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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Duffel Stew

Owen Heninger is a retired psychiatrist who served during the Korean War when his unit was called up. Today, he and his wife have different views about what he should do with the mementos from that military period of his life. 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 Owen Heninger, M.D.

"Why don't you just throw it away, Dear?" my wife asked with the incredulous tone of wives everywhere who don't fully appreciate the emotional attachment that former military men have for their duffel bags.

She should be happy that my old duffel bag is empty. I long ago threw away all of the khaki shirts, pants, and skivvies that I had toted from Utah to Texas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Germany, Colorado, and then back to Utah.

I had reluctantly let go of the small steel-cased radio that kept me in touch with home doings. I even let go of the portable record player I had managed to wedge into my duffel bag when we were "Federalized" to help fight the Korean War in September 1950.

I got rid of all those personal possessions so comforting in military life: the toilet kit I had and those field boots I polished to a high gloss. I wrenched loose and got rid of all my prized hats. All my G.I. socks are long gone, and even my highly valued Ike jacket and field coat have been jettisoned.

I didn't keep any of the foul weather boots, wool overcoat, or other gear issued to me in Germany. I didn't keep my shelter-half, and I no longer have either my plastic helmet liner or my steel helmet (issued to protect my head should the Russians start a war while I was in Germany).

I am certainly not going to divulge to her that as I longingly let go of things that had become part of me, the items remaining picked up the attachment force of what was discarded. I feel like Earnest Shackleton in 1914, stranded on an Antarctic ice floe, where whatever broke off or melted away, made what was left even more valuable.

I had come to concentrate all the values and memories of two years in the service into my now empty duffel bag.

But she's too clever for me. I put my duffel bag in the back of my closet - she finds it. I put it high in the garage and the same thing happens. I hide it in the trunk of my car, and it suddenly appears in the trash barrel. What am I to do?

My wife says, "Take a picture of it, Dear!" But that would end my dreams of one day re-enacting some of the proud moments of my military career - at least the part where we walked down the gangplank of our returning troop ship to be greeted by steady land, USA doughnuts and coffee, a military band playing "The Stars and Striped Forever" while proudly carrying a full duffel bag.

As I touch my bag, associations flow back like life-saving water down the California Aqueduct. How else could I remember? Surely not by a picture of an empty duffel bag!

Egads! I am at my wit's end. My ancient mother can't be expected to store my empty duffel bag in the small space allotted to her in an Assisted Living Home. My brothers are too far away. Our children have their own stuff. Maybe I could put it in a museum where I could visit it.

Perhaps I could give it to a friend who would let me touch it periodically - but I've already asked, and if they were Army, they have their own duffel bags, and if they were Navy, they have sea bags. So for right now I feel flummoxed!

O Lord! What'll I do when she finds where I have hidden my empty Assistant Scoutmaster Boy Scout backpack for over 22 years?



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Gallatin Road closing for 48 hours

DOWNEY - Gallatin Road will be completely closed at Lakewood Boulevard for 48 hours, starting this Sunday night.

The road is expected to re-open Tuesday night, but will close again intermittently between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

"[Every] attempt has been made to facilitate project completion and minimize disruption," said Ed Norris, deputy director of public works. "Your patience, support, and cooperation is most appreciated."

Construction on Lakewood Boulevard between Gallatin and Florence Avenue began in June and was supposed to have been completed in September, according to a press release issued by the city in June.

Officials say water system and electrical improvements are nearing completion, and concrete and pavement rehabilitation is now underway.

Crews are closing Gallatin Road Sunday through Tuesday so they can grind and pave the asphalt pavement and remove the existing concrete cross gutters at that intersection.

The road will again be closed Wednesday and Thursday to construct new concrete cross gutters and allow the concrete to cure.

"The city understands that the Lakewood Boulevard...construction activities have imposed various inconveniences such as traffic congestion and temporary access restrictions on our local community, particularly our business owners," Norris wrote in a letter to local businesses and residents. The city looks forward to continue working collaboratively with you and the contractor to attain outstanding results on this project."

Anyone with questions about the Lakewood Boulevard construction project can call construction manager Brian Elkins at (949) 423-9306 or project manager Desi Gutierrez at (562) 622-3468.



PHOTO BY CAROL KEARNS

City Council approves mural for Downey Avenue

• "Downey Doodle-icious" mural will be painted by Don Lamkin on the side of a downtown parking garage.

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY - This week the Downey City Council unanimously approved \$16,000 from the Art in Public Places fund to install a mural of Don Lamkin's art piece "Downey Doodle-icious" on the east wall of the parking structure belonging to Porto's Cuban Bakery.

The 16-foot-high copy of the popular painting will face Downey Avenue, and is the latest in a series of civic enhancements to the city's historic commercial area.

This is the first time that the city has awarded such a contract to a Downey artist.

The agreement is the result of long negotiations between the city, the artist, and Porto's Bakery, which owns the property.

"Doodle-icious" is already well-known around Downey, and many residents own high-quality copies of the original 24" X 36" acrylic drawing on canvas. The colorful work is a collage of well-known Downey businesses and landmarks (past and present), musical groups, school mascots, organizations, and even zip codes.

"I poured all my memories about my great upbringing in this town into this painting," explains Lamkin. "The painting includes all of the things that make me feel proud about Downey."

Images include the Rives Mansion, the Apollo space capsule, Columbia space shuttle, Downey YMCA, the Avenue Theater, All-American Home Center, Del Rio Lanes, and the mascots for Warren and Downey high schools. Porto's Bakery, which was still new at that time, is visible, along with images representing long-time popular eateries such as the historic McDonald's, Stox, El Taco, and Johnny's Broiler.

Councilman Mario Guerra has been a prime mover behind the project. "This mural is the exclamation point for Downtown Downey," he says. "It's a great way to highlight Downtown and make it walkable."

As a member of the council's subcommittee for Downtown



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

The "Downey Doodle-icious" mural will be painted on the side of this parking structure on Downey Avenue.

revitalization, Guerra said he had several other ideas for a mural along Downey Avenue; but when he saw Lamkin's art piece, he knew it was the right choice. "It has a timeless quality and fits right in with our Downtown specific plan."

The original painting was conceived in 2012 as a way to help raise money to revitalize the Downey Museum of Art which used to be at Furman Park. Serious management problems had prompted the city to close the building, but a new board of directors was organized, hoping to save the extensive collection.

Board members, which included Lamkin at that time, saw the upcoming Downey Street Fair as an opportunity to publicize the need for the public's help. Lamkin volunteered to create something for an opportunity drawing and fellow board member George Manzanillo suggested a collage of Downey images with a pop-art flavor. Lamkin had already done a similar, smaller piece with personal images for a friend's birthday.

The DMOA logo at the center of the painting underscores the purpose of the piece to save the museum. Spaced about are logos of other emerging art groups, including the Downey Arts Coalition and Downey ArtVibe. Downey's music history is represented with images recalling Wenzel's Music Town, where the international surf hit Pipeline was recorded, Middle Earth Records, and two internationally-known music groups from Downey - the Carpenters and the Blasters.

Lamkin says the painting ended up having so much personal

meaning for him that he didn't want to let it go. He had included his dog, the old "spaceship" for climbing in the playground at Furman Park, and the street sign from where he grew up. At that point he conceived of the idea of ten high-quality giclee prints on canvas.

Fronting \$2,000 of his own money to order prints, Lamkin kept the original and donated Print #1 for the opportunity drawing. The drawing raised nearly \$1,000 for the museum, and the remaining nine prints attracted so much interest that Lamkin ordered a second series of high quality prints, this time a little smaller in size and less expensive, but on museum quality paper. A certain portion of each sale is donated to various local art groups.

High quality copies of the popular painting are owned by many residents, and two of the giclee-on-canvas copies hang in the council offices at City Hall. Guerra owns Print #4 and will be taking his home when he is termed out of office in December.

Lamkin, a retired firefighter from Santa Fe Springs, is a self-taught artist who enjoys exploring a variety of genres and media. He has been drawing and designing since childhood, but "never had an art class." Years ago he did two portraits on salvaged cabinet doors of musicians Buddy Guy and James Harman. His portfolio also includes stylized geometric images.

Lamkin is generous with his

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 72°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 75°

Things To Do



Youth Football - The Downey Razorbacks Jr. Midgets go for the championship in a title game against the L.A. Demos.

Saturday, Montebello High School, 5:30 p.m., \$8 admission



"Fly-In '44" - Aviation festival featuring static displays, food trucks, entertainment, giveaways, and more.

Saturday, Long Beach Airport, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Throwback Thursday



Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church groundbreaking, Nov. 12, 1956, photo courtesy Bill Aumack

One Thing to Know

"Nightcrawler," the crime thriller starring Jake Gyllenhaal, features a Downey reference. It happens fast, so keep your ears open!

Facebook Conversation



Measure O school bond approved by voters

Kevin N Hilary: This is an outrage. Measure O is an absolute joke. Just another slap in the face to long term Downey residents."

Maggie Allen: People don't have a clue... even if they are not property owners, their rent will increase when property taxes go up."

Neal Thomas: "It's easy for those of you criticizing Measure O to rant against more bonds. But this will help our schools."

Tweet of the Week

@pestwhick: 3rd time my car gets broken into. Thanks Downey petty thieves. I hope you enjoy that sweater.



Don Lamkin will paint the "Downey Doodle-icious" mural on Downey Avenue.

Guerra releases first statement since election loss

DOWNEY – Downey Councilman Mario Guerra released a statement this week, his first public comments since the Nov. 4 election when he was defeated by former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza.

Below is the statement in full:

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Our campaign has come to a close but our journey has just begun.

Election night saw a torrent of ups and downs, a roller-coaster of emotions as the lead changed hands several times. In the end we came within three percentage points of our goal of victory and moving our State forward. Over 49,000 of you voted for us. Amazing. Thank you.

The pathway has been filled with joyous occasions including meeting folks from throughout the district and sharing a wealth of ideas on how to improve our communities and state. And as with everything in life there has been setbacks and obstacles. But in the final analysis, however, the experience has brought relevance to our personal cause of wanting to help people making me a better person overall. The involvement of our youth in our campaign is something that will not end and I am so proud of.

But the story doesn't end there.

