yards over the wheat field and scare them half to death. He was famous for flying under bridges, telephone lines or anything else he could get a plane under or around. His excuse was that way he never had to give anybody a ride because nobody would go up with him.

World War II Pilot

When World War II broke out, Jerry joined the air force as soon as he could and could not wait to get into a fighter. Crushed to the core, he found out he was too tall to be a pilot in the air force even if his skill level was way above that of the instructors. Jerry was six foot three and broad shouldered. As a result he was put on bombers.

Jerry was also a fantastic artist. He painted many of the sexy girls on the planes. One of the bombers in the Smithsonian institute is one that Jerry painted.

Since he could fix anything and do any job on a bomber, Jerry was a replacement. If someone was killed on a plane, it was Jerry who would take that person's place until a permanent replacement showed up.

In the meantime his other job was sniper. Brought up hunting, Jerry was an excellent marksman. He tells the story about his time on an island in the Pacific Theater. There was an enemy plane with a distinctive engine whine that flew over regularly. The men called him Washboard Charlie.

Washboard was a terrible shot and often missed what he was aiming at, and invariably hit the latrine. After the third time Jerry had had it. When someone shouted, "Here comes Washboard," Jerry ran out with his sniper rifle. He shot him through the front window of the plane and the men never had to worry about going to the bathroom again.

Through the whole war Jerry was never wounded. He came close to dying three times but never got a scratch. His first close call came when he was on a mission over the water. The men had to ditch when the plane was hit. Two of the men were dead and the rest parachuted out.

Jerry parachuted last and landed in the water about forty yards away from everybody else. When the sharks came they were too interested in the group of men and left Jerry alone. He was the only one who survived.

Jerry's second close call came when his plane was hit and the pilot and co-pilot were killed. Jerry took over and managed to keep the plane in the air until they were ten miles from their island. He had to ditch at that point and all were able to parachute out. Then they had to swim the ten miles. Some of the men were wounded so they found pieces of wreckage that floated and managed to stay together.

Jerry was awarded many medals and was honored many times, but he never talked about it. One day when my husband and I were visiting, Jerry showed my husband his medals and awards. I was astonished when I turned around and saw the look on my Aunt Nadine's face. She did not know about the medals. Jerry had never talked about any of it except to Bill and me.

Crescent City Lighthouse

Aunt Nadine and Uncle Jerry moved to Crescent City, California, and ran the light house there. The lighthouse was on a rock about sixty yards from shore. When the tide was in, it was an island under the auspices of the Coast Guard. When the tide was out, it was part of the shore and under the city police.

When Jerry and Nadine moved in it was not a working light house. The historical society had a party for Nadine and Jerry to welcome them. The society asked the Coast Guard if they could turn on the light for the party, and they were given permission.

The next night when the light was off, the Coast Guard came in very upset. They informed Jerry that once a light has been turned on, it is again considered a working light house and the light can't go off. So that was an added job for Jerry. There was one whole wall in the light house that was a radio to keep in touch with ships and the Coast Guard.

Nadine handled the museum tours and Jerry fixed everything. When he didn't have anything to do he would go out to the airport and get into his airplane. He had made the plane by hand just for aerobatics.

He was always in trouble. There was a VA hospital right on the beach and Jerry would entertain the troops. The guys would be pulling out their IV's to get to the porch and watch Jerry do his loops and tricks for them. He finally had to quit because the doctors were so upset with him.

There was a breakwater that ran out close to the light house. One day Jerry was flying and he forgot his cigarettes so he landed on the breakwater and ran to get them. The FAA came down hard on him that time. They often looked the other way because they knew his reputation from the war and liked him. They also knew he was the best pilot around even though he was older.

There were places a plane could not land because of natural wind conditions, but when it was an emergency they would get Jerry. He told me about the most difficult flying he had done. He had to fly straight down and then circle in the tightest circle he could and at just the right moment straighten out and land at

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Downey voters tasked with big decisions

• Southwest Downey residents will select either Robert Kiefer, Sean Ashton or Dr. Shahira A-Malek to join City Council.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – With just days left until Tuesday's city council election, the three candidates vying to replace outgoing Councilman Mario Guerra all say their experience and commitment qualify them to sit on the dais.

"My campaign signs say 'honesty, integrity, and community.' I want to be somebody the people can go to – accessible to everybody," said Sean Ashton, a Los Angeles Unified School District teacher and member of Downey's Green Taskforce. "I'm walking door to door, talking to as many people I can on weekends."

Ashton is just one of the candidates running in District 2, which covers roughly south of Firestone Boulevard and west of Brookshire Avenue. The other candidates are Robert Kiefer, a small business owner and chairman of the Planning Commission, and Dr. Shahira A-Malek, a local physician.

"I'm interested in having the city work for the residents, not outside entities," said Ashton, who is advocating for more sidewalks, street lights, and police patrols in south Downey. "I want to get the city



moving in the right direction."

A-Malek, a longtime Downey resident and lone female candidate, is hopeful voters will recognize her qualifications next week.

"I respect the other two candidates, but I am the most trustworthy and accomplished. I do not owe anyone any favors – my commitment is to the voters and the city of Downey," she said.

In 2008, A-Malek ran for the District 5 city-wide seat and came in third place behind Gary DeRemer and winner Luis Marquez, however, she said no one can challenge her experience in the community.

"I am the most qualified and experienced, but I also have the will power to put that experience to use," A-Malek said.

A-Malek is running on a platform of expanding senior services as well as spearheading a community college expansion into Downey.

For Kiefer, who has lived in Downey since he was ten-years-old, the city council race is uniquely

personal.

"I have a lot of pride in this city and that's vital when you serve on the city council," he said. "Although my opponents have good intentions, I have far more experience in community service and city government."

Kiefer was appointed to the city planning commission in 2008 and has served as its chairman for the last two years. Earlier this year, he organized the city campaign against Measure D, which would have mitigated a majority vote required by residents to contract out police and fire services.

"I have a proven track record that citizens would be happy with," he said. "But I'm not Mario Guerra. I have my own thoughts and vision. Just like the rest of the citizens, there are some things I like and some things I don't like."

Kiefer is advocating for a stronger economic base, which he says will pay for better parks and roads while offsetting city repair costs.

Guerra, Mendoza spend big ahead of election

• State senate candidates make final push to reach voters ahead of Tuesday's election.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – New campaign financial statements reveal Downey Councilman Mario Guerra outraised former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza during the first half of October. However, Mendoza outspent Guerra nearly 2 to 1 on campaign literature and mailers.

Both are campaigning hard for a state Senate seat in the newly-created 32nd district, which encompasses more than a dozen cities in southeast Los Angeles County and north Orange County.

Between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18, Guerra raised \$88,229 in monetary contributions, nearly \$20,000 more than Mendoza, who took in \$66,091.

However, the focus is clearly on expenditures this month as both campaigns shelled out a sum of \$366,000 on consultants, airfare, mailers, and fundraising events.

According to the financial reports, Guerra continued to receive most of his contributions from business owners, corporate executives, Republican candidates and PACs.

Some of Guerra's supporters included: Anthem Blue Cross (\$2,000); Bendita (\$3,100); First American Title Insurance Company (\$4,100); auto dealer Frederick Hitchcock (\$2,500); Hollywood Sports Park of Bellflower (\$4,100); Aner Iglesias, owner of Baja Ranch Supermarkets (\$4,100); LQI Management LLC (\$4,100); McDonald's California Operators PAC (\$2,000); Mike Morrell for Senate 2014 (\$3,100); and

Republican Central Committee of San Luis Obispo County (\$25,000).

Since Oct. 1, Mendoza courted donations from state corporations and large PAC groups based in Sacramento, including: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (\$8,200); AT&T California Employees (\$1,000); Barona Band of Mission Indians (\$1,200); CA Medical Association (CALPAC) (\$2,000); CA State Association of Electrical Workers (\$8,200); Exxon Mobil Corporation (\$2,000); Morley Justman, CEO of Justman Packaging and Display (\$1,000); Laborers International Union of North America Laborers Local 652 (\$2,000); Rakesh Malhotra, president of Commerce Hyundai (\$1,000); and Morongo Band of Mission Indians (\$1,000).

Mendoza's expenditures exceeded \$270,000, including



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

Dr. Alan Frischer was recognized with the Mayor's Healthy Heart Award at Tuesday's City Council meeting, an award presented by Mayor Fernando Vasquez to outstanding healthcare professionals.

The award was in recognition of Dr. Frischer's many contributions to the Downey community, including a twice-monthly column in this newspaper that educates readers on local health issues.

Dr. Frischer is pictured with his family and the mayor.

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 68°

Sunday 71°

Things To Do



Pumpkin Patch - Carnival games, trick-or-treating, pet costume parade, glow walk, and free food.

Friday, Apollo Park, 5-9 p.m.



Harvest Festival - Games, food, live entertainment, petting zoo, costume contest, laser tag, and more.

Friday, Desert Reign Church, 6-9 p.m.



Trunk 'R' Treat - Trick-or-treating, chili cookoff, jumpers, food, puppet show, candy, and more.

Friday, First Baptist Church of Downey, 6-9 p.m.



Dia de los Muertos - Ballet folklorico, altar cooking, film screenings, live music, food trucks, art exhibit, beer and wine garden, shopping, and more.

Sunday, Downey Theatre, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Facebook Conversation



Councilmen help people trapped in elevator escape

Jason Bohr: "This looks like a political picture to help them in the election. Should have waited for the fire department who are trained to rescue people."

David Adame: "I agree. This is sketchy! Unless someone was about to die. People get paid to free people from elevators."

Jennifer Alvarez: "Great job! Anyone else and I might be skeptical too but, if you have ever dealt with Councilman Saab then you know he's a man of integrity. This scene doesn't surprise me, Alex is quick to help anyone in need."

Vicki Spearman: "Thank you Alex and Mario for stepping up to the plate, way to go."

Tweets of the Week

@estefoque: Read a great article in my city's paper (@DowneyPatriot) about the treatment of transgender students & agreements for equality. I'm so proud!

SHARED STORIES: A GHOST IN THE LIGHTHOUSE

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the last second with the plane sideways.

Finally Jerry's acrobatic days were over. He had flown so many G's for so long that his inner ear would not take any more so he was relegated to straight flying. This made his little dog very happy. Jerry would take him flying and the two of them would stay in the air for hours. Of course, that was another thing that was against the rules.

One three-day weekend there was a terrible accident. Tourists were everywhere, and Jerry warned one family that they were too close to the edge of the island and the rocks below were very dangerous. The father yelled at Jerry that he knew what he was doing and he didn't need his interference.

Later, Jerry heard a woman screaming. He knew what happened and called the Coast Guard before running out. The boy had fallen over the cliff and the father had jumped over to save him. Both were gone in the water. The Coast Guard was there in five minutes, and immediately found the father, but could not rescue the boy. The father had all of his skin peeled off from the rocks and spent months in the hospital. The boy's body was found the next day. There were many people who witnessed and testified that Jerry had warned the father.

Videos and commercials were shot on the island, including a DVD for Tim McGraw. One car commercial gave Jerry some anxious moments. After filming with one car, the crew started to hose off the paint so they could apply a different color. Jerry stopped them because the island was on the national historical registry and they could not do anything harmful to it.

