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CRIME REPORT

THURSDAY, AUG. 6

At 2:30 p.m., two men (one of whom was armed with a handgun) entered the Smoke House Smoke Shop (13260 Woodruff) and robbed the store. Both robbers then fled on foot. Police are still investigating.

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

At 4:30 a.m., a man exiting his vehicle at Old River School Road & Quill was approached by two men, one of whom was armed with a handgun. The suspects robbed the victim of his possessions and then fled in a green van. Detectives are investigating.

At 6:00 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old Downey man for burglary in the 8500 block of 11th Street. The man, who had a restraining order banning him from entering his family's residence, broke into the home and stole property before fleeing the scene. Responding officers located the suspect and after a short foot chase, arrested him for burglary.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

At 6:30 a.m., a man walking on Lakewood Boulevard noticed a suspicious man had followed him into the Handi-Mart Store located at Lakewood/Stewart & Gray. When the victim confronted the suspicious subject, the subject grabbed the victim around the neck and stole money from his pocket. Responding officers located the subject nearby and after a short foot chase, arrested him for robbery.

At 11:30 a.m., a man suffering from a mental health illness broke a police car's windshield and dented the hood when he jumped onto the police cruiser while trying to prevent officers from taking him into custody for a mental health evaluation. The incident began in the 12600 block of Eastbrook and ended with the man being detained at Dunrobin and the 105 Freeway. Members of Los Angeles County Mental Health Team were present and ultimately took the man into protective custody.

At 1:30 p.m., officers responding to a report of a fight at Starbucks (12016 Lakewood) and detained a man wanted in connection with a burglary in the City of Norwalk. Deputies from the Norwalk Sheriff's Station responded to the scene and took custody of the suspect.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

At 11:30 a.m., officers patrolling Golden Park arrested a man for an outstanding warrant.

Rancho breaks ground on \$418M renovation project

By Alex Dominguez
Contributor

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, officially kicking off the multi-million dollar "Rancho Rising 2020" renovation and construction project.

The event was held at 10 a.m. on the hospital campus, in front of a dirt lot where one of Rancho's notoriously dingy and worn down buildings once stood. In attendance were local government officials, hospital staff and executives, as well as several of Rancho's current patients.

"Today we are celebrating the construction of a world class campus that will finally match the level of its world class clinical care," said Jorge Orozco, CEO of Rancho. "Today Rancho is rising and will continue to fulfill its mission, which is to restore health, rebuild lives, and revitalize hope."

The event was highlighted by several speakers, as well as an invocation that was led by former Downey Mayor Mario Guerra.

"The book of Proverbs says that 'without vision the people shall perish,' and today vision is what's happening here in this great hospital, Rancho Los Amigos," said Guerra.

One of the day's speakers was District supervisor Don Knabe, who is spearheading the Rancho Rising project.

"At the end of the day, the most important thing to me is to be able to make that impact and to serve our



patients here at Rancho each and every day, and to be able to serve them in a much more effective way."

Knabe went on to discuss the work that is being done to create a partnership with the Veterans association to help benefit those who have served the country.

"It never made sense to me to have our vets come home and suffer long wait times at VA facilities or be transferred to other VA facilities outside of the state of California, separated from their families," said Knabe. "But we have made the deal... so that our veterans can choose non-VA medical facilities, and particularly Rancho Los Amigos. What better place than Rancho for our vets to come and be rehabilitated."

Also on hand was Downey Mayor Pro Tem Alex Saab.

"Rancho Los Amigo's history is intimately tied with the city of Downey, and embodies all that is good in the City of Downey," said

Saab. "The city of Downey is very proud that Rancho Los Amigos is part of our community, and we consider it a gem in our community."

Rancho Rising 2020 is being managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. A local worker hiring program for the project has been established with a goal of 30 percent of the construction to be performed by local workers, according to Director Gail Farber, who also took some time to speak at the ceremony.

Rancho Rising will cost \$418 million, and conducted in two phases, concluding in late 2016 and 2020 respectively, as reported in an earlier Downey Patriot article published in April of this year. Officials are anticipating that the project will be completed "on budget and on time," and that the new wellness center will be opened in August of 2016.

