



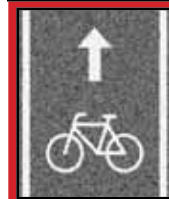
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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Welcome Home

Karen Burrell is from New York, but lived for over 20 years in Mexico, working and raising a family. Separating from her husband prompted a life-changing move back to the United States with her four children (and even the family cat). 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 Karen Burrell

I arrived at LAX international airport having flown from another world less than four hours away. I was leaving many years of life in Mexico and determined to make a new life for my four children and myself.

Getting to California was not easy. Apart from packing over eighty boxes and having them crated for shipping, I had the tougher job of saying goodbye to the many friends and a way of life that I had loved and that my children were totally used to.

The technicalities of getting all of the paperwork completed so that we could leave were almost insurmountable. I had a residential visa and the birth certificates and permits for each child had to be released. There was an atmosphere of suspicion at that time, as conditions were such that many well-educated Mexicans were seeking positions in other countries and moving their families in order to live better lives. It was called the "brain drain."

I was questioned as to the purpose of my travels and why I was taking all my children. I lied and said that we would be taking an extended visit to be with my elderly mother who had not been well.

I started many months in advance, anticipating the usual snarl with government paperwork. As it turned out, I got my papers the evening before my flight, after tears and tantrums as the offices were closing.

The fear in my belly was that I was afraid my husband would cause me to fail yet. He knew I was leaving, and refused to let me tell his family the truth. His impression was that we would reunite in Los Angeles and he would work there. I was very ambivalent, but pretty sure that once I was in my own country with all my rights, I would make even bigger changes. It was not a happy marriage.

I cried much of the flight to LA and was exhausted when we landed. Going through the line for immigration, the American officer seeing my papers said "Welcome home!" I was very touched and decided it was an omen for good for us all.

My three older children traveled by bus to McAllen, Texas where they stayed with an aunt until I could send for them. Meanwhile, Natalia, my five-year-old, was with me, and also Pumpkin, our cat who was sedated and in a birdcage. We stayed with my mother. She was a nurse and lived near the Cedars of Lebanon hospital in Hollywood where she worked.

Julie, a friend from Mexico, was a godsend. She had a car, and everyday we hit all the rentals we could find in Culver City where she said the schools were good. Nati was with us.

Pumpkin was nowhere to be found. For three days we worried about him and I was terrified that I had lost him. He was very traumatized by the plane ride and the many changes. On the third day he crawled out from some hidden space we had not seen and got his first drink of water in four days, along with food, much petting, cooing, and attention that started him on his recovery and acceptance of his new life, minus a big dog and many birds.

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PHOTO BY JOHN ZANDER

Downey's self-built entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade, a 53-ft. long structure featuring a real ice skating rink, smoking chimney and more than 6,000 roses, won the prestigious National Trophy last week for "Best Depiction of Life in U.S.A. - Past, Present or Future."

Built by a small army of volunteers and entirely self-funded, the float was the Downey Rose Float Association's 63rd consecutive entry in the Rose Parade, which was themed "Inspiring Stories."

Conceptualized by Jeff Shadic, Kelley Roberts and Jason Redfox, with the final concept rendering by Thom Neighbors, the float was seen by millions of people around the world on New Year's Day.

Foreclosure puts Rives Mansion renovation plans on hold



Plans to renovate the historic Rives Mansion into a steakhouse are on hold after the homeowners failed to pay the mortgage for nearly 5 years, tenant claims.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - What does an ongoing foreclosure, multiple lawsuits and \$400,000 in renovation costs have in common? Apparently, the Rives Mansion.

Plans to convert the historic Downey landmark into a luxury restaurant and wine garden have come to a standstill after homeowners Carmen and Oscar Rivera fell nearly 60 months behind on mortgage payments last year.

This is according to Ralph Verdugo, Downey resident and former owner of Los Angeles Brewing Company, who signed a seven-year lease with the Riveras in July 2013 in hopes of opening an upscale steakhouse at the mansion, located at the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and Third

Street. "It's sad and depressing," said Verdugo, who already spent \$400,000 restoring the home's floors, walls, and windows before seeing a posting from the bank that confirmed the house was in foreclosure. "I called the owners and they said it was a misunderstanding, but then they stopped returning my calls."

Uncertain of the home's future, Verdugo said all restoration efforts at the mansion stopped nearly five months ago. Last month, the bank ceased all activity at the house and Verdugo's team was forced to move out.

He has since taken the Riveras to court, suing the couple for breaching their contract and concealing their intent to sell the house underneath him.

The Riveras would not respond to the Patriot's phone calls, but Verdugo said the couple filed for bankruptcy multiple times under different names in order to stall foreclosure. The couple, which bought the 1911 home of Downey pioneer James Rives for \$1.7 million in 2005, is now embroiled in a lawsuit against the bank to prolong the process.

A judge on Dec. 2 blocked

the Riveras from any further bankruptcy filings for at least 180 days. The decision allows the bank to continue with the foreclosure, Verdugo said.

"The courts are moving forward due to the Riveras' bad conduct. Now it's just a waiting game," he said. "It breaks my heart. I've lived here for 27 years -- this is my town and that property belongs to Downey."

In the lease agreement, Verdugo negotiated the first right of refusal to purchase the property if it was sold -- and that's exactly what he intends to do.

"We're waiting to buy the property...unless it's too much that we can't buy it," Verdugo said. "But it depends on what the bank says."

Verdugo estimates the likelihood of buying the property from the bank and proceeding with his steakhouse plans is 75 percent.

"We have full faith we'll be back in there real soon," said Verdugo, who confirmed that all the money for future house renovations has been set aside. "I fell in love with that mansion. There's something majestic about it -- the vibe is amazing."

"Forget the money, so much time was put into this renovation, but I'd do it all over again."

Alumni group collects teddy bears for cancer patients

DOWNEY - The UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network ("Southeast Bruins") held their second annual Holiday Party at Downey's Stay Gallery last month, collecting more than 100 teddy bears and stuffed animals for hospitalized children fighting cancer.

The night's guest speaker was Alexandra Muñoz, a current UCLA student who is also a cancer survivor.

Muñoz thought up the idea of collecting new teddy bears and other stuffed animals to give to children fighting cancer during her own hospitalization.

"During my fight with cancer, I had a stuffed animal that kept me company on the very long nights at the hospital," she said. "I found it comforting to have it next to me - so much so that I still keep it with me, especially during finals."

Maywood Mayor Eddie De La Riva, a UCLA alumnus, was present at the event and congratulated Muñoz, stating: "You are doing amazing things, congratulations."

The teddy bears and stuffed animals were donated to children who are receiving cancer treatment at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital.



Weekend at a Glance

Friday 72°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 70°

Things To Do



Downey Museum of Art - Without a permanent home in Downey, the DMOA's first exhibit of 2015 takes place in South Gate.

Saturday, South Gate Museum & Art Galleries, 1 p.m., free admission



Louis C.K. - The blue collar comedian performs his famous standup.

Sunday, The Forum in Inglewood, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25

Throwback Thursday



Bank of America building in 1969. Photo courtesy Downey Historical Society/Getty

Facebook Conversation



Downey float wins trophy

Kimberly McLeroy: Beautiful job Downey!

Helen Burns: It was beautiful as always! Always so proud of Downey!

Amber Brandt: So, very, very proud of my hometown.

Belia Andalon: We went to the Rose parade, and gave the Downey float a good cheer, didn't care that we were the only ones yelling, hehehe.

Flower Huizar: Beautiful, so proud.

Bill Aumack: One of only 6 floats in the parade that are conceived, designed and built entirely by volunteers!

One Thing to Know

The Knights of Columbus has bingo every Tuesday starting at 6 p.m.

Tweet of the Week

@Aysellm: Met a guy and he asked me what my name is and where I live and I told him everything I DON'T CARE HE HAD A BRITISH ACCENT

For Rosalie Sciortino, life is art

• Author and artist Rosalie Sciortino will be reading from her poetry next Thursday.

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – Downey poet and artist Rosalie Desimone Sciortino will be the featured reader for Poetry Matters, Thursday, Jan. 15, at Stay Gallery.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for a reception, and her artwork will be on display for a week.

Her work over the years has had an impact on the Downey arts scene in many ways. Sciortino was a leader in Writers Workshop West (a writing group spearheaded by theater director John Hume), and a board member of the Downey Art League. She has often been a contributing writer to *The Downey Patriot*, and

before that the *Downey Eagle*.

Reflecting her wit and creativity, Sciortino's new book, "The Gift," includes a whimsical short story and several memoirs of her Downey childhood, in addition to her lyrical poetry. Her poems convey her love of nature and reflections on the human spirit.

"Her gift is the transformation of the common to the uncommon," writes poet Zaida Ramos.

Sciortino is a virtual native of Downey, having arrived here with her family when she was just 20 days old. Her parents, who met and married in Colorado after immigrating separately from Sicily, settled into a farmhouse with acreage at the corner of what is now Paramount and Florence where the Chase Bank sits.

At that time Paramount Boulevard, known then as College, dead-ended at Florence, and vehicles

were only able to turn east or west. Sciortino recalls that loaded hay trucks would shake the timbers of the house as they rolled to a stop at the corner.

Sciortino was the youngest of seven siblings, with her neighborhood defined by orange groves, sooty air from smudge pots, irrigation ditches, and the "magical sylvan retreat" of the Rio San Gabriel river bed. Relatives from Los Angeles described their weekly visits to Downey as "a trip to the country."

In the 1970's Sciortino was an active member of the Downey Art League when the organization's membership was at its height. She explored a variety of media, including oil, collage, and acrylic, winning numerous prizes. Her subjects range from stylized still-life's to realistic figures and cityscapes.

While writing and painting were her chosen vehicles for expressing her love of nature and beauty, Sciortino's creativity was not limited to these art forms. Fans of talk radio on KABC in the 1980's remember Sciortino's comedic call-in's to the morning Ken and Bob Company show. Listeners were invited to win prizes by calling in with explanations and descriptions of common terms. Sciortino would call in so often that she would change her name, but she could not disguise her voice. She recalls that her husband's golfing buddies would tell him, "Your wife's on the radio again."