The producer explained that this was not paint but a kind of water with color that stayed on the car. Once Jerry was satisfied with the explanation, the crew shot four other commercials using the same car but with different colors.

Lighthouse Ghost

When Jerry and Nadine were interviewed for the job they were told there was one little thing they needed to be warned about. Unfortunately there were ghosts in this lighthouse. Well, you didn't tell my Uncle Jerry there was such a silly thing as ghosts. So they signed on for the job. It didn't take long for them to become ghost friendly.

They had a cat named Frisbee. When Jerry picked up Frisbee to take her upstairs that first night, she shot out of his arms and hid under the chair. Jerry and Nadine decided it was because of the new surroundings and left it at that.

The next night they were seated in the living room talking when the rocking chair started to rock violently. Nadine could smell pipe smoke. Jerry got up and stopped the chair from rocking but before he had sat down it was rocking so hard it almost went over. Jerry silently got up and took the rocking chair down in the cellar with the rest of the antiques.

Weeks later Jerry was in the radio room talking to the Coast Guard when Nadine came in and put her hand on his shoulder and told him dinner was ready. He told her he would be done in a minute and he continued his conversation.

When he was done he went into the kitchen and told Nadine that when she had told him dinner was ready he was talking to George. Nadine got that "What are you talking about?" look on her face. She told Jerry she had not come into the radio room. He said, "You touched my shoulder. Remember?" She said, "Jerry I was not in that room. I did not touch you."

Months later Nadine asked their good friends to come stay with them for a while at the lighthouse. Their friends gladly accepted and were given the tour. But the next morning when Nadine got up to fix breakfast, the friends were gone. There was a note on the bed. "Don't ever invite us again. We met the ghost last night."

Bill and I were never introduced to the ghost but Nadine and Jerry were so matter of fact about it that I never doubted it. During one visit I took a beautiful photograph of the lighthouse with the sun setting directly in back of it. I had the picture printed and framed and sent to them, but I never heard back.

The next time we were there Jerry explained about the picture. He showed me where he had put the picture on the stone wall in the museum section with special rock screws. He and Nadine were sitting in the living room when they heard a tremendous crash. When they ran into the museum, they saw the picture on the floor on the other side of the room. It was in pieces with scratches all over it as if it had been clawed.

Of all the life threatening events in Uncle Jerry's life he had never so much as flinched, but living with a ghost tested him mentally, emotionally and physically. That is my crazy wild Uncle Jerry who died last month at the age of 92.

Women's health conference packs event center

• Conference aims to keep women physically, emotionally and spiritually healthy.

DOWNEY – Friday's fifth annual Rancho Women's Health Conference had so much energy, joy and expert advice that the fountain of youth was the dancing experience for participants and presenters alike.

Spontaneous dancing, meditation, yoga, Zumba, a healthy lunch and valuable advice was presented by Rancho's finest physicians to answer the question "How do we age successfully in mind, body and spirit?"

Dr. Susan Shaw presented on the two most serious neurological disorders of aging being stroke and dementia. Stroke is more prevalent in women than men and women suffer a greater disability from strokes.

The good news, experts said, is 80% of all strokes are preventable by paying attention to risk factors and managing them. The most important is to not smoke and to avoid, treat or manage hypertension and diabetes.

Dementia is a group of symptoms that include loss of memory, thinking and reasoning skills. Alzheimer's is a disease that causes dementia. Early diagnosis is important to improve

chance of treatments that can slow down the progression of dementia.

Prevention of dementia includes: staying mentally and physically active; enjoy diets rich in fruits, vegetables, high fiber, fish and omega-3-rich oils and lastly do not smoke.

We can delay dementia from 1 to 4 years by staying mentally active which is achieved through: reading; board games; playing a musical instrument; dancing; puzzles; being socially active; occasionally using your non-dominant hand to eat; or learning a new language.

Dr. Stephan Bughi answered the question "Why a Women's Health Conference?" "If you educate a woman, you educate a family. Women play such a dominate role in healthcare for the people they care about that informing one informs so many."

Dr. Bughi shared the model for successful aging to include: manage your health; engage with people and exercise your body and brain. What accelerates aging is smoking; too much sun exposure; a sedentary life and a poor diet. We need to manage stress with positivity because negativity brings down our immune system. The cells in our bodies react to everything your mind has to say.

Dr. Natalie Nevins presented "Seven Building Blocks for a Happy,

Healthy and Pain Free" life to be: nutrition; digestion; breathing, sleep; mental health; posture and movement. Dr. Nevins explained how to breath properly from the diaphragm and that normal breathing is from the nose and not the mouth so you get more oxygen. The keys to healthful aging are flexibility and balance. Set a timer for one minute every hour as a gift to yourself to do exercise you choose.

Connie Wetzstein, a chartered financial consultant, shared that seven out of 10 women will need long-term care assistance with the activities of daily living. Dr. Bughi had revealed that the average cost of a private room in a nursing home in 2010 was \$83,000 per year.

Wetzstein explained that funding options include Medicare which is limited to 21 days of acute care; Medicaid if your assets as a single person are below \$2,000, you own not more than one car and the equity in your home is under \$500,000; private insurance for long-term care or, lastly, self pay. The time to plan is now.

Dr. Sylvia Shaw, after dancing herself happy, announced "there was no place I would rather be than right here at the Women's Conference because the vibe is so good!" Dr. Shaw went on to share how pre-



Photo by Michael Ziegler

diabetes and diabetes has increased to 39% of adults in California and we have to turn this around with diet and exercise. After age 30 muscle mass decreases by 3-8% every 10 years and when you combine that issue with older adults that move less and thereby increase body fat, you have created the risk for diabetes.

For type 2 diabetes, diet and exercise decrease risk by 58% as compared to 31% with metformin medicine. Physical activity recommendation is 150 minutes a week of moderate to intense exercise along with resistance training.

"This is a wonderful experience for Rancho to be able to do this for the community," Dr. Szczech said. "We are grateful for our generous sponsors that made this happen and look forward to the Sixth Annual Women's Health Conference at the Rio Hondo Event Center next October."

Remembering my old school days

• In the 1940s, students were part of an education system known as the 6-4-4 Plan.

By Jim Brown Contributor

DOWNEY – Reading the stories of life experiences in the Patriot has caused me to reflect on my nearly 85 years, more than 70 of these in the southeast area of the Los Angeles Basin.

Much of the time, prior to the last 40-plus years in Downey, was spent in Lynwood, Compton and South Gate. As a person active in reunions, many of my recollections and reminiscences have centered on my school days. I would like to share a page from our past with the younger generations. At the same time since there are still others of my era around, I would like to discover who these people are and invite them to join us in a bi-monthly lunch.

After a brief period in Los Angeles, our family moved to Lynwood in 1942 where I enrolled in Lynwood Junior High School. This school was the second part of an education system of that day known as the 6-4-4 Plan. There were no pre-schools and few kindergartens. At age six you began first grade. Elementary

school, also called grammar school, consisted of six grades.

Next came four years of junior high school. There, at Lynwood, athletics and some of the organizations were designated as junior activities (seventh and eighth grades) and senior activities (ninth and tenth grades).

Lynwood was part of the Compton Unified School District. There were five junior high schools: Lynwood, Clearwater, Roosevelt, Enterprise and Willowbrook. All were four-year institutions and highly praised by their alumni. At the end of tenth grade, about 300-plus students from each junior high moved on to Compton Junior College, the second four-year segment of the 6-4-4 Plan.

Perhaps the plan should have been called the 6-4-2-2- Plan as Compton Junior College consisted of an upper and lower division. The lower division was the last two years of high school, or the eleventh and twelfth grades. Each class graduating from the high school exceeded a thousand students after WWII. Many of these grads moved on to the two years of Compton Junior College's Upper Division.

Both divisions occupied the same campus. This created somewhat of a social problem as you had college men dating high school coeds. Some of the boys hated the system because of the competition but the girls loved

it.

Upon completion, these college students received an Associates of Arts Degree. Most of the students graduating from the Upper Division transferred to four-year universities. Because of the athletic opportunities at Compton and other junior colleges, many moved on with scholarships.

Biographers have been confused by this system. My sister, who never attended a college class, in her wedding announcement in the local newspaper, was credited as being a graduate of Compton Junior College. Likewise, Polly Burgen (Bergin), class of '48, who left for Hollywood after she graduated from high school or the lower division of CJC, was also credited as having graduated from Compton Junior College. Our diplomas state that we graduated from Compton Union High School.

In 1952, the 6-4-4 system was abandoned. Lynwood and Paramount (formerly Clearwater) formed their own high schools. New junior highs were formed and later Centennial and Dominguez high schools were established.

In 1953, the college separated from the high school and moved to their new campus on Artesia Boulevard.

Up to this time the school colors had been maroon and gray. The lower division sweater letter had been grey with maroon backing. The

upper division had a maroon letter with grey backing. When the high school separated from the college it also changed its colors to blue and grey and later to blue and white.

While the colors changed the school symbols did not. Compton College remained the Tartars and the high school remained the Tarbabes. The name Tarbabes was derived back in the early days from Tartars and Baby Tartars. The name had nothing to do with the children's story. Although change was voted on several times, the Tarbabe name always won.

Turning to more recent times, periodic reunions have been held by each of the junior highs. Yes, junior high school reunions. The days spent at these five junior highs have remained emblazoned on our memories. For over 20 years LJHS alumni have met in bi-annual reunions and would continue if a new committee would volunteer.

Both Lynwood and Compton high schools now have official alumni associations. Bi-monthly Compton alumni lunches have been held for over 15 years with 50-100 attending. Anyone who attended either Compton High or Compton College is one of us.

For more information on a reunion, call Jim Brown at (562) 861-8450.

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Kiefer for Downey City Council

Robert KIEFER

I have lived in Downey for 41 years and I am a Warren High graduate. My wife and I have raised our family here and I am proud to call Downey home. I am currently Chairman of the Downey Planning Commission, and have served on the commission since 2008. I recently helped organize the "No on Measure B" committee to keep Downey Police and Fire. As a career, I have owned and operated a successful Print Management company for over 20 years. I am active in Downey Rotary and have also served in leadership roles with: St. Raymond Church and School, West Downey Little League and Downey AYSO.

I feel that my experience and knowledge of Downey, along with a strong pride for the city, make me an excellent candidate for serving as your Councilmember. I am endorsed by Mayor Fernando Vasquez, and Councilmembers Roger Brossmer, Mario Guerra and Alex Saab.

I will focus on:

- Good jobs in Downey
- Improving Roads & Parks in Downey
- Maintain a strong City Police and Fire
- Fiscal Responsibility – I will always fight for a Balanced Budget and disburse taxpayer's dollars in an appropriate and responsible manner.
- Keep channels open between Downey Residents and City Hall. I believe in an engaged community.

Thank you for your support.
Robert Kiefer

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Power health messages delivered at stroke seminar



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• Dr. Helena Chui challenges attendees to take control of their health.

By Greg Waskul Contributor

DOWNEY –Dr. Helena Chui provided vital information and challenged attendees to live healthier lives at the final Primary Stroke Prevention Seminar of the year at Rio Hondo Event Center, which was held Wednesday to commemorate World Stroke Day.