The truth about election night is as a collective of neighbors, residents and communities who sought change in the way our government behaves, and supporters, who saw a new hope for California's direction, we won on several fronts.

As you know, the journey towards this election began over a year and a half ago as we launched our bid to become your State Senator. Many have asked why I chose to run. I am a student of history and love leaders who can get things done. As President Theodore Roosevelt summed it up when he stated "In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." The truth is, I believe in our ability to affect positive change. That did not end on election night.

To take from another Teddy Roosevelt saying, "Believe you can and you're halfway there." We did so much and we are so proud of the beginning of an amazing path. It has not ended.

We began this race from nothing and our opponent started with over \$1,000,000 in his campaign fund. We launched an honest campaign urging voters to ask questions and view our record of success. To compare the past

versus the future. We know we won here.

We spoke the language of our community, never concerning ourselves with party affiliation. We never uttered rhetoric that generalized issues and provided no ideas or plans. We sought to serve the community, not just those who voted for the campaign.

And this resonated across the district as crossover votes were abundant, just not sufficient. Almost 20,000 voted for us from across party aisle. We are so proud of this message.

Through our efforts of honesty, transparency and engagement we took a 23 percent point registration lead (48% Democrats vs 25% Republican) of our opponent (2-1 party difference) to three percentage points. Amazing. Thank you.

My friends the outcome of this race and our work has put many on notice that we are watching and expect more now than ever before. We have engaged so many.

We not only changed minds, we changed attitudes on how voters view their elected officials. We started a new type of politics where people with good ideas work together in sharing the light of creativity to solve California's problems. As I have said before, no party has a monopoly on good ideas.

This level of candor, honesty and willingness to get things done with whomever wants to join us - party affiliation aside - resonated with so many people. Our message of inclusion and making our State's government more accountable has also taken root with so many - and that's a victory unto itself. Our campaign raised eyebrows and made many believe the change is real and is taking place right now as I write this...I believe this too.

And for these reasons, and these victories, I wish to thank you all. To steal a line from a famous Gladiator film, "What we do in life echoes in eternity".

Your support was very special and we will continue to serve together. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for believing and joining us. The Guerra family, Team Guerra and all of voters and supporters are eternally grateful. Our journey has just begun.

Let's continue to do what is right and make noise so everyone can hear us!

Thank you. All my best. God bless,
Councilman Mario A. Guerra

MURAL: public art in downtown

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talent, and painted two guitars to be used for fundraising to support the Make Music Downey music festivals. The free, public, one-day festivals were sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition. Lamkin has served as the organization's Vice President since its inception three years ago.

Lamkin's latest works are large, realistic pencil drawings of animals and people. He credits nationally-known artist Steve Clay, who now resides in Downey, with inspiring this interest.

Friends joke that Lamkin is a Renaissance man – Downey's "most interesting man." In addition to his artwork, he races motorcycles in the national Thruxton Cup Series at 10 different tracks around the country, placing seventh nationally this year, and twice before coming in fifth.

Last year Lamkin made a trip by motorcycle with a friend to the Arctic Circle. He and the friend, a fellow racer, were gone for the month of July. A detailed image of himself on a motorcycle is prominently centered at the bottom of "Doodle-icious."

For a team sport, Lamkin plays hockey with the LEAF League in Southern California – Law Enforcement and Firefighters. In between the sports and the art, Lamkin visits his ranch north of St. George several times a year. The 33-acre ranch is home to twenty-two head of Angus cattle.

Lamkin is the youngest of seven children and grew up in Downey. His father was a businessman and executive, and his mother taught music and singing. At one time she toured with a national theater company.

Lamkin says there was always lots of music in the house, and he is close friends with many musicians, including Dave and Phil Alvin of the Blasters, who also grew up in Downey. Several times a year Lamkin travels to Austin, Texas, and enjoys the music scene.

Despite his wide-ranging interests and travels, Lamkin is obviously committed to the community where he has lived all of his life. He presently serves officially as a Downey Public Works Commissioner, and says he will continue serving the city in whatever way he can.

Downtown to be decorated for holidays

DOWNEY – It soon will feel a lot more festive in Downtown Downey. In a special meeting Monday, the City Council adopted a holiday decoration and seasonal banner program for downtown.

Holiday street banners will be posted on street lights along Firestone Boulevard, between Dolan Avenue and Myrtle Street; on Downey Avenue between Firestone and 4th Street; and on 3rd Street between New Street and Civic Center Drive.

LED light strands will be wrapped around 20 new palm trees on Firestone, and 119 trees on Downey Avenue. There will also be a one-time purchase of commercial grade garland sprays.

According to a staff report, the decorations will be up year-round but changed routinely according to holidays and special events, such as next summer when Downey becomes a Special Olympics host town.

Total cost of the program is \$79,465, which includes an 18-ft. tall replica

Sequoia tree with LED mini-lights, custom decorations and a 24-inch crystal star tree topper.

In the staff report, parks and recreation director Arlene Salazar wrote that the goal of the decorating program is to promote "the city's Discover Downey brand and support the Downtown as a destination choice for residents and visitors alike."

The city is purchasing 60 street banners per season/special event period (three seasons total). Banners will be hung according to the following schedule:

- Late November-early January: Seasons Greetings
- January-April: Economic development (shop, dine Downey)
- May-July: Special Olympics Host Town program
- August-September: International Food Festival
- October-November: Economic development (shop, dine Downey)

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Edward Roybal to receive Presidential Medal of Freedom



PHOTO COURTESY UCLA

Edward Roybal is sworn in as a Los Angeles City Council member in this 1949 photo.

DOWNEY – Edward Roybal, the first Hispanic to serve Congress since 1879 and the father of Downey resident and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, will be posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the White House has announced.

Lucille Roybal-Allard will accept the award on her father's behalf at a White House ceremony Nov. 24.

"My family and I are deeply honored that President Obama is honoring our father by posthumously awarding him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition of his life's work," the congresswoman said. "Our father was a consensus builder who labored quietly and effectively on issues important not only to the communities he represented but also to the entire nation; Americans are healthier and better educated thanks to his unceasing efforts. He was a pioneering Latino politician who co-founded the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and blazed a trail for generations of Latino politicians and activists to come.

"My father has always been a role model to me and our family, and I trust that with this honor, he will become a role model for all Americans."

Throughout his public service on the Los Angeles City Council and in the U.S. Congress, Congressman Edward R. Roybal was "a man

of the people" who believed in a government committed to helping the underrepresented, the dispossessed, and the forgotten.

His humanity was reflected in every aspect of his public career – he authored landmark legislation regarding fair housing, equal employment, bilingual education, childhood immunization, aging, HIV/AIDS, and care for people with disabilities, and secured public health funds to reach people at risk. Throughout his political career, he had the moral courage to speak out against injustices and wrongs, and to never stand down when others advised him that it could cost him his political future.

He was born on Feb. 10, 1916, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. At the age of six, his family moved to the Boyle Heights area of Los Angeles. After graduation from Roosevelt High School in 1934, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps. He later continued his education at UCLA, where he studied business administration, and at Southwestern University, where he studied law.

After working for the California Tuberculosis Association, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon his return, he continued his work with the California Tuberculosis Association as its director of health education for Los Angeles County.

Roybal first ran unsuccessfully

for the Los Angeles City Council in 1947. Reacting positively to his defeat, he co-founded the Community Service Organization (CSO) to empower the neglected Ninth District of Los Angeles to fight against discrimination in housing, employment, and education.

In 1949, following a groundswell of support from minority communities, Roybal was elected to serve the Ninth District on the Los Angeles City Council. He made history as the first Hispanic to serve on the city council in more than a century. He served the Ninth District for 13 years.

Roybal was the Democratic nominee for California Lieutenant Governor in 1954. In 1958, his opponent was declared the winner in a controversial vote count for a seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Roybal served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 30 years. He was first elected to the House in 1962 to serve the 30th District of California, which included communities like Boyle Heights, Hollywood, Hancock Park, MacArthur Park, and Downtown Los Angeles. He was the first Hispanic from California to serve in Congress since 1879.

Following the redistricting based on the 1970 census, Rep. Roybal won election in California's newly created 25th District, which, like the 30th, was comprised of constituents from widely diverse ethnicities.

Roybal was an advocate for funding for education, civil rights, and health programs. He was the first member of Congress to appropriate funding for HIV/AIDS research.

Early in his congressional career, Rep. Roybal served on the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, the Post Office Committee, and later the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee. In 1971, he was selected to serve on the exclusive Committee on Appropriations, where he remained for the rest of his tenure in the House. He became one of the 13 cardinals of the House when he was elected chair of the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee in 1981.

Roybal also served on the Select Committee on Aging, serving as chair from 1985 to 1993. In 1980, he led a campaign for the restoration

of funds to programs for the elderly. In 1982, he was successful in maintaining the Meals on Wheels program. He was also one of the principal authors of the Older Americans Act.

In 1976, Rep. Roybal was one of the founding members and the first chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI). He was also a founding member of the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO).

In 1992, his daughter, then-California Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, was elected to serve the newly created 33rd Congressional District of California.

In 1993, former Rep. Roybal used his remaining campaign funds to found the non-profit Edward R. Roybal Foundation to award scholarships for students in public health. He also founded the Edward R. Roybal Institute for Applied Gerontology, dedicated to improving the quality and effectiveness of health and human service delivery to older persons at the California State University – Los Angeles campus.

In 1999, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) honored Rep. Roybal for his trailblazing leadership and long-standing support for public health programs by naming its main campus in Atlanta in his honor and awarding him its Champion of Prevention Award.

In 2001, President Clinton awarded Rep. Roybal the Presidential Citizens Medal for over 50 years of "exemplary deeds of service for our nation."

The annual award given by NALEO for outstanding public service is named the Edward R. Roybal Public Service Award in his honor.

In 2004, Rep. Roybal was recognized as a "Latino Legend of the 20th Century" by the Mexican-American Political Association.



Griffiths makes semifinals in robotic tournament

DOWNEY – A team of students from Griffiths Middle School advanced to the semi-finals of the VEX Robotics Competition recently held in Lancaster. It was Griffiths' first time competing.

