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THE TIES THAT BIND

## Party Invitations from 2014

In this essay, Cynthia Vanasse looks at last year's events through a humorous lens. 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 Cynthia Vanasse

I wish someone would have informed my teeth that they're too old for a "Coming out Party." They wouldn't have listened. Their definition of a party had nothing to do with a good time; it was a scheme to deplete my bank account and teach me that an implant has nothing to do with indoor greenery.

In a similar vein, the tile I installed four years ago decided to join my teeth with a "Coming Apart Party." Little crumple pieces began to show themselves in the grout. A few of the tiles were working free. A quick call to my contractor proved that getting old is not the only reason for falling apart. My subcontractor did a "lousy job." Oh well, I'd certainly rather have a bad tile job than a bad dentist!

I guess the tile must have been talking to my ceiling window. This makes sense as the same wonderful subcontractor did this too. After a recent rainfall, my beautiful, expensive, silk rug had been treated to an unauthorized bath. Mashing my teeth, I yelled "help" to the same wizard who fixed the tile.

My best pal, Quincy, decided this was the year to invite me to a "Support Your Vet Party." He thought Dr. K. needed a new consultation room and that I wouldn't mind paying for it. He is 13 years old and has troubles far exceeding his teeth.

To make my "Vet Party" even more fun, in his parking lot I crashed into a wall covered with vines; I thought it was a bush. So I invited my body repair expert to join the "Delete Cindy's Account" bash. By this time, my teeth were beginning to look like "small potatoes."

Of course, we all have a seat at Uncle Sam's festive April table. I've tried to not accept the pleasure of his company, but my C.P.A. didn't think this was a good idea. So I again found myself at a "Number Crunching Event." I think I was also the one being crunched. I added a few dollars to an investment giving Sam the right to deplete dollars from my Social Security. I didn't find anything social about this.

If you live in California, we are all a part of the "DWW Party" (Don't Waste Water). Things have become very dry—not as in humor or a drink. I have gritted my teeth and given up gardening. There are no more flowers, vegetables, or green lawn in my life. Long live cacti and succulents!

To top off the year I was asked to an expensive dinner party at a well-known restaurant. My teeth and I were in rapture with thoughts of sinking into wild salmon. The evening did not start off well, as we were ushered through a cozy, intimate setting out to a cold, white tent; this would have been great for Santa.

Things went downhill from there. The salmon didn't go downhill however; it was from a still-water farm. This fish's last trip was to our table in all his over-cooked glory. We asked for some mashed potatoes, or anything to give this fish company; we were informed seven dollars would buy mashed potatoes. All of a sudden, the rolls looked better than before. I would call this dinner a "Don't Return Policy."

Experience has proved that life is one long party and we are lucky to be a part of the celebration. I can hardly wait for next year's invitations.

## Downey's float sparkles in Rose Parade

DOWNEY – Millions of people around the globe watched as the Downey Rose Float Association's 63rd consecutive entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, themed "Inspiring Stories," traveled down Colorado Boulevard on Thursday.

The float, titled "Home for the Holidays," was conceptualized by Jeff Shadic, Kelley Roberts and Jason Redfox, with the final concept rendering by Thom Neighbors.

"Home for the Holidays" is described as a "picture perfect winter wonderland. Sitting high on a snow covered hill, nestled in the pine trees, is a custom built Victorian house, covered with yellow lentil."

The two-story house has numerous windows and window coverings, a shingled, snow-topped roof and is accented with a front porch, complete with a swing.

Accent pieces are covered with cranberry seed, sweet rice, green split pea, yellow and bronze straw flower, alfalfa and coconut. Cranberry seed and poppy seed were used in creating the brick work on the smoking chimney. The Victorian house was built, customized and donated by Steve Berryman.

"The road, covered in chipped coconut and orchids, showcases the one horse open sleigh adorned in cranberry seed, carrying Miss Downey Maylin Gonzalez and her court, Julie Ledesma, Isis Gomez, Christina Ledesma and Hazel Rodriguez, and military veterans Michael Edmonds (U.S. Marine), Jeff Leach (U.S. Army) and David

Dobens (U.S. Navy)," said decoration chairman Jeff Shadic. "The sleigh is pulled by a horse covered in palm fiber, sweet rice and light cinnamon, while black seaweed was used on his hoofs. The frozen pond had two professional ice skaters, Aurora Hall and Galvani D. Hopson, who skated during the parade."

A synthetic ice, donated by Viking Ice, was used on the float, providing the surface for the skaters to skate. The float also featured two special effects: a smoke machine, donated by Pageantry Props, used for the smoking chimney, and a snow machine, donated by Blue Haze Entertainment, hidden in the trees and used to blow snow during the duration of the parade.

The entire float measures 17 ft. tall, 18 ft. wide and 53 ft. long.

Floral chairman Jason Redfox explained the base of the float was saturated with 6,000 white roses, and the frozen river was framed with blue and white hydrangeas, blue and white iris, orchids and spider mums. The various arrangements feature red, pink and purple roses, star gazer lilies, white calla lilies, pine cones and cedar greens.

"This year's Tournament of Roses Parade Grand Marshal is Olympian and World War II prisoner of war Louis Zamperini, who passed earlier this year," said Roberts, the construction chairman. "A true 'Inspiring Story' is having military personnel 'Home for the Holidays.'" The Downey Rose Float Association is honored to have two lifetime Downey residents who have returned



PHOTO BY JENNIFER DEKAY

Downey's float will be on display in front of the Embassy Suites beginning Saturday.

home from serving this country, U.S. Marine Michael Edmonds and Jeff Leach, U.S. Army."

While the concept for the parade was approved by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade in March, construction of the float began in September. The team of builders under the direction of Roberts consisted of Shadic, Andrew Malarkey, Mike Negrete, Jeremy Clifton, Scott Roberts, Matt Santisteven, David Castro, Alfredo Velez, Carl Johnson and Lowell Mathis.

"Home for the Holidays" departed for Pasadena Wednesday evening. It was towed roundtrip by Titan Tow and escorted by the

Downey Police Department.

"This is my favorite time every year," said Gary DeRemer, president of the Downey Rose Float Association. "The association would not be successful without the support from the community, volunteers that help decorate the float and local businesses like Green Olive, Panera Bread, Pina Pizza House, Porto's, Rio Hondo Event Center and Alfredo Bautista that donated meals for our volunteers."

The float will return to Downey for public viewing Saturday evening in front of the Embassy Suites. Flowers and arrangements taken off the float will be sold, with proceeds benefiting Downey's 2016 entry.

## At Downey High, special ed students don't eat alone

• Downey High's Amigos Club encourages socializing between general and special education students.

Only four years old, it has already become largest club on campus.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

DOWNEY – When Luis Alvarez walked into his woodshop class at Downey High School last week, sporting an electric blue New York Giants No. 10 jersey, he barely made it past the door before the playful ribbing began.

"Come on, Eli Manning?!" teased classmate Christopher Sarinana. "Are you seriously wearing a Giants jersey?"

Alvarez puffed up his chest and beamed.

The sights and sounds of students joking and laughing normally wouldn't elicit a second look, except in this case the students are part of a new effort at Downey High to comingle general and special education students.

"We wanted to offer our special needs students the opportunity to take elective courses, and our focus at the moment is the construction/woods class," said Cindy Salceda, who handles career vocational education at Downey High.

Special needs students are learning the basics of woodworking alongside members of the Amigos Club, a campus organization that facilitates interaction between students of all ability levels.

Only four years old, the Amigos Club is already the largest club on campus with 300 members. It's bridging the gap between two student populations that are more similar than they are different.

"I learned they're not that different from us. They're actually just like us -- they're just a little bit challenged in certain ways," said



PHOTOS BY ERIC PIERCE

Sarinana, a junior. He said he joined the club after noticing several special education students eating alone at lunch time.

"The hardest part is breaking them out of their shells," he added.

The friendship between general and special education students has extended beyond campus boundaries. Last month, special education students were accompanied by their general education classmates to a shopping spree at JC Penney, where they had the entire department store to themselves for Christmas shopping. (JC Penney opened at 7 a.m. exclusively for the students and Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis paid for the gifts.)

"It is very important for the special needs kids to feel like part of the Downey High School family," Salceda, who is also the Amigos Club advisor, told the Downey Legend school newspaper. "During school they are very isolated and this club gives them opportunities to bond



and become friends outside of school with the general education students."

Back in woodshop, students spent much of December measuring, cutting and painting decorative pieces for Downey's float entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. Sitting side by side, students were

measuring, cutting, sanding and painting.

A glance at the classroom and it was nearly impossible to differentiate between general and special education students.

And that's just the way they like it.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 64°



Saturday 65°



Sunday 72°



## Things To Do



**Disney on Ice** - A colossal party on ice, featuring your favorite Disney characters.

Saturday-Sunday, Long Beach Arena, times vary, tickets start at \$33



**Wicked** - The blockbuster musical is back and playing through March.

Saturday-Sunday, Pantages Theatre, times vary, tickets start at \$55

## Throwback Thursday



Donkeys on parade, Downey Avenue, 1947, photo courtesy Larry Latimer and Downey Historical Society

## Facebook Conversation



**Soldier replaces neighbor's stolen Christmas decorations**

**David Rhodes-Simmons:** Right on guys! We need more people like you in this city (or world for that matter) and less like the ones who stole the decorations! Merry Christmas!

**Jenn Landa:** Good to know we still have great, caring people in Downey. Merry Christmas.

**Mark Echmalian:** Jacob and Cassidy are obviously two fabulous people. Thank you for your service, and Merry Christmas to you both!

**Constantino Ontiveros:** What a wonderful thing to do! Thank you for serving our country!

**Angeline Deo:** HOPE is still alive and GOODNESS still exists. Happy Holidays.

**Sharon Brooks:** What a wonderful thing to do! Thank you for serving our country!

**Don Valdez:** I salute you.

**Linsy Hansen:** Thank you so much! We really appreciate it!!! I wasn't home when they brought it over and didn't get a chance to thank them. We thank you so much!

# New laws hit the books in 2015

• More than 900 new laws take effect in 2015; here's a sampling.

**Driver's Licenses:**  
Undocumented workers can now apply to receive driver's licenses.

**Sexual Abuse Statute of Limitations:**

Victims of childhood sexual abuse now have until age 40 to report crimes.

**Nude Selfies:**  
Anyone who distributes a nude image intended to be private could be charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct and subject to a civil suit.