Holding her audience in the palm of her hand as she took them through the latest research findings about Alzheimer Disease, vascular cognitive impairment and stroke, Dr. Chui dazzled the packed room with her ability to explain complex medical and research information in language the attendees easily understood and related to.

One of the world's most respected and accomplished neurologists, Dr. Chui serves as Chair of the Department of Neurology at USC's Keck School of Medicine. "I am always amazed by how Dr. Chui explains these complex concepts so simply," said RTH Stroke Foundation

President Deborah Massaglia. "I was also impressed that she spent a long time after her presentation answering attendees' questions about all aspects of Neurology, until every question had been answered."

The RTH Stroke Foundation sponsors the free Primary Stroke Prevention Seminars with Rio Hondo Event Center, Keck Medicine of USC, PIH Health and *The Downey Patriot*.

As has been the case with each of the previous seminars in the series in Downey, a number of individuals with life-threatening high blood pressure were identified by the blood pressure screenings. Likewise, more than 150 carotid artery screenings were done, with several attendees being identified as having dangerously high levels of plaque in their carotid arteries.

"We provide these free screenings so that we can help save lives," Deborah said. "In the Downey area alone, we have saved many, many lives and put thousands of local residents on the road to better health with the combination of health screenings and presentations by eminent physicians and researchers."

Dr. Chui's presentation was just one of many efforts that USC's Memory and Aging Center is making across the greater Los Angeles to inform the community about Alzheimer Disease and other types

of memory loss. The Memory and Aging Center includes the NIA Alzheimer Disease Research Center and California Alzheimer Disease Centers at USC and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey.

"One of the best ways to stay current about the memory loss information is to check our new website at adrc.usc.edu," Dr. Chui said. "We spent a year making the site easy and fun for people to learn about research findings and ongoing treatment studies. It's written in language members of the community can understand, and it features lots of video content. And if you wish, you can join our online community so that you will receive periodic updates."

In addition to a wide-ranging discussion of the latest research findings about Alzheimer Disease and other memory loss issues, Dr. Chui also provided helpful information about risk factors for coronary heart disease and stroke.

"A key risk factor is simply age," Dr. Chui said. "Men are more susceptible to heart disease and stroke after age 45. With women, it is age 55. She added that, "other key risk factors include high LDL cholesterol, low HDL cholesterol, diabetes and current cigarette smoking."

Dr. Chui prescribed lifestyle modifications for those who are at risk. "You can dramatically decrease your likelihood of having a heart attack or stroke if you will just make a few healthy lifestyle changes in your life," she said. Her ten recommendations were:

- 1) Stop smoking
- 2) Lose weight if you are overweight
- 3) Limit alcohol intake to 1 oz. per day of ethanol
- 4) If you have high blood pressure, reduce sodium intake to less than 2.3 grams per day
- 5) Reduce dietary saturated fat and cholesterol intake to less than 300 mg per day
- 6) Avoid trans fats
- 7) Eat 1-2 grams of omega-3 fatty acids per day
- 8) Get regular aerobic exercise
- 9) Stay active mentally and socially
- 10) Sleep well

She also praised the work of the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association for creating "Life's Simple 7."

"You can make each of the seven changes in Life's Simple 7, and even a very modest improvement will make a big difference for your brain and your heart," Dr. Chui added. Life's Simple 7 are:

- Get active
- Eat better
- Lose weight
- Stop smoking
- Control cholesterol
- Manage blood pressure
- Reduce blood sugar

"You can greatly reduce the chances of having a heart attack or stroke by the lifestyle you lead," Dr. Chui said. "Like so many things about life, your health is really in your hands."

Many attendees could be heard talking about the presentation as they walked through the lobby of the Rio Hondo Event Center after the seminar was over.

"Wasn't she fantastic?" one silver-haired man asked. "I had no idea it would be so interesting!" exclaimed his friend.

A few seconds later, a woman said, "I am going to post Life's Simple 7 on my refrigerator so that I can have a healthy Christmas this year."

"Wow! My blood pressure is really high," a tall, black-haired man said. "But now at least I have some ideas about how to get it down where it needs to be."

And in the end, this was really the heart of Dr. Chui's message. Because when it comes to your personal health, your actions speak much louder than your words.

"So many of our attendees were inspired by what Dr. Chui told them," Deborah said. "She gave us priceless advice to improve our lives. We are very grateful that she shared her insights with us."

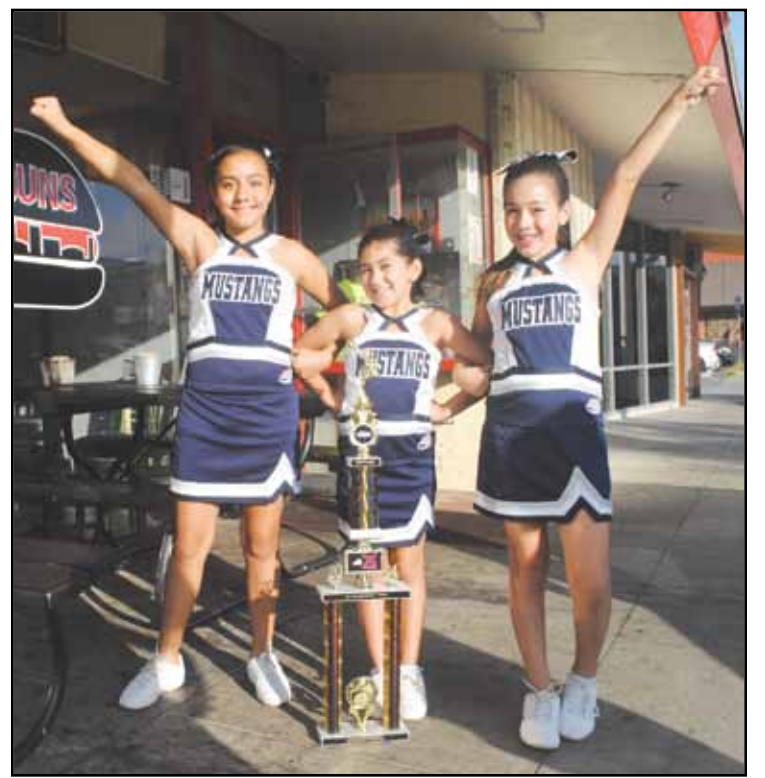


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Fundraiser to benefit Mustang cheerleaders

DOWNEY – The Downey Mustangs cheerleading squad will host a fundraiser this Sunday at L.A. Buns, with the burger restaurant donating a portion of all sales between 12-4 p.m. to the cheerleaders.

The cheer squad, which includes 13 girls between the ages of 5-14, recently qualified for regionals, which will be held at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The Downey Mustangs are a nonprofit youth football organization started in 2010. They are part of the national Pop Warner program and offer tackle football as young as 5 years old.

"They're pretty much running around like bobblesheads at that age," laughed Laurie Vasquez, who co-founded the league with four others. "It's really cute."

The Mustangs compete in the West Con Division against 29 other cities in the region, which spans Southern California.

Cheerleaders perform during the regular season, August through October, but cheer members hope to raise money so they can compete in tournaments year-round.

Cheer registration is \$130 but doesn't include the cost of uniforms and accessories.

"We really like to prepare kids for high school, so if they want to cheer at Downey or Warren they'll be ready," said Vasquez. Ninety-eight percent of the Mustangs' rosters are Downey residents, she said.

Mike Gavica, owner of L.A. Buns, said he only hosts four fundraisers per year but wanted to support the Mustangs.

It also helps that his niece is a Mustang cheerleader.

"The Mustangs are overshadowed a lot of times and don't get the recognition they deserve," said Gavica, who is donating 20 percent of sales to the cheer squad. "But they're doing a lot of good in the community. I want to help them as much as I can."

L.A. Buns is at 8237 2nd St. in Downtown Downey.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Measure O

Dear Editor:

I have been a Downey resident since 1968 and both of my children attended Downey public schools, kindergarten through 12th grade.

I am a retired career public educator, having served as a teacher, counselor, principal and, for my last 15 years, as the superintendent of a local public school district. That district passed two bond measures during my tenure with tremendous community support. The proceeds of those bond measures allowed us to make the schools something the students, teachers and residents were exceedingly proud of.

The quality of the local schools is a testament to the importance the community places on the education of its children. In fact, the public schools are the fabric of our society.

It is obvious that quality education comes at a cost. I own two residences in Downey so I am well aware of the property tax impact that Measure O will have on me personally. I am happy to pay it. I see it as part of my civic responsibility.

I take issue with a number of Mr. Wilson's statements in his letter to the editor published Oct. 23. He states that the tax impact cannot be found in the sample ballot booklet. He must have been reading a different one than me, because I did not have any trouble locating that information. Later he mentions "the bureaucratic mismanagement of the existing DUSD budget" without providing any substantiation for that claim. Rather, during my own experience in the public education sector, Downey USD was admired by surrounding districts for its ability to provide excellent academic programs, and competitive salaries for employees, while maintaining sound budgeting principals.

Lastly, Mr. Wilson claims to "want what's best for children." That statement does not comport with his letter or his position on this proposition.

I sincerely hope Downey voters do the right thing and support our schools, by voting Yes on O.

Bruce McDaniel, Ed.D.
Downey

Dear Editor:

I totally agree with the letters in the Oct. 23 Patriot about voting no on Measure O. It is, indeed, definitely the time for voters to indicate they are not so willing to enlarge the trough with increased taxes.

Asking for this \$248 million bond issue smacks of a cavalier attitude at best toward Downey homeowners and others who pay property taxes. I wonder if DUSD hired one of the consultant firms who specialize in packaging, promoting and marketing bond measures for schools.

Either way, they have not convinced me they need \$248 million. (If they did hire a consultant firm, I wonder what they paid, hopefully not the same rates they pay retired teachers brought back as subs). They have rolled out all the standard slogans and yard signs, relying on the standard knee-jerk reactions to "we just want the best for our kids..."

Students coming in to Downey from other cities has been going on for as long as I can remember. I recall at one time DUSD handed out flyers encouraging enrollment of students whose parents or relatives worked in Downey. The common (or maybe not so common) knowledge was that the district received State funds based on the number of filled seats. The schools well know they have a population from outside of Downey. They just look the other way. How about having out-of-city students pay an out of city fee to support the costs associated with the bonds?

In one of the corporations I worked for, there was a sign on an associate's door that said "Lack of planning and foresight on your part does not automatically constitute an emergency on my part." How appropriate for DUSD and Measure O. Are the schools just now getting around to fixing the leaky roofs and earthquake retrofits? Preparing students for the 21st century? Shouldn't they have been doing that for the past 15 years? Stronger college and university preparation for all students? Is part of the \$248 million needed for that? Or is that mainly a change in organization and protocol?

A good part of the DUSD shopping list contains similar platitudes and generalities to round out the appeal. Has all this been put out there based on advice from the bond consultants? How did they come up with a figure of \$248 million? Once the property tax goes on to pay for the bonds, chances it will ever be removed are slim to none.

Running a school district is a complex and challenging responsibility; we can appreciate that. I am sure I am not alone in appreciating the dedicated and passionate teachers. Should the DUSD mission, however, include providing full-time nursery services? Allow the waste of food?