Officials call for investigation of county animal shelters

DOWNEY – L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe has called for an investigation after allegations emerged last week of unsanitary conditions at the county animal shelter in Downey.

Animal rights activists claim the Downey shelter -- located at 11258 S. Garfield Ave. and not to be confused with SEACA -- is filthy, with dogs wallowing in their own feces.

Marcia Mayeda, director of the animal control department, told the L.A. Times that "her agency is moving to remedy the conditions."

"We're taking this very, very seriously," Mayeda told the

newspaper. "The photographs we saw are not reflective of the care we want to provide to the animals."

According to the Times, Mayeda "blamed the problems partly on short staffing. She said the agency will adjust schedules and try to recruit more volunteers and workers paid through a state workforce training program."

The Patriot reported last week that animal rights advocates visited the Downey shelter and reported dirty kennels and sick animals.

"I have been to some of the very worst high-kill shelters in Southern California and the conditions at

Downey shelter were by far the most abhorrent I've seen," said Laura Jones, co-founder of All About the Animals, an animal rescue group. "I felt physically ill at the sight and smell of the poor animals being forced to lie on floors covered with feces. It was heartbreaking."

L.A. County officials said \$4 million is set aside for renovations at county animal shelters, and there is a longterm plan to eventually tear down and replace the Downey shelter.

—Eric Pierce, editor

Downey police start DUI crackdown

DOWNEY – As summer winds down, the Downey Police Department is ramping up its enforcement efforts as part of a national crackdown on drunk driving.

The 18-day, high-visibility campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, is a partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety to curb impaired driving and save lives.

Between Aug. 21 and Labor Day, Downey police officers and its law enforcement partners will show zero tolerance for drunk driving.

Downey Police Department kicks off Friday night by deploying two DUI saturation patrols during the first weekend. DUI enforcement will continue through Monday, Sept. 7, with more DUI saturation patrols on Friday, Aug 28, and a DUI/drivers license checkpoint on Friday, Sept. 4.

In 2013, there were 10,076 people killed in drunk-driving crashes, almost a third of all traffic fatalities according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

In California, 867 died in drunk driving collisions, according to NHTSA. Thirty-eight percent of crash fatalities on Labor Day weekend that year involved drunk drivers with a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of .08 percent or higher.

More than a quarter (27 percent) of the crash fatalities that occurred on Labor Day weekend involved drivers with BACs of .15 or higher – almost twice the illegal limit.

NHTSA data shows that repeat offenders are an especially dangerous facet of the drunk-driving problem. In the month of August from 2009-2013, of the drunk drivers involved in fatal crashes, almost 1 out of 10 (8 percent) of them had already been convicted of at least one drunk-driving offense.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent).

Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.

Town hall meeting next Thursday

DOWNEY – Mayor Pro Tem Alex Saab will host a town hall meeting Thursday, Aug. 27, to discuss community developments and upcoming events. He will also answer questions from residents.

The forum will take place at the Columbia Memorial Space Center at 6:30 p.m.

"Everyone in our community is invited to share concerns, provide suggestions and ask questions," said Saab.

For more information, or to send questions in advance, call (562) 904-7274 or email asaab@downeyca.org.



Downey attorney Ricardo Perez was recently named Chairman of Alumni Engagement of Loyola Law School's Latino Alumni Chapter ("LAC"). The LAC held a ceremony at Loyola Law School on Aug. 3 to officially launch the organization. Close to 150 judges, attorneys, and other attendees used the occasion to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Loyola Law School's Latino Alumni Scholarship, ultimately raising just shy of \$13,000 for the scholarship.

Although Latinos have been attending Loyola Law School for decades, Latino alumni had never formally organized. That changed this year with the launching of the LAC.

"The Founding Leadership Committee is directing the LAC and we have identified three initiatives that will serve as the LAC's focus areas: (1) Alumni Engagement; (2) Admission/Retention; and (3) Student Engagement," said Perez.

The Latino Alumni Chapter will be holding its first alumni mixer on Sept. 17 from 6-8 p.m. at Joseph's Bar & Grill in Downtown Downey. Downey Mayor Pro Tem Alex Saab, who is also a Loyola Law School alumnus, will be present to officially welcome the LAC to Downey.

"Loyola has strong ties to Downey so I'm excited to build on that relationship," said Saab.