**Audrie's Law:**  
Creates harsher punishments for people who commit sex acts on someone incapable of providing consent, such as those passed out from alcohol or drugs. The law is named after Audrie Pott, a Florida teen who committed suicide after she was sexually assaulted while unconscious.

**Gun Law:**  
Requires safety standards when purchasing all semi-automatic handgun models. Prior law included an exception for "single shot" pistols that could be temporarily modified to not fire on a semi-automatic basis.

**Prison ID Cards:**  
California identification cards will be given to state prisoners upon their release in order to assist them in applying for jobs, housing and/or social services.

**Hot Weather Breaks:**  
Mandates paid 5-minute breaks for employees who work outdoors during hot weather.

**Employer Liability:**  
Employers that use contract labor will be held liable for all payment and/or safety issues.

For example, if a company uses contract labor from a third party staffing agency, and the staffing agency failed to pay the worker, the business can be held liable.

**Paid Sick Leave**  
Effective July 1, 2015, the law allows workers to earn one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. Penalties can be enforced on employers that do not provide mandatory paid sick leave.

The law is largely expected to benefit fast food and retail workers in service-industry jobs that don't offer paid sick leave.

**Paid Family Leave:**  
Paid family leave now includes parent-in-laws, grandchildren and siblings. This is a state benefit, paid for by the California Employment Development Department.

**Plastic Bags:**  
Statewide ban on single-use plastic bags goes into effect July 1 at grocery stores and pharmacies. The law expands to convenience stores and liquor stores in 2016.

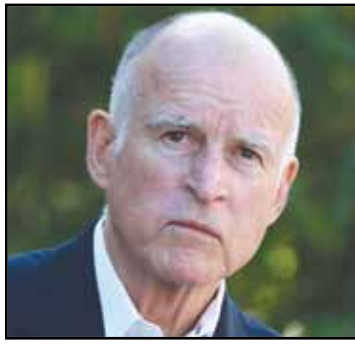
**Kill Switches:**  
Effective July 1, all smartphones sold in California must be equipped with anti-theft technology that allows an owner to make the phone inoperable if lost or stolen.

**College Grants:**  
Requires public high schools to electronically submit the grade point average of all graduating seniors to the California Student Aid Commission to insure that more students are offered Cal Grants.

**Mug Shots:**  
Makes it illegal for websites to profit by posting police mug shots and charging a fee to have them removed.

**Birth Certificates:**  
In addition to mother and father options, birth certificates will now have a "parent" option for same-sex couples.

**Death Certificates:**



On death certificates, coroners are now required to list the gender consistent with how the deceased person identified as, rather than their anatomy.

**Interns and Volunteers:**  
Amends the California Fair Employment and Housing Act to prohibit discrimination against interns and volunteers on the basis of any legally protected classification (e.g. religion, race, sexual orientation, etc.).

**Assisted-Living Homes:**  
Raises the maximum fine from \$150 to \$10,000 for cases of physical abuse, and up to \$15,000 for violations that lead to a death. Nursing homes are also banned from receiving new patients until health and safety violations are corrected.

**School Pesticides:**  
Gives parents the right to know what pesticides are used at schools and childcare facilities.

**Groundwater:**  
Requires local agencies to create sustainable groundwater management plans to ensure priority basins are sustainable by 2040.

**Rescue Personnel:**  
Prohibits an employer from firing or discriminating against a person who takes time off to perform emergency duty as a volunteer firefighter, reserve peace officer, or emergency rescue personnel.



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

## Vocational nursing graduates earn diplomas

• Downey Adult School students qualify to take state exam, become vocational nurses.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Twenty-seven students graduated from Downey Adult School's Vocational Nursing program last month, officially launching new careers in healthcare.

"I can't emphasize how important you will be to the healthcare system of this nation," said Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, the event's keynote speaker. "You will not only offer medical care, but hope, letting your patients know they are not alone at times when they need your help the most."

The graduation ceremony took place inside the Harriett Paine Event Center at Downey Adult School, and also included remarks from Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia and new Downey

Councilman Sean Ashton.

"The need for skilled healthcare workers has never been greater in California," Garcia said. "You are proof that it is never too late to change your life and your path."

Students who graduated completed their course and clinical requirements, making them eligible to take the state exam to become licensed vocational nurses.

In addition to their course studies and clinical hours, the students also volunteered at local health fairs and with physicians who administer health exams for high school student-athletes free of charge.

After receiving their diplomas, students were presented their nursing pins and recited the Nursing Pledge. They also participated in a candle lighting and rose ceremony.

The candle lighting symbolizes "knowledge, enlightenment, experience and hope. The light will always shine brightly as a symbol of the care and devotion the nurse administers to the sick and injured."

The rose symbolizes "the perfection that exemplifies the integrity, dependability, unity and high ideals necessary in the practice of nursing."



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This year's graduating class includes Carlos Aguilar, Karla Andino, Samantha Brady, Brittany Camacho, Gloria Cuevas, Buntha Dum, Kimberly Fuentes, Marilyn Garcia, Richard Horky, Mary Jacobs, Kamisia Jones, Ashley Langarica, Beridiana Martinez, Elizabeth Medina, Tiffany Ostrander, Stephanie Pinedo, Meagan Quesada, Ernesto Rojas, Tina Srun, Jesse Umana, Michael Vasquez, Claudia Velasquez, Mayra Veloz, Ashly Wright, Yueguang Wu, Rene Zavala and Xiucui Zhou.

Nursing instructors included Mariana Pacheco, RN, MSN; Summer Allen, RN, BSN; Rosalina Vicencio, RN, BSN; and Gale Mejico, RN.

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# Downey Museum of Art announces first show of 2015

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Museum of Art has announced its first exhibition for 2015, “Vic Joachim Smith - Early Work,” opening Saturday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. at South Gate Museum and Art Galleries.

Vic Smith moved to Southern California from the Pacific Northwest to pursue a calling in art. He graduated from Cal State Long Beach in 1954 and later developed the arts program and taught at Cal State Fullerton.

During the 1950s and 60s, Smith exhibited throughout Asia and Europe alongside other renowned American artists such as Pollack, Rothko, Kline, and De Kooning.

California institutions, including the Museums of Art in Downey, Newport Harbor, Laguna, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland, also hosted exhibits of his work. In 1967, *Los Angeles Times* art critic William Wilson noted, “The art of Vic Smith is so good, I can’t understand why it isn’t more famous.”

Downey Museum of Art holds in its collection one complete early series by Vic Smith. “High Sierra” will be shown in its entirety as well as samples of other early work and ephemera.

Simultaneous to “Vic Joachim Smith - Early Work,” Downey Museum of Art will offer a second show, Selections from the Collections, featuring large, avant garde, and constructed paintings from its permanent holdings, including the work of Charles Villiers. Both exhibits are hosted by the South Gate Art Galleries.

The opening reception will include live music and theater. Featured at 3 p.m., The Other Theater Company will offer a production of “Off Kilter,” a short play about how to look at modern art.



Throughout the reception, Isaac Takeuchi will perform Bach and original cello compositions.

The South Gate Museum and Art Galleries is located at 8680 California Ave., just north of Firestone Blvd. The opening reception is from 1-5 p.m., admission is free.

# Downey residents report suspicious door-knocker

• Downey residents report suspicious person trying to speak to man of the house.

**DOWNEY** – The following was sent to this newspaper by resident Antoinette Mora, who gave permission to republish her message and use her name:

“I live in Downey on Brookshire Avenue near Florence. Last night the door bell rang at around 10 p.m. Luckily, we have a surveillance system as well as an intercom at the front door.

“We looked at the camera and couldn’t recognize who was ringing the doorbell. So via the intercom my mother asked who it was (in English). He wouldn’t answer. My mother asked again and all he said was that he wanted to talk. So we asked who he wanted to speak to. Then he said “I just want to talk.” My mother asked him the same questions in Spanish and he responded the same.

“He was then asked the name of the person that he wanted to speak to. The man asked if the man of the house was home. My dad then proceeded to ask the man what is it that he wanted. He then responded, “I want to talk to you. I want to speak to you face to face.” The man was not angry in his tone.

“My dad became angry and told him if he didn’t say what he wanted that he should leave because he was going to call the police. The man continued repeating that he just wanted to talk. He wasn’t really listening to what we were asking him. So we told him to leave because the police were on their way. He stayed for a few more seconds then

walked away.

“We didn’t feel threatened enough to call 911. But a couple of minutes later we decided to call the police and it just rang. We called again and the same thing. So needless to say the police were never alerted. We have the video and should be able to send it to you if you decide to add it to this page. But I hope that you do.

“The most disturbing part of it was that he was asking to see if there was a male presence physically in the home. Since it’s the holidays and people will be expecting guests, I hope that they continue to check to see who it is before they open the door, as well as keep their doors locked. I know that we normally keep the door open when we have guests coming in and out. Trust me, this will change.

“I’m not sure what his intentions were. He did sound as though he were mentally unstable. He was a male between 30 and 40 years old. I believe he was Hispanic/Latino. It was kind of hard to tell how tall he was from the video. He spoke English and Spanish.”

In a statement, Downey Police said Mora actually dialed a number for City Hall, not the police station, which is why the call went unanswered.

“In the future we would ask that if you are faced with a similar situation you call our dispatch directly at (562) 904-2363, or even use 911,” police officials said.

“You did an outstanding job not answering the door for the subject and this should serve as a reminder for all our residents to never answer your door for people they do not know.”

# Short play to premiere at exhibit opening

**SOUTH GATE** – The Other Theatre Company presents the world premiere of a specially commissioned new “work in progress” 15-minute play, “Off Kilter,” by Barry Slater.

Produced and directed by Downey resident Alistair Hunter, it features actors Daniel Houston-Davila and Claudia Duran.

Hunter recently produced and directed “Brecht On Brecht,” selected as “among the best theatre in Los Angeles 2013 in the area of Drama and Ensemble.” He was associate director of Downey Art Coalition’s “Defying Gravity,” artistic director of the award-winning Scorpio Rising Theatre in Hollywood circa 1969-1980s, and director of numerous staged readings at the Stay Gallery and other venues around Downey.