DUSD needs to put on their thinking caps to figure out where to cut the waste and better manage the funds we are already giving them.

Also saying No to O.

David Coppell
Downey

Dear Editor:

We are 50-year residents of Downey, and all five of our children attended Downey schools, where they received a high quality education. Although our children have graduated, we still appreciate Downey's great schools because they are the backbone of our entire community.

We have done our homework and investigated the costs and benefits of Measure O, and appreciate the hard work the DUSD has done to make the right decisions for our community and schools. All Measure O funds stay local to support Downey schools.

We support Measure O because we know our schools' great reputation helps protect the value of our home and helps strengthen the quality of life in our community. Ensuring that all local students learn in safe, up-to-date schools is a smart investment for all of us.

Please join us on Tuesday in voting Yes on Measure O.

Larry and Margery Lewis
Downey

Dear Editor:

Downey Unified's school system is very good. I will show my support by voting yes on Measure O.

Please join me and vote yes on Measure O.

Dr. Mary R. Stauffer
Downey

Dear Editor:

When my husband and I were looking for a place to raise our family, Downey's great schools were a top draw to the area. Our children receive a high-quality education that is preparing them for college and future success.

I support Measure O because it will make repairs to ensure we continue to keep students safe, and provide updated classrooms, labs and technology to prepare students for today's careers. Overall, I am impressed by the work and thoughtfulness that has gone into this measure, and have decided to vote Yes.

Downey's schools are an asset to our community that we can all be proud of. Please join me in voting YES on Measure O to ensure that all our children continue to receive the great education they deserve.

Beth Gendreau
Downey

Dear Editor:

I'm in complete agreement with Paul Wilson and George and JoAnn Resetar regarding Measure O. Why is it always the homeowner who pays?

This isn't a one-year tax on our homes, it is a 30-year tax. It's high time the schools and government offices realize that rather than increase taxes, they need to start downsizing.

As mentioned in the Resetars' letter, maybe the nursery school should go back to part-time. When did we ever get to the place in the U.S. that the government should be responsible for babysitting, since it is shown that even those in preschool show no better achievement by the third grade than those who haven't attended. It's just another ill-conceived government program to have control and buy votes.

Maybe the tax should be put on people who have children in school. Let's share the cost.

Vote No on Measure O.

Marilyn Madru
Downey

Dear Editor:

As a homeowner that supported a \$1 billion school bond for Long Beach Unified School District, I think many Downey residents are missing several important points.

First, Measure O will help fund classroom improvements that will not only keep our educational environment up to par, but will create an environment that will keep the youth in our community competitive. The level and quality of education a student receives in Downey will continue to demystify the idea that a private school education is the only quality education a student can receive. Creating assertive and articulate individuals with a driven sense of knowledge and exposure will only continue to strengthen the culture and community in Downey.

Aside from improving our schools, which are the oldest buildings in our community, Measure O will help to attract other potential homebuyers that want their children to attend updated schools, and to receive an education appropriate for today's ever changing world that we live in. Additionally, our community will see higher housing prices along with higher rents because of this.

Ask yourself, why did you pay more to buy a house in this community as opposed to one in a nearby surrounding community for substantially less? I'm sure that a big part of your reason could be tied to the Downey Unified School District's reputation for outstanding schools. Clearly there is a direct correlation between property values, community values, and schools. You don't have to go far to see this. Just look at the surrounding communities where property values are substantially lower and crime is substantially higher.

So now when you think of paying \$60 dollars more, per one hundred thousand dollars of assessed value, which amounts to \$150-\$300 dollars per year for most homeowners, I think you have to agree that Measure O is a small price to pay to support your community.

I hope you will see that not only will it provide for a 21st Century education for today's students in our community but it will also provide a hefty return to your property in the form of higher values.

Jim Mogan
Downey

Dear Editor:

I received yet another propaganda flyer today for Measure O...paid for by some figurehead organization of the DUSD, the "Committee for Outstanding Schools."

I just can't let this go. Nowhere do they describe the tax hit to Downey citizens, and we're being set up for another 30 years of a heavy tax increase.

Keep in mind that DUSD is asking for a huge amount this time - \$248 million, and before you blindly pull the yes lever, you should be asking, "Is there really a 'hair on fire' need for this money today? Was there some catastrophic event that's driving this need - today? Wasn't this work already done under the previous two bond measures?" It should have been, since that was the way they were packaged and sold to Downey citizens back in 2002 and 1996.

Here's a solution: Perhaps we could take a minute, come in from off the ledge and ask whether this requested maintenance can be performed piecemeal - year over year within the boundaries of current and future DUSD budgets. Or maybe they can dip into their "healthy financial reserve" that a recent Downey Association of Realtors magazine article alludes to?

Of course there are in-house solutions, but it's easier for DUSD to ask for a homeowner tax than to do some priority juggling within their existing budget. The occasional DUSD boondoggle or the lavish Christmas party are not sacred cows. Their budget can absolutely be restructured, but it's easier for DUSD to tax apathetic and uninformed voters.

Do we really want to be the DUSD's personal ATM?

Bottom line is that we all have to live within our means. And we need to make DUSD do the same. I have complete confidence that they can roll up their sleeves and do it.

Don't volunteer for more taxes.

Paul Wilson
Downey

Dear Editor:

As a teacher at Griffiths Middle School in Downey, I am proud of the excellent education we provide for our students. In recent years, test scores for local students have continued to rise, and many of our schools have won state and national awards.

However, even as our students continue to excel, some of our schools were built in the 1950s and require repairs and updates. While some schools have been updated in recent years, many have not.

It is clear to many of us, our Downey schools require updates to classrooms, labs and instructional technology so ALL students have the opportunities to obtain the math and science skills necessary to succeed today.

That is why I'm asking you to please join me and vote YES on Measure O to ensure all Downey students continue to have the opportunity to learn in safe, up-to-date classrooms that prepare them for their futures.

Sincerely,

Julie Romero
Griffiths Middle School

Support for Kiefer

Dear Editor:

I was very proud to be a co-chair to defeat Measure B earlier this year. We must continue to be vigilant to ensure that we keep our Downey fire and police departments and that our city is led by the right people.

That is why I strongly believe that Robert Kiefer is the best person to represent Downey on the City Council for District 2.

I worked with Robert during the No on B campaign and saw firsthand his ability to lead and his commitment to serve. I have also observed him as a planning commissioner to be a reasonable person of conviction yet business-friendly.

I have encouraged all of my friends who live in District 2 to vote for Robert Kiefer this Tuesday. I hope you will do the same.

Lourdes Coytaya
Downey

Dear Editor:

If you live in Downey's District 2, you will have an opportunity to vote for a new city council member. I encourage you to consider voting for Robert Kiefer.

I met Mr. Kiefer during the No on Measure B campaign earlier this year, and he was very informed and worked hard to ensure that we always keep our Downey Fire Department. He was passionate and always sincere.

I have lived in Downey for over 30 years and like most, stay informed through attending council meetings, reading the Patriot and speaking with fellow Downeyites. Everyone I've met that knows Robert Kiefer speaks highly of him as being a person of steadfast character and informed on the issues. He voted No to the go-go dancers and has a strong reputation as chairperson of the Planning Commission. Thus, I feel Robert Kiefer has the experience and track record to lead our Downey.

This Tuesday, I encourage you to vote for Robert Kiefer for Downey City Council, District 2.

Carlos A. Sotomayor
Downey

Support for A-Malek

Dear Editor:

As a longtime Downey resident, Dr. Shahira A-Malek is genuinely committed to serving each and every resident of Downey and she will work tirelessly to improve quality of life for all residents.

In addition, Dr. A-Malek has the credentials and innovative ideas to move Downey in the right direction.

For over 30 years, Dr. A-Malek has served members of the community by providing top-notch medical care and working with patients to promote good health and wellness. She consistently receives high marks from patients for her ability to listen to and address their concerns. Likewise, as the 2nd District council member, she will listen to and address the concerns of all her constituents.

In addition, she has held numerous leadership positions, such as Chief of Staff for two hospitals and positions on governing boards of medical and charitable organizations. In these roles, Dr. A-Malek was responsible for managing and working with a diverse group of people, consensus-building on divisive issues, and proposing and implementing innovative solutions for difficult problems.

Moreover, Dr. A-Malek's innovative ideas, policies and proposals will surely move Downey in the right direction. Her focus on social programs, such as secured housing for seniors and after-school programs for at-risk youth, highlights her concern for the most vulnerable members of our community. Dr. A-Malek believes that an investment in our youth is an investment in the future of Downey. By investing in after-school programs, we provide at-risk youth with the opportunity to seek help with academic work and explore sports, hobbies, and other endeavors that help them succeed in life. These programs are also credited with reducing violence, gang activity and teenage pregnancies.

Dr. A-Malek's proposal to open a satellite campus for a local college in Downey is an innovative idea that will bring jobs as well as educational and vocational opportunities that will generate additional jobs and boost the local economy. Because Dr. A-Malek understands that safety and security is the number one priority for most current and potential Downey residents, she is committed and determined to keep the Downey Police and Fire Departments intact and to provide them with the resources they need to continue their great work.

Lastly, Dr. A-Malek will be driven by the interests the community. Since she is self-funding her campaign for the 2nd District seat, she will not be beholden to any special interests.

I've known Dr. A-Malek for over 20 years and I am confident that she is most qualified, trustworthy and committed candidate in the race.

George R. Sami, ESQ
Downey

Yes on Prop 46

Dear Editor:

As the mother of a son who was killed by medical negligence, I am appalled by Dr. A-Malek's comments. She couldn't be more wrong. ("No on 46," Letters to the Editor, 10/23/14)

MICRA, the \$250,000 cap on medical malpractice cases, has only served one purpose...to enrich the insurance industry. Meanwhile, victims of medical negligence are denied access to justice.

In 1975, the insurance industry agreed that \$250,000 was a fair amount, however today, 39 years later, they still think that same amount is fair. Hmmm, who is greedy, Dr. A-Malek? It's not the lawyers who risk \$100,000 in costs to fight a malpractice case, with a maximum award of \$250,000. Greedy are the multi-billion dollar insurance companies, who are quite content with the status quo. BIG profits over justice for victims.

Did you know that the lives of our children, the elderly, stay-at-home parents, the poor, the unemployed, and the disabled are all devalued by MICRA? That's discrimination! It was Prop 103, not MICRA, that stabilized malpractice premiums. Did you know that attorneys fees are strictly capped in malpractice cases (15% on awards over \$600,000), unlike any other personal injury case?

As for CURES, the prescription drug data-base, it's already in use. Prop 46 will only require its use when prescribing highly-addictive medications such as vicodin and oxycontin for the first time to a patient. This will cut down on doctor shopping and over-prescribing and will save taxpayers millions of dollars. CURES is fully HIPPA approved, fully funded by SB809, and it's run by the Attorney General and the state Department of Justice. In fact, the California Medical Association, in May 2013, encouraged their physicians to use CURES.

And as for the drug and alcohol testing of doctors, Dr. A-Malek said "all physicians." Wrong again. It's random testing of doctors on staff at hospital, or with admitting privileges, and anytime there's an adverse event. An adverse event such as my son being given a lethal combination of medications, and then being left unmonitored in his hospital bed for over seven hours only to be found in rigor mortis, just feet from the nurses station.