For more information on the Latino Alumni Chapter, contact Carmen Ramirez, Executive Director of Advancement at Loyola Law School, at (213) 736-8153.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 78°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 84°

THINGS TO DO



L.A. Taco Festival

Saturday - Grand Park, 12-7 p.m.

Food, music and more food in a free, family-friendly event in the heart of downtown.



End of Summer Barbecue

Saturday - Norwalk Senior Center, 12-4 p.m.

Barbecue, games, live music, and fun for all ages.



Chyna

Saturday - The Wrestling Guy Store in Huntington Park, 12 p.m.

Meet the former WWE superstar. Autographics, pictures, and Q&A

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Promenade shopping center

Jenny Salas: Keep Walmart out of Downey.

Evelyn Perez: I went to the Walmart in South Gate about 2 months ago, and walked out within 5 minutes due to anxiety.

Jennifer Sandoval: Target would be a WAY better choice... Well in all reality, almost anything is better than a Walmart.

Leticia Galaviz: Who's bright idea was it to bring a Walmart? Just hoping they actually maintain this one clean.

Frank Case: Don't worry about Walmart. Maybe it will shut down from plumbing problems and they'll fire everyone here, too.

Heidy Alvarez: Super excited about Lazy Dog, 24 Hr fitness, Home Goods, Ulta etc.... Also glad that some of my faves are opening a second location here. Overall happy.

Reach us on Facebook at: Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyLovesTJs: We blame Council for approving that type of project, but can't blame them for the tenant choices.

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Kiwanis golf tournament Oct. 5

DOWNEY – Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis will host its 18th annual golf tournament, “The L’abri Classic,” on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

All proceeds will benefit Kiwanis’ programs benefiting students and the Downey community.

Registration and lunch begins at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

Entry fee is \$175 and includes green fees, carts, access to the driving range, a barbecue lunch and dinner. Extra dinners are available for \$40.

For more information, or to sign up, call Ryan Fitzl at (562) 445-9909.

Learn drought-tolerant farming

DOWNEY – Watch It Grow Hydroponics, located at 9453 Firestone Blvd. in Downey, will host a free event Saturday, Aug. 22, on drought farming.

The workshop begins at noon and is aimed at increasing awareness of food security. Participants will also learn how to grow food that is drought tolerant and uses less space.

The event is free and open to the public.

Police collecting unwanted medications

DOWNEY – Residents can safely dispose of expired or unwanted medications at a take-back event hosted by the Downey Police Department on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The police department will collect prescription and over-the-counter medication from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

“This event offers community members an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous drugs and minimizes the potential for misuse and abuse,” police officials said.

Residents will be able to drop off their medicine into DEA collection boxes or pour the medicine into boxes and keep the containers. No needles or sharps will be accepted.

For questions or more information, contact Jennifer Burkhardt at (562) 904-2374 or jpreda@downeyca.org.

Kiwanis selling tickets to Citadel shopping event

DOWNEY – Downey Kiwanis Club is selling tickets to the Citadel Outlets’ 10th annual Shopping Extravaganza taking place Saturday, Oct. 3.

As a participating charity, Downey Kiwanis will receive a portion of funds from the day’s sales.

“This is our first year participating in Citadel Outlets’ Shopping Extravaganza and we’re thrilled to be a part of the fun,” said Mariana Pacheco, president-elect of Downey Kiwanis. “We will be using the funds to sponsor our youths in leadership events.”

Ticket-holders receive access to exclusive deals on top of the outlet’s daily savings of 30-70% off retail prices. Participants also receive a private catered lunch, live entertainment, a complimentary wine tasting hosted by Stella Rosa, and a chance to win \$90,000 in prizes.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online at citadeloutlets.com. Select “Downey Kiwanis” from the dropdown menu when purchasing a ticket.



For the seventh year, Shawn Goodner has donated blankets, sheets, towels and newspapers to the SEAACA animal shelter in Downey.

Shawn has been collecting these items since he was 6; all total, he has collected about a half-ton of materials for SEAACA over the last seven years.

Shawn is a member of Downey Boy Scout Troop 441, where he is Senior Patrol leader. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, Lodge 272, out of South Gate and is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. Shawn also collects eyeglasses for the Downey Lions Club and will again turn in nearly 100 glasses this year.