As an avid KABC listener, Sciortino's prize-winning success was legendary. She twice won tickets to an opening game of the Dodgers, several dinners at high-end restaurants in Beverly Hills, and tickets for the Cirque de Soleil when



it premiered during the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984.

Sciortino's impact on the Downey art scene extends beyond her own writing and painting. Sciortino has contributed years of community service as a member of the Downey Symphony Guild, helping with fundraisers that support the regular season concerts and the Music in the Schools program. The music education program, started in 1995, serves 11,000 local elementary students in the area's public and private schools.

The public is invited to come early Thursday night for the reception at 6:30 p.m. and to sign up for the open mike, which begins at 7:30 p.m. The featured reading begins at 8 p.m.

Poetry Matters is sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition in conjunction with Stay Gallery at 11140 Downey Avenue, just north of Firestone Blvd. For further information, go to downeyarts.org.

Downey Arts Coalition hosting open house

DOWNEY – The Downey Arts Coalition will host an open house on Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Epic Lounge.

The event is free to the public and will offer an opportunity to connect with others who have an interest in supporting and participating in local art events.

Refreshments will be served, along with a brief presentation by local artist Roy Anthony Shabla who is also an artistic advisor for the Downey Museum of Art.

Since its founding in 2011, the Downey Arts Coalition has sponsored art exhibits and monthly poetry readings, and produced two Broadway plays and two free music festivals. The non-profit organization has also hosted movie screenings by local videographers, and recently assisted with publicity for the Glenfest Movie Festival that was free to the public at the Downey Krikorian Theater.

Art curator Pat Gil explains, "Whatever someone's passion is – music, film, theatre, dance, poetry – we can work together to help you express it in our local community."

Gil describes DAC as an umbrella organization that provides "a place for local artists, arts organization, and community leaders to share and collaborate."

Reflecting its commitment to the community, the DAC website offers a calendar promoting city concerts, art shows, and music events.

Everyone, no matter what their interest, is invited to come for an evening of networking and stimulating conversation. For further information go to: downeyarts.org.

–Carol Kearns, Downey Arts Coalition



Free winter formal dresses and accessories will be given away to local teens in need this Saturday.

The giveaway is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Casa de Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave. The event is sponsored by the Assistance League of Downey's Assistens service club.

For more information, call Stacy Brabant at (310) 991-3757.

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2015 Optional Standard Mileage Rates.

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2015 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes. Effective Jan. 1, 2015, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 57.5 cents per mile for business miles driven, up from 56 cents in 2014
- 23 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes, down half a cent from 2014
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations

The standard mileage rate for business is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile, including depreciation, insurance, repairs, tires, maintenance, gas and oil. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs, such as gas and oil. The charitable rate is set by law.

Taxpayers always have the option of claiming deductions based on the actual costs of using a vehicle rather than the standard mileage rates.

A taxpayer may not use the business standard mileage rate for a vehicle after claiming accelerated depreciation, including the Section 179 expense deduction, on that vehicle. Likewise, the standard rate is not available to fleet owners (more than four vehicles used simultaneously). Details on these and other special rules are in Revenue Procedure 2010-51, the instructions to Form 1040 and various online IRS publications including Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax.

Besides the standard mileage rates, Notice 2014-79, posted on IRS.gov, also includes the basis reduction amounts for those choosing the business standard mileage rate, as well as the maximum standard automobile cost that may be used in computing an allowance under a fixed and variable rate plan.

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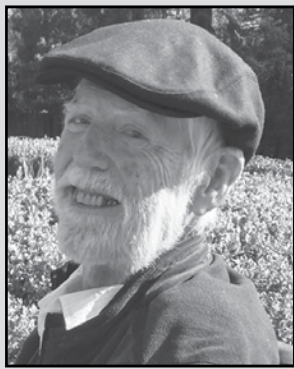
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In Memory of
William T. Fryxell

January 4, 1938 to December 29, 2014



William Fryxell, long-time Downey resident, died after a three-month struggle with advanced stage kidney cancer on December 29, 2014. "Bill"/"Willy" worked for North American Aviation, Rockwell, and Boeing on defense and space exploration projects. An Arizona State University Engineering graduate specializing in instrumentation, his career spanned 50+ years and focused on the Apollos and Space Shuttles, including ground control. He was a square dance enthusiast, member of the Downey United Methodist Church, and was deeply dedicated to collecting and distributing food for those in need.

Born in Moline, Illinois to Ralph and Florence (Challman) Fryxell, the family moved early on to Arizona, and he grew up there with his younger sister, Marlowe. He graduated from Mesa High School. Bill was married to Dawn Sullivan (1961-1971), and had three children. By the mid 1970's, he began his twenty-four year relationship with wife June McLaughlin Wingo, a nurse at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. She predeceased him in 1993 from breast cancer.

Bill was a loyal son, husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend to many. He gave selflessly and volunteered actively as an usher and teen teacher at his Church. Bill lived in the moment and had had deep equanimity towards others. His quirky sense of humor, hard work, and generosity will be missed by many whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his three children (Heather, Todd and Aimee), eleven grandchildren (Courtney, Erika, Molly, Joseph, Madeline, Matthew, Cassandra, Sean, Spencer, Abby and Jacob) and three great-grandchildren (Christopher, Shirley and Finn), by his sister Marlowe, nieces and nephews, and their families.

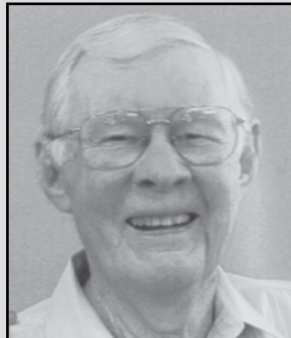
Please join us for a local memorial service and reception on Saturday, January 17th, 2015 at Downey United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. (10801 Downey Avenue, Downey, CA 90241).

Bill will come to final rest in Phoenix, Arizona at services on Sunday, January 18th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. (Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery, 2300 W. Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ 85009).

A donation of time or goods to FoodHelp, a local food bank hosted by Downey First Christian is most appreciated. May his memory be for blessing in the Book of Life.

In Memory of
William C. Hills

October 9, 1921 to January 1, 2015



Longtime Downey resident William Hills, 93, died Jan 1, 2015.

William C. Hills, 93, passed away Jan 1, 2015 at Southland Care Center. He was born Oct 9, 1921 at Alhambra Hospital in Alhambra, CA to Emily and William G. Hills.

Mr. Hills grew up in Walnut Park, CA. He graduated from Huntington Park High School in 1940 and had a 2 year degree in engineering from Compton Jr. College.

He was a Navy veteran having enlisted in 1942, was stationed at Sand Point Naval Air Station in Seattle, WA for aviation ordnance school and had training at Norton Bomb Site school in Dalgren, VA. Mr. Hills then served in the Central Pacific with a carrier aircraft service unit, landing on Tarawa in 1943. He returned to the U.S. and was discharged from San Pedro Naval Air Station with a rating of aviation ordnance first class.

William married Elizabeth Anne Ahl in 1947 and moved to Downey in 1950. He worked for North American Aviation from 1950-1987 in the engineering department.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Hills was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and sister Violet. Mr. Hills is survived by daughter Michelle and husband Omer of Wilkesboro, NC and son Steven and wife Sara of Riverside, CA. There are 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

A private service will be held at San Gabriel Cemetery on Sat, Jan 10, 2015. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Downey Meals on Wheels, Inc, 10909 New St, Downey, CA 90241.

Funeral Monday for Caroline Allen

BELLFLOWER - Caroline Marie Allen, of Bellflower, passed away on Dec. 30 in Orange. She was 23.

She was born Jan. 17, 1991 in Torrance to Robert R. Allen and Patricia Ann Mersey Perez. She worked as a customer service representative.

She is survived by her parents, Patricia Ann Perez and Robert A. Allen; her grandmother, Shirley Lavezzari; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, from 4-8 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7 p.m., both at A.M. Gamby Funeral Home in Lomita.

Funeral Mass will be on Monday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lomita. Interment will follow at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made to the scholarship fund of the Sons of Italy-Centinel Valley, 1744 Carson Street, Torrance, CA 90501.



George Anagnos mourned

DOWNEY - George Euangelos Anagnos, a longtime Downey resident and pioneering supporter of the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, passed away Dec. 31.

Born May 15, 1930 in Kapsia, Greece, Anagnos was raised through the worst of decades, beginning with the Depression, through World War II and the Greek civil war.

He experienced direct contact with occupational forces, being shot at and detained multiple times as a kid, "simply for living where he did," family members said.

By the age of 20 he managed to leave Greece for the United States only to promptly have his surname shortened and to be drafted into the military for service in Korea. For reasons unknown to him, the U.S. Army released him prior to being shipped overseas.

Anagnos began working several jobs, some overlapping, until he settled as a factory foreman. After five years, he chose to give up his job to open his own restaurant. Over the next 15 years, along with his brother-in-law and partner, Anagnos opened nine restaurants, mostly Jim's Burgers.

Anagnos married Penelope Frousakis, also from Kapsia, and had four boys.

He is survived by his wife, Penelope; sons, Angelo (Aristi), Pete (Joanne), Gus (Cristina) and George; and grandchildren, Georgia, Alexander, Lukas George, Chris, Georgios Euangelos, Angeliki and Penelope.

Memorial services were held Wednesday at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, with the funeral services the next day, also at St. George.

Interment followed at Rose Hills Memorial Park.



Andrew Paramo dies at 28

DOWNEY - Highland resident Andrew Joseph Paramo was killed Jan. 2 after he was struck by a tractor-trailer while crossing the 10 Freeway in San Bernardino. He was 28.

He was born on July 4, 1986 in Downey to Ernest and Andrea Paramo.