So please, Dr. A-Malek, get your facts straight when talking about Prop 46, and quit misleading the voters of Downey.

Tammy Smick
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For October/November

Fri., Oct. 31: **Pumpkin Patch**, Apollo Park, 5-9 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 2: **Dia de los Muertos**, Downey Theatre, 11 a.m.-8 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.
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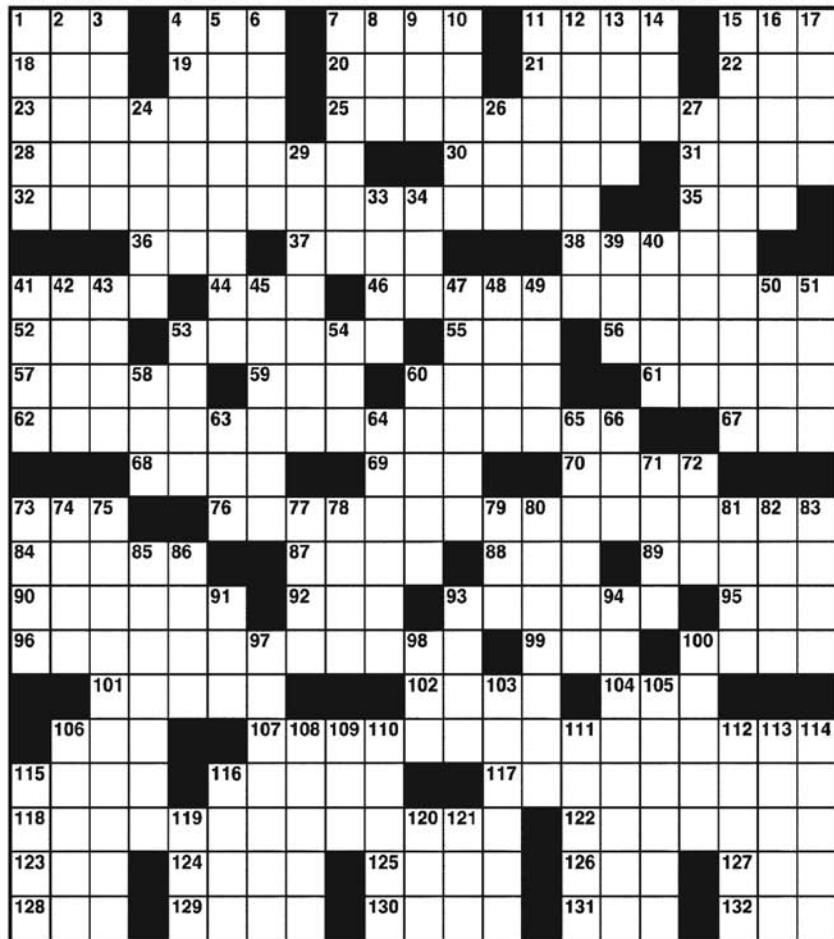
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Mari-O and Measure-O

Dear Editor:
 I am hoping that Downey voters and those from area communities realize what an important election we have this coming Tuesday, Nov. 4. Never has there been a time when two such important decisions were put in front of us.
 My former colleague, Mario Guerra, is widely regarded as being the hardest working and most relentless champion for Downey causes that our city has ever had. In his 8 years serving as Mayor and City Councilmember in the City of Downey, no one has delivered more to our community. Getting Mario Guerra elected to the California State Senate should be a top priority for all of us. He will surely ruffle some feathers in Sacramento to ensure our voice is heard.
 Measure O is just as important to our community. I appreciate knowing that, by law, funds from Measure O will stay right here in Downey. This means no funds go to other school districts and the state can't take one dime. All Measure O funds stay local to support Downey schools – providing updated classrooms and local jobs.
 I support Measure O because I know our local schools' great reputation helps protect the value of homes here in Downey and that, in turn, helps strengthen the quality of life in our community. Ensuring that all local students learn in safe, up-to-date schools is a smart investment for all of us.
 Spread the word for Mari-O and Measure-O!
 Vote Mario Guerra for State Senate and YES on Measure O this coming Tuesday, Nov. 4th!
Kirk Cartozian
 Former Downey mayor
 Former Downey teacher

Please vote

Dear Editor:
 I hope all Downey voters will get out to vote by mail or on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4.
 When my ancestors first arrived in what would become the greatest nation on earth, in the early 1600s, they fought their mother country England to gain the right to vote and oppose unfair taxes.
 I hope everyone will exercise their hard-fought right to vote that was won by the blood, sweat and tears of our forefathers.
John Paul Drayer
 Bellflower

Gallery investment

Dear Editor:
 In a letter to the editor of this newspaper several weeks ago, a writer suggested a change to the headline "Stay Gallery Marks Two Years", indicating his concern about the Gallery receiving a subsidy from the city of Downey.
 This piqued my interest about finding out what this subsidy was all about. My findings were a nice surprise, indeed.
 Back during the year 2012, our City Council wisely voted to allocate funding from a public ordinance to fund art in public places. Many large and small towns across the country are really places that we just pass through on the way to work, or a place to go to sleep at night. Our Council recognized that Downey is unique and a terrific small town. Art and culture are forces that can help bind the city together, enhancing the experience of living here. Helping Stay Gallery to get established was the beginning of the Council's efforts, and their support of this new venture could not have been better invested.

In more than two years of its existence, Stay Gallery has provided this city with a public space for civic engagement, entertainment, education and more. It has evolved into a place where we can enjoy the benefits of a local arts and cultural program that many other cities would love to claim as their own. Hundreds of people attend their events every week. Art exhibits, poetry readings, live music, all showcasing local talent, along with revitalizing art programs in our schools, contributing to reinvigorating business in Old Town Downtown Downey. Downey has gained national attention for being a forward moving community, a place where people would like to live or emulate. The Gallery has been a catalyst for much of the recognition we now enjoy.
 In retrospect, I think all of us who live in this city can share a sense of pride our little town. The Gallery is really our gallery, a place where we can all go and feel welcome and for free.
 Gee, I think we got a bargain for our subsidy investment. You agree?
Gary L. Castagnola
 Downey

Rooftop concert

Dear Editor:
 Downey did it again!
 Downey's final rooftop Cuban-themed concert, "Havana Nights," was anything but laid back. After enjoying the previous month's show (Mexico as the theme), my wife and I decided to attend. With portable lawn chairs in hand, we were off.
 When we arrived on the top floor of the downtown parking structure, I was amazed that it was nearly half full with individuals ranging from toddlers to seniors and that was 45 minutes before the show started. As we found a spot to claim, I could not help but think of what a great venue it was – on a rooftop with clear skies, a 360 degree view of not only our beautiful city but that of other surrounding cities with the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop. Beautiful.
 With the concert underway, headed by a 10-piece Cuban band, La Charanga Cubana, it was literally impossible for anyone to sit idle in their seats. If one was not tapping their feet to the rhythm or clapping their hands, they were on the dance floor, me included, with couples who no doubt were either in their 70s or 80s.
 If that was not enough, Porto's had Cuban sandwiches for sale as well as other vendors selling their goods.
 Besides a fun-filled family evening of seeing old friends or making new ones, the night was also one of support for local causes. During the program, 50-50 raffle tickets were sold with half of the proceeds benefiting the Downey Rose Float Association; there was also a beer/wine garden with portions of their proceeds going to breast cancer awareness.
 Downey, you not only did it again, I hope you do it again. With most entertainment taking place on weekends, having something like this midweek sure broke up life's monotony. Thanks!
Scott York
 Downey

Guerra's position

Dear Editor:
 Please tell me there was a misprint in the Patriot's reporting of Mr. Mario Guerra's debate where it mentioned they are both for the Affordable Care Act.
 Hold everything! The same law that businesses of all sizes are frightened of. The same law that is resulting in hundreds of thousands of jobs being reduced to 29 hours to avoid this new monstrous regulation. The same law that has caused businesses to lay off employees. The same law that increased, as high as two-fold, our premiums.
 Obamacare has been the most damaging law to pass in my lifetime. You do realize that not one Republican voted for it.
 I've read that Mr. Guerra is the pro-business, pro-growth candidate. I know that he is a business owner who is against big government. How is it then that he is for Obamacare? Do you see the hypocrisy?
 My fear is that Mr. Guerra is pandering to the mostly Hispanic vote. It has never made sense to me that Hispanics continue to vote overwhelmingly Democrat anyway. If he is truly a conservative, Mr. Guerra owes it to our party to tell his constituents the truth about Obamacare.
 Because I vote Republican 99 percent of the time, I will vote for Guerra. I do think he will win. However, I urge all conservatives to hold Mr. Guerra's feet to the fire.
 I'm afraid to ask how he feels about minimum wage!
Carl Vesper
 Downey

Shopping center progress

Dear Editor:
 It's good to see work being done again at the new shopping area next to the Downey Landing.
 A good area to observe the progress is the parking area south of L.A. Fitness.
Mike Sandoval
 Downey

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Third-graders get up close look at Downey's symphony

By Mark Keller

DOWNEY – Halloween is upon us again as we reach the end of another October. Usually during this week of the year there is something strange, out of the ordinary, brewing over at the Downey Theatre. Well, this year it happened early and is all over now. The magical and mysterious annual occurrence went off again without so much as a teeny-weeny glitch. And it involved a musical witch!

This event, the 3rd Graders Concerts held at the Downey Theatre on Thursday, October 9th, was presented as part of the Music in the Schools outreach program by the Downey Symphony Orchestra in cooperation with the Downey Unified School District and the City of Downey - Theatre Staff.

In this day and age there is a need for more arts education. Unfortunately, it is the area where funding is cut first when budget conscious belt-tightening must take place. While studying the arts, students learn many valuable skills seen as important in academic and life success. The top ten skills children learn from the arts are creativity, confidence, problem solving, perseverance, focus, non-verbal communication, how to receive constructive feedback, collaboration, dedication, and accountability according to a recent article in the Washington Post. The Downey Symphony Society created Music in the Schools as an outreach program in order to expose elementary school children to symphonic music and the relationship this music has within the arts and with the students themselves.

There is nothing quite like the magic in the air that fills the theatre when these 3rd Graders (and their teachers) hear a full symphonic orchestra that fills the stage, many of them for the first time. Back at school they may have seen the quintet, a group of five Downey Symphony Orchestra members, play for them at an assembly. But in the Downey Theatre we are talking about the "big time" and the great variety of sounds from the orchestra that waft over the audience and ignite a magical feeling inside every listener sitting at attention, completely absorbed in the

experience.

This exposure to the orchestra and the music being performed, in addition to some very important things the students are taught by Sharon Lavery, Music Director and Conductor of the Downey Symphonic Orchestra, ignites ideas within the students. Maybe, with a little work and a lot of practice, they could learn how to play a musical instrument, join a band or an orchestra, and perform in front of a lot of people.

The mystery is how the 3rd Graders Concerts happened and a few hours later you could not even tell. Really, it isn't a mystery at all, so this writer will tell you. First, the Downey Symphonic Society provided the Downey Symphony Orchestra, of course. Second, from the office of Janice Hobson, Director of Instructional Support Programs, the Downey Unified School District provided the well maintained buses to get the students and teachers to and from the theatre, the well thought-out plans as to which schools attended what performance (there were three performances) and at what time (9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., or 11:30 a.m.), and a well trained crew of School District Staff that helped facilitate the arrivals and departures of the buses and their riders. Third, the City of Downey provided the Downey Theatre and the theatre staff to have the event take place in.