Shawn is always collecting donations from the community. To make a donation, call (562) 861-7464 or deliver the items to SEAACA.

For more information, call Mary or Gene Hauk, Shawn’s grandparents, at (562) 861-7464.

Poetrypalooza coming Aug. 22

DOWNEY – “Poetrypalooza,” a free event celebrating poetry, music, and the arts, will be held Aug. 22 from 4-10 p.m. at a private home in Downey.

The event begins with workshops at 4 p.m., followed by storytelling at 5, dinner and music at 6, and open mic at 7:30, poetry readings at 8, and then music.

For more details, go to poetrypalooza.altervista.org.

Living trust seminar Aug. 22

DOWNEY – Local attorney Alex Saab will give a free presentation on living trusts Saturday, Aug. 22, at the offices of Century 21 Jervis and Associates.

An English presentation begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Spanish version at 11.

Century 21 Jervis is located at 10841 Paramount Blvd. in suite 200.

Free haircuts Aug. 30

DOWNEY – Prestige Barbershop is opening Aug. 30 in the space previously occupied by Videomax at the corner of Imperial Highway and Lakewood Boulevard.

The shop, which specializes in kids haircuts, will be offering free food and haircuts from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



In the summer month of July 2015 the Escobedo family took a vacation to the Yucatan Peninsula.

“Here we stand in front of the main pyramid at Chichén Itzá with a handy copy of our favorite newspaper, The Downey Patriot.”

From left: Claudia, Christian, Samantha, Sal and Gabriel on the front left.



The Filharmonic, best known for their performances in “Pitch Perfect 2” and NBC’s “The Sing Off,” will be heading a concert this Friday, Aug. 21, at the Downey Civic Theater at 8 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Warren High School choral department with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the vocal program at WHS. Joining them will be the international jazz/pop sensation M-PACT and the east coast super-group, The Funx.

Tickets can be purchased at downeytheatre.com or at the theater box office. For more information on the band, visit their website, thefilharmonic.com.

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Downey educator leads innovative programs to spread literacy and history

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – It was a set of circumstances that prompts people to think, “What a small world!” The reunion of two former co-workers at a reception this summer was the result of coincidence. Their lives had taken diverging paths since they last worked together at Los Angeles County Hospital, and there was little reason for them to mention their former professional relationship with family members.

But the daughter of one woman was an educator, and a special literacy project brought her in contact with her mother’s former nursing colleague – a surprise to everyone. The school literacy project centered around a legal case filed 70 years ago affecting all of the school children in California.

Retired nurse Beverly Gedney and her husband Albert have been Downey residents for decades. She is an active person whose weekly cycling regimen around town makes her a role model for healthy living.

Beverly Gedney’s former colleague at the county hospital is Sylvia Mendez, grandmother and retired pediatric nursing supervisor. It is only within the past 15 years that more people have come to learn that Sylvia Mendez, who just celebrated her 80th birthday, is also a historical figure, a tireless advocate for civil and educational rights, and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011.

Sylvia Mendez never sought recognition for herself when she became an advocate for educational opportunity. She was a child when social forces put her at the center of historic events. It was at the urging of her ailing mother in the 1990’s that Mendez began speaking publicly about the groundbreaking legal case, Mendez, et. al v. Westminster, et. al, that led to the end of de jure school

segregation in California.

The catalyst for the reunion of Beverly and Sylvia was Beverly’s daughter, Marisa Urrutia Gedney (Warren High 2002) who, since 2010, has been the Director of Education for the In-Schools Program at the writing and tutoring group, 826LA.

The occasion was a book release party at Olvera Street for a student anthology, “We Are Alive When We Speak For Justice,” written by 53 juniors from Mendez High School in Boyle Heights. Gedney coordinated the project which involved over a hundred people, including teachers, students, and volunteers. Sylvia Mendez wrote the foreword.

Mendez was also the featured speaker at the June event, marking the seventieth anniversary of when her father and four other parents filed their landmark desegregation lawsuit on behalf of their children.

Refreshments that night were cookies and lemonade, and a young Mariachi group entertained the crowd before the event began. When the formal program ended, students celebrated, snapping photos and autographing their essays in the volume.

