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SHARED STORIES:
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The Necklace

Ginger Lane is a romantic who meets life with joy, year after year. Her story is a lesson for us all about celebrating the moment. 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 Ginger Lane

For weeks before Valentine's Day the newspapers are filled with advertisements of jewelry for your sweetheart. The ads are mostly of heart necklaces and bracelets for females. The necklaces come in gold, silver, and platinum; some are plain and some are embellished with diamonds. I wanted one, and I wanted my sweetheart, my husband Brad, to get me one.

I left a page of these ads from the newspaper out on his side of the coffee table every day. I pointed to them and said, "Hint, hint." I told him there were really cheap ones and really expensive ones. I showed him one that was only \$19.95.

He just grinned at me. I felt sure that he would get one for me this year. This hope was most irrational, considering that Brad, over the years, never knew what to get me and always made a gift of cash.

Brad went out for a long period of time one day shortly before Valentine's Day. When I asked where he had been for so long, he grinned at me and said, "Shopping." Then I was sure that he had gotten me a heart necklace. I was eagerly awaiting the big day.

When Valentine's Day arrived, I found Brad in the bathroom shaving when I got up. I smiled at him and said, "Happy Birthday!" February 14 is also Brad's birthday. He said, "Happy Valentine's Day" to me, and pursed his lips in a kissing sign but did not smear me with shaving cream.

I made my coffee and sat down on the couch with the Los Angeles Times, as I do every morning. I had not yet signed my card for him. I didn't realize that he was in his office signing his card for me. He came over to me with a sweet smile and handed me his Valentine card.

Somehow this morning I felt tender and vulnerable. I usually have my armor well in place and do not shed tears for my own soft feelings, only for others. I started reading the card and it was so sweet and sentimental that I could not control the tears as they ran down my cheeks.

Brad was still standing above me with a grin on his face as if he had something else for me. He leaned down and kissed me and said, "I love you." I returned the same sentiments.

He kept standing there with this silly smile on his face so I expected that I would soon be receiving my lovely heart necklace. I dried my tears and waited for my necklace. Finally, as it was not forthcoming, I said "Where's my necklace?"

He said, "Open up the card and look inside the middle part." I unfolded the fold and there was a crisp \$100 bill. I didn't know what to say.

Brad said, "I went to five stores and I couldn't figure out which one you would like, so you can buy your own."

I laughed and cried and kissed him and said, "Thank you." I should never expect a leopard to change his spots. Anyway, I decided not to buy a necklace, but to put the money toward two paintings that I wanted to purchase.

That night I took Brad out for his birthday. I did not have to tell him not to wear his usual casual jeans, and I dressed up in an elegant black skirt and top with a little jacket of transparent viol trimmed with sequins. We had a special Valentine's dinner at Tiny Naylor's restaurant in Long Beach. We often eat there when we go to our "Ethics" class at church on Thursday nights and after attending church on Sunday.

But this dinner was special - two for \$50. I had top sirloin steak and lobster tail while Brad had salmon. This dinner came with a glass of champagne and unlimited champagne or a glass of wine. I chose a glass of wine with one glass of champagne. I knew that after the two glasses of champagne and the two glasses of wine I would be feeling no pain. Brad doesn't drink, so I took his.

There was a nice salad and vegetable side dish with the potato of your choice. Dessert was a delicious brownie with raspberry sauce poured over it. The service was super special, the food perfect, and the decorations were outstanding.

The lights were kept low and lots of romantic couples were cooing softly to each other. I was feeling wonder and special and very, very satisfied and gave the waiter a \$20 tip for his terrific service. I floated out to the car with a satisfied smile on my face.

When we got home, we sat on the couch and watched a little news on the television, as we were both much too full to go to bed. Then we watched a comedy and had several good laughs. After an hour or so, we meandered off to bed, the end of a perfect day of happiness.

I shall always treasure my memory of Valentine's Day 2003, even though I didn't receive the little heart necklace. I received something much better - thoughtfulness, tenderness, and love.



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

The Living Tree Foundation, a non-profit benefiting U.S. veterans founded by Downey resident Rick Rodriguez, held an open house and ribbon-cutting at its new Paramount location Thursday.

• On social media, most notably Facebook, paranoia runs rampant.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Last month, for the second time in less than a year, somebody broke into my car.

It happened either late at night or early in the morning, sometime between "Seinfeld" and Garth Kemp's weather report.

They jimmied open the driver's side door (breaking the lock in the process), gaining access to a trove of city council staff reports and fast food wrappers. Not surprisingly, nothing was taken, as far as I can tell. Even though nothing was stolen, I did what you're supposed to do and reported the break-in to police. They took a report, even dusted for prints, and that was basically that.

Once the police left, I posted about my bad luck in a Facebook group titled "Crime Watch of Downey."

Oy vey. I almost instantly regretted it. My intention was to alert other residents of my bad luck, just as you might do with your neighbors. Instead, the conversation deteriorated into inane banter about why Downey is somehow becoming the worst place on earth.

"I guess I'm safer over in Compton," zinged one woman. (I couldn't tell if she was being sarcastic.)

"May sound like a crazy idea, but what if every resident in Downey stayed outside at night on a specific date and (kept) watch and (got) to know who the neighbors are at the same time?" wrote another group member. "Let them fools know that we don't take crap!"

Same thing happens when I post the Crime Report to the Downey Patriot's Facebook page. Inevitably there is a comment lamenting how Downey "isn't the city it used to be." Apparently crime is a relatively new phenomenon to Downey, only arriving within the last 20-30 years.

Monday, in fact, after posting the Downey Police Department's

latest Crime Report, one of the first comments was "Downey isn't the city it once was."

For all its usefulness and convenience as a communication tool, social media has also turned some of us into paranoid lemmings.

Couple of police cars on a traffic stop down the street? Better post it on Facebook.

Suspicious car parked at the curb? Gotta alert Facebook.

Teenagers knocking over trashcans? Post it on Facebook.

To an outsider judging Downey purely on Facebook comments, Downey appears to be a pretty terrible place.

The truth, of course, is that Downey is a fine city, made up of about 110,000 people and growing. Crime is inevitable. Social media, however, makes the dissemination of information (and misinformation) incredibly fast and easy, resulting in posts that, while rooted in good intentions, are published prematurely and without context.

"Downey's no unsafer than any other city," Sandra Parker-Martinez recently wrote on the Patriot's Facebook page. "But now with social media and people being able to get police calls on their cell phones, we all know more what's going on around us."

"Crime just seems to be up because of the way social media amplifies and distributes the news," added Barney Santos. "Although statistics show the rate going down and that's a great thing for the city!"

Santos is right -- according to a

service on behalf of 86 library systems. It utilizes a technology called CalREN, which is used by California colleges and universities.

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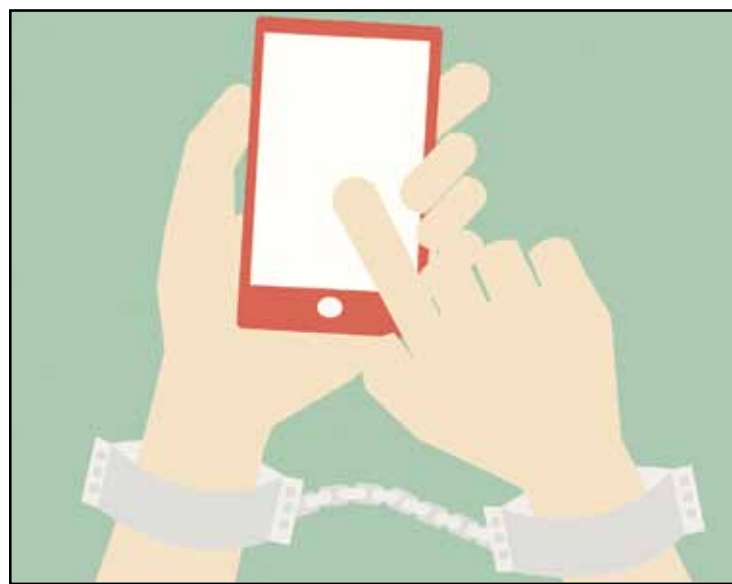
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Facebook, where Downey is continually going downhill



recent press release from the Downey Police Department, crime in Downey is down 29% since 2010, which is pretty remarkable considering the onslaught of criminals prematurely released from prison and jail due to AB 109 and Prop. 47.

Being in the newspaper business, obviously I'm a firm believer in the benefits of an informed and engaged public. But it's important to keep things in perspective and to accept that we don't live in a magic bubble that makes us immune from crime.

The best thing about Crime Watch of Downey? The page is populated with residents who genuinely care about their city, and who are committed to living in a community that is free of crime (as much as possible, anyway). That's always been what sets Downey apart: citizens that truly care about one another.

Is Downey less safe than it was 50 or even 30 years ago? I don't know, I wasn't here then. But statistics tell us two things: one, that Downey remains a relatively safe city in comparison to surrounding areas, and two, crime has always been a way of life in Downey. It would be naive to think otherwise.

Experience tells me the best way to avoid becoming a crime victim is to join or create a neighborhood watch group, follow common sense advice such as not leaving valuables in your cars, and immediately report suspicious activity.

Just make sure you report that suspicious activity to police before you post on Facebook.

Downey switches to new internet provider

• New company will eliminate two-hour restriction on wireless internet access.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - The Downey City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to replace Time Warner Cable as the library's internet service provider in favor of a new company that promises cheaper and faster internet access while eliminating the current two-hour Wi-Fi limit.

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Dozens caught at police checkpoint

DOWNEY - Downey police officers cited 56 people for driving without a proper license at a DUI and driver's license checkpoint last Friday night.

According to police statistics, 1,175 vehicles were screened at the checkpoint located on Imperial Highway at Rives Avenues.

Three drivers were arrested on suspicion of drunk driving. Fifty-six drivers were arrested or issued citations for driving without a license

or on a suspended or revoked license.

Fifty-eight citations were issued in total.

"DUI and drivers license checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries," the Downey Police Department said in a statement. "A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drug-impaired, bringing about awareness and encouraging everyone to use sober

designated drivers."

Downey Police plan a DUI saturation patrol Friday, March 6, "in our ongoing commitment to lowering deaths and injuries upon our streets and highways."

The checkpoint was funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 67°

Saturday 63°

Sunday 62°

Things To Do



Car Show - More than 350 classic cars are expected at the Whittier Area Classic Car Show, in addition to food trucks, vendors and live entertainment.

Saturday, Whittier Area Community Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Comic Expo - The Long Beach Comic Expo features actor and artist spotlights, Q&As, autographs, vendors, and more.

Saturday and Sunday, Long Beach Convention Center, \$20 and up



Lucha Libre - Live lucha libre wrestling, featuring a world title match between Mandel and Vitalli. Proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Club.

Saturday, Rio Hondo Boys & Girls Club in Bell Gardens, 6 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 kids

Facebook Conversation

Downey adding wifi to select parks, civic center

Kevin Gonzalez: While that is a good idea, I would prefer that when people go to our public parks they actually do physical activities instead of being on their phones. Just a suggestion.