The theatre staff had set out cones to define the bus parking along 2nd Street between the theatre and the library. At 9 a.m. the buses began arriving and off-loading the students and teachers. Once empty, the buses left to go get their new passengers, the audience for the next performance. Meanwhile, quickly and calmly the school district staff ushered the audience in to the theatre seating areas. Each school had just the right number of seats waiting for them, all grouped together, and at 9:27 AM everyone was ready to begin.

The house lights dimmed down slowly and finally went out. Everyone was very quiet now. Show time!

The stage lights changed and got much brighter. First out on stage came Carolyn Osborn; she is the Concert Master and got to "tune-up" the orchestra. Everyone on stage got in tune with each other; they were all

ready to play music together. Next out on stage came Sharon Lavery; she is the Music Director and Conductor. The overall concept of the concert was to learn about the "themes" heard in the music being performed. In 45 minutes the audience got to hear four pieces of music. First was "A Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra" by Benjamin Britten. In this piece the instruments and the sections of the orchestra were first introduced separately and played a theme, one by one, then the entire orchestra played together at the end, passing the theme from section to section. This piece was narrated by Anthony Moreno, the guest baritone opera soloist who would beautifully perform works from Mozart's operas at the first concert of the Downey Symphony Orchestra's season two days later.

The next piece was "Night On Bald Mountain" by Modeste Mussorgsky. At this point Sharon Lavery quickly put on a witch's cape and hat and found her conducting broom. She successfully related the music of Mussorgsky to a story about several witches plotting to take over the city of Downey one Halloween night long ago. She explained the themes to be listened for and asked the students to show her that they recognized those themes by wiggling their fingers in front of their mouths when they heard the "witches gossiping" theme.

The students were instructed to place their hands over their hearts in honor when they heard the theme that represented the guards who would eventually save the city from the witches sinister plot. And finally, to hear and recognize the theme of the sun coming up on a bright new day after the all-night battle between the witches and the guards was over. This interaction between the stage and the audience was lively and fun. Sharon Lavery conducted the orchestra using her broomstick!

The concert also included Marche Slav by Peter I. Tchaikovsky and the Hogwarts theme from the "Harry Potter" films by John

Williams.

After the concert the students filed out and reboarded their school buses. The buses had returned to the Downey Theatre with the next audience, third graders scheduled to see the 10:30 a.m. performances.

Between performances Sharon Lavery was overheard saying, "There were many noticeable moments when the students reacted to the themes they recognized! It makes me feel good to know they're coming to see us already knowing about what we are going to perform; It shows me that the teachers are going over the preparatory materials in the classrooms!" She was going offstage to have a quick break with the orchestra, then it was back out onstage to do it all over again at 10:30 AM. And then again at 11:30 AM! Three morning performances to accommodate over 1600 Downey third graders.

And all of this made possible by the sponsorship of the Helen Hoag Foundation. The concerts could not have happened without her generosity. Thank you!

To find out more about the Downey Symphony Orchestra and "Music in the Schools" please go to downeysymphony.org.

Mark Keller is a member of the Downey Symphony board of directors.

Artist to display 22-ft. sculpture at Sunday's Dia de los Muertos

DOWNEY – It takes Martin Sanchez about a year and half to collect and assemble just the right materials for his mega-sized whimsical sculptures, such as the 22'-high "Traveling the World/Dando la Vuellta al Mundo" which will be on display at the Downey Dia de los Muertos Art Festival this Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Downey Theatre and surrounding civic center, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Sanchez is part of a movement often referred to as "found" art, a school that uses repurposed materials to create mixed media three dimensional pieces such as collage, posters, sculpture, murals and other art expressions.

Sanchez's works have an intentional lightness and playful exuberance despite their height and weight. Growing up in Michoacan, Mexico, poor, and mostly uneducated, Sanchez missed out on childhood. He said that the art he creates today is the stand-in for the toys and the lighthearted youth that he did not experience.

He describes the process of creating his sculptures as his adult version of "play."

Sanchez, who has been an artist for the past 19 years, said that even as a child he had the spirit of an artist inside him, and it wasn't until he was older that he knew what it was, and how to express it.

The Dia de los Muertos Art Festival is free and family-friendly. It's a forum for a wide variety of themed art.

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In Memory of
Deloris Evelyn Peterson

September 17, 1922 to September 8, 2014



DELORIS EVELYN PETERSON, 91, of Downey, California, died on Monday, September 8, 2014, at Long Beach Community Hospital in Long Beach, California. She was born September 17, 1922, the daughter of George and Amanda Witheft, and grew up in Buckingham, Illinois. She was baptized as an infant, and confirmed as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Herscher, Illinois in 1937. She graduated from Herscher High School and attended Gallagers School of Business in Kankakee, Illinois.

Deloris married the late Elwood C. Peterson, on June 26, 1943. She worked as a bookkeeper at Al Kalie Music in Lakewood, California for a number of years and retired in 1987. She was an avid reader and enjoyed knitting, gardening and tending to dozens of hummingbirds in her backyard. She was a member of WAT (Women Alone Together) and enjoyed playing Bunko. Deloris was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey, California, and for many years volunteered in a group making quilts to benefit Lutheran Social Services.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by one son, Brent Lee Peterson, and her sister, Carol E. Nowack.

She is survived by one son, Randal (Rosalie) Peterson of Downey, California, and three daughters, Mija (Dick) Fremberg, of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, Tamara Peterson, of Brea, California, and Karen (Rudy) Matchinga, of Burbank, California; eight grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and her brother, Merlyn (Donna) Witheft, of Buckingham, Illinois.

A funeral service was held on Friday, September 12, 2014, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey, California, followed by interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park, in Whittier, California.

Services Saturday for Diane Wynn

DOWNEY – Diane Wynn, a resident of Bellflower, a retired elementary school teacher in the Paramount Unified School District, and a longtime member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Downey, passed away on Oct. 21 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital after a battle with cancer.

Diane taught for 40 years, mainly at Hollydale Elementary in South Gate, and continued to substitute teach until shortly before her cancer diagnosis in September.

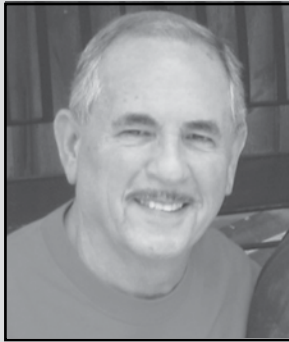
An alumnus of Cal State Long Beach, she had a bachelors degree in Political Science and a minor English. She also had a masters degree in Education.

She is survived by her younger siblings and their spouses: Barbara Krazel (Edward), John Wynn (Andrea) and Deborah Young (Adam).

A memorial service will be held at Downey's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m.

In Memory of
Stuart J. Finck

April 13, 1936 to October 21, 2014



Stuart Finck, Retired Police Captain, Mourned.

Stuart J. Finck, age 78, died on October 21, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, from complications following ulcer surgery.

Stuart Jon Finck was born on April 13, 1936, in the Bronx. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956 and later graduated from UCLA. Stuart joined the LAPD in February 1961 and married the love of his life, George Anne Kaufman, in December 1963. Stuart and George made their loving home in Downey, along with their three children, Jon, Cat and Tony. Stuart retired from the LAPD at the rank of Captain in February 1991.

Stuart's life was changed when his beloved wife of 36 years died on April 19, 2001. Although losing his wife left a tremendous void in Stuart's life, he enjoyed his retirement years working out at the Downey YMCA, traveling with his companion Billie Prince, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons Jon and Tony, his daughters Catherine and Cindy, and his grandchildren Nathan, Andrew, Samantha, Jamison, Donovan, Michaela and Branaghan.

A memorial service will be held on November 2 at 3:00pm at the home of Mel and Cat Durant in Riverside, Ca.

Vivian Rice mourned

DOWNEY – Vivian Marie Myers Rice passed Oct. 16.

She was born in Ravenna, Ohio on March 26, 1924. She moved to Maywood when she was 21 and went to work for Sears and Roebuck. Friends introduced her to Eldon Rice in 1947, and in less than nine months, they were married.

The couple moved to Downey in 1953, where they raised their three children. Vivian was very active in PTA at Rio Hondo Elementary, Girl Scouts and the Moravian Church of Downey.

Eldon and Vivian retired in 1983 and were able to travel full-time for the next eight years. They moved to Hemet and lived there until Eldon died in 1996. Vivian moved back to Downey and lived there until her death.

Vivian is survived by her two daughters, Luanne Korn (Donald), Janis Rice; son, Jerry (Karen); grandchildren, Aaron Korn (Janie), Emily Korn Niemeyer (David), Jonathan Korn (Carly), Lisa Line Biesemeyer (Michael), Sephanie Line Fitzpatrick (Brian); great-grandchildren, Samantha and Nathan Korn, Rowen, Finn and Lia Biesemeyer, Quinlan Fitzpatrick, Ellie Niemeyer; sister, Elaine Hofland; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Crebs.

She was predeceased by her husband, Eldon, and her three brothers, Lee, Gene and Allen Burkey.

A memorial service celebrating Vivian's life will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Moravian Church of Downey.



Krikorian celebrates Day of the Dead

DOWNEY – Celebrating the Day of the Dead holiday early this year, the lobby of Krikorian Theatres in Downey last Saturday was transformed into a wondrous display based on Fox's "The Book of Life," filled with hand-made papel picado banners, tissue paper marigolds, scenes from the movie and an art exhibit showcasing local artists.

Hundreds of people attended the free event, which was promoting the opening weekend of the film. In addition to the art show, there was free face painting, sugar skull decorating and a coloring contest, along with free churros provided by Lucero Bakery.

In addition, Office Depot and HP were on hand, taking photos at a custom-made photo booth where guests could take pictures with props and take home photographic mementos.

The event was topped with a raffle featuring movie memorabilia and a gift card provided by Hot Topic.

"Krikorian Premiere Theatres is dedicated to being an active part of the Downey community and making the theatre a fun, family environment," theater officials said.

Antonia Thomas passes away

DOWNEY – Antonia Emmanuel Thomas passed away at PIH Hospital in Downey on Oct. 19 after a long illness she had battled this past year.

She was born April 20, 1980 in Bellflower but lived most of her life in Downey. She went to Rio San Gabriel Elementary, East Middle School and graduated from Downey High.

She leaves behind her son, Matthew; mother, Joanne; father, Emanuel; stepmother, Penny; sister, Kia; brother-in-law, Anthony; and nieces, Olivia and Athena.



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SPORTS BRIEFS: Cross country preps for finals

• SGVL league finals begin next week at La Mirada Regional Park.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' and girls' cross country seasons are winding down.

San Gabriel Valley League Finals will be held Wednesday, November 5, at La Mirada Regional Park. C.I.F. Prelims will follow on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Mt. SAC and C.I.F. Finals are scheduled to take place Saturday, Nov. 22, at Mt. SAC as well. Boys' Coach Ramon Miranda and girls' coach Jay Waldron are fine tuning their lineups for the last competitions of the season.