He is survived by parents, Ernest and Andrea; daughter, Leia Sophia; sisters, Nicole, Natalie and Melissa; brother, Anthony Paramo; grandparents, Ernie and Theresa Paramo; uncles, Pat (Corrina) Paramo, Steven (Evette) Paramo and Desmond Fonseca; aunts, Jeannette (Dr. John) Steinmann and Renee Paramo (William); and numerous cousins and friends.

Andrew worked as a warehouse stocker for more than six years.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, from 5-8 p.m., at Valley View Chapel in Colton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Jan. 16, 11 a.m., at St. Adelaide Catholic Church in Highland, followed by burial at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Cemetery in Colton.

Ernest Porras passes away

DOWNEY - Downey resident Ernest Porras, 79, passed away Dec. 21.

He was born May 29, 1935 to Isabel Apacricio and Paul Porras in Los Angeles. He was a hair stylist for more than 43 years.

Porras is survived by his wife, Eleanor Porras; his daughter, Lenore Porras; sister, Gloria Villescascas; grandson, Rudy Arvizo; great granddaughter, Savanah Arvizo; as well as many other family members and friends.

A rite of committal was held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on Dec. 29.



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Michael Cooper named keynote speaker

• Retired Lakers shooting guard will deliver keynote address at Bellflower awards ceremony.

BELLFLOWER – Retired Lakers great Michael Cooper will serve as keynote speaker at Bellflower's BRAVO Awards ceremony on Feb. 5.

Now in its 21st year, the event will recognize 15 people "for their outstanding acts of valor, heroism and community service in support of public safety in Bellflower."

The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. at the Bristol Auditorium inside Bellflower City Hall.

Currently head coach of the WNBA's Atlanta Dream, Cooper was a five-time NBA champion as a player with the Los Angeles Lakers. He led the Los Angeles Sparks to two WNBA titles as the team's head coach, and the Albuquerque Thunderbirds of the NBA's D-League to a championship in their inaugural season.

Cooper attended Pasadena High School and then Pasadena City College before starring at New

Mexico, where he made the All-Western Athletic Conference first team as a senior in 1978. He was selected to the Lobo Hall of Honor in 1992.

Cooper's association with Los Angeles started when he spent his entire 12-year (1979-90) NBA career with the Lakers, helping the "Showtime" Lakers to five NBA titles (1980-82-85-87-88). Known for his defensive prowess, he was named to the NBA All-Defensive Team eight times – including five first team selections – and was the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1987.

Cooper finished his career ranked in the Lakers' top 10 in games played (873), minutes played (23,635), 3-point field goals (428), steals (1,033), blocked shots (523), assists (3,666), defensive rebounds (2,028) and free throw percentage (.833). He also spent one season playing professionally in Italy in 1991 with Pallacanestro Virtus Roma.

Cooper has enjoyed success as a WNBA coach. He has ranked second in career winning percentage (.663) and sixth in career victories (167)

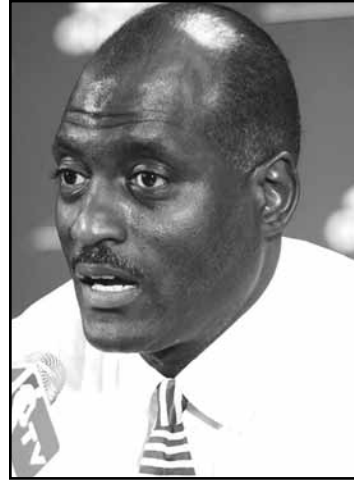
entering the 2014 season. He is the last WNBA head coach to have led his team to back-to-back league titles, winning the 2001 and 2002 championships in Los Angeles.

Cooper has also been recognized for his community efforts off the court. During the 1985-86 season, Cooper was selected by the Pro Basketball Writers Association as the recipient of the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award. He was also honored with the Commitment to Excellence Award during the 2007 Los Angeles Sports Fans Choice Awards.

"Cooper is also known for his '5 Ds': Determination, Dedication, Desire, Discipline and Decision-Making; he has used these both on and off the court as the foundation for success," Bellflower officials said in a press release.

Cooper has exemplified the spirit of the BRAVO Awards through his community efforts and his actions on the court, said Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines.

"As the keynote speaker, he will bring a positive message to our



By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

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community and pay tribute to our local heroes," he added.

A basketball autographed by Cooper will be raffled at the event.

The BRAVO Awards ceremony is funded through sponsorships from area businesses and individuals.

For more info about the BRAVO program visit bellflower.org or contact Kristen Smith at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267 or ksmith@bellflower.org.

DMOA exhibit opens Saturday

SOUTH GATE – The Downey Museum of Art's latest exhibit, "Vic Joachim Smith - Early Work," opens this 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.

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.

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master plan" is about to become a reality, though it must be emphasized that this plan too is just a plan. Such plans are necessary to any kind of grant funding, whether from the state or the federal government, since municipal budgets typically do not provide for this kind of infrastructure improvement. So, as was the case with the still ongoing Firestone Boulevard renovation, external funding must be procured. Thus, with bicycle "facilities," as they're called, a Bicycle Master Plan is a necessary prequalification.

Furthermore, the priorities of transportation elements other than motorized vehicles have enjoyed greater consideration in recent years. Specifically, current CA State Code adds the following: "As of 2011, the state code added the following language: 'upon any substantive revisions of the circulation element, the legislative body shall modify the network that meets the needs of all users of streets, roads, and highways for safe and convenient travel in a manner that is suitable to the rural, suburban, or urban context of the general plan.'" Furthermore, the 2011 revision specifies that "users of streets, roads, and highways' mean bicyclists, children, persons with disabilities, motorists, movers of commercial goods, pedestrians, users of public transportation, and seniors."

The benefits of bicycling have been increasingly recognized in recent years for both their environmental and their health advantages. Environmentally, bicycling reduces pollution from the use of fossil fuels prevalent with motor vehicles and in addition minimizes traffic overcrowding produced especially from single-occupant vehicles, as was appropriately noted in the 2005 Downey General Plan. With respect to health, bicycling provides the added benefit of personal exercise in a city, and, in fact, a nation, beset by overweight and obesity.



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The ominous Republican hold on Congress

By Sheldon Richman

As we face the new year, the biggest concern for peace lovers is Republican control of the U.S. Senate. While Republican votes don't reach the key number 60, members of the GOP will still be in a strong position to push their belligerent global agenda.

I don't mean to overstate the danger. After all, the Democrats were hardly better. But those who abhor war will awaken each day knowing that hawkish Sens. John McCain, Lindsey Graham, Ted Cruz, and their ilk are in control.

Peacemongers haven't had much to cheer about during the Obama years. Barack Obama has gone back to war in Iraq and is conducting airstrikes in Syria, while leaving thousands of military personnel in Afghanistan, continuing murder by drone war in several countries, and maintaining the prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Yet there have been a few glimmers of hope. Obama has pursued negotiations with Iran over its never-was and still-is-not nuclear-weapons program. The Iranian regime would like to return to the world economy by freeing itself from harsh U.S.-led sanctions, so it is bending over backward to assure the world that it wants no nuclear weapons. (The Supreme Leader years ago issued a fatwa against them.)

But the Obama administration, under pressure from Israel's supporters in the United States, seems determined to push Iran further than it could possibly go regarding its ability to enrich uranium for civilian purposes. Moreover, Obama is at best ambiguous about whether all sanctions against Iran would ever be lifted, and the Republican Congress can be expected to obstruct any efforts in that direction. These two factors have turned optimists about the negotiations into pessimists.

If Obama blows this chance to normalize relations with Iran, which includes a large educated middle class friendly to America, it will be a tragedy of immense proportions. There is no way to justify the cruel consequences that U.S. sanctions have inflicted on the Iranian people. If a foreign power were doing this to Americans, the war cries would be deafening.

The American-Israeli-Saudi opponents of U.S.-Iranian reconciliation should be ashamed of themselves. Their cynical political concerns deserve no consideration whatever. If the regimes in Israel and Saudi Arabia fear they

will be less important in a Middle East that does not feature a U.S.-Iranian cold war, let them get over it. Peace trumps petty politics. And if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu believes that without his *bête noir*, Iran, his systematic abuse of the Palestinians might get closer American scrutiny, all I can say is: let's hope so. Republicans of course will back Netanyahu.

The congressional Republicans can also be expected to block Obama's proposal to normalize relations with Cuba. Republicans like to portray themselves as advocates of strictly limited government, but somehow those limits include the power to reform the Cuban government. How can that be? If they believe this is a matter of national security, as Ted Cruz says, then it shows how ridiculous his party is. How exactly does Cuba pose a threat to the American people — if indeed that's what "national security" is supposed to mean.

Finally, the Republicans undoubtedly will try to stop Obama from deferring the deportations of some five million people who are in this country without government permission. Here again the Republicans show their lack of intellectual integrity. Why should anyone need government permission to be here? Aren't rights possessed by all people, not just Americans? U.S. immigration controls condemn millions of people to a grinding poverty that no American could imagine. Perpetuation of that cruelty is simply unconscionable.

Obama's stopgap approach to immigration is hardly ideal. Remember, he's only deferred deportation, and he hasn't done it for everyone who faces the threat. But it's progress. Because of his executive order, millions of families will not be broken up by the U.S. government. That is something to celebrate, not obstruct.

The national-security state is rotten to the core, having inflicted incalculable death and misery on many foreign populations. Much hard work has to be done to free the world of this monster. In the near term, fortunately, some good things can be done at the margin — if the new Republican majority doesn't get in the way.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Noisy neighbors

Dear Editor:

Last night, the neighbors had another loud party, which consisted of seven hours of nonstop, top-of-the-voice roaring, yelling, and screaming (by about 30 people) coupled with loud music and lots of drinking. There was no concern whatsoever for all the surrounding neighbors.

At this point, if I were to move from Downey, or just plain die, I believe all my neighbors would say, "Finally, thank goodness and good riddance, now we can go back to making all the noise we want and not worry about someone calling the police."