Esther Martinez: No! Not at the parks! You'll have scumbags who will abuse the service and people who will never leave! Not good for residents who live in the surrounding area of the parks!

Lucero Ana Isabel: Unlimited wifi hotspots around Downey would be great!

Jay Jay: I could now use my iPod to stream music while having a nice walk in the park. Thank you City of Downey.

Jason Bohr: Wifi should be available anywhere. If you want to attract higher end tech business then you need to have basic things like this.

Maricela Ceja: I am pretty physically active, but sometimes I like to go to the park to do homework or read, especially on nice days. It would also be awesome to be able to stream my yoga classes in the park.

Vickie Dubois: I keep score for softball and it would be a great help to me!

Tweet of the Week

@CityofDowney: Save the date for the 3rd Annual Healthy Downey 5k for TLC happening on Saturday, April 18.

After 40 years in business, Johnny & Co. is closing

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – A Downey institution of nearly four decades will be closing its doors for good this Saturday after the last lock of hair is cut and the last head of curls is blow-dried.

Miguel Bardales, owner of Johnny & Co., says that Feb. 28 will be the last day of business for the well-known hair salon since he and the new landlord were unable to reach an agreement on the terms of a lease renewal.

"It is sad that I have to make the decision to close the doors to people who have been working here for

so many years," said Bardales, who has owned the business on Downey Avenue for eight years. Stylist Maria Salcedo has the longest association, 39 years, with the salon.

Other stylists with decades of work at the salon still commute to Johnny's even though they now live elsewhere. DeDe Drotter, 27 years at Johnny's, commutes several days a week from Huntington Beach. Art Savala, 23 years, commutes from Glendale.

The salon was established by Johnny Croshaw in 1976 at 4th Street and Downey Avenue. The business moved to its present location in the 1980's, and while the ownership has

changed several times over the years, the name "Johnny's" was retained, with hair stylists and their clients forming a community with a significant history.

"There's a lot of legacy here," says Barbara Grothe, who has worked at the salon for thirty-seven years. Recounting the community service that the group was known for, Grothe says that for many years salon stylists donated their time doing hair and make-up backstage for the Miss Downey Pageant. Fundraisers offering \$5 haircuts were held to benefit organizations such as Meals on Wheels and Arc. And Johnny's beauticians were known for making their services available at homeless shelters and Rancho Los Amigos hospital.

One of the former owners of the salon was community leader Pat Gomez-Pratt, who passed away last year.

It was Gomez-Pratt who guided the move of Johnny's to its current location on Downey Avenue in the 1980's and had the building remodeled. The interior décor is striking, with six-foot high, full-length mirrors at each station, and the building itself is a model for energy-efficiency. Multiple skylights bathe the entire salon in natural light during the day.

Croshaw had continued working as a stylist with the salon during this time, and says that construction work revealed the site's earlier role in Downey's civic history. According to Croshaw, the old building had at one time been a Constable's office, and when the floor was dug up during the 1980's remodel, construction workers found horseshoes and vintage bottles.

In 1996 Gomez-Pratt sold the business and building back to Croshaw. When Croshaw sold the business once more in 2004, he retained ownership of the building, all the while continuing to work there.

Last year, in 2014, Johnny himself finally left the salon that still bears his name when he sold the property itself



PHOTO BY CAROL KEARNS

Salon owner Miguel Bardales, seated second from left, says that Johnny & Co. will be closing its doors after nearly four decades.

to the owners of the Downey Pizza Company. The new owners could not be reached for comment about their plans for the building on Downey Avenue.

"It's bittersweet," says Croshaw, who did a tour in the Marines and tried a few other jobs such as truck driver and bartender before ending up in Downey. "The salon was the first thing I ever did in my life that I set out to do and that I did. We had a long and wonderful ride."

Barbie Brooks, who is now an insurance agent, describes working at the salon as a clean-up girl when it first opened. She was 13 years old. When she was 16, Brooks started a two-year cosmetology program under Croshaw, who was licensed to train and supervise. She was part of the salon for almost twenty-seven years.

All but one of the nine stylists and the manicurist will be moving to other salons in the coming weeks. "It's a hard knock for ourselves," says Grothe.

The stylists had wanted to remain together at a new location, but there was no salon big enough to accommodate the group. Liz Hernandez, who has 35 years with Johnny's, will be retiring.

Most clients have been contacted personally, but if someone hasn't heard, Grothe says these are the planned moves as of now:

To Oh Em Gee! at 8221 East 3rd Street - Alicia Villasenor and Lisa Magelin.

To the Beauty Bar, 10355 Lakewood Blvd. - DeDe Drotter, Gigi Maidlow, Maria Salcedo, and Lana Sarkissian (manicurist).

To Bella's The Salon, 9986 Lakewood Blvd. - Art Savala, Mark Biri, and Debi Pugh.

To Estillo Devino, 10907 Downey Avenue - Barbara Grothe.

Croshaw still takes hair appointments on call, and can be found at Dazzling Beauty on Downey Avenue, across the street from Porto's parking structure. He also continues a singing career that started some 20 years ago when he was doing musical theater in Hollywood, and volunteers his time performing every Tuesday along with Dr. Bob Flynn and others at the Southland convalescent facility.



Johnny Croshaw

Parks meeting this Saturday

DOWNEY – The final parks and recreation master plan community meeting will be held this Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Golden Park.

The meeting will focus on the results of prior community meetings, focus groups, and telephone survey.

The public is invited to attend and provide input on the needs and priorities of Downey's Parks and Recreation Department.

To RSVP or for more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238.

Gardening workshop at Wilderness Park

DOWNEY – The L.A. County Department of Public Works will present a smart gardening workshop this Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Wilderness Park.

Guests will learn about grass recycling, backyard composting, worm composting, and water-wise gardening techniques. Compost bins (\$40) and worm bins (\$65) will be available for purchase, cash or check only.

The workshop is open to the public and no pre-registration is required.

Swim lessons offered weekends

DOWNEY – The Bankai Swim Team is offering swim lessons to children ages 8-17 weekends at Warren High School.

Lessons are held Saturdays and Sundays and range from 30 to 50 minutes (depending on the swimmer's age). Prices begin at \$7 per session.

To register, or for more information, email coachbarrientos@gmail.com.

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Joyce Sok mourned

DOWNEY – Joyce Marie Sok, 84, passed away Feb. 14 in Downey after a long illness with complications of pneumonia. She was born in Prairie County, Ark., July 1, 1930. She was a longtime resident of Downey and a member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church for more than 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd L. Sok; her parents; three sisters and one brother. Joyce is survived by two daughters, Kathryn Sok and Kayla (Michael) Daniel, all of Downey; two sisters; two brothers; and numerous nieces and nephews. A Catholic service was held at Sky Rose Chapel at Rose Hills on Feb. 20.



Daisy Warman passes away

DOWNEY – Daisy E. Warman, of Downey, passed away on Feb. 14. She was born July 17, 1959 of Don and Margarite Warman, in Lynwood. Daisy graduated from Warren High School in 1977 and Cal State Long Beach in 1987 with a degree in creative writing. She was involved with the Gallery Performing Arts in Tustin for 25 years, and did comedy, voice, musical theater and improv. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Warman; and Robinson clan cousins; and many friends.



Beverly Vinson dies at 88

DOWNEY – Former Downey resident Beverly Vinson passed away peacefully Feb. 9 after a long battle with cancer. She was 88. She was born April 23, 1926 and grew up in Tacoma, Wash. She graduated from the University of Washington and had a lifelong interest in education, music, fashion and art. She married Ken Busse and they settled in Downey. Their three children have their own: Mark and Robin Busse with Nicole in Castle Rock, Colo.; Mike and Karen Busse with Shannon and Amber in Nevada City, Calif.; and Paula and Tom Philbrick with Graham and Tilly in Newtown, Conn. Beverly volunteered regularly, beginning in P.E.O. in college (a sisterhood dedicated to education). Beverly cared for Ken during his final days. Later, she shared her life with Bob Vinson, an acquaintance from college. After Bob died, Beverly lived with her daughter and her son before moving to Bonaventure of Castle Rock, a senior living community. According to her wishes, Beverly was cremated, and family and friends will gather for a celebration of life this spring at Garden of the Gods Public Park in Colorado Springs. There will be no formal funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family suggested donations to the Star Scholarship program through P.E.O. International.

Dia de los Muertos returns for third year

DOWNEY – Downey's third annual Dia de los Muertos Art Festival will take place Sunday, Nov. 1, at the Downey Theatre, city officials have announced. "The past two years have been an overwhelming success; over 12,000 people enjoyed both visual and performing arts, presented by local artists of Latin American heritage," said Mayor Luis Marquez. "Please join the city in supporting this fun, free, family-friendly, all-day festival that showcases Downey's cultural riches, and that brings our community together."

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Metro Briefs

GATEWAY CITIES

President Proposes \$330 million in New Starts Federal Funding
Good news for Los Angeles and Metro – President Obama's fiscal year budget for 2016 includes a total of \$330 million of funding for the Purple Line Extension and Regional Connector project. The money will be paired with revenues from Measure R and could help accelerate project completions.

New Metro Lost and Found facility
Each month, Metro finds hundreds of items left behind by people traveling on its buses and trains. If you've lost something, it could be at our new Lost and Found facility located adjacent to the Gold Line Heritage Square station. The facility is open Monday – Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Learn more at lostandfound.metro.net.

Blue Line Upgrades Project Continues
Work is wrapping up on the Willow and Wardlow stations, which is part of Metro's \$1.2 billion Blue Line overhaul. The stations received new tile, new audio/visual enhancements, fresh paint and more. Compton station is next up to go under construction. Check service advisories at metro.net/bluelineupgrades.

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In Memory of Harriett Paine

Harriett Paine passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on February 21. She lived in Downey since 1952. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She lived her life with a strong Christian faith that was exemplified through her kindness and caring nature. Harriett was a successful Home Economist, Adult Education Instructor and Author. She moved to California from Lime Springs, Iowa after marrying Eugene Smith during World War II. After the war, they moved to Los Angeles where she began her career as a Senior Home Economist with the Southern California Gas Company.