The Warren High School girls' tennis team is hosting S.G.V.L. Finals this week (scores unavailable at press time). This three day tournament will determine seedings for postseason play. Coach Mary Starksen has had her team improving each day and playing solid team tennis.

The Bears are 17-1 overall and 12-1 in league play. Warren's only loss was against Downey 10-8 on Oct. 7.

The Downey Calvary Chapel football team lost to Crean Lutheran of Irvine 39-7 on 10/6. With the loss, the Grizzlies dropped to 4-3 overall and 0-2 in Academy League play. The Grizzlies did not play last week and will travel to Sage Hill of Newport Beach Saturday.

The Sage Hill Lightning are 3-5 overall and 0-2 in Academy League play. The Grizzlies will conclude their regular season schedule against St. Margaret's at St. Margaret's next Friday night. The Tartans are 8-0 overall and 3-0 in Academy League play. Coach Welch, his staff and players are looking forward to finishing the season strong. DCC finished last season with an overall

record of 2-6.

The Warren High School football team was shut out by Dominguez last Friday night, 48-0, at Warren. With the loss, Warren fell to 4-4 overall and 1-2 in S.G.V.L. play.

Dominguez improved to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren will travel to Lynwood tonight to play the Knights. The Knights are 5-3 overall and are 0-3 in S.G.V.L. play.

Warren will finish their regular season against Paramount at Paramount next Friday night. If the Bears want to compete in postseason play, they must win tonight at Lynwood and win next Friday at Paramount. If the Bears lose either game, they are eliminated from postseason play.

Lynwood has already been eliminated from postseason competition. The Knights started the season 5-0 and have currently lost three league games in a row. Lynwood lost to Downey 23-14 on 10/10, lost to Dominguez 47-7 on 10/17 and lost to Paramount 28-24 last Friday, respectively.

In the Dominguez game, Bear quarterback Jordan Yancy completed 5/21 passes for 27 yards. The Warren ground attack accumulated 48 yards on 21 carries. The Bears were held to 75 yards of total offense.

Interestingly, of the four Warren losses this season, the opposing teams combined records are 22-10. Records and results are as follows: St. Paul is 4-4 (24-15), Buena Park is 7-1 (25-0), Downey is 5-3 (49-19) and Dominguez is 6-2 (48-0), respectively.

Of the four Warren wins, the opposing teams combined records are 5-28. Records and results are as follows: Firebaugh is 1-8 (20-6), Western is 1-7 (52-6), Gardena is 0-8 (42-16) and Gahr is 3-5 (47-28). Warren has steadily improved throughout the season. The Bears have challenged the better teams and have soundly defeated less challenging teams.

The Warren High School football team is a work in progress and continues to get better. Coach Lara and his staff continue to work hard each day and the results are starting to show. Warren is certainly a team to watch for next year as many underclassmen have gained valuable game time experience.

The Downey High School boys' water polo team defeated Paramount on Tuesday, 12-5, at Paramount Park, improving their record to 9-11 overall and 4-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The win against Paramount sets up a S.G.V.L. championship game against Cerritos next Tuesday at Cerritos Park East. Cerritos is also undefeated in S.G.V.L. play and have certainly been the team to beat in recent years. Downey will need to have strong play from Christian Gomez and goalie Jon Yi to win the league title.

Downey played Whittier yesterday and will play El Rancho later today (scores unavailable at press time). The Vikings will have two regular season games left after the El Rancho game today. Downey will play at Cerritos next Tuesday and will conclude their regular season at Western next Friday.

The C.I.F. Division 4 playoff brackets will be released next Sunday morning (11/9) and Downey will be the number one or two S.G.V.L. entry based on the result of the Cerritos game. Downey has defeated Paramount, Gahr, Warren and Whitney in league play to secure their playoff spot.

The Vikings have played well in league and are looking forward to putting it altogether and making a nice run in the Division 4 playoffs.

The Downey High School football team defeated Gahr last Friday night, 56-21, at Downey to improve to 5-3 overall and 3-0 in S.G.V.L. play.

With the loss, Gahr fell to 3-5 overall and are 0-3 in S.G.V.L. play.

Downey traveled to Paramount Thursday night to play a Paramount team that is also 5-3 overall but 2-1 in S.G.V.L. play (score not available). The Pirate loss was a 28-7 defeat against Dominguez at Dominguez on 10/10.

If Paramount wants to win part of another tri-championship, they must defeat Downey tonight and Warren next week. If Downey wants to win a league title, the road goes through Paramount at Paramount tonight and against Dominguez at Downey next week.

In the Gahr game, the Vikings scored early and often. Downey scored four touchdowns in the first quarter and were 4/4 on PAT attempts. Downey led 28-0 at the end of the first quarter. The Vikings added to their lead in the second quarter by scoring another three touchdowns and converting the extra points. Downey led at halftime 49-0.

Gahr finally scored a touchdown in the third quarter and converted the PAT. Downey also scored a touchdown and converted their PAT. Each team scored seven points in the third quarter. The score was 56-7 at the end of the third quarter. Gahr added two fourth quarter touchdowns and PATs to close the gap to 56-21. The game ended with Downey winning 56-21.

The Downey passing attack completed 3/4 passes for 93 yards and two touchdowns. The Vikings averaged 31 yards per completion and scored on 2/3 completed pass attempts. The ground game had 35 carries for 452 yards. Downey averaged close to 13 yards per rush attempt. The Vikings accumulated 543 yards of total offense.

Josh Flores scored two touchdowns, Justin Huff scored two touchdowns, Eddie Preciado scored two touchdowns, Stacy Chukwumezie scored one touchdown and Albert Padilla scored one touchdown. Viking kicker Omar Juarez was 8/8 on PAT attempts and scored 8 points.

Bosco pulls away late to beat Orange Lutheran

BELFLOWER – The St John Bosco football team used an unanswered 20-point run late in the second half to take down Orange Lutheran 54-43 last Friday and remain perfect in Trinity League play (7-1, 3-0).

It was Bosco's Homecoming game and the Braves and Lancers treated the alumni in attendance to another high scoring game.

Orange Lutheran started the scoring off with an 80-yard drive and took an early 7-0 lead.

Braves running back Sean McGrew countered that with a 10-yard TD run, but Bosco botched the PAT attempt and still trailed 7-6.

The 1-point difference loomed large for most of the game as the two teams continued to trade scores.

Bosco had a six-point 27-21 lead at halftime, but a gutsy onside kick by Orange Lutheran to start the third quarter gave the Lancers the ball in Bosco territory. Orange Lutheran was able to capitalize on their gamble when running back Elijah Bynum ran the ball in from 15 yards out for the go ahead score, 28-27.

Later in the 3rd quarter Bosco linebacker DJ Willis intercepted a pass attempt by Lancer QB Lj Northington, which gave the ball back to Bosco.

The turnover lead to a Josh Rosen to Jared Harell touchdown pass and put the Braves back in front 34-28 late in the third.

Undaunted by his interception, Northington took the ensuing kick-off and capped off his team's drive with a scrambling TD run and a Lancer lead of 35-34.

Down by a point early in the fourth quarter. Bosco responded with a Rosen quarterback keeper and took back the lead 41-35.

Having the lead Bosco's defensive unit picked just the right moments to make plays. The special teams defense stopped Orange Lutheran's fake punt attempt and gave the Braves offense great field position.

Bosco took advantage and stretched their lead to 47-35 after McGrew scored on a 26-yard run. Bosco missed the PAT.

Once again a Bosco defensive player was in the right place when Mykal Tolliver returned a tipped pass interception 60-yards for the game clinching score.

Orange Lutheran scored a last minute touchdown, but by then Bosco was in control and on their way to the 54-43 victory.

Bosco plays Servite tonight at 7 pm. The game will be at Cerritos College. –Michael Smith, contributor

WDLL early bird sign-ups

DOWNEY – West Downey Little League will hold early bird registration for its 2015 season Sunday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Stauffer Middle School campus.

Parents should download a registration packet from the West Downey Little League website and bring it to sign-ups, along with a certified birth certificate and three forms of proof of residency.

Cost is \$70 for t-ball (ages 4-5) and rookie (ages 5-7) and \$105 for upper divisions. The registration fee includes uniform, shirt, hat, yearbook, pictures and trophy.

The Challenger Division for kids with disabilities is free.

Sign-ups will also be held Nov. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon and 3:30-5 p.m., also at Stauffer Middle School. Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 10 and Jan. 17; children ages 8 and older must tryout.

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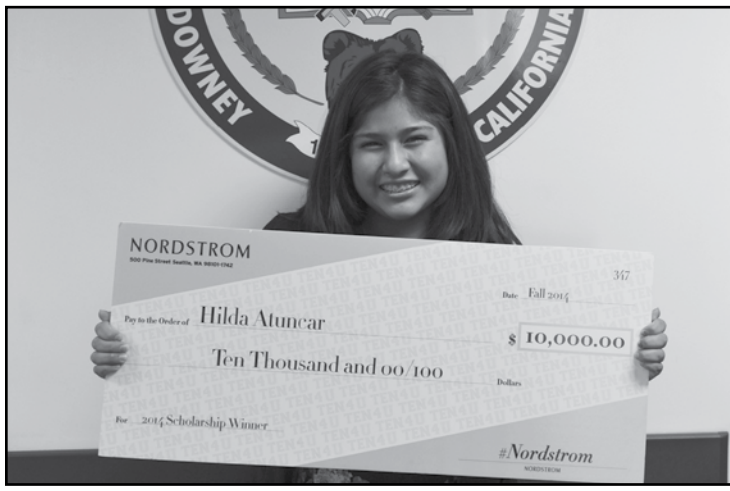
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By Frank Kearns

Frank Kearns is a Downey poet but his New England roots show in this poem about day-trippers merely skimming the surface of a landscape for all seasons. Kearns will read at Stay Gallery on November 13 when the poet Raindog launches his new anthology, LummoX 3. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



Warren High student wins \$10K scholarship

DOWNEY – Warren High School senior Hilda Atuncar beat out more than 10,000 high school students across the country to win a \$10,000 college scholarship from Nordstrom.

Nordstrom awarded the scholarship to only 80 students in 2014. Hilda earned a 4.13 GPA as a junior at Warren High last year. She is enrolled in Honors English and AP Spanish, and is a member of the Book Club, secretary of the Mock Trial Club and vice president of the Garden Club. "I am so grateful that I was chosen, it is still so surreal to me," said Hilda, who plans to attend the University of Chicago next fall.

"Hilda is a great asset to the district and our community," said Warren High principal Laura Rivas.

Veterans reading at library

DOWNEY – Local veterans will be reading stories aloud at the Downey City Library this Saturday from 12:30-2 p.m.

After storytelling, kids will be able to make a craft. Free books and balloons will also be given out. The program is free.

St. Raymond's holiday boutique

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Catholic Church will host its annual holiday boutique Sunday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a camera for pictures with Santa Claus. Previews of the items to be sold are posted on the St. Raymond's Holiday Boutique Facebook page.