This is the kind of society that is now routinely prevalent in today's world. No one any longer has a right to not have their nerves shattered on a daily basis from all the various kinds of noise. The ability to make noise is now of more concern, more important, and certainly has more priority than anyone's right or desire to quietness.

Yes, the ability to make noise has now been converted into the right to make noise — simply because you can get away with it. Too many people will make as much noise as they want to for as long as they want until someone "forces" them to stop. Nowadays if you have a dog, none of your neighbors any longer have a right to quietness. (If you own a motorcycle, you now have the right to disturb hundreds and possibly thousands every day that you use it.)

If and when someone complains about noise these complainers are now considered the bigger nuisances in our societies. The fact that someone's nerves are so shattered and traumatized that they want to die is of no concern to many people anymore. (Notice, especially, that the noise makers are not willing or responsible to pay for any treatment necessary for the shattered nerves of others.) Indeed, their biggest concerns are instead the selfish, greedy creation of loudness, and the uncaring traumatizing of so many of us (and many dogs) who are not designed to withstand such an onslaught of noise.

If the mayor or the chief of police were parked out in front of your house, you would either not do it at all, or else you would greatly tone it down. So I ask, why is it when people want to have a loud party that these people cannot be responsible and rent an indoor facility where the noise would be contained? Why is it that when people have visitors, for any reason, that they think it is now magically OK to convert the neighborhood into an outdoor nightclub? In the meantime, all those who live within earshot of this noise can just plain go to hell if they don't like it?

I now truly feel that if the noisemakers could, they would round up all the quiet ones and put us on a spaceship and gladly deport us off the planet — because we the quiet ones are such a thorny hindrance to their lack of consideration for others! May I ask, how is all this noisemaking an example of living pursuant/according to the golden rule? Would it be OK if early the next morning I put a set of loud speakers on the fence and blasted out the same volume level of sound for five to six hours? Wouldn't that be living the golden rule just as much as the loud party from the previous night? Where is the difference or distinction between the aggravation caused by these two activities?

I am truly alarmed and greatly disappointed by such a great display of disrespect and so much routine acceptance of inconsideration for others. That myself and people like me (who aren't disturbing anyone) are also now considered to be the unreasonable ones and the more problematic members of our societies is truly disturbing.

Am I truly alone in the way that I think, or should I just take a long walk off a short pier?

**Danny Wright
Downey**

Ezell Ford

Dear Editor:

Ezell Ford attacked two police officers while they were on duty/patrol. He attempted to take the gun of one of the officers. ("Roybal-Allard Statement on Ezell Ford Autopsy," 1/1/15)

During the struggle, the second officer shot Mr. Ford twice, and the officer Mr. Ford was struggling with over control of the officer's handgun, discharged his back-up handgun with the hand that was not involved in the struggle to prevent Mr. Ford access and use of the officer's primary weapon.

It was this back-up handgun that left the muzzle-imprint in Mr. Ford's back - which seems to suggest that the officer was on the ground with Mr. Ford on top of him, and the officer reached around Mr. Ford and shot him to save his life, and the life of his partner.

All of this transpired in a matter of moments, probably less than a minute. Is this the "fullest possible accounting" that Ms. Royball-Allard seeks?

Of course, in the minds of Ms. Royball-Allard, and the milieu in which she swims, persons like Mr. Ford, who lay in wait to attack police officers, are always deserving of prayers for the mayhem they cause to themselves and those close to them; because it is only the defenders of liberty and freedom, such as the police, who are at fault when "stuff" happens.

May society be saved from such concerns and those that hold them.

**Drew Kelley
Downey**

President's associates

Dear Editor:

Poor President Obama! It seems his mother or father did not instruct him to be careful choosing friends. His choice of pastors seems too bad.

Jeremiah Wright wants God to damn America, the country was elected to lead as president. Wonder if Obama realized this in the 22 years he attended Wright's church, or maybe he just didn't listen.

The next "Rev." Sharpton seems to be no better. Has anyone ever heard him preach? And from which denomination or church did he receive his preacher's license? Probably from the same one where "Rev." Jesse Jackson got his.

"Rev." Al probably can't remember, as his memory seems to be failing. Poor guy — now owes over \$4 million in back taxes because he forgot he had condos in the Cayman Islands till the IRS discovered them. Maybe Obama is just trying to help him during the almost 70 times he has met with Obama at the White House and has become Obama's "advisor" on race relations. Good job, Al!

But as I said, Obama has made very poor choices of friends, i.e., Bill Ayers and Bernadine Dohrn, who bombed the Pentagon and committed other criminal acts, but got off on a technicality. Oh, wait a minute, they started him on his presidential run.

Eric Holder was also a good friend. He was the one who was responsible for "Fast and Furious," sending guns to the Mexican drug cartels, who used one of the guns to kill a Border Patrol officer. But then, sometimes it helps to have friends who will lie along with you, i.e. Hillary Clinton and Susan Rice. Remember Benghazi?

Also, it appears he has chosen an ally in DeBlazio and, yep, Sharpton again to stir up racial hatred. Wish he would listen to the outstanding black leaders like Alveda King and some of the excellent black pastors.

Now Obama is about to repeat his bad judgment by courting Castro (Cuba) and embracing communism. The U.S. got nothing from this giveaway, but then we never seem to.

The latest and worst is wanting to establish a consulate in Iran, while he and Kerry keep giving them time to develop a bomb to use against Israel and America.

Pray for America. We have two more years of this dictator.

**Elsa Van Leuven
Downey**

The year of living disingeniously

By Mike Huckabee

Ed Driscoll at PJMedia.com has written an excellent summation of 2014, which I dubbed "The Year of Living Disingeniously," because so much of what we were told in the news, and the furor that grew out of the telling, was nothing but false narratives, phony propaganda and whistling past the graveyard.

From "the Democrats may retake the House and will definitely hold the Senate" to "Wendy Davis will turn Texas blue" to "the Affordable Care Act will result in affordable care" (the only true part of that title was the word "act") to "Hands Up, Don't Shoot" and "chokehold," virtually everything that the self-proclaimed "reality-based community" held dear in 2014 turned out to be just so much eyewash.

Now, it's starting to look as if it might have been disgruntled ex-employees, not North Korea, behind the Sony hacking. If so, then the studio exposed Hollywood's hypocrisy and moral cowardice to the world for nothing. Bummer, dudes.

But as this article points out, there were actually two strong trends on the left in 2014. One was the need to fill the world with a fog of lies

to cover up the fact that virtually everything they believe in, from "smart diplomacy" to Obama's economic policies, has been an unmitigated disaster.

The other was on the social front, where the left has somehow morphed into Margaret Dumont, the humorless dowager who represented the stodgy establishment in the Marx Brothers' films. The left used to identify with Groucho Marx, who mocked Ms. Dumont without regard for her easily offended sensibilities. Groucho's hilariously irreverent truth-telling was so beloved that on one of liberaldom's favorite TV shows, "M*A*S*H," Hawkeye not only taunted the military in Groucho style, he once even donned glasses, a mustache and a cigar in an outright impersonation.

Yet somehow today, the left has become Margaret Dumont, dropping their lorgnettes in outrage at even the mildest joke or comment that might potentially offend anyone or anything anywhere.

Not only would they demand that Groucho be banned from the media and ordered into sensitivity training, they'd blow a gasket if he just lit his cigar in public.

Looking forward by looking back

By Lee Hamilton

With the 114th Congress just underway, the political world is focused intently on the road ahead. Taxes, trade, immigration, climate change, job creation, the Affordable Care Act — there's a long list of issues and one burning question: whether a Republican Congress and a Democratic president can find common ground.

Yet before we get worked up about what's to come, we need to take a hard look at the Congress that just ended and ask a different question: Why was it such an abject failure?

Let's start with a basic number. According to the Library of Congress, 296 bills were passed by the 113th Congress and signed by the president. Just for comparison's sake, the "do-nothing Congress" of 1947-48 got 906 bills through. The Financial Times called this most recent version "the least productive Congress in modern U.S. history." The only silver lining was that the cost of running Congress was down 11 percent.

Congress failed most spectacularly on the basics. Not one of the dozen annual appropriations bills passed, while the budget resolution, which is supposed to set overall fiscal policy, never even got to a vote. In both houses, the leaders did what they could to make the legislative body of the world's greatest democracy as undemocratic as possible. Senate Democratic Majority Leader Harry Reid used legislative maneuvers to block amendments more often during his time as majority leader than any of his five predecessors. In the House, Republican leaders used so-called "closed rules," which prohibit amendments, a record number of times. Both approaches denied by legislative device the opportunity for Congress to work its will.

When Congress did legislate, it did so in the worst possible way — by using an "omnibus" spending bill into which it crammed everything it could manage. The bill was put together in a single week, guaranteeing minimal study by the members of Congress who voted on it. Ostensibly meant to fund the government through September, it contained a host of provisions that deserved a full airing.

Instead, with virtually no public debate, Congress multiplied the amount

of money that wealthy donors can give to the political parties; loosened regulations on Wall Street; cut funding for the Environmental Protection Agency, forcing it to its lowest staffing level in over two decades; and hacked funding for the IRS. This last measure, a gift to tax cheats, was an especially egregious assault on ordinary taxpayers, who will now be asked to foot a bill that robust enforcement of the tax laws would have spared them.

Congress's reliance on omnibus bills, which are written in secret, has had a variety of pernicious effects. The procedure violates every rule of good legislative process, denying transparency and accountability. It allows Capitol Hill to curry favor with all sorts of special interests but no public reckoning. It forces — or allows — members to vote for provisions that would have had little chance of surviving on their own. And it puts enormous power in the hands of the leadership of both parties — not least because lobbyists have come to understand that they need to have a representative in the room where the omnibus is crafted, and therefore they focus money and attention on leaders.

The last Congress maintained one other lamentable trend: it took "oversight" to mean injecting its investigations with excessive partisanship — Benghazi, the IRS's examination of conservative groups, the VA's mishandling of health care for veterans — while forgetting the crucial, ongoing oversight of government. It allowed itself to be co-opted by the intelligence community, which persuaded Congress to neglect a public debate on massive surveillance, hacked the Senate's computers, misled Congress about the nature and extent of torture, and leaked classified details to the media.