When it was time to raise a family, she decided to teach Adult Education Cooking classes which allowed her a more flexible schedule. Sadly, in 1958 she became a widow at the young age of 37. Years later she met and married Bill Paine and they raised their blended family together. As an adult education teacher she taught hundreds of students in cooking classes that included Home Style Cooking, Barbecue Cooking for Couples, Mother Daughter cooking and many others. In 1975 she began teaching an older adult program called OASIS through Downey Adult School. This was a program for learning, entertainment and socializing. She provided a different speaker or performer every week for hundreds of seniors. During this time she was instrumental in starting the Downey Adult School Tour Program. She along with countless number of students traveled on Day Trips, Cruises, Train Trips and Bus excursions. After 58 years and at the age of 89 she retired but was still active in Downey. In 2005 she was honored for holding the state record for the longest number of years teaching Adult Education. One of her proudest moments was when the Downey School Board named and dedicated a building in her name, The Harriett Paine Event Center. That was a real highlight in her career!! She also wrote a food column for The South East News for many years. People would come up to her and say that they still use recipes from that column. In the 1970's following the San Fernando earthquake, Harriett along with two other Home Economists were pioneers in developing and teaching "Home and Family Disaster Preparation". They saw the need for education on emergency preparedness and co-authored a comprehensive book and companion video titled "How to Survive an Earthquake: Home and Family Preparedness". In 1978 this program was adopted by the United States Civil Defense Department in Washington D.C. She trained the directors at the Civil Defense Staff College on teaching families in their states. Harriett brought this acclaimed program to our community. Working with the City Manager and Fire Chief, she taught the City of Downey preparedness through churches, clubs, PTA and city employees. She has enthusiastically served the community of Downey with her dedicated emphasis on helping people develop skills to improve and enrich their personal, home, and family life for over 60 years. She was always willing to accept a new teaching challenge or volunteer commitment. Some of these include numerous projects with The Downey United Methodist Church, overseeing the publication of Downey's Rotary Club Cookbook, participating with Chamber of Commerce Street Fair and Career Expo, Member of the Downey Coordinating Council, The AAUW, The Downey Symphony Guild, and was an active member of Whittier Home Economists (WHEHC). She was preceded in death by her husband Eugene Smith, her husband Bill Paine and son in law Tom Pennell. Harriett is survived by her daughter Susan Paine Jamison, son in law Cary Jamison, daughter Darlene Paine Pennell, grand children Ellen (Dominic) Filippis, Tom (Laura) Pennell and great grandchildren Mathew Filippis, Samantha Filippis, Madison Pennell and many nieces, nephews and dear friends. A memorial service and burial will be at a later date in her home town of Lime Springs, Iowa. In honor of the years she spent on special projects in the kitchen at the church and knowing that upgrades are needed, in lieu of flowers memorials can be made in her name to the Downey United Methodist Church kitchen fund.

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Enrolled Agent (EA): An enrolled agent is a person who has earned the privilege of representing taxpayers before the Internal Revenue Service by passing a three-part comprehensive IRS test covering individual and business tax returns. Enrolled agent status is the highest credential the IRS awards

Tax Attorneys: Tax attorneys are lawyers who specialize in tax law. They can handle complex, technical, and legal issues. Tax attorneys are authorized to represent taxpayers before the IRS.

Tax return preparers and accountants can voluntarily earn credentials from the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation (ACAT), a National Society of Accountants affiliated organization, to demonstrate their expertise in taxation, accounting and business matters. Preparers must pass rigorous exams, adhere to a code of ethics, and meet experience and continuing education requirements to earn these credentials. They include:

Accredited Tax Preparer (ATP): These practitioners have a thorough knowledge of the existing tax code and the preparation of individual tax returns. Their expertise covers comprehensive 1040 issues, including supporting schedules and self-employed returns, and ethics.

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In Memory of
Esther A. Uva

April 7, 1943 to January 17, 2015



Esther A. Uva passed away January 17, 2015, with her family by her side. Esther Uva was born on April 7, 1943 to Pasquale and Marie Terrameo in Chicago, Illinois. When Esther Uva was 11 months old, her mother and father moved to Downey, California where Esther attended St. Pius X high school in Downey.

Esther married Tony Uva on May 9, 1964 and they bought their first home in Downey and raised 3 children, Carrie, Michael and Marie in Downey.

Esther was a very kind and caring person who was always willing to help others. She enjoyed her volunteer work with the Catholic women's guild at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey while her kids were attending school. One of her biggest accomplishments was getting the sale of Fireworks approved in the city of Downey. She especially loved being the Vice President for San Trifone Society at St. Peter's Italian Church and enjoyed planning for such events as the "Day at the Races".

In 1986 she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) yet was determined to fight the disease. In 1998, shortly after the birth of her first grandson and moving to Huntington Beach, she became bedridden and no longer able to walk. She always had a smile on her face and never once complained about not walking.

She enjoyed her Grandsons Jake and Justin Pope tremendously and enjoyed being with family.

Esther was a very special person and touched the lives of many people during her life. She is survived by her husband Tony, Children Carrie Uva, Michael Uva and Marie Uva, Sister Patricia Mansueto, grandchildren Jake Pope and Justin Pope and many extended family members.

In Memory of
Beverly Jane Willick

August 25, 1919 to January 28, 2015



Beverly Jane Kernohan Willick died peacefully in her sleep January 28, 2015. She was born August 25, 1919, in Minneapolis, MN, and moved to Los Angeles with her family in the summer of 1933. She met her husband, Roy, in 1937, while they were both attending Los Angeles City College. They were married February 17, 1939, and lived most of their married lives in Downey, CA.

Beverly was a realtor from 1957 to 1980 and had her own office, Willick Realty, for over 20 years. She moved to San Luis Obispo in 1981 and spent many years as a volunteer for Hospice of SLO. Her hobby was making stained glass. She also enjoyed crossword puzzles, Scrabble and duplicate bridge. She received a Bronze Life Master award from the American Contract Bridge League in 2002.

She also enjoyed traveling and visited many countries around the world. She was a long-time member of the Unity Church of SLO.

Beverly is survived by her three daughters, Judy Levin, and her husband Bill, Jan Nordlinger, and Marianne Fonte, and her husband Vince; her six grandchildren, Cameron Levin and wife Vy, Mandy Williams and husband Brice, Kimberly Nordlinger, Michael Fonte, Cathy Moore and husband Kevin, and Steven Fonte, and wife Sarah; and her five great-grandchildren, Tanner, Chase, and Tessa Moore and Opal and Sylan Fonte; 16 nieces and nephews; and her sister-in-law, Louise Willick. She was predeceased by her husband, Roy, her brothers, Robert and Tommy Kernohan, and her nieces, Kay Kernohan Sabina and Patti Kernohan Christman.

Her entire extended family celebrated her life at her 90th birthday party in August, 2010. The immediate family remembered her at a private celebration in February, 2015.

In Memory of
Nancy Lou (Hartmann) Spilsbury

August 17th, 1942 to February 18th, 2015



Nancy Lou (Hartmann) Spilsbury was born August 17th, 1942 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She passed from this life February 18th, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Leonid Hartmann and Cecilia Elizabeth (Kummer) Hartmann. She leaves behind her husband of 54 years, David Francis Spilsbury Jr., sons Daniel Scott (Caren), Gary Kevin (Lisa) and Carl Wayne. Grandchildren Daniel Jr., Aubrey, Michelle (Angel), Ronnie (Vanessa), Kaleigh, Jessica, Annabelle, Gwen, and many great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Nancy moved with her parents to Downey California in 1950 at 8 years old. She attended and graduated from Downey High School in 1960. After her marriage to David they purchased their home in Downey where she lived until her passing. Nancy was active in the Imperial Eights Square Dance Group and Warren High School Bear Bingo. After she retired from 7Up Company she spent her time with her many grandchildren teaching them sewing and crocheting skills. She also had a love of camping and could be found with her husband David and other family members in many different campgrounds throughout California.

Services will be Friday, February 27th 10:00am at Miller-Mies Mortuary at 10229 Paramount Blvd. Downey CA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Downey Meals on Wheels or The First Church of Christ Scientist.

Assemblywoman, Gangs Out of Downey to canvas local neighborhood

DOWNEY - Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia will host her monthly "walk and talk" Saturday, March 7, starting at 9 a.m. at Golden Park.

Garcia will be joined by representatives of Gangs Out of Downey, who will canvass the local neighborhood to share information

about their program and services.

Gangs Out of Downey is an all-volunteer organization that works to keep kids out of gangs

through prevention, education and intervention. The non-profit meets once at month at City Hall.

Garcia's office will also be accepting donations of new socks and underwear, and travel-sized toiletries, that will be distributed to the homeless and those in need.

The public is invited to the walk. Guests should meet in the park's jungle gym at 9 a.m. sharp.

Dr. Seuss storytime at library

DOWNEY - In honor of what would have been Dr. Seuss' 111th birthday, the Downey City Library is hosting a special storytime in his honor March 3-4 from 10:30-11 a.m.

Children ages 3-5 will hear silly stories and play a game of tic-tac-toe with green eggs and ham.

The program is for individual children and their caregivers only; no groups will be admitted.

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

Princess for a Day is Sunday

DOWNEY - Registration is still open for the Downey Rose Float Association's Princess for a Day event taking place this Sunday.

Sign-ups will be taken this Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Center, or on the day of the event, Sunday, March 1, at 10:30 a.m. at Gallatin Elementary.



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Children should be able to attend school where live-in parents work

Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) has introduced a bill to allow children to attend school where their live-in working parents reside.

SB 200 would update California's school residency laws to ensure that live-in workers, such as nannies, caregivers, maids, and gardeners, whose children live at their place of employment are able to attend school in the district in which they work if they reside there for at least three days of the week.

"Many workers are required to live part or full-time with their employers to fulfill their duties while caring for others," said Lara. "It is simply wrong to believe that certain workers are okay to hire for service-jobs but not okay for their children to attend local schools. This bill will keep families together and provide a fair shot for children of live-in workers to attend school conveniently where their parents work."

"I am proud to stand with my colleague, Senator Lara, to support parents in enrolling their children in the school district in which they live and work for the majority of the school week," said Assemblywoman Susan A. Bonilla (D-Concord), the principal co-author of the bill. "This bill will ensure equal educational access for children under these circumstances, with the intent of reducing the number of intimidating and demeaning investigative practices."

In November 2014, reports came out of a second grade child of a full-time nanny who was kicked out of her school after the district hired a private investigator. The investigator determined that despite the girl, named Vivian,

living and residing in the district five days a week, where her mother worked, she was not a resident and they proceeded to kick her out of school.

Despite the district's ability to grant the child residency due to her mother's employment, the district initially refused to let the child continue attending school. The district's decision put the family in a difficult situation, where the child would have to be separated from her mother or the mother would have to quit her job. After community outrage, the district reversed its decision, but required the employer to become a legal guardian of the child.

"It is in a child's best interest to reside with their parent, and attend school where the parent resides, when the parent resides in an employer's home," said Miriam Storch, the employer of Vivian's mother Maria. "In Vivian's case, her mother is a single parent so there is nowhere else for Vivian to go. This situation is not unique to Orinda and I applaud the Senator for addressing this critical issue."

This is not an isolated problem. Across the state caregivers, nannies, and other workers whose jobs require them to stay overnight are faced with challenges over where their children can go to school. Districts across the state handle these issues differently.

For these workers, the nature of their employment affects far more than their commute. They should have the option to keep their family together and keep their children with them during the work week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Ball estate

Dear Editor:

Today I read the stories of Albert Ball and the beautiful mansion that once was ("History Denied: Ball Property Subdivided into Four Lots," 2/19/15). I live in the neighborhood.

I grew up in Lynwood but have known and loved that place all my life. My neighbor and I talked to the man who sold the house to the people who destroyed it. Funny thing, he wouldn't tell us what was going to happen to that place, but he knew.

We watched while all the tiles came down...the windows one by one...the pool and the gardens ripped out, while the mansion was "dismantled" and its parts likely sold for a pretty price or sent somewhere as scrap or salvage. From day one, we thought this property was purchased for exactly this purpose: to destroy that beautiful place instead of bringing it back to life as was the plan, and that it would be subdivided to make multiple cookie-cutter homes.