"Although they were bested in the semi-finals, this first tournament was an encouraging start for GMS' students as they return to the classroom to rethink their design and strategy for the next competition," DUSD officials said in a statement.

Griffiths sent 16 students to the competition, where they designed a robot to complete specific tasks. The robots compete against other robots in a game-based engineering challenge.

Classroom STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) concepts are put to the test as students learn teamwork, leadership, communications and more.

Working with another team, Griffiths students competed in a timed competition against two other middle schools on a 12-inch by 12-inch playing field. Teams scored points by using their robots to place cubes in a specific location or build a "skyrise" tower using plastic cylinders.

"This may sound easy, but students must program their robot to run autonomously for a specific period of time before they have control using a remote device," school officials said.

In the 42 pre-qualifying matches, Griffiths ranked eighth and 22nd, but in the double-elimination round they upset the second-ranked team, which propelled them into the semi-finals.

Griffiths students will compete again next month against middle schools and also high schools.

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VETERANS DAY IN DOWNEY



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Downey marked Veterans Day with a public ceremony Tuesday outside City Hall. More photos are posted on the Downey Patriot's Facebook page.

Microsoft selects Downey High as a 'showcase school'

DOWNEY – Downey High School (DHS) was selected by Microsoft as a 2014-15 Microsoft Showcase School for its "excellence in transforming its learning environment to deliver more personalized education to students, using mobile and cloud technology to better prepare students for success in the workplace."

Downey High School joins an exclusive community of over 150 premier schools from around the world, recognized to celebrate their pioneering efforts and innovation in rethinking teaching, learning and assessment in order to drive deep 21st century competencies.

Downey High School has moved ahead with aggressive expansion of its Career Technical Education (CTE) engineering programs, including automotive technician, 3-D product design, a Project Lead the Way engineering class, a robotics lab and a technology engineering class.

On Sept. 24, a new building was opened that houses 27 new technology-equipped classrooms;

better preparing students for college and careers, particularly in the fields of science, technology and engineering.

"Being selected as a Microsoft Showcase School is an amazing honor and recognition of the passion our teachers and staff have for creating the best learning environments possible," said Tom Houts, principal at Downey High. "We look forward to sharing our experiences with other schools in our community and the world to continue finding innovative ways to equip our students with the proper tools needed for success inside and outside of the classroom."

As a Showcase School, Downey High will work closely with Microsoft to lead innovation in education and communicate a vision for education enabled by technology through the hosting and mentoring of other schools in the community on transformational educational practices.

"Microsoft Showcase Schools are inspiring examples of how schools

are using mobile-first, cloud-first technology to increase students' productivity and develop the skills needed in the workplace," said Anthony Salcito, vice president, Worldwide Education, Microsoft Corp. "With an innovative use of technology, these schools are transforming learning environments and delivering more personalized education to students, allowing them to do more and achieve more."

As well as being recognized on a global scale for their innovative approach to educating tomorrow's workforce, Showcase Schools also receive the following benefits from Microsoft as part of the program:

- Collaboration with an international group of thought leaders
- Complimentary Microsoft IT Academy membership
- Special pricing on SteelCase Education learning classroom furniture
- Eligibility to have at least two

HEAD'S UP!

A sheriff's helicopter is scheduled to land on Downey High School's baseball field this Wednesday as part of a physics demonstration for students.

Residents who spot a helicopter hovering above the school should not be alarmed.

High School Student Ambassadors (secondary/high schools only)

- Expert Educators on staff to help drive innovation and to support staff, peers and students
- Access to professional development for Educators within their school
- Invitations to Regional Global Forums and BETT (London or Singapore)
- Monthly community webinars and Yammer group discussion, exclusive to Showcase Schools
- Email signature and welcome kit

Ice skating coach gets 98 years for abusing kids

DOWNEY – A 31-year-old man convicted of sexually abusing two children over several years at his homes in Downey and Hacienda Heights was sentenced last week to 98 years to life in prison.

Donald James Vincent was convicted by a jury on Jan. 28 of one count of continuous sexual abuse, two counts of a lewd act upon a child, two counts of forcible lewd acts upon a child, three counts of oral copulation

and sexual penetration with a child under 10, and two counts of sex and sodomy with a child under 10.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley, who prosecuted the case, said at the time of the crimes, Vincent was an ice skating coach, working as an independent contractor at various ice skating rinks in Southern California.

Between 2007 and 2011, Vincent sexually molested two students, a boy and a girl, at his homes in Downey

and Hacienda Heights, prosecutors said.

The charges were related to students he coached at Paramount Iceland in in Paramount, though he also worked at at least six other ice skating rinks throughout Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange counties in the seven years leading up to his arrest, according to District Attorney's and Los Angeles County sheriff's officials.

They included the East/West Ice Palace in Artesia; Glacial Gardens in Lakewood; Norwalk Ice, which has since closed; Skating Edge Ice Arena in Harbor City; Anaheim Ice in Anaheim; and Ice Town Riverside in Riverside.

He was arrested Jan. 11, 2013 and soon after was charged. His bail was set at \$6 million, and he remained in custody since his apprehension.

Tickets on sale for Christmas brunch

DOWNEY – The annual Assistance League of Downey Christmas Tree Brunch will be held at the Rio Hondo Event Center this year on Sunday, Nov. 23.

Festivities start at 10 a.m. and will

feature holiday entertainment by the Meritage Carolers and opportunities to win decorated Christmas trees and unique baskets.

A silent auction will include prizes such as three tickets to see

"Wicked" at the Pantages Theatre; two VIP seats to an L.A. Kings game at Staples Center; and a gondola getaway for 10.

Homemade baked goods and one-of-a-kind gift items will also be

on sale.

The \$50 admission includes a three-course lunch and door prizes.

For reservations, call (562) 869-0232.



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Time to turn to American technology for space launch

By David A. Deptula

For the first time since the Cold War, the United States has deployed armored reinforcements to Europe. To counter Russia's aggression, several hundred troops and 20 tanks are now in the Baltic.

Yet the U.S. military is still injecting millions into the Russian military industrial complex. In late August, the United Launch Alliance -- the chief supplier of Air Force rockets -- received two new RD-180 engines from Russia at a cost of \$50 million to U.S. taxpayers.

For years, our military's use of the RD-180 has enriched a corrupt Russian government at the expense of U.S. taxpayers and helped finance Russia's technological advances. Reliance on these Russian engines is a threat to our national security. Plus, it's unnecessary. There is no shortage of U.S. firms eager to replace the RD-180. It's time to let them.

The RD-180 is a critical component of the Atlas V rocket, one of two main vehicles currently used for national-security launches. The United Launch Alliance supplies these rockets to the Air Force, NASA, and the National Reconnaissance Office, the agency that oversees many of America's spy satellites.

Russia's annexation of Crimea and invasion of Ukraine has made our use of RD-180s an embarrassing liability. Senior Russian officials have routinely mocked America for it, and sought to mitigate U.S. sanctions by threatening to discontinue supplying the rocket engine. This, as the Russians know, would do immense harm to America's military and intelligence capabilities.

Moreover, the RD-180 is helping to finance an increasingly bellicose Russian government. The engine is produced by NPO Energomash, a company that's almost entirely state owned and financed by Russian banks sanctioned by the United States. Ultimate control of the company rests with Dmitry Rogozin, a Deputy Prime Minister in Russia who oversees the country's aerospace industry. He is one of the few individuals on the U.S. sanctions list.

According to a recent Pentagon report, Russian-made engines are scheduled to be used in 56 percent of America's national security launches between now and 2020. The dependence of U.S. military and intelligence capabilities on Russian equipment is not prudent.

After Russia's incursion into Ukraine, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel told a House appropriations subcommittee that a review of our reliance on Russian rocket engines was needed. In August, Air Force Space Command head Gen. John Hyten said we "should not be dependent on Russia for our access to space." The Air Force has started soliciting suggestions from the aerospace industry for potential replacements. And the latest defense appropriations bill includes \$220 million in funding for a U.S.-made rocket engine.

These developments are encouraging. However, for America to break its dependence on Russian rocket engines, bolder action is needed.

A good place to start is by breaking the ULA's monopoly for military launches and opening up the market to new competitors. This would encourage important technological breakthroughs, while increasing the probability of saving money.

Last month, 32 Members of Congress from California noted that their state is home to the largest private producers of liquid rocket engines, including one launch services provider that the Air Force has excluded from its recent \$11 billion rocket buy.

Given the national security implications and taxpayer benefits, it's hard to imagine why the Air Force would continue to keep American engine manufacturers and rocket providers off the launch pad.

Mr. Deptula is a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant general and former chief of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance for the Air Force.

Put down the cell phone

Is there a way to make more time with family? Yes, says jazz trombonist and music producer Delfeayo Marsalis, a member of the acclaimed Marsalis jazz family of New Orleans. And it's much simpler than you might suppose.

As a touring musician whose travels take him far and wide, Delfeayo (Del-feo) wants his time at home to really count, so the constant stream of potential distraction delivered through cell phones is something to be avoided...well, sometimes.

"People are becoming more aware and concerned about technology replacing quality face time -- that message is even showing up in Starbucks commercials," says Delfeayo, author of a new award-winning children's book, "No Cell Phone Day," about a tech-entrenched father who spends a happy birthday exploring New Orleans with his daughter -- and no cell phones.

"Once a year, once a quarter, once a month or even once a week, families should decide to spend an entire day together without their cell phones," he says. "Trust me, if you tell folks that you're unavailable, they'll either call back, text or leave a message. The key is to just try it for a day. If you fear withdrawal, start with eight hours cell phone-free!"

As we approach fall and winter holidays, find additional opportunities to unplug.

- Thanksgiving is a family affair. Hopefully, everyone can make it home. This Nov. 27 is a perfect date for your first No Cell Phone Day. From the kitchen to the table to the couch, consider mixing up the evening with additional activities, such as a family ball game in the yard, or board and card games in the living room. Make the most of your time in real-time, not via a Facebook newsfeed.

- One of the best gifts you can give during the holidays is undivided attention. Given the ceaseless distractions today, one's full attention is a valuable commodity. Don't take anything for granted when it comes to the people you care about with a: "She knows I love her" or "He understands that I'm a busy person." Give them the gift of your full attention.