The congressional leadership is now under pressure to show Americans that they can be successful. Let's hope they consider "success" to include avoiding the bad habits of the past — by paying more attention to their constituents than to special interests; enforcing their own ethics rules more vigorously; and most of all, following the "regular order" based on 200 years of legislative experience, which would allow the full debate and votes Congress needs to serve as a true coequal branch of government.

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

Aggressive neighbor

Dear Editor:

I live in Downey and currently attend Warren High School as a senior. Every day since I was a sophomore, I jog with my dogs around my street. Today I was finishing my last lap when an old man came up to me, calling me a moron, saying I couldn't run my dog by that street while he was walking his dogs.

I asked why not and he said he was going to "kick my a-." His dogs were barking like crazy while my dog and I were just standing there and all of sudden he went up to my face and said he was going to hit my dog and me.

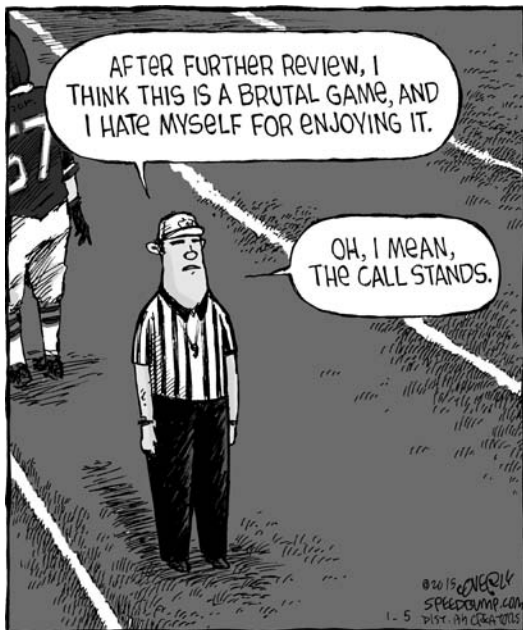
I told him to calm down and he kept yelling at me saying, that he was going to "beat my a-," asking where I live. So I walked up to him this time but then he walked away, calling the police saying that I was trying to beat him up.

I was just wondering if I could walk my dogs or not, because it isn't fair simply because he does not like it. I was wondering if you could help me. Thank you.

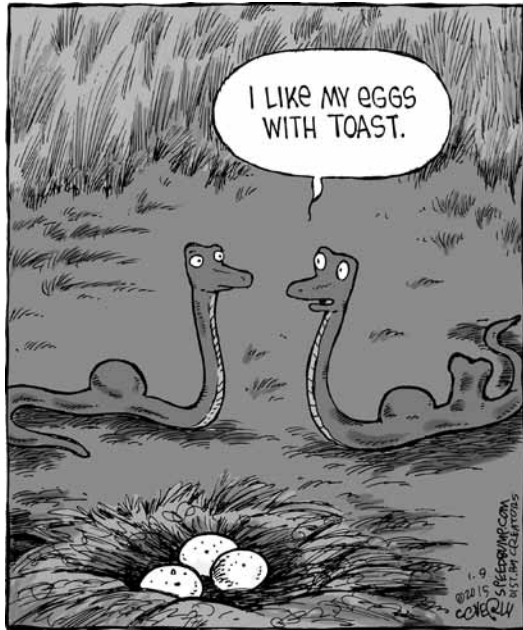
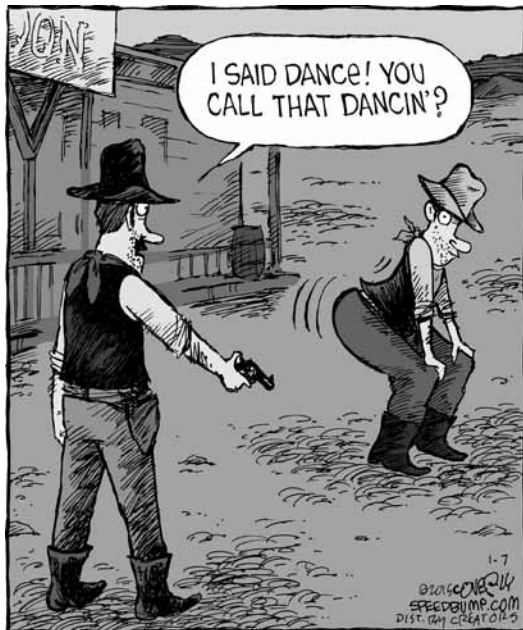
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

Sat., Jan. 10: **Downey Museum of Art exhibit**, South Gate Museum and Art Galleries, 1 p.m.
 Tues., Jan. 13: **Downey Arts Coalition open house**, Epic Lounge, 7 p.m.
 Thurs., Jan. 15: **Poetry Matters**, Stay Gallery, 6:30 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at dianedavis4sc@gmail.com.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Karika Austin 260-3856.
 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.
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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. 8, 1918: President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for peace after World War I.
1964: President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a war on poverty.
2011: Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed and 12 others were injured.
Birthdays: Game show host Bob Eubanks (77), scientist Stephen Hawking (73), singer David Bowie (68), singer R. Kelly (48) and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un (32).

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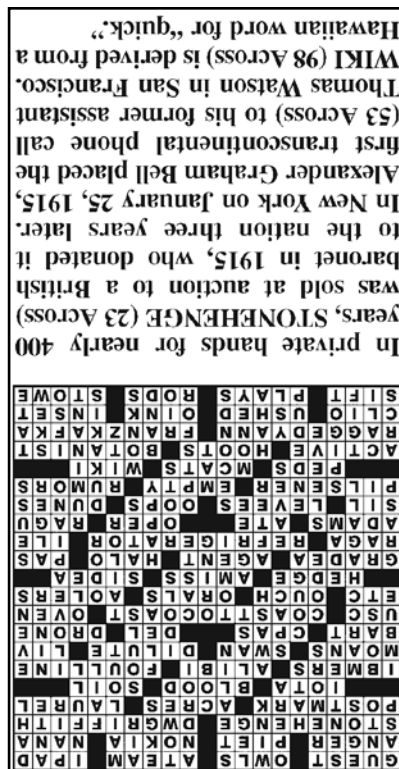
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



and eaten with tortillas. The list goes on, with most available insects being dined upon by some culture somewhere. The world is filled with nutritious and available food.

Our current and strong aversion to eating insects has not always been a part of civilized human history. In ancient Rome and Greece, insects played a significant role in dietary practices. The Bible makes reference to eating insects. Native Americans used crickets to make flour. Theories abound as to why most Americans today are not fond of eating insects. One theory is that when settlers began to interact with Native American tribes, they considered the consumption of insects to be primitive, and therefore undesirable.

Another theory is that as Western cultures turned to farming as a method of sustenance, insects became the enemy, unappetizing, and perhaps even unnecessary to the daily diet.

It is interesting (and perhaps a bit gross) to note that a good share of the five billion of us who don't believe that we consume insects are actually eating roughly two pounds of flies, maggots and other bugs every year! They are part of our meals with an FDA-implied blessing. Staples like broccoli, canned tomatoes, and hops may well contain insect fragments, including heads, thoraxes, legs, and even the intact insect. Fig paste might contain up to 13 insect heads in 100 grams; canned fruit juices may contain a maggot for every 8 1/2 ounces, and 2,500 aphids may be found in 10 grams of hops.

If reading this causes feelings of nausea, keep in mind that many hold that insects are the future to feeding our planet. At the present rate, the global population will rise from its present seven billion to nine

billion by 2050. A recent report by the United Nations suggests the rearing of edible insects for human consumption as well as for cattle feed. The high nutritional value and easy cultivation gives them an untapped potential. They are high in fat, protein, vitamins, fiber, and minerals.

Insect cultivation can be quite "green" and efficient. When we consider quantity of food consumed versus quantity of food produced, insects are clearly far more efficient than cows.

In fact, as a rule, the bigger the beast, the more food, land and water are needed to produce the final edible product. Insects emit less greenhouse gasses and ammonia than do cattle or pigs, and require less land for rearing.

As an added bonus, insects feed on organic by-products like human and animal waste. Rearing and processing of insects can be performed inexpensively and without sophisticated machinery.

Perhaps the only stumbling block today is the "yuck" factor. But, who knows - someday we may find ourselves driving through our favorite fast food chain for a Caterpillar Burger.

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Does the cure for world hunger lie in insect cuisine? This may not sound appealing, yet today, as many as two billion people eat insects on a regular basis. Is it time to convert the other five billion of us into insect enthusiasts?

Worldwide, the most popular insects are beetles and caterpillars. Wasps, ants, cicadas, locusts, dragonflies, crickets and flies are also frequently eaten. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a household in the capital of Kinshasa eats about 300 grams of caterpillars per week. That comes to 96 tons of caterpillars consumed annually in that city. I can't speak from first-hand knowledge, but evidently they have a nutty, fruity taste.

In Mali, children hunt and eat high protein grasshoppers as a snack food. In Southeast Asia a huge variety of insects are not only eaten by natives, but are marketed to tourists. An astonishing 150 to 200 species of insects are consumed there. In Japan, many dine on silk moth pupae, fried cicadas, and boiled wasp larvae. In Africa, in addition to crickets, grasshoppers, termites, beetle and moth larvae, large swarming termites are gathered, fried or roasted, and served as a bread or on porridge.

In Latin America, caterpillars that feed on agave plants are roasted

CDC: Alcohol poisoning kills 6 people every day

More than 2,200 people die from alcohol poisoning each year in the United States - an average of six deaths each day - according to a new Vital Signs report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Three in four alcohol poisoning deaths involve adults ages 35-64 years, and most deaths occur among men and non-Hispanic whites. American Indians/Alaska Natives have the most alcohol poisoning deaths per million people.