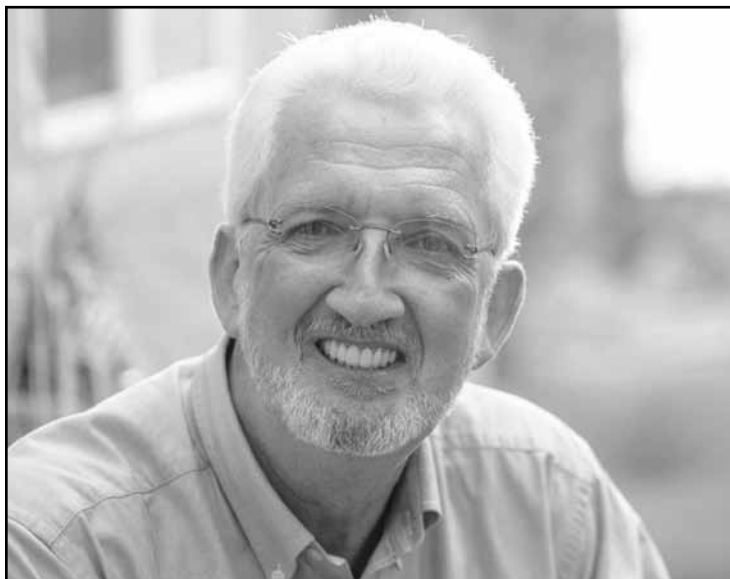
“Off Kilter” also features an art sculpture specifically designed for the play by Roy Anthony Shabla.

Set in an opening exhibit of the Downey Museum of Art, the play takes place at the actual DMOA exhibit at the South Gate Museum and Art Galleries. A man and a woman argue over what is art, as audience members witness exploitation, manipulation, sexism, deception, the struggle for power, empowerment, the artist’s intent, and the switching of roles.

The play was commissioned to take place in an art gallery opening reception.

“A unique theatrical experience,” said Hunter.

The performance takes place Saturday, Jan. 10, at 3 p.m. Admission to the exhibit and play are free.



“Off Kilter,” a short play by Downey resident and playwright Alistair Hunter, premieres Jan. 10 at South Gate Museum and Art Galleries.

# Downey woman killed in traffic collision

**DOWNEY** – A 22-year-old Downey woman was killed Tuesday when the Lexus she was driving collided with a trash truck.

The collision occurred at about 6:34 a.m. at the intersection of Woodruff Avenue and Imperial Highway. Police say the woman, who has not been publicly identified, was traveling eastbound on Imperial in a 1999 Lexus GS300 when she collided with the truck, which was making a left turn from westbound Imperial to southbound Woodruff.

The woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The truck driver, a 44-year-old La Puente man, was not injured.

Police are still investigation the collision and did not say who was at fault. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Edwards at (562) 904-2339 or Sergeant Miller at (562) 904-2342.

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## Approve the Keystone XL pipeline already

By Drew Johnson

America's 629,000 unemployed construction workers face a grim New Year. The recession brutalized their sector of the economy, and the recovery remains tepid.

While the rest of the nation is now enjoying a 5.8 percent unemployment rate, in the construction sector, it's 7.5 percent. That means a longer spell between projects for many workers. Meanwhile, public and private spending on construction remains 13 percent below pre-recession rates.

President Obama could help these struggling Americans welcome 2015 with a long overdue approval of the Keystone XL pipeline.

TransCanada first submitted its application for the pipeline in September 2008. In the years since, the U.S. Department of State has published five environmental-impact assessments determining that the pipeline's effect would be negligible at worst. And the outcome of the recent congressional elections makes passage of legislation approving the pipeline a near-inevitability in January.

In other words, President Obama has no good excuses to leave a \$7 billion, shovel-ready, economy-boosting investment languishing.

The two-year construction process will generate 42,000 jobs, including 9,000 in construction. Some complain that most of those jobs are only temporary. They miss the point: construction jobs are always temporary. Workers in the industry move on when a project is completed.

Speaking of temporary, the clock on President Obama's term in office is running down, too. Even from a political perspective, stonewalling approval of the Keystone XL pipeline is a short-sighted move for the president and his party. The Pew Research Center recently reported the majority of Americans want the pipeline green-lighted, while fewer than one in three oppose it.

Public support for Keystone remains high because the benefits of the pipeline are clear. Approval of Keystone will have a ripple effect throughout

the U.S. economy.

The domestic economic benefit of imported oil is only 10 cents on the dollar, compared to a domestic benefit of between 80 and 90 cents on the dollar for North American oil. Lower oil and gas prices also spur American manufacturing; in 2012 alone, cheaper energy saved the manufacturing sector around \$130 billion.

Approval of the pipeline would also reduce our dependence on foreign oil and increase our energy security. Keystone would move 830,000 barrels of oil a day from our friendly and reliable neighbor to the north, dramatically reducing America's reliance on Middle Eastern oil imports.

There's an environmental component, too. The Alberta tar sands may be the third-largest oil reserve in the world, but they account for only .01 percent of carbon emissions globally.

Meanwhile, all of the alternatives to Keystone XL carry major environmental costs. If the United States fails to import its crude oil from Canada, it will rely instead on Middle Eastern oil, which exacts a greater toll on Mother Nature.

Some opponents of fossil fuels seem to think that if Keystone XL doesn't go forward, all that oil will remain in the Canadian tar sands. That's flat-out wrong. It will find an alternate market somewhere far across the world - racking up even more carbon-intensive travel. Without the pipeline, Canadian oil will move by train, truck and tanker, increasing emissions by 42 percent, according to the State Department.

After six years of extensive debate, it's clear that going ahead with the Keystone XL pipeline is the right thing to do for the economy, the environment and the security of the United States.

*Drew Johnson is a Senior Fellow at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to limited, responsible government.*

## Pipeline will cause damage beyond spills

By Danielle Droitsch

Back in 2007, while I was working and living in Alberta and focused on the protection of watersheds, I organized a canoe expedition down the Athabasca River. The river is part of a lush watershed that flows through the heart of tar-sands mining and drilling operations in Canada's pristine boreal forests.

My goal was to draw attention to the dual threats of global warming and tar-sands mining operations that are devastating the region. The river is declining as a result of receding glaciers and smaller snowpacks, both of which are consequences of a warming climate. But even worse, as the Athabasca flows downstream through the scarred industrial landscape, it is contaminated by toxic waste leaching from tar-sands mining operations that poison the waters, threatening wildlife and the communities that depend on their bounty.

It was distressing to see this level of devastation, but now I realize it was only the tip of the iceberg. Back then, the production of tar-sands oil had just reached a high point of 1.2 million barrels per day when I flew over the boreal forest in a small, four-seat airplane and watched colossal tree-cutting operations clearing thousands of acres of trees, flying over miles of virgin forests that had already been leased for new mines.

But soon, there would be millions more acres of clear-cut trees, and millions more gallons of toxic waste that would leach into the rivers from tailings ponds. Since 2007, tar-sands production has grown by 50 percent.

This year, the Canadian tar-sands industry announced new plans to triple production by 2030. A new analysis by the Pembina Institute, "Forecasting the impacts of oilsands expansion," reveals that this rapid expansion of Alberta's tar-sands operations will raise overall carbon pollution by 250 percent due to the intensive greenhouse-gas emissions associated with tar-sands operations.

The Keystone XL pipeline is widely regarded as essential to enabling the

tar-sands industry to achieve that dramatic level of growth and, therefore, become a major driver of global greenhouse-gas emissions. For example, Goldman Sachs recently acknowledged that without Keystone XL, lower prices for tar sands and higher transport costs will result in the cancellation or deferral of tar-sands expansion projects. Arguments that tar-sands expansion will occur with or without Keystone XL are simply unfounded.

We already know that the prospect of a Keystone XL spill could have massive impacts on water resources, affecting people across America's heartland. Moreover, the benefits of Keystone XL are vastly overstated. Keystone XL is an export pipeline that will not benefit the United States' energy security, and will create far fewer jobs than claimed by the oil industry.

Keystone XL will directly lead to a significant increase in greenhouse-gas emissions, and under President Barack Obama's climate test, the pipeline should be rejected.

Six years ago, I was lucky to get a mention of our canoe expedition through the tar-sands region in the local Canadian papers. I couldn't have imagined that six years later, the U.S. president would set a high-profile marker to review the proposed Keystone XL tar-sands pipeline based on its climate impacts.

This is the kind of bold leadership we need on this issue — leadership that will force us to acknowledge the true damages taking place from industrial tar-sands operations in Canadian boreal forests. We cannot allow the Keystone XL pipeline to facilitate the expansion of this highly destructive, dirty oil operation.

Since I paddled down the Athabasca River, the environmental devastation of the region has only worsened — and so has our climate.

*Danielle Droitsch is director of the Canada Project at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).*

## Missile defense can't wait

By Stephen Blank

Russia shows no sign that it is willing to de-escalate tensions with the West. Troops remain in Ukraine and continue to violate the cease-fire there, even as the Kremlin launches multiple military probes into the Baltic littoral states. Virtually every day, the United States and its allies are forced to scramble military assets in response to Russian incursions.

This state of affairs requires a broader U.S. strategy. America's response cannot be confined to Europe. It must also incorporate investments in deterrent technology that keep our citizens safe, specifically missile defense.

Domestic constraints abound, to be sure. The pressure on the Pentagon's finances has never been greater. Budgetary concerns are now driving a debate about whether to continue production of the exo-atmospheric kill vehicle (EKV), an essential component of modern missile defense. Some argue that the EKV program should be shelved and a new interceptor built from scratch.

That proposal is both fiscally imprudent and strategically dangerous. Because missile threats from Russia, as well as China and rogue state actors such as Iran and North Korea, already exist, the United States simply cannot afford to remain undefended for the years that would be needed to erect a new system.

Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis was fond of noting that, when formulating military strategy, "the enemy gets a vote." When it comes to missile defense, this is sage advice; numerous nations already pose a threat to the United States, and they certainly won't wait for American officials to navigate our long and costly procurement cycle.

Russia is just one such nation. There are many others. North Korea continues to process nuclear material for a long-range weapon. Iran's relations with the U.S. remain unstable, and the Islamic Republic is closer than ever to nuclear capability.

The chaos wrought by the Syrian civil war could open a power vacuum in the Middle East, making it even easier for terrorist groups to get their hands on dangerous missiles. Meanwhile, China continues building its defense capabilities.

Investing in improving existing systems -- the EKV prominent among them -- is the most effective way to meet these threats.

The science behind the current approach is sound. The EKV catches a ride with a rocket into space, then has the job of targeting and destroying an incoming enemy missile. This technology was originally introduced by the Bush administration in response to the threat posed by North Korea.

At the time, the EKV was little more than a complex prototype. However, it has evolved considerably since, and a series of successful tests have demonstrated that ongoing design upgrades are making the EKV more accurate.

This year, the Missile Defense Agency will decide whether to spend an additional \$300 to \$400 million on near-term improvements to the EKV or to pledge more than \$1 billion for a competition to build a new one. Some critics are already claiming that continuing investment in the EKV would be tantamount to throwing good money after bad.