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Twenty Two years with no change with the same Congressional representative in office who does not fight for us and advocates nothing is enough. It is time to elect a new leader and academic who can work and fight for the better of all citizens and increase Social Security benefits. I will reduce student tuition fees. I will fight to obtain price controls on food and gasoline and reduce taxes for the benefit of all. More jobs, educational benefits, and the reduction of crime are just a few of my objectives when elected to Congress.

DISTINGUIDOS CUIDADANOS,
Mi prioridades dirigirlas fondos hacia programas de trabajo para todos los ciudadanos e incrementar los beneficios del Seguro Social. Reduciré los pagos de matricula estudiantil. Lucharé para obtener control de precios de comida y gasolina y reduciré los impuestos para el beneficio de todos. Atentamente, David Sanchez, Ph.D.

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Fundraiser for American Legion

DOWNEY – A fundraiser to help the refurbishment of the American Legion Hall in South Gate will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, from 1-3:30 p.m. at Joseph's Bar and Grill in Downey.

Minimum donation is \$25. To reserve a seat, contact Sole Gutierrez at (562) 862-2226 or soledadgutierrez126@gmail.com.

Library hosting talk on military families

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will host a discussion Saturday on the needs of young children in military and veteran families.

The talk is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. Parents and family members will be given tips on improving parent-child relationships, problem-solving skills, managing family stress, and strengthening family relationships. Sponsored by the UCLA Nathanson Family Resilience, the program is free and pre-registration is not required.

Veterans to discuss war, coming home

DOWNEY – A panel discussion with veterans about their experiences of going to war and the issues they face on returning home will be held at the Downey City Library this Monday, Nov. 3, starting at 6:30 p.m.

The discussion is free and open to the public. For questions, call the library at (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

Veterans Day's ceremony Nov. 11

DOWNEY – The city of Downey will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m. near the veterans memorial located in the civic center.

The ceremony will feature a patriotic performance by the Warren High Jazz Band and participation from American Legion Post No. 270, the Living Tree Foundation, Boy Scout Troop No. 441 and Cub Scout Pack No. 805.

Free refreshments will be provided by the Downey Lions Club. For more information, call the City Manager's office at (562) 904-1895.

VA homeownership workshop

DOWNEY – A homeownership workshop specifically for veterans and surviving spouses will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Downey.

Guests will learn the benefits of a VA loan, requirements to qualify for a home loan and refinancing, documents necessary for prequalification, and more.

RSVP by calling Soledad Gutierrez at (562) 862-2226 or email soledadgutierrez126@gmail.com.

Free breakfast for vets

DOWNEY – All military veterans and active duty soldiers are invited to Calvary Chapel Christian School in Downey on Friday, Nov. 7, for a complimentary breakfast.

The breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and will be followed by a program in the Main Sanctuary honoring veterans.

For questions, call the elementary office at (562) 803-6556.

Anthony Chavez graduates basic training

DOWNEY – Army Pvt. Anthony Chavez has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Benning, Ga.

During the nine-week training period, Chavez received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values.

He is the son of Antonio and Irene Chavez, of Downey. He is a 2012 graduate of Downey High School.

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF TOBY GWYNN Case No. BP156445

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

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kelly Norris in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kelly Norris 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 Nov. 10, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, 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 deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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 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, KELLY NORRIS: JEFFREY T. GWYNN, SBN 180548 THE GWYNN LAW FIRM, P.C. 3637 ARLINGTON AVENUE, SUITE D RIVERSIDE, CA 92506 (951) 684-3774 gwynn@gwynn-law.com

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FWA-133694 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY: NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/26/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 26, 2014 at 11:00 AM, BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, in the City of POMONA, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, RTS Pacific, Inc., a Washington corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by DANIEL B. MARTIN, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustors, recorded on 10/30/2005, as Instrument No. 05 2375126, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Tax Parcel No. 6364-006-004 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 8121 PAGEANT STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90240-2444. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the obligations secured by said interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$458,937.81. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-542-2550 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.rtsapacific.com, using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse against the Trustee, or the Trustee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-14-610327-JP IDSB# 90072309 10/23/2014 10/30/2014 11/6/2014

to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-542-2550 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.rtsapacific.com, using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse against the Trustee, or the Trustee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-14-610327-JP IDSB# 90072309 10/23/2014 10/30/2014 11/6/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-14-610327-JP Order No.: 00012539-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/23/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT** Trustor(s): MIAMI RECORDS: 6/2/2006 UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustors, recorded on Instrument No. 06 1211749 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 11/13/2014 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: **By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$726,764.08** The purported property address is: **12427 SPROUL STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650** Assessor's Parcel No.: **8056-001-000** **POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-14-610327-JP**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse against the Trustee, or the Trustee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-14-610327-JP IDSB# 90072309 10/23/2014 10/30/2014 11/6/2014

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T.S. No. 14-1887-11 Loan No. 0014403588 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED 注：本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다. NOTA: RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DEESTE DOCUMENTO LA INFORMACION EN ESTE DOCUMENTO SOLO SERA MANDADO AL MORTGAGADOR O TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/1/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: HECTOR ONTIVEROS, A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded 10/13/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2625161 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9109 RAVILLER DRIVE DOWNEY, CA 90240 P.F.N.: 6390-002 The purported property address is: 10204 El Camino Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$808,641.11, estimated The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property 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 (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 14-1887-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/11/2014 The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation 2955 Main Street, 2nd Floor Irvine, California 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (916) 939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com Frank Escera, Team Lead NIDPO237102 The Downey Patriot 10/16/2014, 10/23/2014, 10/30/2014

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 222226-31 APN: 8061-025-005 TRA: 202226-31 Loan No.: XXX-00038 TR: Linkwirth, MARIA IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 01, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 12, 2014, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Llc, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 16, 2007, as Inst. No. 20070592853 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Maria Antonietta Linkwirth An Unmarried Woman, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: Behind the fountain located in civic center plaza, 400 civic Center Plaza Pomona, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as follows: The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the

initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$452, 160.69. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder shall have no further recourse and the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (619)590-1221 or visit the internet website www.dplpic.com, using the file number assigned to this case 1222226-31. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For SALES INFORMATION: (619)590-1221. Cal-Western Reconveyance Llc, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: October 09, 2014. (DLPF-440272 10/23/14, 10/30/14, 11/06/14)

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APN: 6361-010-018 Trustee Sale No. 012593-CA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/4/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 11/6/2014 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/12/2005, as Instrument No. 05 083455, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MAGDALENA ORANTES, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as follows: THE PROPERTY FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9709 DOWNEY AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,152,894.17 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$888,390.22 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 11203 HERMES STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8019-021-010 Legal Description: LOT 147, OF TRACT NO. 13788, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 378, PAGE(S) 15 AND 16 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold as is. In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 10-16-2014 ALAW, as Trustee REGINA CANTRELL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALAW 9200 OAKDALE AVE. - 3RD FLOOR CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 (818) 435-3661 For Sales Information: www.servicelinkASAP.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 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 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

APN: 6255-011-037 TS No: CA08000416-14-1 TO No: 1580333 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 1, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 24, 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 that certain Deed of Trust recorded on April 15, 2004, as Instrument No. 04 0913018, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by FREDDY LOPEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8324 DAVIS STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made 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 \$695,173.07 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. 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 Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 Priority Posting and Publishing at 714-573-1965 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08000416-14-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: October 22, 2014 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08000416-14-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 966-660-4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.priorityposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Priority Posting and Publishing AT 714-573-1965 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1117674 10/30/11/6, 11/13/2014

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site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-14-617539-BF. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. QUALITY MAY BE CONSIDERED A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Date: Quality Loan Service Corporation 411 Ivy Street San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-573-1965 Or Login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com> Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-14-617539-BF IDSPub #0071970 10/16/2014 10/23/2014 10/30/2014

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Gunderson-Miller wedding

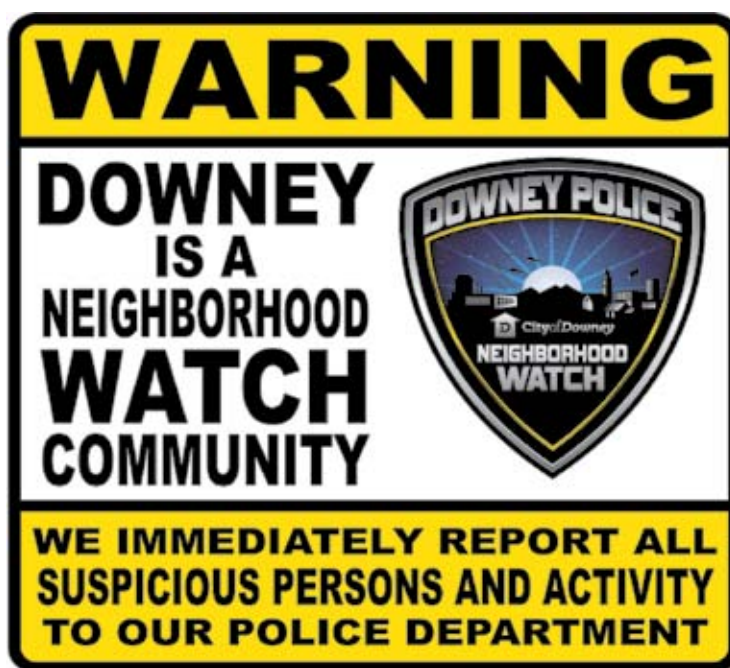
DOWNEY – Dave and Vickie Gunderson have announced the marriage of their daughter, Michelle Marie Gunderson, to Kevin David Miller, son of David and Ane Miller.

The ceremony was at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Downey on July 19.

Michelle is a 2003 graduate of Downey High. She graduated from Long Beach State with a bachelor's degree in math, a teaching credential and a master's degree in Math Education. She is a math teacher at Downey High.

Kevin graduated in 2003 from Ocean View High School in Huntington Beach. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cal State Fullerton and a master's degree in psychology from Pepperdine. He is a behavioral therapist at Autism Partnership in Seal Beach.

The couple honeymooned in Bali, Indonesia.



Downey redesigns neighborhood watch signs

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department has unveiled newly-designed neighborhood watch signs, a modernized design that promotes the police department's partnership with the community.

The new signs will be distributed at neighborhood watch meetings. A neighborhood watch group on Pruess Avenue received the first batch of signs last week.

Downey currently has 155 active neighborhood watch groups. New groups are required to conduct a series of three meetings highlighting the program's three core principles.

The first meeting introduces residents to the program and includes a visit from a police officer and council member. Residents are encouraged to meet their neighbors and are given a chance to express their neighborhood concerns.

During the second meeting, members receive instruction on how to enhance their observation skills and when to report suspicious activity to police.

In the third meeting, Downey's Community Response Team and Emergency Preparedness Committee introduce residents to the fundamentals of emergency preparedness and disaster preparedness.

Once the three core principle meetings are completed, groups are encouraged to continue holding

meetings where residents discuss their concerns and request guest speakers.

For more information about Downey's neighborhood watch program, call coordinator Jennifer Burkhardt at (562) 904-2374 or email jpreda@downeyca.org.

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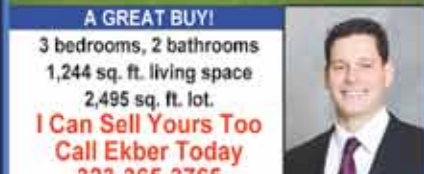


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