How sick I am to read today that what we thought was going to happen is exactly what is going to happen.

Like every other huge lot and lovely old home in this city, it has been lost to someone who could make money. I, too, dreamed of someday living in that home, but because I loved the home, not so I could tear it down.

It's really so very sad that the home was not purchased by someone who cared at all about the history and beauty of Downey's past.

Katherine Rodriguez Downey

Attack on arts

Dear Editor:

For the record: Frank and Carol Kearns are two of the kindest, most generous, and selfless contributors to the Downey arts community we have. They are also both very talented. ("Important Omission," Letters to the Editor, 2/19/15)

If Lawrence Christon wants to demean the local arts community in the local newspaper, he would do better to attack me. Frank and Carol Kearns are way out of his league.

And, if anyone is to question the quality of journalism in the Downey Patriot, it should be Downey residents. After having to suffer through the serial assault of Lawrence Christon's articles dispassionately denigrating the local arts community, it is a wonder he hasn't been burned in effigy by public decree. His libelous attacks of Andy and Lana Wahlquist, founders of the Downey Arts Coalition, and his hatchet job of Stay Gallery, et cetera, should have been enough to ban him from our borders and pages forever.

Yet this petty pedant continues to appear.

It speaks poorly of the *Downey Patriot*. And some day, the Patriot will reconsider its alliance with this person.

In the meantime, a great disservice has been done to two Downey residents who have done nothing but better the city. Shame, shame, shame.

Roy Anthony Shabla Downey

Dear Editor:

I am responding to Lawrence Christon's letter to the editor in which he wrote in response to Carol Kearns' article, "Downey Poet Publishes New Book" (2/12/15). Carol Kearns' article told about Lorine Parks' new book of poetry, and her upcoming reading at Stay Gallery. Lawrence Christon, a former *Los Angeles Times* critic, compared Carol to recently disgraced NBC News anchor Brian Williams.

Christon writes that Carol's article was ostensibly an infomercial because it did not disclose that Carol, and her husband Frank, are Parks' book publishers. Christon's conclusion is incorrect and a mischaracterization of the intent of Carol's article.

As a longtime Downey resident, a personal friend of Carol and Frank, and a local writer, I perceive Carol's article differently. Carol and Frank are indeed the founders and co-publishers of Los Nietos Press. But Carol and Frank have no financial self-interest in Parks' book. Their work as designer, editor, and publisher is unpaid. All Los Nietos Press writers order their own print runs and pay only for exact printing costs. Afterwards, all printed books are given to the writer, who distributes the sold copies. Any payment for the book goes directly to the writer; Los Nietos Press has never received any money for any sale of the three books which it has published.

Christon assumes Carol's article was written for her self-interested gain. I characterize the article as reflecting Carol's desire to avoid the limelight and instead chose to focus the discussion solely on the artist and her work. Carol's intent in writing the article was simply to help promote the event for the new book, and as a service to the Downey arts community.

I thank Los Nietos Press publishers Carol and Frank Kearns for capturing vulnerable community voices, which would be lost if not memorialized in print. I hold Carol Kearns in high esteem and respect all the good work she does on behalf of the arts in Downey and the larger, Los Nietos land-grant community.

Zaida Ramos Downey

Falcon rescue

Dear Editor:

I wanted to set the record straight about your article in the Feb. 12 issue.

My name is Rita Frederick and I am the person who called the Downey Fire Department on Feb. 9 to rescue the hawk from my neighbor's 90-ft. palm tree. I saw and heard the bird at the top of the tree on Friday, Feb. 6. Originally I thought it was making a nest and tending to its eggs. But after three days of continuously in the same position, I realized the bird was in distress and I called the Downey Fire Department on Monday, Feb. 9.

I was so pleased with their immediate response. Within 30 minutes, four firemen were knocking at my front door, ready to offer assistance. I pointed out that my neighbor was in the hospital and that I felt an obligation to call for a rescue.

They extended their ladder to 90 feet in the air. When I made the call, I said that I thought it was an eagle but it turned out to be a red-tailed hawk. The hawk had been in distress because it had escaped from its owner by way of a torn long rope which had dangled down from its feet and when it wound up at the top of the palm, the rope became tangled in one of the palm fronds so the hawk could not free itself for three days. Of course, if I had known that, I would have called the fire department on Friday rather than Monday. But thankfully I called on Monday.

SEAAACA was summoned and they were going to take the hawk to their veterinarian to ensure its health and, if deemed healthy, it would be released to a wild animal rescue facility. SEAAACA would not want to release the hawk back to the owner as your article suggested. All of the neighbors who witnessed the event were pleased to hear the hawk would not be released back to the owner. It is illegal to keep a bird of prey in captivity without a license and in this writer's opinion, also cruel.

The hawk escaped because it wanted to be free. God gave birds wings so that they could fly. They are not meant to sit in a cage day and night only to be given food and water and talked to occasionally. Think how you would feel if someone caged you in a closet, gave you food and water and talked to you occasionally. You would be miserable beyond belief.

You have two legs. You were meant to walk. Birds have wings. They were meant to be free to fly around.

Rita Frederick Downey

Sex trafficking in our own backyard

By Sen. Rand Paul

Sherri was a little girl, born with big brown eyes and bouncing curls. She was the forth child born to her parents, but was the first girl. She was born into a seemingly normal family, with two parents and three older brothers. More often, this girl grows up into a lovely young woman, prepared to carve her place in the world. However Sherri's story was different.

Sherri became blind at a young age and her father did not want a daughter, especially not a disabled one. Her family had no money, and her brothers were never around. Her mother's mind seemed to live in a very dark and distant place, and she offered little guidance.

Her father cared more about whiskey and drugs than he did about his family, so too often, little Sherri was on her own.

She would try to search for her parents, someone to feed her and care for her -- but even when she did find them, her father would most often snatch her up and throw her in a closet so that she would stay out of his way. She spent the majority of the first six years of her young life in that closet. Maybe, in some ways, it was a blessing that she was blind during these times. The darkness of the small closet might not have been quite as scary.

When Sherri was seven, her father found another use for her. It was the most awful and vile thing that a father could do to his little girl. He repeatedly abused and raped her, over and over, year after year, until she was 11 years old, at which time, she became pregnant. It turned out to be a minor problem for her dad, which he took care of with his large leather boot firmly on her back, kicking her flat on her face at the bottom of the stairs, and ending the pregnancy.

During this time, Sherri's father would also beat her mother daily. Even though her mother wasn't there for her, Sherri loved her, and wanted to protect her. After all, it is all she'd ever known.

The abuse continued and her dad often ran out of money to supplement his habits.

That is when he discovered another use for his blind, teenage daughter.

He began selling her to different men for the night. They would pay him in cash or drugs. It didn't matter to him. He would send man after man into her room each night. Then, when he was done using her, he would throw her back in the closet, which locked from the outside.

This closet became Sherri's sanctuary. She knew that if she was in there, then she was going to be left alone -- at least for a little while.

One day, while Sherri was in her closet, she was feeling around through the clothes on the floor, looking for a place to lay her head. Instead, she found a guitar. She had never held or played a guitar, but she discovered that she loved the pretty sound it made when she thumbed her fingers across the strings. The strings would vibrate, and she would listen to the sweet, soothing sound. For the next several years, this sound blocked out all of the other noises. Sounds that used to frighten her were now replaced by the soothing sounds of the guitar.

Sherri did go to school when she could. She loved school, because it meant that she was not at home. She learned everything she could. She worked on her studies as much as possible -- and despite everything, she became valedictorian of her class, and received a full scholarship to college.

The blind little girl with the bouncing curls was now off on her own,

finally escaping the dark hell that was all too familiar to her.

At least, this should have been her escape. But every weekend, her father would threaten to beat, rape, and even kill her mother if Sherri did not come home. So, feeling that it was her duty, Sherri would go home and face the abuse that she had suffered all her life, not realizing that she finally did have a choice.

One Sunday, one of Sherri's friends from school invited her to church. Sherri enjoyed church, and she made friends quickly there. One night, after the service, a couple of the women leaders asked Sherri about the visible scars and sores on her body. Sherri confided in them out of desperation, sharing her darkest secrets for the first time.

That same night, the women came to her dorm, gathered all of her stuff, and took her to a safe place -- the first safe place she had ever been -- a 50-acre farm in my home state of Kentucky.

This story is almost too horrible to be true, but it is. I can tell you this, because I recently sat across from Sherri while she shared her story.

Today, she is a beautiful, healing young lady with purpose, goals and dreams. She is writing music and playing her guitar -- the same guitar that she taught herself to play on in her dark, sanctuary of a closet. Her songs tell of hope and redemption.

She played one for me last week called, "Beautifully Broken," and there was not a dry eye in the room. Her strength, courage and resilience are incredible and inspiring.

The home that welcomed her in is a ministry called Refuge For Women. The ministry provides "safe homes" for women who have similar experiences like that of Sherri.

Refuge For Women is the largest organization in America to provide free housing and a Christian environment for women who have been trafficked and sexually exploited.

Trafficking is a serious issue, and it is not limited to Third World countries. It is right here in our homeland. We hear the saying, "don't turn a blind eye." How fitting it is to say that and think of Sherri.

There is a government role in combating sex trafficking and the abusers -- but what about the victims? These women are broken physically, emotionally, and spiritually. They need healing in all areas and Christian-based programs have proven to be successful over and over. Refuge for Women provides these women with hope, and the promise that they will be loved unconditionally -- a love that most of these women have never experienced.

I will continue to be a voice for these victims. I will stand up for harsher punishments for their abusers. And, I will partner with organizations like Refuge For Women to give these women a fresh start, and a path towards recovery and redemption.

I have started an internship program for the young ladies from Refuge for Women. I will offer a paid internship in my Kentucky office with the hope of giving them a second chance. I hope you will give them a chance as well, and look around your community for organizations, like this one, to help.

If you are a victim of sex trafficking and abuse, or know someone who needs help, please visit www.refugeforwomen.org.

United front against ISIL

Rep. Linda Sánchez (CA-38) issued the following statement after President Obama asked Congress for a three year reauthorization to continue a targeted military campaign against the terrorist group ISIL:

"ISIL's recent atrocities prove that their depravity knows no bounds. Their attacks against innocent civilians and continued threats against the U.S. pose a significant threat to our national security that cannot go unchecked.

"American power works best when we are united together in opposition to evil and this is why I commend President Obama for asking Congress to pass a bipartisan authorization for the use of military force (AUMF) that is narrowly tailored to the circumstances of this conflict.

"I am further encouraged by the President's desire to repeal the 2002

AUMF and include sunset provisions to ensure that Congress is fully consulted before the U.S. enters any conflict that could endanger the lives of our troops.

"I look forward to debating how we can give our military leaders the flexibility they need to train other troops and defend the assets we have in the region."

Job openings in D.C.

Dear Editor:

Our beloved President is now telling us that we must address the grievances of the Islamic terrorists, and Jan Psaki (just promoted to the White House as a spokesman) and Marie Harf (State Department) say we can't kill them -- we must find jobs for them.