But that thinking doesn't fit the evidence. The technology behind the EKV has steadily improved in recent years. And the military can bring insights from other successful missile programs -- such as the highly effective SM-3 interceptor -- to further expedite EKV refinements.

What's more, spending \$1 billion on a brand-new interceptor is fiscally irresponsible. The Pentagon should be looking for ways to trim budgets, not inflate them.

Russia, China, North Korea and Iran are all building up their military capabilities. Some of their leaders are dead-set on attacking the United States. We must answer this threat by keeping our missile defenses progressing, thereby sending a clear signal that America is prepared to protect itself and its allies. Defense officials must ignore the calls to start from scratch.

*Stephen Blank is a Senior Fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council.*

## Roybal-Allard statement on Ezell Ford autopsy

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) issued the following statement about the release of the autopsy of Ezell Ford, who was shot and killed in August by LAPD officers in the South Los Angeles area of her Congressional District:

"It is critical that Ezell Ford's death be investigated thoroughly and impartially. That is why I thank Mayor Garcetti for ordering the release of Mr. Ford's autopsy results. This is an important step in making the fullest possible accounting of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Ford's death.

"I also urge any and all witnesses to his death to come forward without delay, so that we have a clear and accurate picture of this event. I will continue to monitor the ongoing investigations into this tragedy.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Ford's family, as they are with the family of Omar Abrego, who also died after an encounter with police in my District in August.

"I fully support the mission of our nation's law enforcement personnel to protect and serve the American people. At the same time, their work must always be done in a manner that respects the law and the rights of the people they protect. I also continue to support the right of the people to peacefully and legally express their First Amendment rights -- including the right to assemble -- in response to these deaths."

## A blueprint for economic revival

A new book by Apek Mulay, "Mass Capitalism: A Blueprint for Economic Revival," presents solutions to the economic problems threatening the United States as well as global economies having capitalist systems.

"What I propose would help establish a free-market economy in the United States and lead to a balanced economy, high investments, high growth and increased motivation for employees to work hard and result in a steady growth in corporate profits," says Mulay, CEO of Mulay's Consultancy Services.

"My message runs counter to the established norms of the U.S. semiconductor industry and its professionals, who tend to believe that it'll be economics that leads to the demise of Moore's Law -- the observation that, throughout the history of computing hardware, the number of transistors in a densely integrated circuit doubles approximately every two years."

Mulay is currently writing a book on a related topic titled, "Sustaining Moore's Law: Uncertainty Leading to a Certainty," to be published by Morgan & Claypool.

In clear, simple explanations, Mulay discusses his expertise in macroeconomics, socio-economics, supply chains, business models, geopolitics and macro-finance, and how they relate to the capital-intensive semiconductor industry.

"Mass Capitalism" was written to materialize the ideals and goals of most macroeconomic theories, and help establish a balanced economy, eliminate unemployment, eliminate deficits and national debt, and help re-establish a more robust, free-market U.S. economy, which would have minimal government overreach and lower taxes on individuals, he says.

"Mass Capitalism" offers hope for the embattled US economy," writes Dr. Stanley Wolf, president and founder of Lattice Press, a highly respected publication in the microelectronics industry. "Apek Mulay has seen the negative impacts of offshoring and unequal trade regulations on the microelectronics industry. The solutions he proposes would level the playing field and strengthen the US economy. 'Mass Capitalism' provides his vision for improving our future."

Dr. Ravi Batra, author of six international best sellers, including "New Golden Age" and "Greenspan's Fraud," as well as the upcoming 2015 publication, "End Unemployment Now: How to Eliminate Joblessness, Debt and Poverty Despite Congress," writes:

"... There is some evidence that the concept is catching on. Mr. Apek Mulay, an engineer cum economist, has authored a book entitled, 'Mass Capitalism: A Blueprint for Economic Revival.' He argues that mass capitalism is a wave of the future, and I agree."

"Mass Capitalism" appeals to classical and neoclassical economists, as well as the entire business community, since the book's thesis supports small government.

"Neo-Keynesians will appreciate the details acknowledging the importance of low unemployment and the inherent stability in the U.S. economy; my thesis supports wages reflecting worker productivity, resulting in less inequality in the economy," Mulay says.

"On the other side of the same coin, CEOs of the U.S. microelectronics industry, for example, would like the business model proposed in my book because it ensures a steady growth in corporate profits and, hence, a steady rise in share prices of their corporations. By bringing about an end to the control of businesses by their non-employee investors, the system I propose would put an end to the ballyhoo and hoopla of speculative bubbles, which has been always followed by an inevitable crash of U.S. stock markets. 'Mass Capitalism' offers a solution for all potential economic ills. It's a blueprint for our economic revival."

*Apek Mulay is CEO of Mulay's Consultancy Services, a senior analyst and macroeconomist in the United States semiconductor industry. He attended the University of Mumbai in India and later completed his master's degree in electronics engineering at Texas Tech University.*

## Stick to your goals in 2015

About 45 percent of Americans make resolutions. Ranking at the top is losing weight, and staying fit and healthy ranks No. 5.

"Of course, those statistics represent the average -- you don't have to be average," says Dr. Virender Sodhi, founder of the Ayurvedic and Naturopathic Medical Clinic, which provides complementary and alternative medicine.

Dr. Sodhi, author of the new guide, "Ayurvedic Herbs: The Comprehensive Resource for Ayurvedic Healing Solutions," offers five tips for staying true to your goals.

- Get away from the instant-gratification mentality and avoid unrealistic goals. Don't expect to go from zero to 60 -- 60 being your ideal body image -- in just a few months, especially if you have little background in training. Unfortunately, most who have resolutions like losing plenty of weight and quitting smoking are used to easy snack foods and quick rewards. Health is a long-term labor of love; commit to the love and wait for results.
- Establish good habits! With each passing week, more people drop their promises for self-improvement. You'll want to set the right goals; if you want to lose 100 pounds, focus on the first 10, and then the next. Make sure to establish new and good habits -- it takes about 28 days to stick.
- What you should expect from your "labor of love." Frequency, intensity and time -- these are the three investments you'll need for losing weight or gaining muscle. As a general rule, exercise at least 30 minutes three to four times a week. Make sure to start with the appropriate intensity for your health; too little intensity and you'll see little if any results, but too much and you'll be prone to quit.
- Solidify the gains with persistent positive reinforcement. Learn to reward yourself in a new way by paying attention to the gains in your body. Notice the improvement in stress levels, breathing, energy, sex life, mood and overall strength. While these improvements are wide-ranging and palpable, they increase over time and can be subtle.
- Embrace supplemental support. Of course, all health efforts are connected to your overall well-being. When you make the investment to eat more vegetables, you're reinforcing your commitment to exercise. Consider practices such as yoga and meditation, which will feed your health kick and provide unexpected benefits. Additionally, supplements such as kelp, green tea extract, Commiphora mukul (Guggul) and Bauhinia variegata (Kachnar) can yield even more health benefits. And, spices such as garlic, onion, black pepper, ginger, cinnamon, long pepper, and cayenne pepper all have important thermogenic properties, which stimulates metabolism.

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# Downey Community Calendar

### 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.
- 7 p.m.: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., for info call 923-1932.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3:30 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 p.m.: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, for information call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 a.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
- 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, for information email contact@downeyarts.org.

## On This Day...

- Jan. 1, 1808: A law prohibiting the importation of slaves into the United States went into effect.
- 1892: The Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York opened.
- 1898: New York City was consolidated into five boroughs.
- 1959: Fidel Castro led Cuban revolutionaries to victory over Fulgencio Batista.
- Birthdays: Rapper Grandmaster Flash (56), actor Morris Chestnut (46), Swedish-American model Elin Nordegren (35) and Clippers power forward Glen Davis (29).

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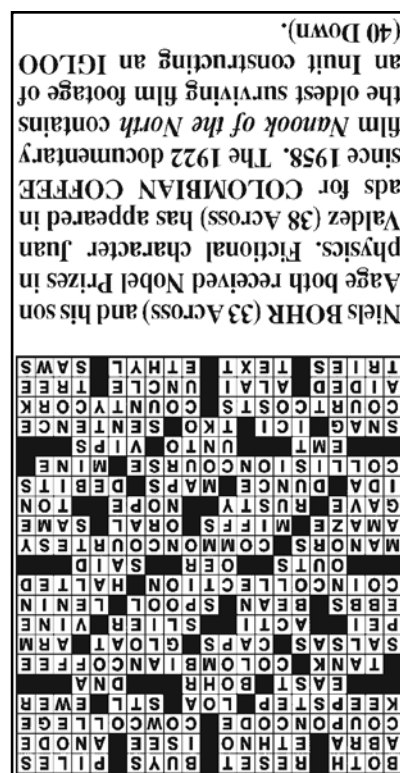
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| 58 Garbanzo, for one                    | 122 Takes a taste of                | 54 Prefix meaning "coil"        |
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| 60 Russian Revolution leader            | 124 _____ acetate (organic solvent) | 57 Take a nap                   |
| 61 Numismatic hobby                     | 125 Tools that leave dust           | 59 Parts of mushrooms           |
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## News and updates from Cerritos

**CERRITOS** – A Microsoft store recently opened at the Los Cerritos Center and The Cheesecake Factory will be under construction soon at the mall.

The grand opening of the Microsoft store was held on November 22 with an exclusive concert by Grammy-winning pop singer Kelly Clarkson.

The Cheesecake Factory – known for a menu that encompasses more than 50 signature handmade, in-house cheesecakes and desserts – will be situated between the Forever 21 department store and the new Harkins Theatres luxury megaplex.

The restaurant's design will feature a combination of stone and mosaic tiles, custom fiberglass and Italian plaster. A new courtyard mall entrance will be constructed with an Italian-inspired design.

The Cheesecake Factory is projected to be open by November 2015.

■ Cerritos voters will vote on a measure to increase the Cerritos hotel bed tax to 12 percent in the General Municipal Election on March 3. Information on the proposed rate increase will be mailed to all residents in mid- to late January.

The Transient Occupancy Tax (also known as a hotel bed tax) is charged on the cost of hotel rooms, such as the Sheraton Cerritos, and affects only Cerritos hotel guests. The hotel bed tax increase would assist in recovering expenses for providing general City services, including police, library and park services.

Since 1983, the hotel bed tax in Cerritos has been 6 percent, "one of the lowest rates in California," Cerritos officials said. The proposed 12 percent tax rate is expected to bring the city's total bed tax revenue to \$914,200 annually.