At last there was time for Sylvia and Beverly to reconnect, take pictures with each other and their daughters, and marvel over the unexpected turns in life. The connection between Sylvia Mendez and Gedney’s mother lent a poetic ending to the culmination of this school project that started 10 months earlier.

826LA Writing Programs

As director of education for 826LA, Gedney oversees the recruitment and training of volunteers to help teachers further the development of student writing skills. Staff and tutors work in a school by invitation from classroom teachers.

“Because class sizes are so large,” explains Gedney, “it is rare for students to get individualized

attention for the writing process.

That is where 826LA comes in.” Gedney tells classroom teachers, “We’re coming to support what you’re already doing.”

With classroom volunteers available for specific writing projects, students receive more one-on-one time with coaching and feedback from an adult. The focus on student writing is defined in the 826LA mission statement: “...strong writing skills are fundamental to future success.”

In 2012, Gedney’s success with the literacy programs put her on the List of Forbes Magazine “30 Under 30” to watch. Consistent results with volunteer recruitment and project completion have convinced many educators that 826LA is an organization that delivers.

“I’m never contacting new teachers now,” says Gedney. “They call 826LA.”

The In-Schools program of 826LA has two components. Each fall Gedney recruits a team of volunteers to help high school seniors write their Personal Statements for college applications. The vetting and training are thorough, requiring a TB test, fingerprinting, and attendance at two meetings.

People do not have to be writers themselves to volunteer. Their role, Gedney stresses, is “to listen, encourage, and support ideas, and offer guidance as [students] put their ideas to paper. Everyone has a story to tell and their voice is important.”

In addition to her organizational skills, Gedney’s ability to collaborate, with teachers, students, and administrators, is a major factor in her success. As a writer herself, Gedney also understands the difficulty of putting thoughts on paper.

Hearing about her work, two parents from the Warren High Academic Boosters Council met with Gedney this year and invited her to lead a Personal Statement workshop for students and parents.

Over 200 people showed up

“The response was incredible,” says Gedney, “and I am happy that I was able to share such important information with so many people in my community. I hope to do more in the future.”

The other yearly component of 826LA’s program is the Young Authors’ Book Project. Each spring Gedney recruits and trains tutors for a seven-week, in-class, writing project at a selected school, culminating in a published book.

“The interaction with more adults and our focus on publishing allows [the students’] confidence to grow,” says Gedney, “and helps them to see themselves as writers.”

Working with classroom tutors, students brainstorm, write, revise, and edit. Students are not limited by topic or genre and can express themselves in any form – short story, essay, personal narrative, poetry, interview of another person, etc.

Files with checklists and daily goals for each step of the writing process, are reviewed by students and tutors together. Reminders may include: Is there variety in your vocabulary? Are there details that bring a scene to life? Have you checked your spelling?

Guidelines for working with sensitive topics are made known to students and tutors at the beginning. Rules have catchy, easy-to-remember names, such as the “Anti-Rolling Stone Rule: No sexual content, no drugs.”

When the allotted class time is over, all of the work is reviewed by peer editors who volunteer to work after school. Student authors must sign off on the final copy. Professional copy editors review the work one last time. The non-profit group sponsors professional book design and cover artwork, and the final printing.

Last year’s book project, Beyond the Gates and Fences, was by students of Manual Arts High School, with a



Sylvia Mendez, left, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient in 2011, at a book release party for a student anthology marking the 70th anniversary of the groundbreaking lawsuit, Mendez v. Westminster, which led to the end of de jure segregation in California public schools.

With Mendez are Marisa Urrutia Gedney of Downey, director of education for the non-profit group which sponsored the anthology as a literacy project, and mother Beverly Gedney. Mendez and Beverly Gedney are retired nurses who were co-workers at one time. Marisa Gedney did not know this until beginning work on this special literacy project.

foreword by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti.

The Mendez Lawsuit

What made this year’s book different from those of earlier years was the month-long study of local history that served as the starting point for inspiration, and the innovative collaboration of staff members at 826LA, a high school history teacher, and two college professors.

Last August, Jennifer McCormick, Professor of Education at Cal State Los Angeles, had been gathering documents about California’s little-known desegregation lawsuit, Mendez v. Westminster, as part of her research on the impact of educational opportunity.