- A new kind of New Year's resolution: Less time distracted with unimportant pabulum. While technology offers unprecedented convenience and even safety, it's clear that surfing the web can be about as productive as surfing channels on TV.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Measure O reaction

Dear Editor:

I am a little annoyed and troubled by the response to the passing of Measure O on the *Downey Patriot's* Facebook page. A lot of residents were complaining about how property taxes would be higher and how the bond was unnecessary from the beginning.

I graduated from East (Doty) Middle School in June of 2010, and despite being a good school, there was some noticeable decay. Most of the middle and elementary schools were built in the 1950s and the basic infrastructure hasn't changed much since.

Measure O is designed mainly to improve the middle and elementary schools. This would really help some of the departments that are in need of books and new equipment.

I'm willing to bet that most of the people that reacted negatively to Measure O haven't attended middle school since the 90s. My point is to think of the students that are attending the schools right now -- they could really benefit from Measure O.

Edward Valencia
Downey

What makes a strong lobbyist

By Lee H. Hamilton

Because of its power to influence public affairs, the press has long been known as "the Fourth Estate." But I think the media may have been displaced. These days, it's lobbyists who seem to carry the most clout in Washington.

Here's a case in point. When Congress closed at the beginning of August for its end-of-summer recess, it faced wide-scale derision for having accomplished next to nothing during the year. In fact, the Pew Center ranked the session as the least productive in two decades.

But it wasn't entirely unproductive. Just before they left town, members of Congress did manage to get three things done: they passed a Veterans Administration reform package; they increased aid to Israel; and they kept highway construction projects around the country from losing funding.

Why did these three measures find success when so many others did not? There's a two-word answer: Powerful lobbyists. Veterans, supporters of Israel, and the combined weight of highway construction interests and state and local governments are among the most influential forces in Washington.

Last year, some 12,000 active lobbyists spent \$3.24 billion on trying to influence the federal government, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. I don't know of any other country where lobbyists have those kinds of numbers, spend that kind of money, or get the kinds of results they're able to achieve here -- in Congress, in the executive branch and, increasingly, in statehouses around the country.

But even among all those lobbyists, some stand out for their effectiveness. The National Rifle Association (NRA), the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), veterans' groups, the AARP: all are very good at obtaining laws and policies in their interests and blocking laws and policies they consider harmful.

I don't mean by this that they're all-powerful. They don't win every battle. But they do win most of them.

How do they do this? To start, lawmakers have to get elected. Good lobbyists don't just provide large amounts of money for campaigns, they provide early money and expert help. They donate, they introduce you to other donors, and they help you establish connections that can help during your campaign and later on. Early money in politics is better than late money.

Carpenters history

Dear Editor:

I must agree with the letter written by Ms. Carolyn Arzac ("Carpenter House," 11/6/14). Her letter was in regards to the poor condition of the Carpenter house on Newville Avenue.

When Richard Carpenter sold the family homes on Newville, did he offer to sell them to the city of Downey? Did he give the properties to the city as a museum or even offer it as a historical site?

If so, what was Downey's reply?

On the city of Downey's website, the Carpenters are mentioned only once. No history of them or location of the residence is given.

Most of the history of Downey centers around the space program (home of the Apollo space program), McDonald's, a Taco Bell, Stonewood Center, and the Rives Mansion. Upon visiting the Downey Library, there is one small showcase displaying a few records and a few books on the Carpenters. This display looks like it was put there as an afterthought.

The residence(s) on Newville are privately owned. The owners are either unaware or do not care about the historic value of these residences.

I think it boils down to one word: apathy.

Vince Diaz
Downey

Candidates remember that sort of thing. They also remember that if you oppose these organizations' views, they'll come at you hard.

Good lobbyists and their organizations also provide information in easily digestible form. They'll assign particular staffers to develop relationships with members of Congress -- people who can write a speech or testimony or legislative language quickly. They and their colleagues are sophisticated observers of public affairs who know whether, when, and how to approach government policy makers, along with the particular policy maker who can help them best.

They are deeply knowledgeable about the process of government and have a wide network of friends on Capitol Hill, in the agencies, and in members' districts -- often, their most effective voices aren't Washington lobbyists, but the grassroots networks they've built back home. They understand that at heart, lobbying is about establishing relationships long before any particular issue affecting them comes up, so that when they go to talk about a bill, they're going in to see a friend.

They build relationships in several ways. There are all kinds of approaches to members -- the annual policy conferences to which members of Congress flock, the sponsored trips and meetings in out-of-the-way resorts where a lobbyist can get a few days of a member's undivided attention. But the best lobbyists are also friendly, approachable people who know how to talk to members and policy-makers of both parties.

The best lobbying groups also have a lot of money and resources not just to woo policy makers, but to shape public discourse. They make good information available to their advocates, and make sure that the advocates who speak for them on television, online, and in newspapers are well informed. They know that part of the battle is to shape public dialogue.

The best lobbyists are masters at making the system work for them. My guess is that their influence over policy surpasses the media's clout, and they have now become the fourth branch of government.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Obama and Iran

By Mike Huckabee

Ever try to negotiate with a pit bull that wants to bite your hand off? That's about how well nuclear talks with Iran are going...

For years, Iran has defied the world and crept ever closer to building nuclear weapons. Now, people who should know better seem to think Iran will give up and make a deal by the arbitrary negotiation deadline of November 24. It's not like the Ayatollahs have to hurry up and finish so they can start their black Friday Christmas shopping.

So far, these "good faith" negotiations, as the President calls them, have been marked by the revelation of Obama's outrageous secret letter to the Ayatollah Khamenei that was kept from Congress, and now, by a series of tweets from Khamenei, calling for the "annihilation" of Israel. It's said that diplomacy is the art of saying, "Nice doggie," until you can find a rock. Judging from these diplomatic negotiations, Israel had better have enough rocks stockpiled to reduce a nuclear plant to gravel.

The Obama Administration pays lip service to supporting Israel, but time and again, they've treated our staunch ally, and the only democracy in the Middle East, as if it's the terrorist aggressor for trying to defend itself from extermination. That has political analysts debating whether the White House's treatment of Israel is starting to erode the financial and ballot box support that American Jews have long given the Democratic Party.

In last week's elections, while other groups abandoned the Democrats, exit polls show two-thirds of Jewish voters stuck with them. That's about the

same as in 2012. The possible reasons range all over the map. For secular Jews, leftwing politics might be more important than Israel. But some Jews said in their districts, only Democrats were running. Others said they voted Republican but are still registered Democrat.

But cracks are appearing. Children's TV mogul Haim Saban, producer of the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers," is one of the biggest Democratic donors in Hollywood. In 2012, he even wrote an op-ed lauding Obama's "steadfast support" for Israel. But now, his opinion is morphin'. He's blasted Obama for lowering sanctions on Iran instead of increasing them. He endorsed Lindsay Graham's bill to require Senate approval of any Iran nuke deal. And Saban says if the Administration agrees to a dangerous deal, Benjamin Netanyahu should "bomb the daylights" out of Iran. Wow. Saban is still gung-ho for Hillary in 2016. But if it's true that a conservative is a liberal who got mugged, we might finally start seeing more Jewish Republicans if Israel keeps getting mugged.

Finally, it was reported that every day, truckloads of Red Bull energy drinks are being transported from Turkey to Syria, through crossings controlled by ISIS. It's not clear whether the militants are buying all that Red Bull or just taking an illegal kickback.

I will say this, though. If Red Bull gives ISIS members wings, better enjoy it. Where you're going, you won't be getting any wings.

Mike Huckabee is a former governor of Arkansas.

Americans to hypocritical green activists: you first

By Michael James Barton

Billionaire Democrat activist Tom Steyer is using his fortune to combat what he thinks is the greatest threat to America.

No, he isn't financing operations against ISIS or injecting medical aid into Africa to stop Ebola. In an effort to help congressional candidates, he's running a commercial that highlights pollution from an oil refinery owned by Charles and David Koch. Never mind the fact that Steyer had no qualms about fossil fuel back when his hedge fund was making millions in the industry.

With this effort, Steyer joins a long list of environmental activists who use profits from the fossil fuel industry to bash it. The hypocrisy matters because these activists are promoting policies that will prevent average Americans from sharing in the benefits of the energy boom.

Consider George Soros, the world's richest hedge fund manager. Soros supports environmentalist groups such as Alliance for Climate Change, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Union of Concerned Scientists -- all of which oppose the job creating scientific innovation known as hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking."

Logic demands Mr. Soros isn't profiting from fracking, but he recently purchased a giant stake in CONSOL Energy, a company actively involved in fracking.

Even Al Gore took a fossil-fuel payday. He recently sold his television channel to Al Jazeera Media Network, a foreign news organization heavily backed by oil money. Gore defended his decision saying that the channel was struggling and that Al-Jazeera would "give thorough coverage to the climate change issue."

Weeks later, Gore released a book in which he blames the poor state of the climate-change debate on the fact that "virtually every news and political commentary program on television is sponsored in part by oil, coal, and gas companies."

As for Steyer, he left his \$20 billion hedge fund in 2012, promising to pull

his personal holdings from "ecologically unsound" investments.

But Steyer waited until market conditions were optimal for reaping some final profits from the energy sector.

He has described his conversion to climate activism as a "personal version of a 'Paul on the Road to Damascus' moment." A more apt analogy might be to Michael Corleone from the Godfather. Just when Steyer thought he was out, energy profits pulled him back in. He needed these profits so he could pump \$100 million to Democratic politicians that prevent others from making profits and creating jobs in the energy sector.

More than a few environmental groups have inconspicuously dipped their hand into the fossil-fuel till.

And environmental groups are not above taking bribes. The Sierra Club accepted \$25 million in secret payments between 2007 and 2010 from a natural gas company for their anti-coal campaign.

Perhaps what really bothers the green movement is that -- unlike themselves -- the energy sector gives American consumers something they actually want.

The oil and natural gas industry is responsible for 9.8 million American jobs. An additional 1.4 million could be added by 2030, if the federal government lifts its blockade on access to natural resources.

It's difficult to take the green movement seriously. Over and over, the movement attacks a sector that's a vital part of the American economy. So the next time a green activist demands America pay more for energy, opt out of air conditioning, or divest from fossil fuel stocks, the American voters should simply say "You first."