■ The Cerritos Municipal Code requires that decorations and lights be removed within 15 days after a holiday to maintain the city's "park-like appearance."

Therefore, lights should be removed by Thursday, January 15.

■ Water and sewage rates charged by the city of Cerritos increased by 10 percent on November 14.

Water and sewage rates will increase by 10 percent every year through Fiscal Year 2020-2021 for residential and commercial accounts. The increases will help cover the cost of water, which has risen roughly 70 percent in the last seven years.

The rate adjustment will also help fund repairs of the city's aging water and sewer infrastructure, which is approaching its 50-year life span.

Even with the new rate schedule, Cerritos officials said water costs are "still among the lowest in the region." The last rate hike occurred in 2006.

■ Always wanted to become a ham radio operator? Interested in learning disaster communications? A two-day Amateur Radio Technical Level class will be offered at the Cerritos Sheriff's Station from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 and Sunday, March 1.

The course prepares students for the technician level exam. It includes theories, demonstrations, hands-on activities, videos and lecture.

There is a \$60 fee, which includes a textbook and study materials. An additional \$15 test fee is payable at the time of testing. The test will be administered on Sunday during class time. Test results will be available immediately.

To register for the class, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266.

■ The community is invited to celebrate Cerritos' cultural diversity at the city's Festival of Friendship from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Los Cerritos Center.

The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural entertainment on various stages. Local groups will perform an assortment of ethnic songs and dances.

Special commemorative gifts will

be distributed at each stage.

■ In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Cerritos will host a special ceremony on Monday, January 19 at 10 a.m. at the Cerritos Civic Center. The public is invited to this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments. Light refreshments will be served.

■ Illegally or unsafely dropping off or picking up schoolchildren from vehicles onto roadways near schools is a traffic violation and is subject to a citation.

In the interest of public safety, a Cerritos ordinance implements a \$25 fine for the violation; additional State and County penalties bring the total fine to more than \$135.

The Cerritos Municipal Code states:

"No driver may stop, park or leave his or her vehicle for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers unless the vehicle is legally parked.

"No driver may stop, park or leave any vehicle in the roadway across from or adjacent to any public or private school for the purpose of loading or unloading anyone attending schools in grades K-12, where in order to reach the school or grounds from the vehicle or grounds, it is necessary for a pedestrian to walk across a roadway.

"This section would be inapplicable where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer, a school crossing guard, an official traffic control sign or signal, or where there is a marked pedestrian crosswalk that the pedestrian walks on."

Adults are routinely seen walking their children to school across busy streets outside of crosswalks, city officials said. Some drivers illegally park, often in the middle of the block, and allow their child to cross the street.

## New Year's resolutions

The Downey Patriot asked readers on Facebook for their New Year's resolutions. Below are some of their answers:

**Michael Chirco:** Stop drinking alcohol.

**Trisha Saulenas:** Forgive those who don't deserve forgiveness so that I can be at peace!

**Diana George:** To improve the look of my house because Downey is a beautiful city.

**Esmeralda Padilla:** To graduate in May with honors and become an amazing middle school teacher.

**Magali Guerrero:** I love to volunteer and help people out as much as I can, but this coming year I will be looking to volunteer more in our beautiful city to help maintain it gang free and to help as many people that I can who are in need of anything. I believe 2015 will be the year that I will finally give back to our city.

**Debi Amador:** To let go of the bad things other people do and not let other people's bad attitude control my attitude.

**Liz Frometa:** To run more! To love more! And learn to play golf!

**Cesar Sanchez:** To purchase my first home in Downey where I was raised.

**Victoria Serrano:** For the 10th year now, learn how to play the guitar...this year for real!

**Carlos Gomez:** No late fees on my bills.

**Marisa Mae:** To pass the CA state bar.

**Rose Weyman:** One of my goals for 2015 is to give back to the community by serving on a Board of a Non-Profit organization. I love to help raise money for a cause.

**Stephanie Saxton Alonzo:** To be kind and give a smile to those whom

I cross paths with.

**Brenda Quintero-Varela:** Drink water. Get to work on time. Haha!

**Amanda Shute:** This upcoming year I'm going to try to become more green by using more environmentally safe products and low- to non-energy using appliances.

**Tomas De La Mora:** I want to be a better speller of words and right better to.

**Ruby Aleman:** To be an all around better person to my husband, because he is a good husband to me from 1965 to 2014!

**Javier Lizarde:** Hopefully I can get hired.

**Jaime Cornejo:** To not get my car broken into on Gallatin.

**Alex Aguirre:** To lose some weight.

**Jayne Galvan:** Read more books.

**Lucero Ana Isabel:** My New Year's resolution is definitely going to be to travel more, need to see the world.

**Angeline Deo:** Be realistic and have no resolutions, because they never get done anyways. LOL.

**Rodolfo Sandoval III:** Get closer to Jesus and treat everybody with integrity.

**Gladys Manzo:** To volunteer more and pay off my student loans.

**Amaryllis Velasco:** To finish my

credential program and become a teacher (hopefully in the DUSD) by the end of 2015.

**Kellie Sands:** Just to be a better ME... Mother, daughter, sister, friend etc.

**Monica Murray:** To be more optimistic.

**Arthur G Burgueno:** Make 2015 better for me and my family.

**Valerie Herrera:** To love myself and my family more!

**Benjamin Valdez:** To be an all around better person.

**Pablo Liberto:** To do things better than I did last year.

**Abel Velazquez:** To wake up early.

**Jamie Smallwood-Gonzales:** To lose weight and help more at RSG in my boys' classrooms (Mrs. Ketchem and Mrs. Ticknor).

**Douglas Himebaugh:** Not to break last year's resolution?

**Jay Jay:** Make less money because 2014 was great. I don't like being greedy.

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# SPORTS BRIEFS: After turnaround, WHS football players make Dream Team

• Steven Zepeda and Eric Rodriguez named to Press-Telegram Dream Team.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School boys' soccer team competed in the SoCal High School Classic.

The Bears defeated Torrey Pines 3-0 on Dec. 27 and played Kofa of Yuma, Ariz., on Dec. 30 (score unavailable at press time). Warren will host Santa Ana Valley on Jan. 7 and Katella on Jan. 9 before hosting Gahr in their S.G.V.L. opener on Jan. 13.

Warren will travel to cross-town rival Downey on Jan. 15.

The Warren High School girls' soccer team competed in the Best in the West Tournament held on Dec. 22 where they went 1-1. The Lady Bears were defeated by Estancia, 1-0, and Paramount, 4-1.

The Lady Bears competed in the North Orange Country Classic Tournament where they had games scheduled against Rio Mesa and Sunny Hills (scores unavailable at press time). The Lady Bears will host Ocean View on Jan. 8 before traveling to Gahr for their S.G.V.L. opener on Jan. 13.

Warren will host cross-town rival Downey on Jan. 15.

The Warren High School boys' basketball team competed in the Whittier 5th Annual Holiday Invitational Dec. 26-30. The Bears were defeated by Centennial, 58-53, on the day after Christmas (other scores not available at press time).

Warren has a game scheduled at Schurr on Jan. 2 before they travel

to Gahr on Jan. 14 for their S.G.V.L. opener. Warren will travel to cross-town rival Downey on Jan. 16.

The Warren High School girls' basketball team competed in the Larry Doyle Tournament Dec. 26-30. Warren was defeated by Redondo Union on Dec. 26 and had games scheduled against Torrance, Canyon and Cypress (scores unavailable).

The Lady Bears will host El Rancho on Jan. 9 before they travel to Gahr on Jan. 14 for their S.G.V.L. opener.

Warren travels to cross-town rival Downey on Jan. 16.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram released their 2014 Dream Team selections for prep football last Thursday and two Warren Bears were given recognition for their efforts.

Bear junior linebacker Steven Zepeda and senior defensive back Eric Rodriguez were both given Honorable Mention recognition for the efforts on the field in leading an improved Warren defense.

San Gabriel Valley League Offensive Dream Team honorees included Dominguez's senior running back Keith Hairston and Lynwood wide receivers senior Rasheed Cox and senior Donte Spotville. All three players received Honorable Mention recognition for their performances.

San Gabriel Valley League Defensive Dream Team honorees included Paramount's senior defensive lineman Joseph Williams, Dominguez's senior linebacker Grady Niupulus and senior defensive back Josh Ford. All three players received Second Team Recognition for their efforts.

Dominguez senior defensive lineman Siupeli Finau, Dominguez junior defensive back Marquel

Dismuke and Paramount sophomore defensive back Jeron Parker were all given Honorable Mention recognition for their performances.

Warren finished the 2014 football season with an overall record of 5-5 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-3. The Bears narrowly missed qualifying for the Southeast Division playoffs by losing to Paramount at Paramount, 42-34, in the last game of the season.

First year head coach Raul Lara and his staff have the Bears heading in the right direction.

Several Downey Vikings also were named to the Press-Telegram Dream Team.

Downey junior running back Daevon Vigilant was selected as the "Newcomer of the Year." Vigilant rushed for 1,873 yards and 12 touchdowns this past season. For his efforts, Daevon was given All-C.I.F. recognition and the San Gabriel Valley League's Offensive MVP award.

Viking senior running back Justin Huff was selected to the Second Team for his efforts and senior offensive lineman Geo Deloera was given Honorable Mention for excelling in the trenches.

Downey senior defensive end Chris Blanton was selected to the First Team. Blanton led the state in sacks with 25.5, forced seven fumbles, recovered five fumbles and returned two for scores. Chris led the Viking defense with 118 tackles and 46 tackles for loss.

Viking junior linebacker Darrin Franklin was also selected to the First Team. Franklin finished the season with 88 tackles and eight sacks. Franklin is a consensus four-star recruit in the class of 2016 and will certainly lead the Viking defense next season. Franklin already has scholarship offers from UCLA, USC,

Miami and Michigan.

Senior defensive back Jason Thomas was selected to the Second Team. Senior defensive lineman Manny Ramirez was given Honorable Mention recognition for his efforts as was junior linebacker Cameron Carr.

Downey finished their season with an overall record of 10-4 and were San Gabriel Valley League champions with a record of 5-0. The Vikings were C.I.F. Southeast Division finalists after losing to Crescenta Valley 21-14.

The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 9-4 after going 2-2 in the Westminster Charlie Wilkens Memorial Tournament held Dec. 16-20.

Downey was defeated by Corona del Mar, 61-56, on Dec. 16, defeated Hawthorne, 90-68, the next day, was defeated by Vista, 62-45, on Dec. 19 and beat Westminster, 69-56, on Dec. 20.