In 1945 five Mexican-American families filed a class-action lawsuit in federal court charging that the segregated schools in Orange County were harmful and unfair, and in violation of their children’s civil

rights under the Constitution.

Sylvia Mendez was one of the fifteen children name in the suit, and she has vivid memories of the difference in schools and her testimony during the trial.

“I didn’t know anything about the issues of the trial,” she laughs, “I just wanted to go to the pretty school with my friends. It had a beautiful building, and the playground had monkey bars and swings. Our school was a two-room wooden shack next to the dairy. The flies were awful.”

The verdict in favor of the plaintiffs was upheld on appeal, with the outcome causing a stir in the legal community throughout the country. But the case only affected California schools, and it fell into obscurity as people went on with their lives. Mendez’s younger sister, born after the trial, only learned about her parents’ accomplishment when she

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Walter Gelder services Saturday

CUDAHY – Walter Gelder was born in Long Beach on March 28, 1936. He passed away Aug. 6. He lived in Cudahy for more than 33 years, and was an active volunteer with the city. He leaves behind two daughters, Debby Flores and Mary Gelder; a sister, Mary Stowell; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services will be held at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Downey at 10 a.m. on Aug. 22.

Ralph Benavidez was WWII vet, Rockwell machinist

RESEDA – Ralph Benavidez, 91, was born in Los Angeles on April 10, 1924 and had lived in Reseda for the past 65 years. He died July 17. He served in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater during WWII, earning the enlisted rating of Machinist Mate 2nd Class and was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and Marksman Award as part of “The Greatest Generation.” During his working years, he was employed as a master machinist, a senior engineering planner, and a manufacturing engineer by the Northrop Corporation, the Hughes Aircraft Corporation, and the Rocketdyne Division of North American Aviation/North American Rockwell/Boeing. Career highlights include a last minute emergency assignment to correct a mechanical problem detected just prior to one of the early Project Mercury manned rocket launches, and helping to develop/build the rocket engines used by the Mercury, Apollo, and Space Shuttle programs. He was a member of the American Legion and a WWII Honoree. A Master Mason, F&AM, he was also an active participant with his fellow veterans at reunions of the Navy’s Advance Base Unit “Lion 4”, which was forward based in the Admiralty Islands to provide emergency repair support to battle damaged fleet units. Ralph is survived by his wife Mary; daughters Cindy Jones of Bakersfield, Debra Lash of Beaumont, Judy Benavidez of Reseda, Mary Benavidez of Canoga Park, and daughter-in-law Harriet Benavidez of Haddonfield, NJ; son Ralph Benavidez of Haddonfield, NJ; sons-in-law Rick Jones of Bakersfield, Tommy Hudnall of Running Springs, William Lash of Beaumont, and Dean Delevie of Reseda; 12 grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Laura and Calixto Lester Benavides; brother Fred Benavidez; daughters Leslie Hudnall and Janet Marie Benavidez. Visitation was held Aug. 3 from 12-1 pm at Arlington Mortuary in Riverside, with a graveside service following at Riverside National Cemetery.

Clarence Berman, 88, was chief engineer at North American Aviation

DOWNEY – Clarence E. (Ed) Bergman, 88, passed away peacefully on June 26, at his home after a lengthy illness. Ed was born on July 4, 1926, in St. Louis to Oscar W. and Jeanette (Johnson) Bergman. He attended Central College in Missouri and the University of Oklahoma through a naval training program. While in Oklahoma he met his future wife, Irma Nadine Ingram. After graduation and completion of naval duties, he earned a PhD in Electrical Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He began his career in Syracuse, NY, working at General Electric first in color television, then in radar programs. He moved to Melpar in Falls Church, VA, then Autonetics of North American Aviation in California, where he was chief engineer of advanced programs and marketing and assistant manager of systems. He also earned an MBA from the University of Southern California. From 1969 to 1979, he was technical director of the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center in San Diego, managing communications programs and working to make it more effective. In 1979, he moved to The Netherlands, where he was deputy director of a NATO technical center working on communications and research. In 1984, he moved to the Washington, DC area, where he served as an Air Force representative to the Defense Systems Management College. After four years, he and his wife retired to their home in Southern California. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Paul. He is survived by his children: Keith, Karen, Elaine (Greg), and Eric (Susan); grandchildren: Dylan, Chris (Behnaz) and Justin (Kira) Howe; Anna, Arianne, and Wyatt Bergman; Breanna, Evan, and Kamren Wong; and great-grandchildren, Bree, Chandler, Kayla, and Selah Howe.