Alcohol poisoning deaths are caused by drinking a large amount of alcohol in a short period of time. This can result in very high levels of alcohol in the body, which can shutdown critical areas of the brain that control breathing, heart rate, and body temperature - resulting in death.

More than 38 million U.S. adults report binge drinking an average of four times per month and consume an average of eight drinks per binge. Binge drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men on an occasion. The more you drink, the greater your risk of death.

"Alcohol poisoning deaths are a heartbreaking reminder of the dangers of excessive alcohol use, which is a leading cause of preventable deaths in the U.S.," said CDC Principal Deputy Director Ileana Arias, Ph.D. "We need to implement effective programs and policies to prevent binge drinking and the many health and social harms that are related to it, including deaths from alcohol poisoning."

Alcohol poisoning death rates varied widely across states, from 46.5 deaths per million residents in Alaska to 5.3 per million residents in

Alabama. The states with the highest death rates were in the Great Plains, western United States, and New England.

CDC scientists analyzed deaths from alcohol poisoning among people aged 15 years and older, using multiple cause-of-death data from the National Vital Statistics System for 2010-2012. Alcohol dependence (alcoholism) was identified as a contributing factor in 30 percent of these deaths, and other drugs were noted to have been a factor in about 3 percent of the deaths. While this study reveals that alcohol poisoning deaths are a bigger problem than previously thought, it is still likely to be an underestimate.

"This study shows that alcohol poisoning deaths are not just a problem among young people," said CDC Alcohol Program Lead and report coauthor Robert Brewer, M.D., M.S.P.H. "It also emphasizes the importance of taking a comprehensive approach to reducing binge drinking that

includes evidence-based community strategies, screening and counseling in healthcare settings, and high-quality substance abuse treatment for those who need it."

Vital Signs is a CDC report that appears on the first Tuesday of the month as part of the CDC journal Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, or MMWR.

The report provides the latest data and information on key health indicators. These are cancer prevention, obesity, tobacco use, motor vehicle passenger safety, prescription drug overdose, HIV/AIDS, alcohol use, healthcare-associated infections, cardiovascular health, teen pregnancy, and food safety.

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Samantha Madrid finishes Air Force basic training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman Samantha A. Madrid graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

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

Madrid is the daughter of Tina Reyes, of Downey, and Albert Madrid, of Norwalk. Her husband is Alberto Carapia.

She is a 2012 graduate of Warren High School.

Warren grad finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Navy Seaman Justin Amador, son of Sergio and Maria Amador, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, in North Chicago, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Amador, a Warren High School graduate, completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is “Battle Stations 21,” and exercise that “gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet.”

Amador has been assigned to “A” School at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla.

Auto parts store offers oil filter exchange

DOWNEY – O’Reilly Auto Parts in Downey will be offering free oil filters in exchange for used filters on Jan. 24.

The exchange is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is limited to two oil filters per resident, while supplies last.

“Used motor oil and filters are highly recyclable,” said Kevin Sales, Downey’s used oil recycling program coordinator. “The city wants to make used motor oil and filter recycling as easy for the do-it-yourselfer as possible. The used oil and filter will be recycled, and you can redeem your filter voucher immediately for a free oil filter from O’Reilly Auto Parts.”

Other used oil collection centers can be located by calling (888) GREEN-LA or visiting 888cleanla.com.

For questions, call Sales at (562) 944-4766.

Mendoza responds to governor’s address

DOWNEY – State Sen. Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) issued the following statement following Gov. Jerry Brown’s inaugural address delivered to a joint session of the legislature Monday:

“I applaud and thank the governor for his excellent leadership in moving California forward over the last several years. The governor’s address conveyed an optimistic vision for our state, while maintaining a prudent approach to state spending. This approach has enabled the state to pay down billions of dollars in debt.

“However, fiscal restraint should not come at a cost of building a better future for our children and the working families of California.

“Jobs continue to be of utmost importance, as well as continuing to invest in the state’s critical infrastructure, healthcare and public safety. All of these issues are vital to the state’s long term economic prosperity.

“I am also committed to investing in our public schools and universities so that every child can receive an affordable, quality education, which is vital to compete in California’s 21st century economy. Just as important, I want to make sure that our children have a job waiting upon completing their education.

“I look forward to working with the governor and my colleagues in a bi-partisan effort to continue solving California’s challenges to put these goals into action for a successful year ahead.”



Sean McGrew, son of Larry and Chris McGrew of Downey, graduated from the Los Angeles County Fire Academy on Dec. 19. Pictured are his immediate family, just six of the 22 friends and family who attended the commencement celebration.

Sean was one of 44 recruits who successfully completed the six-month training program. He is beginning his career at a fire station in El Monte.

Winter clothing sought for homeless

DOWNEY – A local nonprofit group is collecting donations as it works to deliver winter gear to the homeless population.

Every fourth Sunday of the month, L.A. on Cloud 9 volunteers provide a hot meal at MacArthur Park in Los Angeles, where donated clothing, shoes, toys, and pet food/flea medication are distributed to more than 350 homeless and needy people and their pets.

On a weekly basis, L.A. on Cloud 9’s adult and youth volunteer group (Teen Challenge), visit different areas throughout Los Angeles, distributing food, clothing, pet food/supplies and hygienic products to the homeless.

The group is currently in need of winter clothing, including jackets, gloves, beanies, blankets and socks.

To make a donation, contact Grissel Chavez at (562) 544-0794 or grissel@laoncloud9.org.

There is also information at laoncloud9.org and Facebook.com/laonc9 on how to volunteer.

Author Kathy Coffey to speak

DOWNEY – International speaker and author Kathy Coffey will be guest speaker at the OLPH Women’s Guild general meeting Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. in the OLPH School auditorium.

Coffey will discuss, “Those feisty women in the gospels,” and offer a new approach to reading the gospels.

The meeting is open to the public. Cost is a \$10 donation to cover lunch.

For details, call Paula Mayfield at (562) 923-3518.

Library story night

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will be hosting “Family Story Night” on Thursday, Jan. 15, from 6:30-7 p.m.

The volunteer-led program is for children ages 3-7 and family members.

Questions: (562) 904-7360, ext. 127.

Students named to Dean’s List

DOWNEY – Two Arizona State University students from Downey have been named to the school’s Dean’s List.

Ismael Garcia and Mercedes Santana each are undergraduate students who earned 3.50 minimum GPAs in the fall semester.



Vanessa (left) and Gabby Garcia, sisters and students at Downey High School, spent New Year’s in New York City, where they watched the ball drop at Times Square.



Kirsten Sears, 5, proves you are never too young to start reading a newspaper.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Schnars makes Dream Team STORY: Building a life in California

Downey's Kimberly Schnars named to Press-Telegram's First Team Dream Team.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Long Beach Press-Telegram announced their annual "Dream Team" for girls' volleyball last Thursday. Downey High School's outside hitter, Kimberly Schnars, was selected to the First Team Dream Team.

Schnars has been a four-year starter for the Lady Vikings. Schnars played with her sister, Heather, when she was a freshman and helped the Lady Vikings win the 2011 C.I.F. title.

Schnars was the leader on a Lady Viking team that went 17-4 overall this past season and 10-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Schnars recorded at least 15 kills per game and even recorded 30 kills against Del Rio League foe La Serna.

Downey has owned the San Gabriel Valley League the last several years and appear to reload their talent after each season. Downey consistently has very good teams and are always the S.G.V.L. team to beat.

Schnars was the only player from the San Gabriel Valley League to be selected to any Dream Team. Of the 26 First Team, Second Team and Honorable Mention selections, 15 were from the Moore League. Lakewood was the Moore League champion and had seven players recognized while Long Beach Poly, also from the Moore League, had four players recognized. La Mirada was the Suburban League champion and had two players recognized.

Downey High School, Coach Andrea Sims, her staff and fellow players are extremely proud of Schnars' recognition.

The Downey High School wrestling team competed in the

individual Bash Tournament held at West Hills College Dec. 26-27. The Vikings placed fifth overall with 137.5 points.

Elk Grove took first place with 244.5 points, Bloomington was second with 235 points, Dinuba was third with 163 points, Mission Oak was fourth with 140 points and Downey was fifth.

Pioneer Valley finished in sixth place with 134 points, Hanford tied Santa Maria for seventh place with 119.5 points, Buchanan was ninth with 118.5 points and Canyon Springs was tenth with 115 points to round out the top ten finishers.

Downey had five wrestlers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes. Freshman Jonathan Prata (106) defeated senior Spencer Francesconi of Elk Grove 7-0 to finish in third place. Senior Mark Lopez (113) fell to sophomore Isaac Sechslingoff of Santa Maria 5-3 to finish in fourth place.

Junior Gregory Lopez (138) defeated junior Saul Pacheco of Roosevelt 7-2 to finish in seventh place. Senior Dylan Moreno (160) defeated junior Jeremy Carroll of Canyon Springs by fall at 3:13 to finish in third place. Rigoberto Garcia (182) fell to senior Ryan Rosales of Elk Grove 7-1 to finish in eighth place.

Downey will wrestle cross-town Warren next Thursday at Downey. Downey is the reigning San Gabriel Valley League champion and C.I.F. Division 4 dual-meet finalist.

The Vikings fell to champion Bloomington 49-15 in last year's final.

The Warren High School wrestling team competed in the Clinch Gear Tournament of Champions at Tustin High School Jan. 2-3, finishing in 18th place overall with a total of 77 points.

Poway took first place with 300.5 points. San Gabriel Valley League foe Paramount finished in 49th place overall with 32 points. Over

60 schools competed in this highly competitive tournament.

The Bears had one wrestler place in the top eight of his respective weight class. That wrestler was Gabriel Rodriguez (170). Rodriguez finished the individual tournament in eighth place with a record of 6-2.

Rodriguez defeated Kyle Andrews of Edison 15-2 in his first match. Rodriguez lost his second match to Gabe De La Rosa of Esperanza 7-5 and fell into the consolation bracket. Rodriguez defeated Richard Arriaga of Capo Valley by fall at the 2:42 mark in his third match. Rodriguez then defeated Daniel Burgoon of El Rancho by technical fall 17-2 to win his fourth match. Gabriel defeated Alex Michel of Lakewood 12-0 in his fifth match to advance.