Downey also competed in the MaxPreps Holiday Classic Tournament held Dec. 26-29. The Vikings went 2-1 in this tournament.

Downey was defeated by Foss, 66-60, on Dec. 26, beat La Quinta, 59-45, on Dec. 27 and got past Dana Hills, 61-52, on Dec. 29.

Downey will play Cerritos at Staples Center on Jan. 5 and then travel to Cal High on Jan. 7 before they begin S.G.V.L. play on Jan. 14 at Lynwood. The Vikings will host cross-town rival Warren on Jan. 16.

The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 8-4.

The Lady Vikings competed in the SoCal Holiday Prep Classic Dec. 26-30. Downey was defeated by West Hills, 50-37, but bounced back to beat Sonora, 46-38.

The Lady Vikings will play Whittier at Staples Center on Jan. 7 and then host Mayfair on Jan. 8 before traveling to Lynwood for the start of S.G.V.L. play on Jan. 14. The Lady Vikings will host cross-town rival Warren on Jan. 16.

The Downey High School boys'

soccer team currently has an overall record of 6-3-1.

Downey defeated Long Beach Jordan, 3-0, on Dec. 18 but fell to Carlsbad, 3-0, at the So Cal High School Classic in Carlsbad on Dec. 29.

Downey will travel to Bell Gardens on Jan. 6 and will host El Rancho on Jan. 7 before traveling to Lynwood on Jan. 13 for their S.G.V.L. opener.

Downey will host cross-town rival Warren on Jan. 15.

## Story Time returns to library

**DOWNEY** – After a brief holiday hiatus, Story Time returns to the Downey City Library next week.

Preschool Story Time will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., with a bilingual Story Time Wednesday, also at 10:30 a.m.

Baby and toddler Story Time are Saturday, Jan. 10, at 9:15 a.m. All programs are held in the library's Cormack Room.

"Reading a book is a magical experience at any age but especially for children," the library said in a statement. "It is never too early to introduce them to books. Story Time provides a great start to preparing your children for kindergarten and school."

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Story Time is for individual children and their caregivers. For questions, call Children's Services at (562) 904-7360, ext. 127.

## Book Club meets next week

**DOWNEY** – The Downey City Library's book club, "Booked for Lunch," will meet at the library next Thursday, Jan. 8, from 12-1 p.m. to discuss "Where'd You Go, Bernadette" by Maria Semple.

The novel is a satirical look at modern family and cultural values.

The reader follows the events that led to the disappearance of genius-turned-agoraphobic, Bernadette Fox, through emails, reports, and memos as obtained by her daughter. The book was on the Los Angeles Times Bestsellers List for 29 weeks.

For more information about the book club, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 132.

## Birth announcement: Oliver Aparicio

**DOWNEY** – Oliver Flinn Aparicio was born Nov. 18 to David and Nessa Aparicio.

He weighed in at 5 lbs, 9 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long.

Oliver, his parents and grandparents reside in Downey.

## PIH Foundation names board of directors

**DOWNEY** – PIH Health Foundation announced its new Board of Directors for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

The Foundation Board of Directors includes business and community leaders who help guide the fundraising efforts of PIH Health, a nonprofit healthcare delivery network.

The Foundation Board of Directors includes Nathan S. Honda MD as Chairman, J. Richard Atwood, Kathryn Marie Luciano and Melanie Lyons.

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Robert Aguirre mourned

NORWALK - Funeral services were held Dec. 11 for Robert "Bobby" Aguirre, who died Nov. 26 at age 53. He was born in Los Angeles on May 16, 1961 and worked at the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder's office in Norwalk. He is survived by his only daughter, Desiree, and her husband, Kristian; two granddaughters, Alyssa and Maya; sisters, Lupe and Magdalena, nieces, Nadene, Denise and Jessica, nephew, Paul Raymond, and his girlfriend, Andrea. Memorial services were held at St. Bernard's Church in Los Angeles, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery in Montebello.

Edla Bengtson was teacher

BELFLOWER - Edla Charlotte Carolyn Johnson Bengtson, 88, passed away peacefully on July 27 during hospice care in her home, with her sons Bruce and John, and daughter-in-law Lyra by her side, family members announced. Edla married Carl Anders "Andy" Bengtson on August 28, 1948, in a service officiated by Edla's father, and Andy's father, the Rev. C. O. Bengtson, at the Lutheran church in Bakersfield that Rev. Johnson established. Settling in Los Angeles, Edla taught public school music in nearby Bellflower for three years before retiring from teaching to give birth to Bruce in 1954. Relocating to Bakersfield, Edla gave birth to John in 1957. The family moved once more to Fullerton in 1964 before relocating a final time to Walnut Creek in 1971 that remained her home. A memorial service was held Dec. 27 at Heather Farms Park Community Center in Walnut Creek.

In Memory of Elizabeth Faye Scott Young



Elizabeth Faye "Betty" Scott Young, formerly of Downey and Tustin, CA, died on December 17th, 2014, in Santa Ana, California, at the age of 80 as a result of complications from congestive heart failure. Betty was born in Alamosa, Colorado on November 20th, 1934 to John Herold Scott and Marie Margaret Sharp Scott. She graduated from Alamosa High School in 1952. Betty then attended Colorado University in Boulder and graduated with a BS in Nursing. She moved to Lynwood where she stayed with her aunt and uncle, Jay Francis Scott and Mildred Scott. Betty would later be a nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, CA. She completed her Master's in nursing and was a school nurse for the Downey Unified School District. Elizabeth Faye Scott met and married Alfred Laurence Young of Lynwood, CA in 1959, having met while square dancing. In earlier years, Al, Betty and the boys enjoyed camping with their tent trailer in the National Parks and traveling to visit relatives in Colorado, Minnesota and Georgia. In Betty's later years, she enjoyed time baking, sewing, working on crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. She made doll clothes for several of her granddaughters. Betty is survived by her sons Laurence Lee "Larry" Young and his wife, Deanna, of Aptos, California; son Walter Francis "Wally" Young, and his wife, Andrea, of Tustin, California; son Russell Alan Young, and his wife, Maria, of Cudahy, California. A sister Virginia Lee Scott McConnell and husband, Howard, of Fort Mill, South Carolina survives her. Her husband, Alfred, who passed away in 2010 and her older brother, John Scott who passed away in 2007, precede her in death. Five surviving grandchildren include Margaret "Maggie", Jose, Melissa, Joshua and Carly and one great-granddaughter, Marylou. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 2015 at 3:00PM at Saddleback Chapel (220 East Main, Tustin, CA 92780). In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be sent to Epilepsy Foundation or your favorite charity.



In Memory of Charles Joseph Davilla

January 23, 1924 to December 26, 2014 Charles Joseph Davilla passed away on December 26, 2014, with his loved ones at his side. He was born on January 23rd, 1924 to Mary and Enos Davilla in San Leandro, California. His mother, Mary, sadly passed away when he was five years old. He lived with his grandparents in Concord, CA until he was eleven years old, and then he moved to Long Beach, California. There he lived with his father, Enos, and his step-mother, Josephine, and his brother John and sister Mary. Charles attended Long Beach Polytechnic High School and graduated in June of 1942. During the graduation ceremony, he was paired to walk with Ilene Glau, who would later become his bride. In July 1942, he attended technical school with Long Beach Douglas Aircraft and he worked on the A-20 and Boeing B-17. One thing that he has always fondly remembered, while working there, is seeing Franklin D. Roosevelt who came to visit them when working on the A-20 aircraft. Charles was drafted into the army in December of 1942, and he was sent to Hammer Field in Fresno, CA. There, he signed up for aerial gunner school. He received his silver wings. From there he was sent to radio operator/mechanic school in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On December 1943, he was promoted to sergeant and graduated radio operator/mechanic school. In June of 1944, he was sent to Europe aboard the Queen Elizabeth I. Charles, who enjoyed music, was happy to learn that Glenn Miller was on board to entertain the troops the entire trip. He was then taken to Ireland to train for combat missions, where he found a 4 leaf clover in a field which my father always said had brought him good luck. Charles joined the 567th bombardment squadron, and he was in the 389th bombardment group. On July 10, 1944, he flew his first combat mission aboard the B-24 Liberator called the D-Day Patches. The plane had over two hundred bullet holes in it which had been patched. By March 1945, Charles had completed 32 combat missions. He became engaged to Ilene during this time. He promised her if the Good Lord allows me to return, I will marry you and we will spend the rest of our lives together. On May 3, 1945, Ilene and Charles were married. On September 1945, he was honorably discharged. On March 1947, Charles went to California Flyer School of Aeronautics and received a U.S. government license to work on government aircraft and engines. Through his career he was an electrical engineer for North American, Douglas, Packard Bell, RCA, Hughes Helicopter, Northrop Grumman, Lockheed and Rockwell where he worked on many secret projects which he could never talk about at that time. Later on, he told us he worked on the Space Shuttle, Apache helicopter and the Stealth bomber. On October 21, 1949, their daughter was born and they named her, Charlene, by combining both of their names. A son was born on May 6, 1957 and he was named Daniel after our father's favorite song, Danny Boy. Ilene, Charles' beloved wife, passed away on March 29th, 2009. They had been married for 64 years. Charles is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Greg Taylor, his son, Daniel. Charles had three grandchildren: Eric and his wife Lauren Taylor, Deborah Taylor and Kevin and his wife Vienna Taylor. He had one great granddaughter: Olivia Marie Taylor. Viewing will be at Luyben-Dilday Mortuary at 5161 E. Arbor Rd. Long Beach from 4:00 -7:00 with the rosary service from 7:00-8:00 PM on January 2nd. On Saturday, January 3rd, at 10:00 AM, will be the service for Charles at St. Barnabas Church in Long Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Veterans of Foreign War.