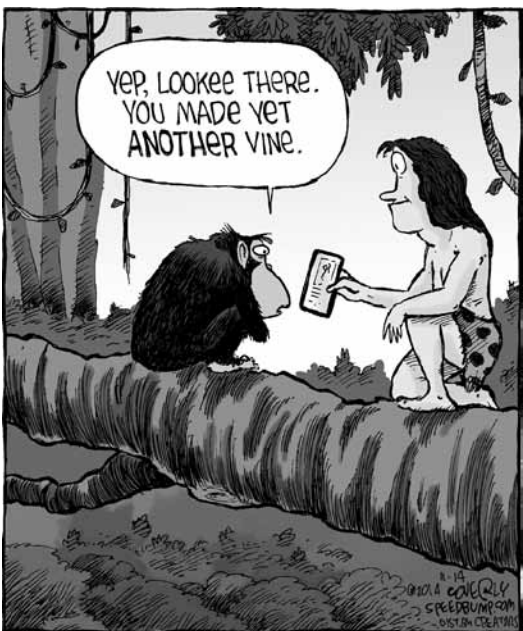
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Sat., Nov. 15: **Electronic waste collection**, Warren High, 9 a.m.
 Sat., Nov. 15: **Holiday boutique sale**, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info call 304-3439
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at dianedavis4sc@gmail.com.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Karika Austin 260-3856.
 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3:30 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 p.m.: **American Legion #270**, at Sizzler Restaurant, for information call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call (310) 322-2342.
 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10**, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengen 310-1335.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson, for information call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

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

On This Day...

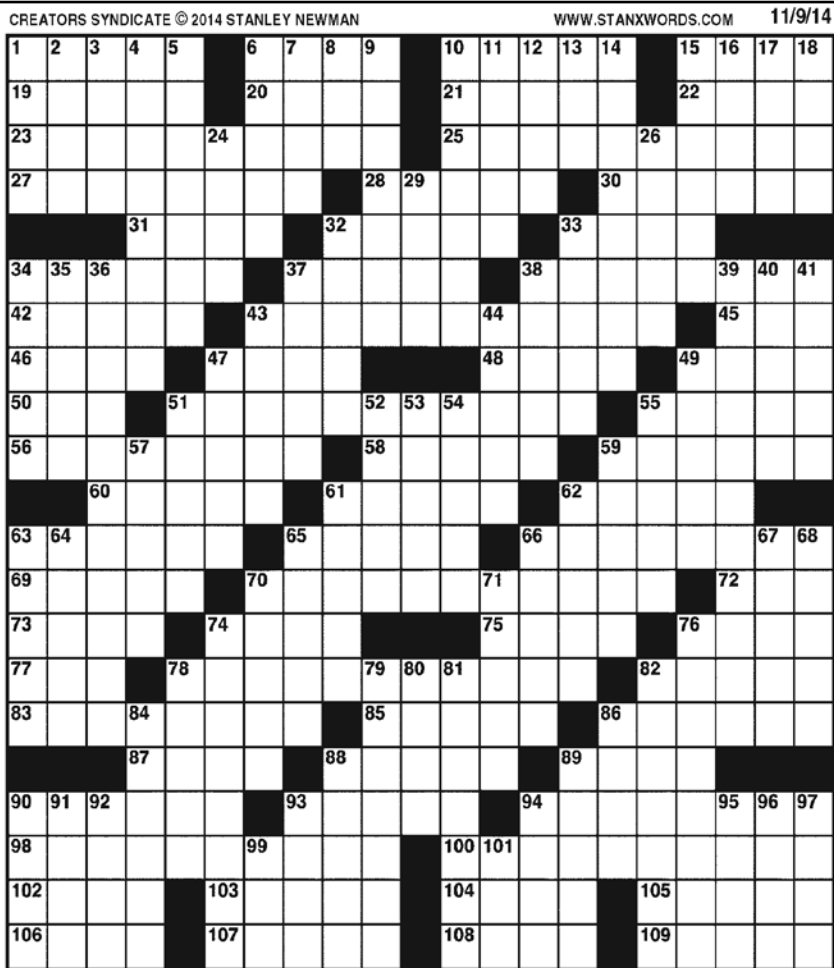
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1997: The Disney musical "The Lion King" opened on Broadway.
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Sugar is bad for the teeth. It does a great job providing easily digestible energy to bacteria in the mouth, which leads to tooth decay and other diseases.

Sugar is not a good source for long-term energy. We digest candy almost immediately because it's composed primarily of simple sugars that require little breakdown. Sugar breaks down to glucose, which quickly enters the bloodstream. This triggers the pancreas to release extra insulin to turn the glucose into glycogen, used by the liver and muscles. After that sugar rush, blood sugar levels drop dramatically, triggering the release of stress hormones like adrenaline and cortisol, which in turn activate stored sugar supplies. Stress hormones are great if we're in danger: they raise our heart rate, increase our blood pressure, make our stomach clench, but then leave us shaky and nauseated once our bodies realize that there's no danger to respond to.

Sugar can overload the liver. Glucose is found in every living cell on the planet. If we don't get it from the diet, our body will produce it. We do not, however, produce fructose, and our bodies treat it differently. In small amounts, the liver turns it into glycogen and stores it. However, if the liver already has enough glycogen stored, additional fructose is turned into fat. This can lead to fatty liver and, of course, obesity. (Interestingly, this does not happen when large quantities of fruit are consumed.) Fatty liver is one of the leading causes of cirrhosis.

Sugar can lead to insulin resistance. Insulin is critical because it enables sugar in the bloodstream to enter cells, and instructs the cells to burn glucose instead of fat. When

metabolic dysfunction occurs, insulin stops working properly and cells become resistant. This triggers the pancreas to produce more insulin. As insulin resistance progresses, the pancreas can't keep up with the demand. Blood sugar levels rise, and diabetes can result. Does eating sugar actually cause diabetes? For the most part, type 2 diabetes is an inherited genetic disease. There is plenty of data, however, suggesting that eating large quantities of sugar leads to obesity and metabolic syndrome, which significantly increase the odds of diabetes.

Sugar may be addictive. It appears that eating sugar triggers a release of dopamine, a neurotransmitter that helps to control the brain's reward and pleasure centers. This is likely not true for everyone, but those who have a susceptibility to addiction can become strongly dependent on sugar and other junk foods.

Sugar is a leading contributor of obesity. As expected, those who eat the most sugar are also the most likely to become overweight. This is true for all age groups, but the link is strongest for children. Sugary foods and drinks tend to be high in calories but not all that filling, making them easy to over-consume.

Sugar suppresses the immune system. Numerous studies have shown that when we consume large doses of sugar, we temporarily depress the immune system. The effect lasts for several hours, so if we eat sweets several times a day, our immune system may be perpetually operating at a disadvantage.

Sugar, rather than fat, may drive hypercholesterolemia and heart disease. Saturated fats have been

blamed for decades. Large amounts of fructose can cause elevations in triglycerides, elevations in the bad cholesterol LDL (low density lipoproteins), and oxidized LDL, raise blood glucose and insulin levels, and increase abdominal obesity. All of this adds up to heart disease.

Sugar has been implicated in depression and dementia. Research has linked sugar consumption to low production of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF). BDNF is important in forming new memories, and in recalling old ones. Levels of BDNF are particularly low in people with an impaired glucose metabolism (those with diabetes or pre-diabetes), and as BDNF levels decrease, sugar metabolism gets worse. Research has also linked low BDNF levels to depression and dementia. Watch for more research on this subject.

The bottom line? Not everyone has trouble with added sugar in the diet, but it can clearly be harmful. The World Health Organization suggests that we limit our sugar intake to no more than 10% of total calories. For a 2,000-calorie diet, that would come to 50 grams of sugar per day. For those with existing health issues, such as metabolic syndrome, diabetes, obesity, and heart disease, that number should be much lower. For most of us, moderation is the key!

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

Free Alzheimer's training

DOWNEY - A free workshop to discuss Alzheimer's and other dementias will be held Thursday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. at the Downey offices of Home Instead Senior Care. The workshop is intended for families and caregivers who work with people suffering from the disease.

Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, caregivers who complete the workshop "will be able to demonstrate and teach how best to provide care for persons with dementia and also improve the quality of life for those individuals through sensitive and empathetic care."

Admission is free but reservations are requested by calling (562) 401-0010.

Downey woman fights against chronic pain

DOWNEY - Downey resident Sarah Osuna recently returned from the National Fibromyalgia & Chronic Pain Association's "Leaders Against Pain" in Salt Lake City where she learned from leading experts skills to advocate on behalf of millions of people with chronic pain for faster diagnosis, better treatments, more research funding and ultimately a cure for these chronic conditions.

"I was diagnosed with fibromyalgia in October 2012," Osuna said. "I have suffered many losses as a result, including the loss of my marriage, the ability to go to school, hold a job and missed memories with my children."

"The pain and fatigue are unbearable at times. I don't want anyone to experience what I have so that is why I wanted to be a Leader Against Pain."

Osuna will be reaching out to the community to help "create the change people in pain have desperately needed."

To contact Osuna and follow her work, email sarah.osuna77@gmail.com.

According to the Institute of Medicine, chronic pain affects one in four, or 110 million U.S. adults, which is more than the number affected by heart disease, diabetes, and cancer combined.

Retired federal employees meeting

DOWNEY - The local chapter of the National Assoc. of Active and Retired Federal Employees will have its monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

The meeting begins at noon and new members are welcome.

"This is Alzheimer's Awareness Month so bring your checkbook for some kind of donation," the group said.

Chapter officers will be elected for the coming year.

For questions, call chapter President Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

Halloween has passed. If your home is like mine, there was an abundance of leftover candy. We all have our favorites! However, this is a medical column, not a food column, so here is the question to address today: Is candy bad for our health?

Let's start with some scary facts. The average American consumes between 150 to 170 pounds of added sugar per year. That comes to, on average, 27.5 teaspoons per day per person, which translates to 440 calories - nearly one quarter of a typical 2,000 calorie a day diet. The key word here is "added." While a healthy diet contains a significant amount of naturally occurring sugar (in fruits and grains, for example), the problem is that we're chronically consuming far more added sugar in processed foods.