Rodriguez pinned Ryan Tilton of Mayfair at the 2:40 mark to win his sixth match. Rodriguez then defeated Seungnak Shin of Redondo Union 11-4 in his seventh match before finally being defeated by Phillip Phan of Poway 12-4. Rodriguez wrestled well and had a nice run.

Warren began San Gabriel Valley League action yesterday against Gahr (scores unavailable at press time). Warren will travel to cross-town rival Downey next Thursday to take on the defending S.G.V.L. champion and C.I.F. Division 4 dual meet finalists.

The Bears are looking forward to making a run at the S.G.V.L. title this year.

The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 8-2-2 and played Ocean View yesterday in their final preseason game (score unavailable at press time).

The Lady Bears return several key players from last year's team. Sarah McGarry, Emily Flores, Jennifer Cortez, Estella Sanchez, Laura Aquije, Yesenia Gutierrez and Vivian Garcia all return with

more experience and skill under their belts. Unfortunately, three key players have also been lost to ACL injuries. Ellie Spain, Giselle Hernandez and Kierra Arias are all out for the season.

Coach Dussan-Salazar has been pleasantly surprised by the emergence of freshman Amanda Carrillo. Carrillo is an all-around athlete who runs cross country at Warren as well. Amanda has also been playing club soccer for several years and is currently with the Slammers.

Dussan-Salazar maintains that all of her players "have been putting in hard work and have been very committed." Dussan-Salazar continued by saying, "Sarah McGarry has been an amazing asset as well as our leading scorer Estella Sanchez."

Dussan-Salazar feels really good about league this year. Dussan-Salazar believes she has an amazing group of girls who have an excellent work ethic and really want to win a title this year. Coach Dussan-Salazar, her staff and players are excited for league play to start.

Downey has owned the San Gabriel Valley League over the past decade and the Lady Bears hope to end that streak. Warren will host cross-town rival Downey next Thursday at 3:15 p.m.

Soccer club has roster openings

DOWNEY - FC Golden State Downey BU9 (boys born on or after Aug. 1, 2005) is currently looking for 3-4 players for its 2014-15 roster.

The team trains Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at John Anson Ford Park in Bell Gardens.

Interested players and their parents are invited to attend a practice or contact head trainer Carlos Valenciano at nextlevel.soccer@yahoo.com or (562) 322-6669.

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It had never occurred to me that I would have trouble renting an apartment. No one wanted a single woman with four children! When I looked at what I thought should be my monthly rent, I saw places where my son would have to sleep in a closet to have a private space, or a child approached my daughter and told her that she would have to be able to fight if she lived there!

I went home to my mother and tried to show an optimistic attitude, but I was beginning to think I would not find anything. I was afraid, very tired, and quite discouraged.

One day Julie suggested that I pay for a service to find me a place. It was money that I didn't want to spend, but decided to do it. The next day they had one place for me. We went to see it, I liked it, and it would work for us. I lied this time and told the landlady that I had three children. She liked me and said that she would take a chance on us. Little did I know what I was getting into.

Our apartment was one of four and on the bottom floor, less than half a block off of Washington Blvd., which was a principal street. We were close to an old landmark - the Helms Bakery. The high school, which my older children would attend, was in walking distance, and so was the elementary school for little Natalia.

My first job was at the high school. I had gone to the employment office in Culver City, and back then, they interviewed me, asked my education and employment history, and even sent me to a counselor who gave me great advice, warnings, and ideas for my many adjustments in a radically new life.

My job in Mexico as a dress designer had been exciting and well-paid. I realized that my position in Mexico City would not mean much towards a new job in that field in Los Angeles. Much more importantly, I knew that the many changes we were facing necessitated my being much more available with predictable hours for my children. Working in the school system appeared to be the best for our needs.

After the first year it led to a wonderful job at Natalia's school. I was given the whole second floor to create an open and exciting combination of library, audio-learning stations, a television corner for pre-kinder viewing, and a large area with tables and cabinets for teaching different art-media that I was personally in charge of. I was given a budget for decorating and a time period to do it in.

I painted murals in bright colors on the walls, set up colorful dividers, sewed and stuffed appealing pillows for the small children to sit on. I worked very hard, with the principal encouraging me every bit of the way.

When it was finished, not only did the children get to parade by all the new facilities that they would be using, but also the administrators from other schools came by to see it. It was a very satisfying project for me. Until I left the position, I enjoyed teaching many different arts and crafts to all of the children there.

Things had settled into place and I was able to build a new life for myself and my children in California.

Football camp starts Saturday

DOWNEY - Warren High School head football coach Raul Lara is hosting a weekly football camp starting this Saturday.

The camp will meet every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Warren High. All students in middle school and higher are eligible to participate.

Cost is \$10 per Saturday. Players should bring their own footballs, water, cleats, "a good attitude and be willing to learn."

The camp will continue through May. For questions or more information, email Lara at raul3lara@aol.com.

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DUSD test scores climbing

DOWNEY - 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 shows.

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 in 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.

PIH HEALTH BUYING LAND FROM DOWNEY

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 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 2021.

According to the deal between PIH Health and the city of Downey, PIH Health will pay the fair market value of \$9.85 million.

The purchase agreement requires PIH Health to operate a hospital or medical-related uses until at least 2023.

Archbishop Gomez helps rededicate St. Matthias

DOWNEY - The tireless work of St. Matthias parishioners and the help of Archbishop Gomez helped rededicate St. Matthias as the city's only Catholic high school re-opens Monday as co-ed campus.

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GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PLN-14-00231

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 21st day of January, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

PLN-14-00231(Conditional Use Permit) – A request by Verizon Wireless to install a wireless communication facility, including twelve (12) panel antennas, a 4-foot diameter microwave antenna, and two (2) equipment cabinets, all on the rooftop of an existing Verizon-Owned switching building located at 8336 Second St. and zoned DDSP (Downtown Downey Specific Plan).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/gov/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Assistant Planner Kevin Nguyen at 562-904-7154.

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LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 – 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 – 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code. The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Wednesday **21st day of January, 2015 at 1:30 P.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave., Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

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Dontay Roods	2233
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Amelia Maldonado	3023
Shatia Wyatt	3029

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this **8th of January 2015** and **15th day of January 2015**.
Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: **WL1254152**
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NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, MILWAUKEE COUNTY, CASE NO. 14-CV-00896, MCKINLEY AVENUE, L.L.C., V. CORINTHIAN COLLEGES, INC., AND PAUL T. DIMEO, DEFENDANTS.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN: TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: Paul T. Dimeo
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within forty (40) days after January 8, 2015, you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Milwaukee County Circuit Court, 901 North Ninth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, and to K. Scott Wagner, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Hale & Wagner, S.C., 839 North Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the Complaint within forty (40) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your

right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you now own or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 5th day of January, 2015

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIA MATTAS

Case No. BP158549
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIA MATTAS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Eleni Dimitropoulos in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Eleni Dimitropoulos be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 22, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor, and you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHARLENE RAE RESECK aka CHARLENE R. RESECK
Case No. BP158669

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHARLENE RAE RESECK aka CHARLENE R. RESECK

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Rosalynn L. Snow in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Rosalynn L. Snow be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 29, 2015 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person

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TRUSTEE SALES

APN: 6248-026-003 Trustee Sale No. 1364322-31 Space Above This Line For Recorder's Use **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TRA:3304 REF: GUTIERREZ, CESAREO UNVER** Property Address: 11849 HORTON AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90241 **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED February 20, 2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON January 28, 2015, at 9:00am, CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded February 27, 2004, as Inst. No. 04 0457989, in book XX, page XX, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: CESAREO GUTIERREZ, A MARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA CALIFORNIA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST**. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11849 HORTON AVENUE DOWNEY CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: **\$97,396.33. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.** The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell, 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. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web Site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 013921-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **FOR SALES INFORMATION:** (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP. CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200San Diego, California 92117EXHIBIT ALOT 14 OF TRACT NO. 15475, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 356, PAGES 10 THROUGH 12 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.**

call (619)590-1221 or visit the Internet Web Site WWW.DLPP.LLC.COM using the file number assigned to this case 1364322-31. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web Site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **FOR SALES INFORMATION:** (619)590-1221 CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC 525 EAST MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 22004 FT. CAJON CA 92022-0004 Dated: December 18, 2014 CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE LLC By: Authorized Signature (DLPP-440988 01/08/15, 01/15/15, 01/22/15)

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APN: 6231-006-023T.S. No. 013921-CA **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3MPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 1/25/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 1/29/2015 will be held CLEAR RECON CORP. as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/7/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0281447, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JUANITA BELTRAN, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUSTThe street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7259 ADWEN STREET DOWNEY, CA 90241The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$506,742.62If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell, 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 in this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web Site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 013921-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **FOR SALES INFORMATION:** (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP. CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200San Diego, California 92117EXHIBIT ALOT 14 OF TRACT NO. 15475, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 356, PAGES 10 THROUGH 12 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014364044

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE VANITY NARTY SERVICE, 10645 WESTERN AVE. APT. B, 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 03/01/2014
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/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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014352623

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MV NURSING, 11841 RIVES AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL S. ANGCAO, 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. ANGCAO, 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 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
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

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

The City of Downey will conduct a community meeting regarding the development of the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan (ConPlan) / Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (A.I.). The purpose of this public meeting is to provide a forum to residents and interested organizations to express their views on the City's development of such plans.

The 5 Year ConPlan's purpose is to provide goals set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); such goals include: "Securing Decent Housing, Providing a Suitable Living Environment, and Expanding Economic Opportunities." The Annual Action Plan's purpose is to show how funds will be expended during the year in a way that addresses the needs contained in the ConPlan. The A.I. focuses on actions, omissions, and decisions made because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin, which restrict, or have the effect of restricting, housing choices or the availability of housing choices in the City.