Well, there is going to be an opening at the White House in less than two years and they have said they will fly the Islamic flag over the White House, so there is a possibility.

But who could take Joe Biden's office? None of them seem to be too fun-loving, but every court needs a jester. Barbara Boxer is leaving so there is another possibility. I'd like to see someone else in Nancy Pelosi's place. Never mind if they don't speak English, the Democrats don't read the bills anyways.

However, I'd advise against applying at Southern California Edison because they are importing 500 HIB' to take the place of the American workers just as soon as they train the HIBs, because they work cheaper. I just can't wait for my electric bill to go down!

I must keep this short, but if any of you reading this have any ideas, I'm sure they would be appreciated. Maybe you could give them your job and you could stay home and collect unemployment insurance, go on food stamps and get unearned "Earned Income Tax Credit" refunds and I'm sure there are other government giveaway programs available to all.

Elsa Van Leuven Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For February/March

- Sat., Feb. 28: **Gardening workshop**, Wilderness Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Sat., Feb. 28: **Parks master plan meeting**, Golden Park, 9:30 a.m.
- Wed., March 4: **State of the City**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 11:30 a.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call Cindy 803-4048.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call (310) 604-0725.
- 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...

Feb. 26, 1870: New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public. (The tunnel was only a block long.)

1952: Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

2012: Trayon Martin, 17, was shot to death in Sanford, Fla., during an altercation with neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who said he'd acted in self-defense.

Birthdays: Rock 'n roll singer Fats Domino (87), singer Michael Bolton (62), R&B singer Erykah Badu (44), football hall of famer Marshall Faulk (42) and NBA point guard Steve Blake (35).

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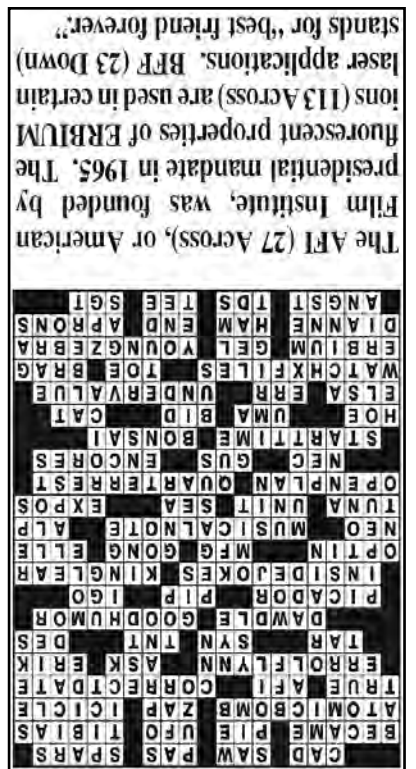
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



· Medications. A number of medications can lead to cramps, as can withdrawal from certain addictive medications.

· Vitamin B1, B5, or B6 deficiency.

What does a muscle cramp feel like? Very much like what it is: an involuntarily and forcibly contracted muscle that does not relax. The muscle will bulge, feel hard, and be tender to the touch. It might be a mild twitch, or be excruciatingly painful. It might last for a few seconds, 15 minutes or longer, and might even recur multiple times until it finally resolves. There may be soreness and swelling in the muscle which could persist for several days after the cramp. Diagnosing a muscle cramp is straightforward; there are no special tests to run.

Stretching the muscle will stop most cramps. If, for example, the cramp is in the foot or leg, then standing up and walking can stretch the muscle. Some will go away if you lie down and pull the toes toward the head. For hand cramps, pressing the hand on a wall with the fingers facing down will stretch the cramping finger flexor muscles. Gently massaging a muscle will often help, or applying heat from a heating pad or hot bath. If the cause is fluid loss, then drinking fluids and replacing electrolytes will help. Short-term treatments with muscle relaxants and even Botox have been used with some success. Typically, however, a cramp will end before a medication has a chance to kick in.

It is interesting that for many years, those with frequent muscle cramps were prescribed quinine. Quinine does decrease the excitability of the muscles. The FDA, however, banned it in 1994 due to very serious potential side effects. It is still found today in some tonic waters, but the quantity of quinine in tonic water is strictly regulated, and is far too low to have any curative benefits.

Muscle cramps are inevitable for all of us. The best approach to avoiding them is to identify and address the underlying problem. Here are a few suggestions:

· Stretch before and after exercise, and include an adequate warm up and cool down. Stretch before bed to help prevent night cramps.

· Hydrate well before, during and after exercise. Your urine should be light yellow in color.

· Replace your electrolytes, especially sodium and potassium. There is a huge variety of drinks and gels on the market; not to mention real foods that are high in sodium and potassium.

· Avoid excessive fatigue, and avoid a sudden increase in your exercise level.

· Limit or avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine. These can be dehydrating.

· Be sure to have an adequate amount of calcium and magnesium in your diet, especially during pregnancy. Some favor vitamin E supplements to help prevent muscle cramps, although studies do not appear to support this. Vitamin D deficiency is common as we get older, and this can lead to poor calcium absorption.

Remember that while muscle cramps can be a real pain, they don't normally cause lasting damage. Nonetheless, see your doctor if you have persistent or severe muscle cramps.

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

Despite risks, opioid painkillers growing in popularity among young women

More than a third of reproductive-aged women enrolled in Medicaid, and more than a quarter of those with private insurance, filled a prescription for an opioid pain medication each year during 2008-2012, according to a recent report in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Opioids are typically prescribed by health care providers to treat moderate to severe pain. They are also found in some prescription cough medications. The most commonly prescribed opioids among both groups of women were hydrocodone, codeine and oxycodone.

"Taking opioid medications early in pregnancy can cause birth defects and serious problems for the infant and the mother," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Many women of reproductive age are taking these medicines and may not know they are pregnant and therefore may be unknowingly exposing their unborn child. That's why it's critical

for health care professionals to take a thorough health assessment before prescribing these medicines to women of reproductive age."

CDC researchers analyzed 2008-2012 data from two large health insurance claims datasets: one of women aged 15-44 years with private insurance and another of women in the same age group enrolled in Medicaid. They found that, on average, 39 percent of Medicaid-enrolled women filled an opioid prescription from an outpatient pharmacy each year compared to 28 percent of women with private health insurance.

The higher opioid prescribing rates among Medicaid enrollees might be due to differences in the prescription medications covered under their health insurance plan, differences in use of health care services, or differences in the prevalence of underlying health conditions among Medicaid enrollees compared with persons covered by private health insurance.

Geographic region data available in the private insurance claims indicated that opioid prescription rates were highest among reproductive-aged women in the South and lowest in the Northeast. Race/ethnicity information was available for the Medicaid data and indicated opioid prescriptions were nearly one and a half times higher among non-Hispanic white women of reproductive age compared to non-Hispanic black or Hispanic women.

Previous studies of opioid use in pregnancy suggest these medications might increase the risk of neural tube defects (major defects of the baby's brain and spine), congenital heart defects and gastroschisis (a defect of the baby's abdominal wall). There is also a risk of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) from exposure to medications such as opioids in pregnancy. NAS is when a newborn experiences symptoms of withdrawal from medications or drugs taken by a mother during pregnancy.

Foundation collecting formalwear donations

LYWNOOD - The St. Francis Medical Center Foundation is collecting donations of men's and women's formalwear that it will distribute at no cost to those who cannot afford clothing for prom, graduation and similar events.

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evening/formal shoes for boys and men in all sizes

Donations should be gently-used and clean (the foundation does not have a budget for dry cleaning). Styles should date back five years or less.

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When? Every Tuesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

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For more information, contact: healingroom@desertreign.org

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Lady Bears advance in basketball playoffs

• Bears beat La Quinta, 68-22, to advance in CIF playoffs; boys soccer also advances.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' basketball team improved to 17-10 overall with their C.I.F. first round win against La Quinta (13-14) at Warren last Saturday night 68-22.

With their win, the Lady Bears advanced to play Millikan at Millikan Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time) in the second round of the Division 1-AA playoffs.

The Warren High School girls' water polo team lost their first round playoff game to Crescenta Valley (26-2) 9-8. Warren played hard but came up a goal short.

The Lady Bears finished their season with an overall record of 9-16 and were the number two entry from

the San Gabriel Valley League behind newly crowned S.G.V.L. champion Cerritos.

The Warren High School boys' soccer team won their first round playoff game against Ventura (8-11-2) at Warren 4-0 last Friday night. With the win, the Bears improved to 21-2-2. The Bears traveled to Edison High (12-7-2) of Huntington Beach on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) to play the Chargers in their second round game.

The Warren High School girls' soccer team defeated Knight High School (13-10) of Palmdale 2-0 at Warren last Thursday in their first round playoff game. With their win, Warren improved to 18-3-3.

The Lady Bears traveled to Torrance High School (17-3-3) on Tuesday and were defeated by the Lady Tartars 2-0 in their second round playoff game. Torrance defeated Barstow (11-7-5) 5-0 in their first round playoff game to advance.

The Lady Bears finished their season with an overall record of 18-4-3 and were S.G.V.L. champions.

The Downey High School wrestling team qualified 12 wrestlers for C.I.F. after seven earned individual league champion honors, two placed second and three placed third.

S.G.V.L. wrestling finals were held last Saturday at Downey High. League champions included Jonathan Prata (106), Mark Lopez (113), Carlos Rivas (126), Armando Padilla (132), Gregory Lopez (138), Pablo Ochoa (145) and Angel Baez (285).

Second place finishers included Rigoberto Garcia (170) and Immanuel Bravo (195). Third place finishers included Andrew Lopez (120), Giovanni Leon (152) and Brian Erdmenger (160). Downey did not qualify a wrestler at 182 or 220 pounds.

Downey placed sixth overall at the C.I.F. Southern Division Championships held at Marina High School last Friday and Saturday with 112 points. Fountain Valley finished first with 188.5 points, Santa Ana and Pioneer Valley tied for second

with 150.5, California was fourth with 121, Montclair was fifth with 113 and Downey was sixth with 112. Cross-town rival Warren finished eighth with 102 points.

The Vikings had five wrestlers qualify for the Master's meet to be held this weekend at Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario. The top six wrestlers at each respective weight class advanced. Jonathan Prata (106) placed fifth, Mark Lopez (113) placed fifth, Carlos Rivas (126) placed second, Armando Padilla (132) placed fifth and Angel Baez (285) placed fourth.

Downey head coach Miguel Soto is extremely proud of his wrestlers and is looking forward to advancing his Master's meet qualifiers to the state meet at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield next weekend.

The Warren High School wrestling team qualified 14 wrestlers for C.I.F. after four earned individual league champion honors, six placed second and four placed third.

League champions included Adrian Duarte (120), Julian Gutierrez (160), Gabriel Rodriguez (170) and Angel Luevanos (195).

Second place finishers included Jonathan Andrade (106), Justin Pacacios (132), Michael Mendoza (138), Oliver Elizalde (138), Alex Mendez (220) and Jonathon Vega (285). Third place finishers included Ricky Medina (113), Raul Gomez (126), A. Perez (145) and Kenneth Gonzalez (182).