Why is added sugar a problem?

Added sugar does not add nutrition. Sucrose, high fructose corn syrup, and other added sugars contain calories with no essential nutrients. This is why they are known as "empty" calories. There are no proteins, essential fats, vitamins or minerals in sugar. Sugar negatively impacts nutrition and health because it often ends up replacing other necessary foods.



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Blue Line Stations Upgraded

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Children's author to appear at library

DOWNEY - Award-winning author and teacher Kathryn Fitzmaurice will discuss her book, "A Diamond in the Desert," on Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Downey City Library.

The discussion is part of the library's celebration of Children's Book Week.

"A Diamond in the Desert" tells the story of a young Japanese-American boy, Tetsu, as he transitions from life on a farm in central California to living in an internment camp in the deserts of Arizona following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The camp isn't technically a prison, but it sure feels like one when there's nothing to do and no place to go. So when a man starts up a boys' baseball team, Tetsu is only too eager to play again.

But with his sister suddenly falling ill, and his father taken away for questioning, Tetsu is forced to choose between his family and his



love of the game.

Fitzmaurice's presentation will include details of how she wrote the book and the Japanese-American experience during World War II.

Children ages 7-12 and their parents are invited to the free program. The book will be available for sale or check-out at the library.

For questions, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 127.

Sertoma Club hosting Christmas dinner

DOWNEY - The Downey Sertoma Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary at its annual Toys for Tots Christmas dinner Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The dinner begins at 6 p.m. Sertoma's expertise is their care for the deaf and hard of hearing, offering numerous scholarships to hearing-impaired students.

The service club also sponsors the Downey YMCA, PTA food pantry, Arc of L.A. and Orange Counties, Meals on Wheels, the Downey Rose Float Association, and annual fantasy ice skating and baseball camps for hard-of-hearing kids ages 6-17.

Sertoma also offers assistance for hard-of-hearing people to get hearing aids.

The group meets twice a month for dinner at Cafe N Stuff. New members are welcome.

For information, call Maurie Thomas at (562) 858-1201.



Downey Sertoma Club members, top row, from left: Ilene Wheeler, President John McKinsey, Martha Call, Henry Call, Geri Little, Britt Rivers, Tom Little and Maurie Thomas. Bottom row: Sharon Tooley, Ardith Rivers, District Gov. Pat McCool, Sammi-Jo Dunphy and Judi Thomas.



The Downey Rose Float Association's float entry has passed the latest round of mechanical and test inspections by the Tournament of Roses Parade.

During the mechanical inspection, tournament officials inspected Downey's float to ensure its brakes, throttle, engine and transmission were in safe working order. Inspectors also evaluated all fluids (engine oil, transmission fluid, etc.), engine fuel filters, spark plugs and made a complete assessment of the full main chaise's drive train.

The test inspection examined the float's driving, steering, stopping, accelerating and overall maneuverability, including the ability of the crew that will navigate the float during the parade.

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DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Obesity isn't sole cause of diabetes

Although the type 2 diabetes epidemic is commonly linked to being overweight or obese, excess weight isn't the only factor driving the trend, new research suggests.

In just the past few months, at least three new studies have reported on other factors that may underlie a type 2 diabetes diagnosis. These factors include genetic mutations, a lesser-known hormone called amylin, as well as disturbances in the body's natural clock.

The idea that type 2 diabetes isn't only caused by obesity isn't a new one.

"Genetics is a big factor in type 2 diabetes. Certain ethnic groups get type 2 diabetes at much higher rates, and at much younger ages than other groups," said Dr. Christine Resta, an endocrinologist at Maimonides Medical Center in New York City.

"Obesity is clearly part of type 2 diabetes for most people. But the diagnosis is probably about 50 percent luck, due to things like your family history, and 50 percent what you're doing, like your lifestyle. There are thin people who get type 2 diabetes, and some people -- no matter what they weigh -- just won't get diabetes," she explained.

Type 2 diabetes is a disorder that causes sugar to build up in the blood. It develops as the body's cells become significantly resistant to insulin, making it difficult for those cells to use sugar for fuel. Insulin is a hormone produced in the pancreas that helps usher sugar into cells for energy.

As a result, the pancreas produces more and more insulin. Eventually, the pancreas is no longer able to keep up with the demand for insulin. This is when type 2 occurs, according to the U.S. National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK).

Genes definitely play a role in type 2 diabetes, according to NIDDK. Family history and ethnicity also play a role. A sedentary lifestyle is also associated with the development of type 2 diabetes.

While it's been known for some



PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER
 Ryan Guerra, 14, a sophomore at St. John Bosco High School, received a proclamation from the City Council on Tuesday in recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month. Ryan, who is the son of Councilman Mario Guerra, was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes last year.

time that genes are at least partly responsible for type 2 diabetes. "These are not necessarily people that look obese, and they don't necessarily have a high body mass index, but they have central obesity. We're seeing this more in people from Pakistan and India," he said.

"What this study doesn't say is if having certain medications will correct the abnormality. Eventually, we'll be able to identify certain genes, and we'll be able to give better medications. We already know clinically that certain drugs work better in some patients than in others," he added.

Another study, this one published in the Journal of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, looked at another hormone made in the pancreas called amylin. Normally, amylin works together with insulin to help the body process and use the sugars from food for fuel.

But, researchers from the United Kingdom and New Zealand found that some amylin can get deposited around the pancreas. When this

occurs, amylin can form into toxic clumps, according to the researchers. Those toxic clumps can then cause the death of insulin-producing cells, possibly leading to diabetes.

The third study, which was recently published online in Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice, suggested that disruptions in the body's internal clock may be a factor in the development of type 2 diabetes. The researchers noted that today's 24/7 lifestyles constantly disrupt the body's natural sleep/wake cycles. Factors such as nocturnal lighting, shift work and unusual timing of food can throw the body's clock off.

Whatever the additional causes might be, right now, weight is one of the few modifiable factors that can help manage type 2 diabetes. "If people lose just 5 to 10 percent of their body weight, they can make a difference in their diabetes. Exercise definitely plays a role, too," said Resta.

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POETRY MATTERS

DAY OF THE DEAD PINATA

The pounding of my mother's rolling pin muffles,
 a Day of the Dead Pinata is dancing jangle bones.
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 growing on our two acre ranch.
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 Demure Adam and Eve mesquite pods dangle.
 "What an engaging dear Muerte."

He rasps a soulful melody,
 strums two pods across his ribs.
 "Almita, Moon Star, Almita."
 He calls out dibs.
 The sunrise bursts behind him.
 "Is he Saint Death Pinata?"

Stars, tortilla chips, rosary beads
 and sugar skulls cascade out of him
 as he somersaults in slow motion.

A chrysanthemum falls at my feet.
 The hollow of his eye catches mine.

By Zaisa Ramos,
 "The Owl and the Mesquite Tree"

As displayed at the recent celebration of the Dia de los Muertos sponsored by the City of Downey, fabulous decorations are used to show an upbeat reverence for the dead, with emphasis on departed children when the object is a plaything. Downey poet Zaida Ramos depicts a little one who sees in the animation more than a toy. Ramos read at Stay Gallery in 2013. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

JPL project manager to speak at Downey space center

DOWNEY – JPL's Artur B. Chmielewski will be at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey on Saturday, Nov. 22 to give a presentation on the Rosetta Mission.

Chmielewski is the U.S. Rosetta project manager. He has also managed several flight projects at JPL, was a project element manager on the Deep Space 1 mission and a power system engineer for Galileo.

He is responsible for the development of nine space craft instruments and several new devices.

His presentation starts at 1 p.m. The discussion is included with the normal \$5 admission price.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Vikings rally to beat Dominguez, win league title

• Downey earns No. 1 seed in playoffs, will host California High in opening round.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Dominguez at home last Friday night, 21-10, to claim the 2014 S.G.V.L. championship outright.

The Vikings had shared the league tri-championship for the past three seasons with Dominguez and Paramount.

With the win, Downey finished the regular season with an overall record of 7-3 and a S.G.V.L. record of 5-0. Downey will be the No. 1 entry from the San Gabriel Valley League in the C.I.F. Southeast Division playoffs and will host California High School of Whittier tonight in the first round.

California High (6-4, 3-2) is the No. 3 entry from the Del Rio League. El Rancho (8-2, 5-0) is the 2014 Del Rio League champion and number one entry while last year's C.I.F. Southeast Division champion, La Serna (8-2, 4-1), finished second and is the second entry.

With the loss, Dominguez finished the regular season with an overall record of 7-3 and a S.G.V.L. record of 4-1. Dominguez will be the No. 2 entry from the San Gabriel Valley League and will travel to La Serna to play the Lancers in their first round matchup.

Paramount finished the regular season with an overall record of 6-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 3-2. The Pirates will be the third entry from the San Gabriel Valley League. Paramount held off a stubborn Warren team, 42-34, at Paramount last Friday night and will travel to Norwalk and play the Lancers in their first round matchup.

In the Dominguez game,

Downey was down 10-0 before the Vikings scored in the second quarter on a Daevon Vigilant rushing touchdown. The Dons led 10-7 at halftime.

Downey added a Vigilant touchdown in the third quarter to take the lead 14-10 and another touchdown in the fourth quarter to make it 21-10.

The Viking ground game was led by Vigilant's 131 yards and three touchdowns. Vigilant's last touchdown, from the one-yard-line, was set up by Jacob Cook's 57-yard interception return in the fourth quarter. Cook's interception helped seal the win for the Vikings.

Downey quarterback Trevor Hill completed 8/17 passes for 178 yards in the winning effort.

The Downey High School girls' volleyball team defeated San Luis Obispo, 3-1, in the first round of the CIF Division 2AA playoffs at Downey.

The Lady Vikings won 25-20, 25-22, 20-25 and 25-22.

Kimberley Schnars had 25 kills, 16 digs, four aces and two blocks. Viking teammates Bela Gamboa had 16 kills, six digs and three aces and Amy Crowell contributed with 35 assists and two aces to pace Downey.

The Lady Vikings have now won 12 games in a row and appear to be playing their best volleyball of the season as the playoffs begin.

Downey is now 26-4 overall and hosted North Torrance yesterday in their second round matchup (scores unavailable at press time). North Torrance came into Thursday's game with an overall record of 25-6 and 8-2 in Pioneer League play.