Interested persons and organizations are invited to attend this public hearing and be heard regarding this matter. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing. Address written comments: **Attention: Jose Vazquez – Housing Division City of Downey 11111 Brookshire Ave. Downey, CA 90241.**

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2015
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Gallatin Room

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CIUDAD DE DOWNEY CONVOCATORIA DE LA COMUNIDAD

La Ciudad de Downey llevará a cabo una reunión sobre el desarrollo de la propuesta del Año Fiscal 2015-2020 Plan Consolidado (ConPlan), Plan de Acción Anual, y Análisis Impedimentos a la Feria de Elección de Vivienda Decente (A.I.). El propósito de esta reunión pública es proporcionar un foro para los residentes y organizaciones interesadas a expresar sus opiniones sobre el desarrollo de la ciudad de dichos planes.

Propósito del ConPlan es proporcionar metas establecidas por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano por los Estados Unidos (HUD); estos objetivos incluyen: "Fijación de Vivienda Decente, Proporcionar un Entorno Adecuado, y Expansión de Oportunidades Económicas." El propósito del Plan de Acción Anual es mostrar cómo los fondos se gastarán durante el año y que sea de una manera que contenga las necesidades estipuladas en el ConPlan. El A.I. se centra en las acciones, omisiones y las decisiones tomadas a causa de raza, color, religión, sexo, discapacidad, estatus familiar u origen nacional, que restringen o tener el efecto de restringir, opciones de vivienda o la disponibilidad de opciones en la ciudad de la vivienda.

Las organizaciones y personas interesadas están invitadas a asistir a esta reunión pública y ser escuchado con respecto a este asunto. Pueden presentarse observaciones por escrito antes de la reunión. Los comentarios por escrito pueden ser dirigidos a: **Jose Vazquez – Housing Division City of Downey 11111 Brookshire Ave. Downey, CA 90241.** El señor Vazquez puede ser contactado vía línea telefónica al (562) 904-7161.

FECHA: Jueves, 22 de Enero del 2015
HORA: 6:30 de la tarde
LUGAR: Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Cuarto Gallatin

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14-1 TO NO: 5920309 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 12, 2008. 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 January 20, 2015 at 09:00 AM, behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on March 26, 2008, as Instrument No. 20080516315, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by YH JANG WU AND WEN Y WU, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION (USA) as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15502 WILDER 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 with check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$315,066.49 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Priority Posting and Publishing at 714-573-1965 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this

property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA05001543-14-1. 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 17, 2014 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA05001543-14-1 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. P1124463 12/25, 1/1, 01/08/2015

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Trustee Sale No. : 00000004727540 Title Order No. : 730-1402651-70 FHA/VA/PMI No. : 0157845959 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/08/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/19/2007 as Instrument No. 20070613904 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: JAVIER ESPINOZA, 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 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/28/2015 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: 825 ALBIA STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6258-005-023 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 \$910,411.03. 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 sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000004727540. 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 & PUBLICATION A 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 TREDER & 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 TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as Trustee, Dated: 01/02/2015 NFP0240231 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 01/08/2015, 01/15/2015, 01/22/2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1322991-31 APN#: 8065-037-012 TRA: 00694 LOAN#: Xxxxxx274 REF: Ward Jr, Joe IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED January 12, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 28, 2015, at 9:00am, Cal-western Receivance Llc, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded January 20, 2006, as Inst. No. 06 0139933 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Joe Carl Ward, Jr., A Married Man As His Sole and Separate Property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: Behind the fountain located in civic center plaza, 400 civic center Plaza Pomona, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **Completely described in said deed of trust**. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14420 Ermita Ave La Mirada CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$426,664.77. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn

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APN: 6360-001-0177-S. No. 014674-CA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 3/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/29/2015 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/10/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0514924, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: CARY GOMEZ, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK

DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9608 RICHEON AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240-3131 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$724,329.98 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property.

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Symphony concert will include performance by acclaimed harp soloist

Alison Bjorkedal has appeared on "The Tonight Show" and performed with Andrea Bocelli.

By Don Marshall
Downey Symphony

DOWNEY - There's a reason popular lore has the inhabitants of heaven playing harps. Its sound is pure and beautiful and creates a strong feeling of peace and harmony. The Downey Symphony's concert on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Downey Theatre, offers harp music at its best. The brilliant LA-based harpist Alison Bjorkedal will perform Debussy's "Sacred and Profane Dances," music so beautiful one can well imagine its being played in heaven.

Bjorkedal reports she was fortunate that someone had donated a harp to the school in the small Washington town where she was raised. She fell in love with the instrument and eventually received a doctorate in harp from USC's Thornton School of Music. She says that the harp's resonance "creates an

intimate feel with an audience that leaves them relaxed but alert."

Bjorkedal has appeared on "The Tonight Show" and in a PBS special accompanying the singer Andrea Bocelli. She teaches at Pasadena City College and privately. She likes the versatility of the harp, which sounds good in many styles of music, from jazz to classical.

Bjorkedal has performed the world premiere of many harp pieces, including a Pulitzer Prize finalist.

"Being involved in the creative process today is important for performers and audiences," she says. "We're actively deciding where music goes from here, and that's exciting."

Her words are particularly relevant, since the Downey Symphony is proud to promote young American composers. The Jan. 24 concert features the world premiere of Bryan Kostors' "Five Variations on Loss and Isolation." Like Bjorkedal, Kostors grew up in Washington and started performing in rock bands. He began composing chamber music in college and that spurred an excitement that led to graduate degrees at UNLV and USC.

He often takes inspiration from the natural world.

"Somebody said that every piece of music is about nature or a girl," he laughed.

Independence, Calif., is home for him, his wife, and stepdaughter, and a number of his compositions reflect the Owens Valley and residents' feelings about the devastating effects of diverting water from the Valley to Los Angeles.

His piece for the Symphony reflects a period when, he says, "I was studying in Las Vegas and had to deal with being isolated from my family and the things I was used to." Some of his music can be heard at bryancurtkostors.com.

The Jan. 24 concert features the outstanding string players of the Downey Symphony. The program also includes pieces by the American composer Aaron Copland, a movement from Gustav Mahler's "Symphony No.5," and Tchaikovsky's much-loved "Serenade for Strings."

An art exhibit co-sponsored with the Downey Arts Coalition under the title of "Reflections" can be viewed in the lobby before and after the concert



and at intermission. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with a pre-concert talk by Sharon Lavery at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased from the Downey Civic Theatre online at downeytheatre.org; by phone at (562) 861-8211; or in person, Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the box office, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

For full information about the concert go to downeysymphony.org.

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Impressions of lushly perfumed lilacs are counterpointed by the stiffly elegant figures of the Native Americans, in a setting which invokes the mystical New Mexico landscapes of Georgia O'Keefe. Downeyite Rosalie Sciortino will read this poem and others from her book *The Gift* on January 15 at Stay Gallery where her collected paintings are also on exhibit. A pre-reception at 6:30, open to the public, is planned, and Open Microphone begins at 7:30. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Lynwood gets 11-year-old mayor --for one day

Lynwood launches "Kid Mayor" program to get students involved in local government.

LYNWOOD - Lincoln Elementary School fifth-grader Eduardo Zuñiga on Tuesday night presided over his first City Council meeting as the city of Lynwood's first "Kid Mayor."

From calling the City Council's first meeting of 2015 to order, to participating in the roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, 11-year-old Eduardo is the first to take the dais as part of Lynwood's first Kid Mayor Program.

Spearheaded by Lynwood Mayor José Luis Solache, with support from his council colleagues, the Kid Mayor Program will give 12 Lynwood Unified School District students the opportunity to serve as the junior mayor of the city for an entire month.

One Kid Mayor will be nominated every month by each of the school district's 12 elementary school's teachers. Only one student, from fourth through sixth grade classes, will be nominated for the position every month and the decision will come exclusively from the teachers.

Eduardo was selected from about 180 fourth through sixth graders at Lincoln Elementary.

Solache said he is "very excited" about the program. Not only will each Kid Mayor be attending all of the city's events with Solache, but he or she will also receive a \$400 scholarship from the mayor.

Solache said he will cash out his monthly health benefits for the year to personally fund the scholarships, or as he calls it, "college seed funds."

"This is me paying it forward. When I was a sixth grader, one of my teachers gave me an application to the Upward Bound Program. He believed in me," said Solache, who served 10 years on the LUSD school board before his election to the city council.

This program, Solache said, will give teachers the chance to select one student from each elementary school in Lynwood for this opportunity.

"Our youth need our support. They need to be reminded that if they work hard and follow their dreams, that anything is possible," said Solache. "Someone believed in me and my parents always told me to follow my dreams. My dream was to one day be mayor of this great city, and here I am. Anything is possible if you set your mind to it."

While he wants to grow up to be a baseball player, Eduardo was nominated by teachers at Lincoln Elementary "for being an excellent student, for his enthusiasm, for

having very good manners and for always being willing to help and learn from others."

Was Eduardo's mother surprised that he was nominated for the position?

"Not at all," said Fabiola Hernandez. "Eddy always makes me proud. He is a good boy and always sets a good example for his younger siblings. I am always proud of him. I was surprised to learn about this program, and I'm so proud that he was nominated, but he deserves it. He's a dedicated straight-A student and he is polite and he's always helpful. He loves school. This just makes me more proud of him."

Eduardo received a proclamation from the City Council along with a check for \$400 and a name badge. With tears in his eyes, Eduardo thanked his family for their support, the City Council and his teachers "for believing in him" and promised to not let them down.

Moments later, Solache resumed the rest of the City Council meeting, while Eduardo stepped out into the lobby to hold his first official press conference with members of



the media who asked what his first request as mayor would be.

Would kids get to take more time off of school? His answer was "no." Less homework? His answer was still "no."

So what would the Kid Mayor's first request be?

"I would like for the entire city to play baseball for an entire week," he said, "like dedicate a whole week just to baseball."

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