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The Bears had five wrestlers qualify for the Master's meet to be held this weekend at Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario. The top six wrestlers at each respective weight class advanced. Adrian Duarte (120) placed third, Julian Gutierrez (160) placed sixth, Gabriel Rodriguez (170) placed fourth, Angel Luevanos

(195) placed sixth and Alex Mendez (220) placed sixth.

Warren head coach Tim Brogden is extremely proud of his wrestlers and is looking forward to advancing his Master's meet qualifiers to the state meet at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield next weekend.

The third rotation of middle school sports concluded last week and eight city championships were claimed.

Championships in boys' 8th grade soccer, boys' 6th and 7th grade soccer, boys' 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball and girls' 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball were all determined. Doty came away with four city championships, Sussman earned two and Griffiths and Stauffer earned one each.

As it stands right now, Doty has won 11 city championships, Sussman has won five, Griffiths has won three and Stauffer has won two.

Sussman won the city title in 8th grade boys' soccer (5-0-1) and Doty won the city title in 6th and 7th grade boys' soccer (6-0). Griffiths won the city title in 8th grade boys' basketball (6-0), Stauffer won the city title in 7th grade boys' basketball (6-0) and Sussman won the city title in 6th grade boys' basketball (5-1). Doty won city titles in 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball. All three teams finished with 6-0 records.

The fourth rotation of middle school sports will include 8th grade boys' baseball and 6th and 7th grade boys' baseball. The fourth rotation will also include 8th grade girls' softball and 6th and 7th grade girls' softball. Games will begin March 16th at selected school sites. Games will be held Mondays and Wednesdays with the 8th grade games beginning at 2:00 p.m. and the 6th and 7th grade games beginning at 3:35 p.m. The later games will be over by 5:00 p.m.

The fifth and final rotation of middle school sports will be track and field. There will be six total teams competing from each school. Those six teams will include a boys and girls team at each grade level. Each school will compete in three scheduled dual meets followed by the all-city track meet held Friday, June 5, at 4 p.m. at Downey High School.



Laite Saleapaga's not-so-secret to success: training

By Marisa Vidal

DOWNEY – Speed, strength, focus, resiliency, are just a few of the many characteristics that define a runner. However, it takes a lot of practice and patience for an athlete to develop these traits in order to be a successful runner.

Meet Laite Saleapaga, Downey resident and track athlete from Warren High School.

Saleapaga has been in track for two years now, and competes in the 100m, 200m, as well as the 400m race for his team. Noticing his talent and great speed, he joined track to fulfill his long time passion for this sport.

"I love running and staying fit, and the people you meet while competing are great," he says. The most difficult thing about the sport, he says, is that "only pure skill and heart will help you win a race."

He says that when preparing for a track meet, his team trains vigorously, and develops a clear mindset before the race, while developing the mentality that they must push themselves to the limit. This attitude and determination is what garnered multiple wins and a league title for the Warren High boys track team.

Losses do happen, and Saleapaga said that it's important that "the team has lots of training in the area that you didn't do so well in from the last meet." He suffered from injuries last year, which prevented him from competing last season.

In order to regain his strength and come back from the injury, he trained as much as he could, and participated when he was able to.

Being a runner isn't an easy feat. One must train religiously. In the 100m and the 200m events, once the trigger is pulled, runners must bolt to the finish line. To have that kind of resiliency is no easy task. However, for the 400m races, a runner must increase his acceleration throughout the race, and be mindful not to run too fast in the beginning of the race to avoid "hitting the wall," meaning to avoid getting winded.

Saleapaga says that his coach has "pushed us to be the best athletes we can be. He will push us to our limits while making sure we stay healthy." He says that he's learned that in an intense sport like track, "you can't be too prideful because there can always be someone to put you in your place."

He goes on to say that "an athlete needs to like the sport, and needs to have a good mindset when being pushed to the limit."

He says his family has supported him in track by ensuring that he stay healthy, fit, and most importantly, injury free.

Marisa Vidal is a junior at Warren High School studying journalism.

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The annual OLPH St. Patrick's Day luncheon will take place Saturday, March 14, starting at 10 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by sending a check to Linda Malme, 9260 Gainford St., Downey CA 90240. Deadline for tickets is March 10.

For more information, call Linda at (562) 869-6491 or Joyce at (562) 927-3660.

Pictured above are the ladies of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild during their luncheon planning meeting.



Morris Day and the Time coming to Downey

DOWNEY – Morris Day, called "one of pop's most verbally pretentious artists," will perform at the Downey Civic Theater on Saturday, March 7, accompanied with band the Time.

Morris Day's musical career dates back to high school, when he was part of a trio called Grand Central that also included pop music legend Prince. Prince would go on to pursue a solo career while Day formed the Time.

From Wikipedia: "The Time's most prolific and visible period came in 1984, when Day played the antagonist to Prince in his feature films Purple Rain and Graffiti Bridge, which helped establish Day's playboy stage presence.

"Typically escorted by his valet, 'Jerome' (Jerome Benton), Day won fans with his exaggerated vanity ('Jerome bring me my mirror!') and strutting bravado ('Ain't nobody bad like me!'), acting as a comic foil to Prince's romantic, sensitive lead. This persona was further exploited for comic effect on The Time's records, on songs such as "Chili Sauce" and "If the Kid Can't Make You Come" from the album Ice Cream Castle.

"That album, the group's most popular, is best remembered for the infectious singles "Jungle Love" and the Rufus Thomas influenced, "The Bird." With their palpable pop energy and catchy choruses, both songs were hits on both urban and pop radio."

The Time scored a No. 1 hit in 1990 with "Jerk Out," a dance-funk cut from their reunited fourth album, "Pandemonium." This album also featured the original members of the band.

The same year, Day formed his own girl band (not unlike Prince's Vanity 6/Apollonia 6) called The Day Zs. The group's first and only album release was produced by Day and he sang on one of the tracks called "Green Acres."

Day came out of his self-imposed retirement in 2000 "because of his fans' support." Day has remained a popular concert draw since the late 1990s, fronting a revamped lineup of The Time, including originals Jellybean Johnson on drums and Monte Moir on keyboards.

The band was invited to perform on Prince's direct to video concert film, "Rave Un2 The Year 2000", in December 1999.

Tickets to see Morris Day and the Time at the Downey Theatre start at \$45 and can be purchased online at downeytheatre.com or by calling the box office at (562) 861-8211.

The concert begins at 8 p.m.



A dedication ceremony will be held Saturday, March 7, at Furman Park for new outdoor fitness equipment donated by the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis service club.

The outdoor fitness station is suitable for all fitness levels and is handicapped accessible. Once installed, it will be able to accommodate up to 21 people at the same time.

The dedication ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and features giveaways, refreshments, information booths, and more.

For questions, call (562) 904-7238.

Pictured above are Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis members Karina Madariaga and Alex Saab helping to install the fitness equipment.

Furman Park recently received new playground equipment courtesy of Downey Kiwanis Club and the Downey Kiwanis Foundation. The city also installed a new walking trail last year.

'Bunny Breakfast' at Golden Park

DOWNEY – The city of Downey, in partnership with the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club, will host the annual "Bunny Breakfast & Spring Extravaganza" at Golden Park on Saturday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The event will feature breakfast prepared by Boy Scout Troop No. 441, crafts, pictures with the bunny (bring your own camera), and entertainment.

There will also be carnival games, information booths, a portable skate park, and a prize walk sponsored by Downey Lions Club.

Admission to the event is free but breakfast tickets are \$8 for Downey residents and \$11 for non-residents.

Tickets can be purchased at the Parks & Recreation Office located at 7850 Quill Dr. or online at downeyca.org under the Parks & Recreation webpage.

Tickets will be available through March 18, or until sold out.

For more information, call Parks & Recreation at (562) 904-7238.

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with me that everyday
something has tried to kill me
and has failed.

By Lucille Clifton

February is Black History Month and Lucille Clifton illuminates survival in this non-traditional sonnet which, lacking title, capitalization and elaborate lines, is both compact and self-sufficient. Clifton's poetry is so pared down it includes the essentials only. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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MAYOR'S CORNER: a busy March in Downey

Dear Downey Friends,

We have a lot of great community events to look forward to in March. First, the State of the City Luncheon is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 4th and I invite you to join us as we discuss some of the great things happening in our community. I will have the pleasure of giving a presentation that will highlight current and future City developments. It's a great opportunity for residents and businesses to learn about what's going on in our City. The Downey Chamber of Commerce always does a great job in putting this event together and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Contact the Chamber at 562-923-2191 to reserve your spot.

On Thursday, March 5th, our City will participate in a groundbreaking event for the I-5/Florence Avenue Interchange Project. Caltrans, along with Metro and the Federal Highway Administration, will host this groundbreaking to kick-off construction for this project. Residents in the northeast portion of our City will be mostly impacted by the construction and we encourage residents to visit Caltrans' website for up to date information at www.my5la.com.

Next up on our calendar for March will be the Furman Park Outdoor Fitness Equipment Dedication on Saturday, March 7th at 10 a.m. This new fitness equipment was purchased thanks to a generous donation from the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis. The equipment will be installed directly adjacent to the Furman Park walking trail and will be a great addition for our park goes to enjoy. Our sincere thank you to the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis for investing in our community and helping provide opportunities that promote healthy and active lifestyles. This goes hand in hand with our goal of creating a healthier Downey.

The Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) Luncheon will be held on March 18th. This event serves as a fundraiser to help raise money to support gang prevention in our community. GOOD is made up entirely of volunteers who dedicate their time to help fight gang activity in our City. I encourage everyone to support the work that GOOD does in our City and join us for this luncheon. For more information, please call 562-862-8141 ext. 777 or email at goodluncheon@downeyfcu.org.

One of our favorite community

events is taking place on Saturday, March 21st - The Arc Walk for Independence. The Arc Walk supports those with physical and mental disabilities, and every year thousands come out to show their support. Like every year, the event is taking place at Stonewood Mall, so put on your walking shoes and join us in supporting such an amazing cause!

Following the Arc Walk, we will be heading over to Apollo Park to dedicate the newly constructed walking trail. We invite the public to join us at 12:30 p.m. to dedicate this new trail, which was made possible through a grant the City received from the L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space District. The trail will be very similar to the one recently completed at Furman and we're excited to open this one up at Apollo Park.

Lastly, on March 28th, our Parks & Recreation Department will be having their annual Bunny Breakfast & Spring Extravaganza event at Golden Park. The event will feature breakfast, arts & crafts, carnival games, prize walk, portable skate park and information booths. Thank you to Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, Downey Lions Club and Boy Scout Troop #441 for helping



Downey Mayor Luis Marquez and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. Photo courtesy Luis Marquez

sponsor this event. For tickets and more information, please call our Parks & Recreation Department at 562-904-7238 or visit our City website at www.downeyca.org.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and ideas, so please feel free to reach me through email at lmarquez@downeyca.org or by calling our City Council office at 562-904-7274.