The Lady Saxons defeated Royal at North Torrance in their first round game 3-0. The Lady Saxons won 25-10, 25-11 and 25-19 to complete the sweep.

North Torrance was the No.

2 entry from the Pioneer League behind league champion South Torrance. South Torrance was 22-9 overall and 10-0 in league play.

With a win, the Lady Vikings will meet the winner of the Whittier Christian/Brea Olinda match tomorrow in the quarterfinal round. The semifinal round will be next Tuesday and the Division 2AA championship game will be held next Saturday at Cerritos College at 1 p.m.

Coach Sims, her staff and players are looking to make a nice run in the 2AA playoffs.

The Warren High School football team saw their season come to an end at Paramount last Friday night, 42-34.

The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 5-5 and S.G.V.L. record of 2-3. If the Bears had defeated Paramount last Friday, Warren would have earned the third and final playoff entry from the San Gabriel Valley League.

Warren was behind early against Paramount. The Bears would not go away and forced Paramount to keep turning back Bear efforts. Head coach Raul Lara and his staff made huge strides on offense and defense this season. Those huge strides almost ended in a playoff appearance.

Downey (7-3, 5-0) is the S.G.V.L. champion and Dominguez (7-3, 4-1) is the No. 2 entry from the S.G.V.L. Downey will host Cal High (6-4, 3-2) and Dominguez will travel to Whittier and play last year's C.I.F. Southeast Division champion La Serna (8-2, 4-1).

Paramount (6-4, 3-2) is the third entry and will travel to Norwalk (7-3, 5-1) tonight to play the Lancers. Norwalk was the No. 2 entry from the Suburban League after they lost to La Mirada 35-21 last Friday.

The Bears have many things to be proud of for this season and to look forward to for next season. Warren had lost 24 games in a row before the start of the season, including 11 league games in a row. That is now over. Warren won four consecutive games this season and at one point were 4-2.

The Bears came back against Lynwood and won 17-14 to keep their playoff chances alive in week nine. The gritty effort against Lynwood set up the Paramount game in week ten.

Coach Lara, his staff and players will look forward to next year. Junior quarterback Jordan Yancy and sophomore running back Jordan Mayes will both return with more experience and skill under their belts to lead the Bears.

The Warren High School girls' tennis team lost to the Suburban League champion Cerritos Lady Dons in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs 13-5 last Friday.

The Bears finished their season with an overall record of 18-2 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 12-1, good enough to be the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions.

Warren defeated Lompoc 14-4 in the first round last Wednesday at Warren to advance.

Despite the team loss, several Bear players will move on in C.I.F. competition. Isabella Lopez is the S.G.V.L. individual champion and Bohesa Won took second. Both girls qualified for C.I.F. individual competition with their efforts.

Warren's top doubles team of Victoria Echevarria and Diana Castrejon placed second and will play in C.I.F. competition as well.

La Mirada Regional Park



Warren High's girls cross country team swept the SGVL cluster meets last week. Ranked No. 1 in CIF Division 1, they will compete again Saturday at the CIF Prelims.

hosted the San Gabriel Valley League cross country league finals last Wednesday. The Warren High School girls' cross country team swept through all three S.G.V.L. cluster meets finishing one-through-seven each time.

According to Coach Jay Waldron, "that has never been done before."

Marissa Pluma led the Lady Bear attack and was the league champion in a time of 18:59. Janeane Hernandez finished second in a time of 19:28 and Sadie Encinas finished third in the same time of 19:28.

Samantha Tabares was fourth in a time of 19:33, Gwendolyn Hurtado was fifth in a time of 19:39,

Lisa Vasquez was sixth in a time of 19:45 and Sofia Ramos was seventh in a time of 19:58 to complete the sweep.

Coach Waldron has Trinity Gomez and Carolita Conant ready to run as well if needed. Waldron further said that "this is the deepest team I've ever had" and concluded by saying, "I like our chances, I like where we're at."

The first non-Warren runner to finish was Downey's Erika Garcia in a time of 20:43. The Lady Bears will compete this Saturday at the C.I.F. Prelims at Mt. SAC. Race time is scheduled for 3:45 p.m.

The Warren girls' cross country team is currently ranked ninth in C.I.F. Division 1.

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Joan De Munbrun, WWII veteran, dies at 101

WHITTIER – Joan Christine Schworchert De Munbrun, one of the first women to enlist in the Women's Army Corps during World War II, died Nov. 2 at age 101.

Born June 15, 1913 near Ross, North Dakota, she grew up on her parents' homestead farm 14 miles from the nearest town. The family later moved to a log cabin in the woods of northern Minnesota.

When Joan was only 10 years old, her mother passed away and Joan was sent to live with relatives in Wisconsin. At 15, she saved her money from a job at a summer resort and hitch-hiked to Minneapolis to go to beauty school, eventually opening her beauty studio.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, Joan decided to close her shop and was one of the first 125 women to be inducted into the newly-formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

After basic training in Iowa, she was sent to flight school in Eagle Pass, Tex., where she was taught photography. She photographed the young soldiers as they entered the school, and whenever one of them died in a crash during training, it was her duty to develop those photos and send them to family members. Later she taught the operation and maintenance of aerial cameras in Denver.

She was honorably discharged on Thanksgiving Day 1945 and headed back to Minneapolis where, after six weeks in the bitter cold, she opted to head to Los Angeles and use the GI Bill to enter a two-year course at the Fred C. Archer School of Photography.

After graduation, Joan accepted a position as the first staff photographer for Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. It was there she met Roland De Munbrun, a student who would soon become her husband. In 1948 they had a son, Ron.

When Ron was 9 months old, the trio moved to Palo Alto, where Joan's husband continued his studies. The couple parted about a year later, and Joan and her son moved to Los Angeles, where she took a job as an accountant for the construction firm Ralph M. Parsons Company.

When Joan heard of a veterans home being built in Chula Vista, she was one of the first to sign-up. While she waited for the facility to be completed, she moved to Whittier, where her cousin Margaret Snyder lives.

The veterans home opened May 3, 2000, and Joan, at age 87, was the first woman and seventh resident to move into the facility.

In lieu of flowers, Joan's family suggested a donation to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation or the National Museum of the United States Army.



Air Force Reserve Airman Omar Brandt graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Brandt earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is a 2013 graduate of Warren High School.



St. John Bosco begins postseason against Cabrillo

BELFLOWER – St. John Bosco's football team begins their quest for a second straight state title when they take on Cabrillo High School tonight. Kick off is 7 p.m. at Cerritos College.

Before this evening's playoff game Bosco had to wrap up Trinity League play last Friday vs. Santa Margarita.

Bosco used an unanswered 27-point scoring bonanza in the fourth quarter to pull out a 58-34 victory and finish undefeated in Trinity League play (9-1, 5-0).

Santa Margarita was leading Bosco 28-24 early in the fourth quarter, but in a span of 4:48 Bosco scored four touchdowns and never looked back after taking a 51-28 advantage.

During the "four minutes of fury" scoring frenzy, Bosco's offense scored two rushing touchdowns and the defense scored two touchdowns as well.

As the Braves defense started to take control of the game, junior running back Sean McGrew and his O-line lead the way offensively. Bosco's offensive line opened up running lanes all night to help McGrew rush for 202 yards and four touchdowns.

To cap off the evening Bosco's head coach Jason Negro was honored as Max Preps coach of the year for last year's 2013-2014 season that saw the Braves go undefeated and capture their first ever State Title.

Bosco hopes the magic continues as the playoffs kick off tonight all over Southern California.

–Michael Smith, contributor

Water symposium Wednesday

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is hosting a Water conservation Symposium this Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Center.

City officials will discuss state and local water use restrictions; provide an update on the state drought; and offer details on water rebate opportunities.

There will also be a question-and-answer session with the public.

The first 100 people in attendance will receive a free re-usable water conservation bottle courtesy of the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

For questions, call Downey's Public Works Utilities Division at (562) 904-7202.

Library bookstore stocks up on cookbooks

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library, which raises money to support library programs, is having a sale on its cookbooks and craft books.

Some of the cookbooks are what are known as "community cookbooks" from local churches and civic organizations.

Others are of well-known TV chefs like Rachel Ray and Martha Stewart. The craft books have easy-to-make ideas for the holidays.

Books range in price from \$1-\$10 and can be purchased in the used bookstore located inside the library.

Astronomy club meets Saturday at space center

DOWNEY – Stephen J. Edberg, an astronomer with JPL, will be guest speaker at this Saturday's meeting of the Columbia Astronomers club. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The executive director of the RTMC Astronomy Expo also will be a featured guest.

The meeting's topic is "Fantastic Pictures from Space: Getting Them Ain't as Easy as It Looks."

Columbia Astronomers meetings are open to the public. Admission is \$2 for guests; optional memberships are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children, and \$40 for families.

Human trafficker gets 33 years in prison

LONG BEACH – A 25-year-old man convicted of pimping a teenager in Long Beach was sentenced Wednesday to 33 years in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

In August, a jury convicted Eric James Avery of two felony counts: pimping a minor 16 years of age or older and human trafficking of a minor for a sex act. Additionally, jurors found true a gang allegation.

At Wednesday's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Tomson Ong also ordered Avery to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Lee Ashley Cernok, who prosecuted the case, said on May 15, 2013, two female victims, ages 20 and 18, escaped a locked car in Culver City. They ran to a good Samaritan and told him they had been kidnapped and forced into prostitution. The man drove them to a nearby police station and authorities began an investigation.

The 20-year-old victim told police she met Winn in January 2013. At the time, the defendant convinced the woman to work as a prostitute and then he raped her.

The 18-year-old victim told authorities that she met Winn in November 2012 and he also persuaded her to prostitute for him, but she eventually stopped.

On May 15, 2013, Winn created a ruse for the 18-year-old to meet with him, at which point he forced her into his car and threatened her. Winn then picked up the 20-year-old victim and took both women to the mall. While he was inside, both women escaped from the vehicle.

A day after the two victims went to police, law enforcement arrested Winn while he was driving to meet the victim. Police pulled him over and arrested him. Avery was the passenger in the vehicle and also was taken into custody.