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DUSD test scores climbing

DOWNY - Scores on the California Standards Test (CST) in the Downey Unified School District continued to increase, even while scores for the state slipped down slightly for the first time in years, state data show. CST scores for the 2012-13 school year, released Aug. 8, also show that Downey Unified composite scores increased in all four subject areas - English, language arts, history, mathematics and science - compared to 2011-12. Test scores show what percentage of students tested are either proficient or advanced in the subject areas. The state report also shows that scores in Downey exceed the scores in the rest of Los Angeles County in all areas and exceed the statewide averages in English-language arts and science. Downey Unified scores in math trailed the statewide average by 610th of a percent. In English-language arts, the Downey district average showed 58.1 percent of the students tested advanced, compared to the L.A. County average of 54.1 percent and state average of 56.4 percent. While the state average went down 8/10th of a percent, Downey's average increased by 4/10th of a percent. In mathematics, 50.6 percent of Downey students tested proficient or advanced, exceeding the county average of 49.6 percent but trailing the state average of 51.2 percent. However, Downey's district average showed improvement, up 1.5 percent from the 2011-12 school year. Mathematics tests are given in grades 2, 4 and at the end of the course in higher grades. Scores in both history and science in Downey Unified dramatically exceeded both the state and county-wide averages and the growth rate from year to year. Downey Unified students scored at 59.3 percent proficient or advanced while the state average was 49.9 percent and the county average was 46.4 percent. Downey increased its percentage of proficient and advanced students by 1.4 percent, while state scores only went up .6 percent. Science CST scores were even better with 65.3 percent of Downey students scoring proficient or advanced, an increase of 5 percent from the prior year, which was 6.2 percent above the state average and 8.3 percent above the county average. Statewide science scores were down 1.1 percent while Downey - Three more challenges stepped forward to

PIH HEALTH BUYING LAND FROM DOWNEY

PIH Health is still awaiting approval from the California Attorney General to take over Downey Regional Medical Center but in the meantime it has reached a deal to purchase the city-owned land for \$9.85 million. The City Council gave its consent to the sale on Tuesday. Downey Regional currently operates the hospital at 11500 Brookshire Avenue, which is owned by the city of Downey. The hospital pays Downey only \$1 per year under terms of a lease that does not expire until February 2022. According to the deal between PIH Health and the city of Downey, PIH Health must operate a hospital or medical-related uses until at least 2023. The purchase agreement requires PIH Health to operate a hospital on the site until 2020. After 2020, PIH Health must operate a hospital or medical-related uses until at least 2023. City officials, however, sounded confident that a hospital will remain on the site long past 2020. "The fact is they're investing millions and millions of dollars into the hospital. From a business perspective, they wouldn't invest so much money if they didn't plan to keep it a hospital," Councilman Alex Sabo said Wednesday, while also noting that the city maintains zoning regulations. "PIH has a strong record of well-managed hospitals and I think residents will benefit. I think it's a win-win." Downey Regional has leased the land since 1967 under generous terms offered by the city to ensure a community hospital remained in Downey. But the hospital was best by financial difficulties and filed for bankruptcy in 2011. The hospital also suffered from disorganized medical billing, unfavorable insurance contracts and a less-than stellar reputation in the community. "We all live in the city. If we call hospital," said Councilman Roger Brouwer. "It'll be honest, I've been concerned." PIH Health, operators of Hospital in Whittier, agreed to acquire the hospital earlier this year and took over day-to-day operations in June. Chief executive officer Ken Stogole was fired and departed voluntarily. Downey Regional operates one of two emergency rooms in Downey, the other being Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center. "Hiring a second hospital is very important to us," Councilman Luis Marquez said. Brouwer agreed that two emergency rooms is critical for a city the size of Downey. "A second viable hospital has been put in priority," he said. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the city's general fund although it remains to be seen how the money will be spent. Two council members - Sabo and Mayor Maria Guerra - said at least some of the revenue should be squandered away for a rainy day. Sabo recommended depositing a "significant portion" of the proceeds into reserves and using the money to upgrade Downey's parks and infrastructure. Guerra and mayor pro tem Fernando Vaquerio did not vote on the purchase agreement due to potential conflicts of interest between the two and Vaquerio previously handled insurance for Downey Regional and Vaquerio owns a medical waste company but in a private interview Guerra praised the transaction. "As a resident first and foremost, it looks like a good deal to me because it puts money back in the public coffers," he said. Guerra proposed putting half of the \$9.85 million in city reserves and hiring 3-4 police officers. He also wants to see improvements to local parks and roads. ASB is expected to close in September. PIH takeover of Downey Regional requires consent from Alhorney General Kamala Harris, who is expected to rule by the end of this month.

Archbishop Gomez helps rededicate St. Matthias

DOWNY - The turnout was large (easily 500) and celebratory last Friday at the hour-long blessing and dedication ceremony of the newly-rebuilt and newly-named St. Pius X St. Matthias Academy on Gardendale Street, as the principal Joseph H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, spoke of the two schools' rich past and what the new entity offers with its new colors and seal, and therefore a new identity, has in store for the future. John Street, chairman of the volunteer Advisory Board - made up of lay leaders from throughout the Archdiocese, local community leaders, educators and professionals, as well as alumni of St. Pius and St. Matthias - explained what the words "Pride, Virtue, Purpose" that adorn the academy's combination emblem and crestbook "really meant." Acknowledging that it was a great honor to represent the parents and students of St. Pius and St. Matthias, he said, "The happiness doesn't depend on an accumulation of material things, but in the good use to which we put our knowledge and skills - which is to serve the needs of mankind." Because of his tight schedule, Archbishop Gomez was seen hurrying away after the ceremony to where his car was parked. Standing nearby, he said, "I felt the urge to at least attempt to ask him for a few words extra, so I hurried after him (the closer to the front beside his driver, he already takes off his official jacket, probably to look inconspicuous, I thought) and my heart went out to him when he said, 'I got you.' Thank you, Archbishop. I can use that." After a split second, though, his head popped out again as his car began to move. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry," he said, "I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry." Using the familiar maxim, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," to begin his remarks, Downey mayor and deacon Mario Guerra said, "Today we celebrate a milestone of 260. The entering narratives getting together for further mind young minds along Catholic principles and ideals." He said three now are five high schools in Downey, while we're still processing girls' schools." Going forward, he urged the school community to "continue doing good things."

School board race gets crowded

Samperi, who has been on the board since 1993, represents Area 7, which extends to an example of Highway beyond the I-105 freeway to the intersection of Woodruff and Rosecrans avenues. In Area 5, which swings from just north of Firestone Boulevard down to Gardendale, there are

# POETRY MATTERS

## WIDE RECEIVER

In the huddle you said "Go long—get open" and at the snap I took off along the right sideline and then cut across left in a long arc and I'm sure I was open at several points—glancing back I saw you pump-fake more than once but you must not have been satisfied with what you saw downfield and then I got bumped off course and my hands touched the turf but I regained my balance and dashed back to the right I think or maybe first left and then right and I definitely got open but the throw never came—

maybe you thought I couldn't hang on to a ball flung so far or maybe you actually can't throw so far but in any case I feel quite open now, the defenders don't seem too interested in me I sense only open air all around me though the air is getting darker and it would appear by now we're well into the fourth quarter and I strongly doubt we can afford to settle for dinky little first downs if the score is what I think it is

so come on, star boy, fling a Hail Mary with a dream-coached combination of muscle and faith and I will gauge the arc and I will not be stupidly frantic and I will time my jump and—I'm just going to stay in the cool gloaming of this weirdly long game it is not impossible that I will make the catch.

By Mark Halliday

*New Year's Eve is traditionally a time for reviewing one's performance. One of the ablest practitioners of the "ultra talk" New York school, Halliday's voice is sad, very funny, honest, and whimsical-seeming on the surface. In fact, his poems salute a world that is almost too much for us, and lead us on a disarmingly nuanced personal exploration, with our perpetual cravings for ego triumph in this surreal "weirdly long game." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

# Yours, mine and ours: planning step family finances



By Jason Alderman

The Pew Research Center reports (pewsocialtrends.org) that four in 10 American adults have at least one steprelative, defined as a stepparent, a step-or-half sibling or a stepchild, in their family. While the Pew study says that many stepfamilies operate harmoniously, it also notes that adults "feel a stronger sense of obligation to their biological family members than they do to their step kin."

That is one reason why blended family finances can get so messy.

Couples planning to blend families often have to make financial arrangements that respect previous relationships with ex-spouses and their families. Issues range from childcare and eldercare to potentially complex matters involving businesses, investment assets and real estate. That's why involving trained experts in stepfamily financial planning is a must.

Here's a basic checklist of issues and solutions potential spouses and partners should consider:

Start with all cards on the table.

Today's first-time marriages or partnerships alone can introduce some staggering financial variables – business and inheritance issues, college debt, consumer debt or even past bankruptcies. Couples planning stepfamilies face even more complications. But all couples need to start with a critical first step – sharing personal information with a potential impact on finances. Start with the following:

- **Current credit reports and credit scores.** Extensive loans or bad credit for one or both partners can endanger future purchasing plans for auto, home or tuition. It's also important to share information about personal or cosigned loans to family and friends.

- **Assets and liabilities.** Potential spouses or partners should know each other's financial assets and liabilities and any issues connected with them. As mentioned above, debt and credit issues may be a problem, but if one spouse has extensive assets, it's important to clarify whether those assets will be shared legally or promised to others.

- **Legal issues.** If divorce, child custody, foreclosure, bankruptcy, or any other civil or criminal legal proceedings are pending against either partner or members of their families, full disclosure is essential.

- **Business and estate issues.** If potential spouses or partners

have significant estate or business assets assigned to children, former spouses or family members, those commitments need to be factored into the finances of the planned marriage or partnership.

**Bring in professional expertise.** Beyond disclosure, it's good to have qualified professionals who have specific expertise with blended families and their many unique issues. Both partners should start by bringing any existing advisors into the discussion. But if none exist and friends and family members don't have solid suggestions, the following organizations might provide local experts with specific skills in helping stepfamilies plan:

- **Financial planners.** The Association for Financial Counseling, Planning and Education and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards are two nationwide organizations that can identify advisors in your area.

- **Tax advisors.** Your state CPA society can suggest qualified personal, business and estate tax advisors in your area.

- **Estate planners and attorneys.** Organizations like the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel might be able to help.

**Address problems before move-in.** Most experts tell you it's

best to start any new marriage or partnership with a clean slate – or a slate that's as clean as you can make it. That's doubly true with stepfamilies. As many income, asset, debt, child custody, estate and business issues as possible should be identified and solutions put in place before the family is legally joined.

**Make a fresh estate plan.** Financial experts say it's time to review all money issues whenever you face a major life event, and remarriage or re-partnership certainly qualifies. Even if the individuals have their own separate estate matters in order, stepfamily issues restart the planning clock on everything.

**Plan – or re-plan – your retirement.** You may have planned a great retirement with a former spouse or on your own, but what if your future spouse hasn't? Whatever steps you've both taken toward retirement, you need to review your strategies so you can retire comfortably together.

**Bottom line:** Money issues complicate all relationships. But stepfamilies have unique, detailed planning needs that should be discussed and settled before marriage or move-in.

*Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: twitter.com/PracticalMoney.*

# LEGAL NOTICES

## BULK SALES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

**Escrow No. 047080**  
 (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.  
 (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: HEIDI & JOSE MANAGEMENT, INC., 7931 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241  
 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:  
 (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: ALBERTO LIZARRAGA, 7931 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241  
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: ALL STOCK IN TRADE INCLUDING INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, MERCHANDISE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME AND TRANSFER OF ON SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE LICENSE #47-528543 of that certain business known as VASILIOS NIGHT CLUB/RESTAURANT, located at: 7931 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241  
 (6) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is ISSUANCE OF THE PERMANENT LICENSE, at the office of SECURITY LAND ESCROW COMPANY, 10805 PARAMOUNT BLVD., STE A, DOWNEY, CA 90241, Escrow No.: 047080, Escrow Officer: LAWRENCE GARCES  
 (7) Claims may be filed with Same as "6" above.  
 (8) This Bulk Sale IS NOT subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2, but is subject to Section 24074 of the Business and Professions Code.  
 (9) Listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE DATED: DECEMBER 18, 2014 TRANSFERREES: ALBERTO LIZARRAGA LA1489345 DOWNEY PATRIOT 1/1/15

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014353466**  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ADA CONSTRUCTION, 4332 GUNDRY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90807, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELY RUIZ, 4332 GUNDRY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90807  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ELY RUIZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2014

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014350861**  
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3129547 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOWNEY HOME LOANS CORPORATION, 10013 TECUM ROAD., DOWNEY CA 90240  
 State of Incorporation: CA  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/DOWNEY HOME LOANS CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, FERNANDO GOMEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 12, 2014

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KARINA ANDRADE, 5721 TAFT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/KARINA ANDRADE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 12, 2014

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL S. ANGACAO, 11841 RIVES AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/2014

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/MICHAEL S. ANGACAO, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2014

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014347250**  
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3726572 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELM PACIFIC WHOLESALE, INC., 7206 CLEARGROVE DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240  
 State of Incorporation: CA  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 9, 2014

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

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KARIKA RENEE AUSTIN, 111440 HARRIS AVE, LYNWOOD CA 90262  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/16/2005

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/KARIKA RENEE AUSTIN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 12, 2014

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 12/18/14, 12/25/14, 1/1/15, 1/8/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014345982**  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SATO ORNAMENTAL IRON, 15929 GARD AV APT 5, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ETHAN SANTOYO, 15929 GARD AV APT 5, NORWALK CA 90650  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ETHAN SANTOYO, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 8, 2014

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 12/11/14, 12/18/14, 12/25/14, 1/1/15

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

**2014353178**  
 File Number 2014308666 DATE FILED: OCTOBER 28, 2014  
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): ANAHIS FURNITURE

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 2851 LYNWOOD RD, LYNWOOD, CA, 90262  
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALJANDRA PEREZ, 2851 LYNWOOD RD, LYNWOOD CA 90262 (2) LUIS MANUEL PEREZ SALDANA, 2851 LYNWOOD RD, LYNWOOD CA 90262  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by a Married Couple

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ALEJANDRA PEREZ, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 16, 2014

The Downey Patriot 12/18/14, 12/25/14, 1/1/15, 1/8/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014348643**  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) G & E GRILL, 3020 E. SLAUSON AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9111 MEL DAR AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GUADALUPE SANTILLAN, 9111 MEL DAR AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/GUADALUPE SANTILLAN, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 10, 2014

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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

The Downey Patriot 12/18/14, 12/25/14, 1/1/15, 1/8/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014364044**  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE VANITY BOX, 8523 10TH ST., DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO ANGULO, 8523 10 TH ST., DOWNEY CA 90241  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A  
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/SERGIO ANGULO, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 30, 2014

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

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

The Downey Patriot 1/1/15, 1/8/15, 1/15/15, 1/22/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014360325**  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REMINGTON OUTBACK GOURMET FOODS (2) FLIGHT ZONE COFFEE, 10046 SCOTT AVE, WHITTIER CA 90603, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CLAUDE A. COLLINS, 10046 SCOTT AVE, WHITTIER CA 90603  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/CLAUDE A. COLLINS, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 24, 2014

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

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

The Downey Patriot 1/1/15, 1/8/15, 1/15/15, 1/22/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2014353189**  
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SWIRLING MIST VAPOR AND TOBACCO, 9086 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE B, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JERRY GIVENS, 9086 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE B, DOWNEY CA 90242  
 State of Incorporation: N/A  
 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/01/2014  
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/JERRY GIVENS, OWNER  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2014  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SWIRLING MIST VAPOR AND TOBACCO, 9086 IMPERIAL HWY SUITE B, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JERRY GIVENS,



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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. P1124463 12/25, 1/1, 01/08/2015

**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/25/14, 1/1/15, 1/1/15**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 120052 Title No. 95509148 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE STATE ADDRESS UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/21/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/07/2015 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/06/2005, as Instrument No. 05 1068335, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by William K. Blake, An Unmarried Man, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 8019-010-011 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11246 Dalwood Avenue, 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, 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, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$248,884.51 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 12/10/2014 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, P.L.C. Adriana Rivas/Authorized Signature FIR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-573-2277 The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C. is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Priority Posting and Publishing at 714-573-1965 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08004169-14-1. 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: December 10, 2014 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08004169-14-1 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. P1123568 12/18, 12/25, 01/01/2015

**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/18/14, 12/25/14, 1/1/15**

Trustee Sale No. : 00000004742235 Title Order No. : FHA/VA/PMI No. : NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/26/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/05/2004 as Instrument No. 04 1120063 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: EUNICE JUNGSOOK YANG, 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). TIME OF SALE: 01/07/2015 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: 8718 MELVA STREET, DOWNEY,

CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6261-017-032 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$560,082.26. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the trustee's sale, using the file number assigned to this case 00000004742235. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING AND PUBLISHING DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 5005 WINDPLAY DRIVE, SUITE 1 EL DORADO HILLS, CA 95762-9334 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDDER & WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDDER & WEISS, LLP is acting as a debt collector pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), 15 U.S.C. § 1692. Date of recording: 12/20/14 NPP0239566 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 12/18/2014, 12/25/2014, 01/01/2015

**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/18/14, 12/25/14, 1/1/15**

Trustee Sale No. 14-001356 CXE Title Order No. 02-140151331 APN 6286-004-011 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/16/07. 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 01/15/15 at 9:00 A.M., Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Mariana E Ramirez, a Single Woman, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB, as Beneficiary, Recorded on 04/30/07 in Instrument No. 20071031171 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Trustee for the holders of Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, as the current Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), Doubletree Hotel (Vineyard Ballroom) Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 10279 CASANES AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$848,556.86 (Estimated good through 1/7/15) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and

more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: December 12, 2014 Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary & Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation 20 Pacifica, Suite 1460 Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700 Fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztecrestrealty.com NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit the Internet Web site, using the file number assigned to this case 14-001356. 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. www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Or Aztec Foreclosure Corporation (877) 257-0717 www.aztecrestrealty.com P1123955 12/18, 12/25, 01/01/2015

**The Downey Patriot**  
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ORDER: 5920670 TS#: 140901 A. P. NUMBER: 8018-010-003 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED

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Downey resident Jose Meza graduated from boot camp Dec. 5 after 12 weeks of training at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot. "This is the ultimate proving ground for those who are driven by purpose, guided by values and aspire to earn the title reserved only for the few," Meza's family said. "We are so proud of you."



Amadio Egizii, of Downey, displays two copies of The Downey Patriot while vacationing in his small, medieval, mountain hometown of Caramanico Terme, Abruzzo, Pescara, Italy.



Downey resident Andrew Nicholas Rivas received the I Live My Faith Medal at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday, Nov. 8. the medal is a National Catholic Award for kids ages 9-11 and was presented by Rev. Norman Supancek at a special noon ceremony. Andrew is a student at St. Raymond School and a member of Boy Scout Pack 805.



Don and Stacy Brabant celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Italy, where they visited the ruins of Pompeii.

**Symphony returns for Jan. 24 performance**

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This beautiful gift is offered to you by the members of the string section of Downey's own Symphony Orchestra, an especially lovely concert of works by Copland ("Hoedown"), Mahler ("Adagietto" from his Symphony No. 5), "Dances Sacred and Profane" by Debussy, and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings." There is a stunning, award-winning harp soloist, and a world premiere by Brian Kostor titled "Five Variations on Loss and Isolations."

"The concerts that feature our string section are among some of my favorites," says Music Director Sharon Lavery. "Not only are they an opportunity for the strings to show off their lush, rich sound, but the repertoire performed always makes a strong connection to both the musicians and audience."

In the lobby, beginning at 6:30, you are invited to browse "Reflections," an art exhibition of works from more than 20 local artists. Sharon Lavery will give a pre-concert talk at 7:15, there's coffee and wine in the patio, friends and neighbors in the audience. All in all, quite an attractive package to begin a fine new year.

Tickets at \$30 and \$25, students \$10, are available at the theater box office or by calling (562) 861-8211. The next issues of The Patriot will give you lots more information, or go to downeysymphony.org and Facebook.com/DowneySymphony.

We will be happy to see you on Jan. 24 to give you this special gift. It's got your name on it!

-Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony

**Razorbacks install officers**

**DOWNEY** – Louis Morales has been elected president of Downey Youth Football for an unprecedented 17th consecutive year.

Other officers include Robert Lara, 2nd VP, Reina Perez, secretary; and Jay Liggoria, cheer coordinator. Their two-year terms begin in January.

Meanwhile, registration for the Razorbacks' 2015 season begins in March at their annual Back to Football Night event.

For details, or information on coaching opportunities, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or go to downeyrazorbacks.com.

The Razorbacks are celebrating their 55th anniversary in 2015, and many activities are planned to commemorate the occasion, officials said.

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**Great Mobile Home**  
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**North Downey!!!**  
Nice ranch style 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in great neighborhood. Property features new exterior paint, new front landscaping with new front sprinklers. Also, this home has a large den and family room. This is a must see! Call Today For Info!!!!

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1. Sell 90 homes in 2015
2. Run the L. A. Marathon
3. Go to 2 more baseball stadiums with my family (that would make it 16 total)
4. Join a service organization
5. Train for an Iron Man (yeah right)

1. Volunteer work at least once a month
2. Read 1 book a month
3. Earn my Blue Belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
4. Visit 5 new places in CA
5. Stop buying so many after market car parts

1. Visit one more of the 7 continents
2. Do more volunteer work
3. Lose weight (like I say I will every year)
4. Stop going to Porto's during my lunch break
5. Get to work on time!

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