Until next month, Mayor Luis H. Marquez



Saturday, Feb. 14

At 12:30 a.m., detectives from a local Narcotics Task Force requested a uniformed presence while serving a search warrant in the 12900 block of Hanwell Ave. The warrant was executed without incident. A Downey Police K-9 assisted and detectives located approximately 18 kilograms of cocaine and approximately \$500,000.00 in U.S. currency.

At 5:40 p.m., officers responded to the 7800 block of Bainsdale Avenue regarding a burglary investigation. When officers arrived they spoke with the residents who reported they had returned home and found their home had been ransacked. They reported several of their personal belongings had been stolen. Detectives are investigating.

At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of Downey Ave and Florence Ave regarding a stolen vehicle investigation. When officers arrived they spoke with two victims who reported they had been sitting inside their vehicle when a male suspect approached the vehicle. The suspect pointed a revolver-type handgun at the victims and demanded the vehicle. The victims exited the vehicle and the suspect fled with the vehicle, eastbound Florence out of sight. A few hours later Bell Gardens PD located the vehicle via their License Plate Reader system. The vehicle yielded and 2 suspects were detained in the vehicle. Downey units responded to the scene of the traffic stop and took custody of the suspects. One was arrested for armed robbery (carjacking), and the other for being under the influence of narcotics.

Sunday, Feb. 15

At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to the intersection of Downey Ave and Imperial Hwy regarding a traffic collision. When the officers arrived they saw that a broad side collision had occurred and 10 people had suffered minor injuries. One of the adult drivers involved in the collision was found to be under the influence and was transported to St. Francis Medical Center for medical clearance. The suspect was cleared by medical personnel and once at the police station she was booked for driving under the influence.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

COUNSEL'S CORNER: be careful when firing your contingency fee lawyer

By Steve Lopez

We have all seen those commercials that promise big money to people that have been involved in an accident and have gotten injured. The one thing they all have in common is that the lawyers always promise "if we do not win your case you don't have to pay."

This is called a contingency fee contract because you do not have to pay the lawyer when you first hire him. In this type of fee agreement, the lawyer agrees to work for you but you do not pay him until your case is settled.

Now there are times when you and the lawyer discover that you can no longer work together. You have a right to terminate your contract with the lawyer at any time. However, depending on your reasons for firing him, you may still owe him a fee. How is this possible you ask? He didn't win my case so I don't have pay, correct? Not correct and here is why.

In most jurisdictions, though not all, if you do owe him a fee, it will be based not on your contingency fee contract, but rather on *quantum meruit* (meaning "how much is merited"). Depending on when you fire your lawyer during the litigation, this can range from a relatively small sum up to the entire percentage you agreed to in the contingency fee contract with which you signed when you agreed to hire the lawyer in the very beginning of your case, and in a few jurisdictions it can even exceed the contracted amount.

If you hire a new lawyer after firing the old, there are circumstances under which you may end up paying a double attorney fee. So, before you fire your lawyer, consider the risk of having to pay him a fee, how much that fee might be, and how this will affect your overall recovery in the case.

Firing your lawyer should not be a decision made in haste, or in the heat of the moment. It should be a last resort, because it can often create more problems than it solves. Over the years, I've received numerous phone calls from plaintiffs who wanted to fire their current lawyers, and the vast majority had one thing in common - they have not had a face-to-face meeting with their current lawyers to address the issues which caused them to want to part ways. Almost all personal injury plaintiffs at one time or another have doubts about their lawyers. Often this arises from a failure by the lawyer to effectively communicate with the client.

Your lawyer may be doing everything he should as far as your lawsuit is concerned, but if he fails to return phone calls or fails to explain why your lawsuit is taking so long, he can leave you with the impression that he doesn't care about your case or isn't pursuing it diligently. If you need reassurance that your lawyer is moving your case along as he should, it is often helpful to request to be put on his appointment calendar for a telephone conference or a sit-down meeting to discuss how your case is progressing (or why your case is being delayed).

Of course, not every problem with your lawyer is a mere lack of communication. If your lawyer seems unprepared, this is a legitimate cause for concern. If your lawyer talked tough at the beginning of your case, but now he is pushing you to settle then this is a huge problem. These issues are usually something that can't be fixed, so it may be time to start looking for a new lawyer as soon as these problems arise.

Now if you have tried to resolve your issues and still find that you have no other alternative but to fire your lawyer, I strongly encourage you to have at least one face-to-face meeting with your lawyer to air your concerns before firing him.

If your lawyer cannot alleviate your concerns during this last meeting, then by all means try to find another lawyer. Again, not all your concerns about your case will disappear with the next lawyer. As is inherent in all litigation, there is an amount of frustration and doubt that is involved. These issues are most effectively handled if you and your attorney have a good working relationship where there is open communication and where your attorney is available to you to address these issues as they arise throughout the litigation.

So the next time you look to hire or fire your lawyer, give it considerable forethoughts so as to avoid any future problems in the future.

The purpose of this column is to provide general information on the law, which is subject to change. It is not legal advice. Consult a lawyer if you have a specific legal problem.

Vietnam vet seeks Navy buddy

DOWNEY - A Vietnam veteran is hoping the Downey community can reunite him with a long lost friend and shipmate.

Arthur Robert Traendley wrote to the city clerk's office recently, hoping to be put in touch with Stephen Lee Huddleston, whose last known place of residence is Downey.

Traendley and Huddleston served together on the U.S.S. Wexford County (LST-1168) in 1968 during the Vietnam War.

If anyone knows of Huddleston's whereabouts, please email eric@thedowneypatriot.com to receive Arthur Traendley's phone number.

Matthew Medina finishes basic training

DOWNEY - Air Force Airman Matthew Medina graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

Medina 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.

He also earned four credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the nephew of Arcelia and Roberto Medina, of Downey.

LEGAL NOTICES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015039169

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MILLENNIAL AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES (2) J&A AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES (3) J.R. J&O VISUAL SERVICES, 8330 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANALISE MANCILLAS, 8330 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) JONATHAN RENTERIA, 8330 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/24/2014

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/ANALISE MANCILLAS, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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

The Downey Patriot 2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015030982

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WAWAS, 7800 MADISON ST APT 5, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PO BOX 4594, LONG BEACH CA 90804

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ITZEL ZAVALA, 7800 MADISON ST APT 5, PARAMOUNT CA 90723 State of Incorporation: CA

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/04/2015

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/ITZEL ZAVALA, OWNER, ITZEL ZAVALA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 4, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2015025886 Current File No. 2015025886 The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) FANCYLOTUS located at 8702 6TH ST DOWNEY CA, 90241

The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on JANUARY 30, 2015 in the County of LOS ANGELES The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): GINGER R DYE-SCHROEDER, 8702 6TH ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241

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/LARRY SCHROEDER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on JANUARY

30, 2015. The Downey Patriot 2/15/15, 2/12/15, 2/19/15, 2/26/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015039609 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AVI DISTRIBUTION, 10512 WADDELL ST, WHITTIER CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUMBERTO AVILA, 10512 WADDELL ST, WHITTIER CA 90606 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/HUMBERTO AVILA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 13, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015018130 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) UNIQUE AUTOMOBILE SERVICES, 17341 TOWNE COURT AVENUE, CARSON CA 90746, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

OLADIPUPO ASUNNOMEH, 17341 TOWNE COURT AVENUE, CARSON CA 90746 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/MATTHEW OLADIPUPO ASUNNOMEH, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 22, 2015

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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The Downey Patriot 2/12/15, 2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015046916 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) L & R GRINDING, 15152 DOWNEY AVENUE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS RAMIREZ-NOLASCO, 15152 DOWNEY AV., PARAMOUNT CA 90723 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 02/23/2015

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/LUIS RAMIREZ-NOLASCO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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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The Downey Patriot 2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015034892 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEW SANTA FE CLEANERS, 10011 ORR AND DAY ROAD SUITE A, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANNIE AJAMIAN, 10011 ORR AND DAY ROAD SUITE A, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670 State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/31/2012

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/ANNIE AJAMIAN, BUSINESS OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 9, 2015

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

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

The Downey Patriot 2/12/15, 2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015013853 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TELACU LAS FLORES, 12793 MERCER STREET, PACOIMA CA 91331, LA COUNTY, 1248 GOODRICH BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TELACU HOUSING-PACOIMA, INC., 1248 GOODRICH BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90022 State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/01/1998

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/TELACU HOUSING-PACOIMA, INC., TREASURER, TOM PROVENCIO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2015

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

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

The Downey Patriot 2/12/15, 2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015023188 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LITTLE DIVAS AND GENTS, 9252 ELM VISTA DRIVE UNIT#B, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY

of Los Angeles

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LITTLE DIVAS AND GENTS, 9252 ELM VISTA DRIVE UNIT#B, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

The Downey Patriot
2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015032060

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SC MUSTANGS INC, 9115 GAINFORD ST., DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SC MUSTANGS, INC., 9115 GAINFORD ST., DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/SC MUSTANGS, INC., PRESIDENT, JESUS GOMEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 5, 2015
NOTICE- In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015052942

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FANCYLOTUS, 8702 6TH ST., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LARRY SCHROEDER, 8702 6TH ST., DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/LARRY SCHROEDER, OWNER, LARRY SCHROEDER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 30, 2015
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The Downey Patriot
2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015036927

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CUT'S & FADES, 8995 STATE ST., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LAURA AMERICA MUELA, 7216 RICHFIELD ST #3, PARAMOUNT CA 90723 (2) JUAN ARTURO MUELA RUBIO, 7216 RICHFIELD ST #3, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
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/LAURA AMERICA MUELA, CO-OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 11, 2015

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The Downey Patriot
2/26/15, 2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015039385

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DGE ACCOUNTING SERVICES, 9534 ROSE ST., BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDINA GARCIA-HILARIO, 9534 ROSE ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
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/EDINA GARCIA-HILARIO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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The Downey Patriot
2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015038874

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KEVON PARKER WHOLSALE, 987 E. GLADWICK ST., CARSON CA 90746, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KEVON PARKER, 987 E. GLADWICK ST., CARSON CA 90746
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/KEVON PARKER, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 12, 2015

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The Downey Patriot
2/19/15, 2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015049957

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JCGENTERTAINMENT (2) RUNCARRERA, 8036 3RD STREET, SUITE 105, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN CARLOS GASPAR, 8132 5TH STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JUAN CARLOS GASPAR, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 25, 2015

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The Downey Patriot
2/26/15, 3/5/15, 3/12/15, 3/19/15

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 9462-0749 TSG Order No.: 130202136-CA-MAI A.P.N.: 6390-024-018 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(c)(2). YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/08/2007 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.

NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust: 20070506920, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by JUAN CARLOS GOMEZ AND SONIA A GOMEZ, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date and Time: 03/04/2015 at 09:00 AM Sale Location: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be 9600 LEMORAN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, 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 Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,037,521.25 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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, T.S.# 9462-0749. 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. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Vanessa Gomez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0242735 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/26/2015, 03/05/2015, 03/12/2015

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Trustee Sale No.: 00000004587887 Title Order No.: 14159976 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/20/2007 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 TREDDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/27/2007 as Instrument No. 20070704321 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE

OF SALE: 03/11/2015 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMOONA CA. STREET ADDRESS AND other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9708 HALEDON AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6390-024-006
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 \$1,016,722.20. 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, T.S.# 9462-0749. 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 TREDDER & WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee Dated: 02/11/2015 NPP0242163 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/19/2015, 02/26/2015, 03/05/2015

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T.S. No.: 9986-0708 TSG Order No.: 8434764 A.P.N.: 8082-024-005 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/17/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 10/27/2005 as Document No.: 05 2588724, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: GUSTAVO ALBARRAN AND ROSIMAR ALBARRAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's 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.) 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 03/18/2015 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona 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 in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$5,235.97 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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, T.S.# 9986-0708. 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. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Vanessa Gomez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0242735 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/26/2015, 03/05/2015, 03/12/2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 2014-CA006831 Loan No. XXX018 Order No. 5921580 APN: 6255-018-055 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/10/2008. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state.) All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: LEE & PARK PROPERTIES, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND A SMALL BUSINESS LENDING INC., as Beneficiary. Duly Appointed Trustee: R.E.F.S. Inc., A California Corporation Recorded: 3/18/2008, as Instrument No. 200804605535, in Book n/a, Page n/a, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 3/13/2015 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: In the main dining room of the Pomona Masonic Temple, located at 395 South Thomas Street, Pomona, California. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,528,868.11
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11823 DOWNEY AVENUE, Downey, CA90241 A.P.N.: 6255-018-055 Legal Description: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The property herein is being sold "AS IS". 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 and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. 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 877-484-9942 or visit this Internet Web site www.U.S.A-Foreclosure.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2014-CA06831. 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. 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 successful bidder(s) will have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 2/17/2015 R.E.F.S. Inc., A California Corporation Gabrielle Leach, Senior Trustee Officer R.E.F.S. INC. A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. FEI # 1064,244939 PUB DATES: 02/19/2015, 02/26/2015, 03/05/2015

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APN: 6255-016-049T.S. No. 013169-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 7/17/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.ON 3/8/2015 AT 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/26/2007, as Instrument No. 20071766708, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: GERSON GARCIA, AN UNMARRIED MAN/WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE 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 MOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMOONA, CA 91766all 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:8509 CLETA STREET,DOWNEY, CA 90241-4913
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, 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: \$474,547.16f 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 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 013169-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: (844) 477-7869/CLEAR RECON CORP./CLEAR RECON CORP.4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200San Diego, California 92117EXHIBIT A LOT(S) OF THAT PORTION OF LOT(S) OF TRACT NO. 14219, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 304, PAGE(S) 29 THROUGH 31 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, LYING WESTERLY OF A LINE EXTENDING FROM A POINT IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 75, DISTANT NORTH 69° 20' 00" EAST TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTHERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 55 TO THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF LOT 65 OF SAID TRACT

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APN: 8018-003-008 TS No: CA08003715-14-1 TO NO: 8452863 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED July 27, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 19, 2015 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on August 3, 2005 as Instrument No. 05 184890240, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by MICHELE GARCIA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor(s), ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN

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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, 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 0000004267753. 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 AS 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: 02/04/2015 NPP0241786 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/12/2015, 02/19/2015, 02/26/2015

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APN: 6286-009-011T.S. No. 017228-CA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/10/2006. 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 3/11/2015 AT 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/28/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0431062, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ESTHER NAVARRO, 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. BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: 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:9327 FARM STREET DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241-2953The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,156,092.10If 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, 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 017228-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: (844) 477-7869CLEAR RECON CORP. CLEAR RECON CORP.4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200San Diego, California 92117EXHIBIT A LOT 83 OF TRACT 18850, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 468, PAGE 25, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 14211553-SP-CA Title No. 140328389-CA MAI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/08/2007. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default

Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Alexander Heske, a Single Man Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 06/18/2007 as Instrument No. 20071462060 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 03/12/2015 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$255,762.10 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 14325 Ibeex Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8073-001-021 The

undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code Section 2923.5. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the

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Legislator pushes plan to revitalize Los Angeles River

LAKEWOOD – Assemblyman Anthony Rendon (D-Lakewood) on Wednesday introduced Assembly Bill 530 to spur much-needed revitalization of the lower portion of the L.A. River. The bill will establish a local working group tasked with updating the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

“The L.A. River should represent more than just a filming location for television shows and movies,” Rendon said. “Communities should have the opportunity to reconnect with the river that flows through their neighborhoods and engage with the natural environment around them.”

AB 530 would authorize the Secretary of Natural Resources, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, to appoint a local working group to develop a revitalization plan for the Lower River, just as the Upper River has.

“Neighborhood parks and green spaces are vital elements to the quality of life of urban communities,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor

Hilda Solis. “I look forward to working with Assemblyman Rendon to ensure state, local governments, and the L.A. County family are collaborative partners on Lower L.A. River revitalization efforts.”

Since Los Angeles County adopted a Master Plan for the entire Los Angeles River in 1996, the City of Los Angeles has done substantial work on developing a revitalization plan for the Upper L.A. River within the city’s boundaries.

The Lower River plan would be consistent with and designed to enhance the County’s Master Plan for the entire river.

“After almost two decades, the time has come to update the L.A. River Master Plan to focus more attention and resources on the Lower L.A. River,” Rendon said. “AB 530 starts a conversation about how to improve the Lower River in concert with the revitalization of the Upper River so that the entire river watershed can be managed collaboratively.”

The working group would

be eligible for funding through water bond funds approved by California voters in 2014. The bond authorized funding for the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which has responsibility for the Lower River and would staff the proposed working group, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, which has responsibility for the Upper River.

“Revitalizing the Lower L.A. River for Southeast communities is a conversation that is long overdue,” said Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens), co-author of AB 530. “With new funding available through the recent water bond, we have a unique opportunity to develop the river into a resource that local communities can enjoy and be proud of for generations to come.”

Assemblyman Anthony Rendon is serving in his second term representing the 63rd Assembly District, which includes the cities and communities of Bell, Cudahy, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, North Long Beach, Lynwood, Maywood, Paramount, and South Gate.

Norwalk officials share good news at state of the city

NORWALK – Crime in Norwalk has dropped to a 10-year low, while city revenues have returned to pre-recession highs, according to information presented at Norwalk’s state of the city event last Friday afternoon.

Held at the DoubleTree Hotel, the event was a fundraiser for the Norwalk Community Coordinating Council.

L.A. County Sheriff’s Department Capt. Curtis Jensen said 3,163 arrests were made in Norwalk in 2014 – “that’s a fairly substantial amount,” he acknowledged – but it still represented at least two consecutive years of declining crime stats.

Sheriff’s deputies have also made substantial progress in curbing residential burglaries that plagued west Norwalk neighborhoods near the freeways, the captain said.

Early prisoner release continues to create issues for Norwalk and the entire Southern California region, Jensen said, including Proposition 47, last year’s voter-mandated initiative that reduces penalties for non-violent drug-related crimes.

Methamphetamine addicts “don’t hold 40-hour jobs to meet that addiction,” Jensen said, resulting in continued vehicle and home break-



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Norwalk city manager Mike Egan delivers Norwalk’s state of the city address.

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Norwalk city manager Mike Egan, the event’s keynote speaker, had mostly positive news in his address as well. He announced that Costco plans to build a 5-island gas station next to its warehouse store on Hoxie Avenue, and the DoubleTree is in negotiations to expand its hotel by 100 rooms.

He also announced that Norwalk has been named a “Tree City USA” for its efforts in green landscaping. Norwalk planted 150 new trees throughout the city last year.

Work on the 5 Freeway is ahead of schedule, Egan said, and the city is looking at possibly creating a walking trail on excess land north of Sproul Street and south of the freeway near Norwalk Park.

Meanwhile, work continues on the 15 acres of park space Norwalk is receiving from the old tank farm near Holifield Park.

“It’ll be a little while, we still have to line up the funding, but this is huge,” Egan said.

–Eric Pierce, editor

Tax preparer pleads guilty to fraud

BELLFLOWER – A former self-employed income tax preparer pleaded guilty Monday to filing false federal income tax returns on behalf of clients that understated the clients’ tax liabilities by several thousand dollars.

Susan E. Amezcua, of Bellflower, former operator of Four Seasons Income Tax Services with offices out of Long Beach and Bellflower, pleaded guilty to two counts which charge her with aiding and assisting in the preparation of false tax returns.

According to the plea agreement filed in the case, in the calendar years 2009 and 2010, Amezcua prepared, or supervised the preparation of, thousands of federal income tax returns for clients of Four Seasons Income Tax Services which were usually filed electronically with the IRS resulting in an attempted loss to the government of more than \$1 million.

In the preparation or supervision of the preparation of these returns, Amezcua claimed fraudulent itemized deductions and credits, including false employee, hobby, and cell phone expenses. As a result of the fraudulent information provided to the IRS, the returns substantially understated the amount of taxes that the defendant’s clients owed.

For instance, a client may have an accurate tax liability of \$10,000 but a return prepared by Four Seasons would reflect a tax liability of \$2,000. The total amount of tax loss to the government as a result of the fraudulent returns was \$523,538.

The two counts to which

Amezcua pleaded guilty to relate to the 2008 and 2009 federal income tax returns filed on behalf of clients which included false deductions and credits, reducing the taxpayers’ liability by \$8,757 and \$5,340, respectively.

As a result of her guilty plea, Amezcua faces a statutory maximum sentence of six years in federal prison and a fine of \$500,000 when she is sentenced on July 20 by United States District Judge

Philip S. Gutierrez. She may be further ordered to pay restitution of approximately \$523,000.

The investigation and prosecution of Amezcua was conducted by IRS Criminal Investigation’s Los Angeles Field Office, in conjunction with the United States Attorney’s Office for the Central District of California.

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Large Guest House, Large Lot!

3 BD, 2 BA, 2,000 sq. ft. main house with a 1 BD, 1 BA 700 sq. ft. guest house on a 13,837 sq. ft. lot w/a circular driveway and a 2 car detached garage. The home was remodeled 10 years ago with newer kitchen and bathrooms.
Price Reduced to \$679,000

COMING SOON

Pride of Ownership!

Large 3 BD, 2 BA home in Downey school district with pool. Almost 2,000 sq ft living space with master BD, family room with fireplace, and step-down rec room. Many upgrades: 3 year new roof, plumbing, and central air/heat.
Priced at: \$489,000

OPEN HOUSE

Orange Estates Pool Home

5 BD, 3 BA pool home near Furman Park on a 10,000+ sq ft lot w/2 car detached garage. Large living room and formal dining area, family room with fireplace and master bedroom with 3/4 BA.
Price Reduced to \$799,000

COMING SOON

Model Home In Tract Built in 2003

5 BD, 5.5 BA, 3,510 sq ft, almost \$100k in upgrades with custom wood work through out, large kitchen w/ built-in appliances, spacious master suite, marble floors and new carpet.
Price: \$724,950

COMING SOON

Custom Built Home in N.E. Downey

4 BD, 4 BA, 2,828 sq ft, 7,780 sq ft lot, 5 year old kitchen with many upgrades, oversized master bedroom with fireplace, and high ceilings through out.
Priced at: \$915,000

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