Officers found a hotel key in Avery's pocket, the prosecutor said. When they went to the hotel room, they discovered a 16-year-old girl who revealed she had been working as a prostitute for Avery.

Business license apps now online

DOWNEY – Prospective Downey business owners can now apply to renew their business licenses online by going to the city's website, downeyca.org, and clicking the "Online Business Licenses" icon on the homepage.

Established businesses already were able to renew their licenses online, as well as pay outstanding business license balances.

The new feature allows prospective businesses to avoid a trip to City Hall and apply for a license online.

"We are committed to enhancing our technology efforts to better serve our residents and business community," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. "We are excited to be able to offer online business registration for our local businesses and soon, we will also be launching our online water bill pay system, which is expected to go live in early 2015."

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 17, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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October 22, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Mary Cristina Siordia, In Pro Per
9717 Imperial Hwy Apt #5
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 682-9084

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS026436

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMORUS SERAFIN ALEZANDER PANTALEON-GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) AMORUS SERAFIN ALEZANDER PANTALEON-GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) ADAN SERAFIN GONZALEZ.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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October 15, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Amorus Serafin Alexander Pantaleon-Gonzalez, In Pro Per
11366 Pennsylvania Ave
South Gate, CA 90280

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
COURTHOUSE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS026467

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner

SUSANA ROCIO GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) SUSANA ROCIO GONZALEZ CARRILLO to Proposed name (1) SUSANA ROCIO GONZALEZ.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 24, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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October 23, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Susana Rocio Gonzalez, In Pro Per
6540 Ajax Ave.
Bell Gardens, CA 90201

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS026435

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 10, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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October 15, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Diana Gamez & Augusto Ocampo, In Pro Per
5463 Pioneer Blvd.
Whittier, CA 90601
(626) 664-6221

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS026512

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 31, 2014, Time: 1:30 pm,
Department C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Room 101, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**.
November 3, 2014
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Stephanie Veronica Rodriguez, In Pro Per
4739 Live Oak St. Ap. 4
Cudahy, CA 90201
(323) 919-1586
Rodriguezestefany46@yahoo.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS026436

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMORUS SERAFIN ALEZANDER PANTALEON-GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) AMORUS SERAFIN ALEZANDER PANTALEON-GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) ADAN SERAFIN GONZALEZ.

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11366 Pennsylvania Ave
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
COURTHOUSE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS026467

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner

creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 459726CA Loan No. XXXXX3503 Title Order No. 13007534-1. **ATTENTION BIDDERS:** THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.3. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11-26-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12-04-2014 at 11:00 AM, ALAW as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12-03-2007, Book NA, Page NA, Instrument 20072643879, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: JESU CONTRERAS AND MARICELA CONTRERAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, CHASE BANK USA, N.A., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,193,259.19 (estimated) Street address and other common designation title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. 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Trustee Sale No. : 20120134002476 Title Order No.: 120409119 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/06/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/16/2007 as Instrument No. 20070900736 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: ALICIA MARTINEZ-LARA, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/03/2014 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8646 BOYSON STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6261-019-074 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the 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 \$303,216.60 (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 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, 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. 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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 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 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20120134002476. 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. 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APN: 8018-003-008 TS No.: CA08003715-14-1 To No.: 8452863 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 27, 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 26, 2014 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, 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 August 3, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 1845506 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by MICHELE GARCIA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor(s), ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC 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: 11445 ESTHER STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be 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 \$303,216.60 (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 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, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgage, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-09-247658-ED. 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. CA08003715-14-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 800-280-2832 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. P117616 10/30, 11/6, 11/13/2014

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09-247658-ED Order No.: 090107132-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/24/2006. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): SILVIO ANTONIO PERALTA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 11/22/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2435555 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 11/20/2014 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Vineyard Ballroom. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$668,013.19 The purported property address is: 14413 BRINK AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.: 8073-011-015 **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-09-247658-ED. 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. CA08003719-14-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Amy Lemus, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: 800-280-2832 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. P1118877 11/6, 11/13, 11/20/2014

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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 PROCEEDINGS 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, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust,

14-1 To No.: 5919785 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 18, 2013. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 22, 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 May 14, 2013 as Instrument No. 20130724667 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by ANDRES GARCIA AND MIRIAM GARCIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS as Trustor(s), in favor of JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. 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: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF EXHIBIT "A" All that certain real property situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows: Lot 57 of Tract No. 16032, in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 354, Pages 19 and 20 of Maps, in the office of the County Recorder of said County. 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: 8524 SMALLWOOD AVE, 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 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 \$355,490.33 (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. 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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 PROCEEDINGS 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, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances 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 \$355,490.33 (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 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, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgage, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 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, CA08003719-14-1. 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. CA08003719-14-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 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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Boutique sale at Good Shepherd Church

Downey - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is hosting its annual holiday boutique and bake sale this weekend, Nov. 14-15.

The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days and will feature handmade crafts and jewelry, Christmas gifts, quilts, baked goods, children's items and more.

For more information, call (562) 803-4459 or (562) 803-9426.

Police gets \$145K traffic safety grant

Downey - The Downey Police Department has been awarded a \$145,000 state grant for a year-long program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries.

The police department will use the funding "as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education."

"After falling dramatically between 2006 and 2010, the number of persons killed and injured in traffic collisions saw slight increases in 2011 and 2012," said Police Chief Carl Charles. "Particularly worrisome are recent increases in pedestrian and motorcycle fatalities and the dangers of distracting technologies."

"This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as drunk and drugged driving and speeding."

The grant money will fund DUI checkpoints; DUI saturation patrols; distracted driving enforcement; seat belt and child safety seat enforcement; speed, red light and stop sign enforcement; and specialized DUI and drugged driving training.

The grant comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Students performing 'To Kill a Mockingbird'

Downey - Downey High School's Theatre Department will perform Harper Lee's classic novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird," adapted for the stage, next month.

The play explores the courage it takes to confront irrationality and bigotry, and the need for empathy in all societies.

Performances are Dec. 5-6 at 7 p.m., Dec. 11 at 3 p.m., and Dec. 12-13 at 7 p.m. All performances are in the Downey High School Theater.

Tickets are \$8 at the door or \$6 if purchased at the Downey ASB window starting Nov. 17.

In Memory of Richard Andrew Sharpe

January 22, 1947 to November 5, 2014



Richard Andrew Sharpe, 67, was born in New York, New York on January 22, 1947 and passed away in Los Angeles, California on November 5, 2014. Richard was a Police Officer for the Los Angeles Police Department for 30 years and flew helicopters in their Air Support Division. He retired from the LAPD in 2000. Richard proudly served his country in the US Army and was given an Honorable Discharge, and was a long time member of the National Guard.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Patricia E. Sharpe of Downey, his daughter, Christine (Paul) Yoon of Downey, Stephen (Natasha) Sharpe of Downey, John Eric Sharpe of Downey, Carolyn (Samuel) Barnes of Grand Terrace, CA and Colleen Sharpe of Salt Lake City, UT. He also leaves his grandchildren, Caitlyn and Addison Yoon and Julia and Nicholas Barnes, along with his brother, Alfred Sharpe of Fort Mojave, AZ and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be sent to the family through our web site, and also for suggested donations in lieu of flowers. www.rishermortuary.com. Risher Mortuary & Cremation Service are Funeral Directors. (562) 699-0916

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10727 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241. A Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2014 at 12:45 PM at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA 92518.



DUSD teachers, students and administrators celebrated Character Counts Week last month. Campuses were decorated in red, orange, purple, yellow and green, signifying the "Six Pillars of Character."

Each day was dedicated to a different pillar and each school showed their character through different events, assemblies and themes throughout the week.

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Half-off animal adoptions

Downey - SEAACA is having a 50 percent off sale on cat and dog adoptions Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The discount is applicable to dogs and cats at least 1 year old.

The adoption fee includes flea treatment, spay or neutering, microchip, and the first set of vaccines.

Little leagues holding sign-ups

Downey - Northwest Downey Little League will hold early registration Nov. 15, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

Registration is \$80 per child for kids ages 4-7, \$95 for ages 8-12 and \$110 for ages 13-16, with discounts for multiple children.

Kids of all abilities are welcome. There is also a Challenger Division for physically-challenged players.

Try-outs will be held Jan. 17, and Opening Day is Feb. 28.

To be eligible for NWDLL, kids must live north of Firestone Boulevard.

West Downey Little League will hold early bird registration for its 2015 season Nov. 23 from 8 a.m. to noon and 3:30-5 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 Challenger Division for kids with disabilities is free.

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FEATURED PROPERTY

Downey Home With Large Lot!!!
Great Downey Home with long driveway, RV parking and Detached 2 car garage. This nice property offers 4 bedrooms and 3 bath. Large private backyard with a sparkling pool over setting on 17,527 SQ FT Lot. Cover patio with built in BBQ. Call for more info!

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Excellent North Downey opportunity. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 1354 sq.ft. of living space. The property also features central air & heat and a fireplace in the family room.

IN ESCROW

Fantastic Home!!!
This lovely, sun filled house on a tree lined street has been recently upgraded. The kitchen and bathrooms have been remodeled. There is a red brick, wood burning fireplace in the family room - also remodeled with Brazilian cherry hardwood flooring.

Downey Delight!
Nice property in Downey. It features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a fireplace in family room. **Priced to sell at \$479,500.**

Splish Splash!
Amazing 2005 custom rebuilt pool home located in Orange estates, this fabulous home features 4 bedroom 4 baths, 2 car detached garage. To many features to mention. **Call For More Info!**

Excellent Downey Home
Come and see this wonderful home. This home has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath (assessor has it as 2 bedrooms). Attached two-car garage. Tiled patio with an outdoor fireplace. Great buy for 1st time home buyer.

Beautiful North Downey Home
Beautiful move in ready home. The kitchen has been remodeled with new cabinets, recessed lighting, granite counters and breakfast bar. There is a new roof, upgraded plumbing and electrical A/C and the driveway has been re-done. **Call For More Info!**

Great Downey Home!
This lovely family home in Orange Estates has 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms and a large eat in kitchen. The covered patio with wood burning fireplace is excellent for entertaining, barbecuing or just a quiet place to relax. **Call for more info!**

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