James Elliott was lawyer, judge, and helped assemble aircrafts during WWII

DOWNEY – James Webster Elliott, known among family, friends and colleagues as “Web,” passed away in Austin, Texas, on Aug. 7 at the age of 93. He was born on September 27, 1921, in the rural community of Concord, in Rusk County, Texas. At age 5, Web, the youngest son of Albert Cecil and Monnie Green Elliott, moved with his family to Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, where he attended Sonora public schools and was Salutatorian of the 1938 Sonora High School graduating class. In the fall of 1938, he enrolled as a freshman student at The University of Texas in Austin, where he pursued his undergraduate studies through the fall semester of 1941. In the spring of 1942, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he moved to Los Angeles, where he worked for North American Aviation assembling aircraft (P-51’s and B-25’s) for use in the war effort and while there in Los Angeles continued his undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California. On Sept. 30, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, and was stationed at San Angelo Air Field (which subsequently became Mathis Field) in San Angelo, Texas, where he served until November, 1945. Web returned to UT Austin in the Spring of 1946, where he concluded his undergraduate work and then went on to law school, receiving his LLB from UT School of Law in 1948. Following graduation from law school, he returned to his hometown of Sonora, where he joined his father, A.C. Elliott, uncle, L.W. Elliott, and brother, William Marion Elliott, in various family businesses.

In 1950, Peggy Jean Matthews, then a young graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, moved to Sonora, newly employed by the Sonora Independent School District, where not long after her arrival she met Web. Smitten by the new high school home economics and junior high science teacher, Web married Peggy in Livingston, Texas, on July 19, 1951, and their marriage continued for 51 years until Peggy’s death on July 3, 2003. While attending to his law practice, Web served the citizens of Sutton County for 30 consecutive years, initially as Sutton County Attorney (1949-1958), and then as Sutton County Judge (1959-1978). In October of 1986, Web was elected Chairman of the Board and President of The First National Bank of Sonora (now Sonora Bank), embarking on his “second” career as a banker, performing his duties at the Bank in the mornings and continuing his law practice in the afternoons until December of 1988, when he retired from the practice of law to devote his energies full-time to the banking business. In 1994, Web and Peggy moved to Austin, but Web’s involvement with the Bank continued until his retirement as Director in June of 1997, at which time the Bank appointed him Director and Chairman Emeritus.

Among his professional achievements, and the civic and other community endeavors with which he was involved over the course of his career, Web was a member of the American and Texas Bar Associations, the County Judges and Commissioners Association and the National College of Probate Judges. In 1948, he was appointed by the Director of Selective Service as Government Appeal Agent for Local Board No. 110, Texas, and served as an advisor to registrants until 1975.

In 1953, he was commissioned as an Honorary Member of the Texas Attorney General’s staff, and, in 1954, was appointed an Honorary Assistant to the Texas Attorney General’s Office. In 1971, he was appointed as a member of The American Judicature Society, and, in June of 1977, he was elected as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. In 1980, he was appointed as a member of The Dean’s Council by The University of Texas Law School Association, and, in October of 1986, he was admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court.

He was also an approved examining attorney for Stewart Title Guaranty Company. He was a member of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, served as Director of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, as Secretary of the Sonora Wool Warehouse & Mohair Co., and as Secretary-Treasurer of Sonora Stockpens, Inc. He was a past director of the Sonora Lions Club, and he and Peggy served as directors of the Fling Ding and Tarantella Dance social clubs. Throughout his adult life, he was a member and steward of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

Web was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Cecil and Monnie Green Elliott, his stepmother, Rena McQuary Elliott, his older brother, William Marion Elliott, and his wife, Peggy Jean Matthews Elliott. He is survived by his daughter, Emily Kathryn Elliott, by his son, John W. Elliott, and his wife, Ellen Bugg Elliott, and by his two grandsons, Web and Patrick Elliott, all of Austin.

In lieu of flowers, his family requested memorial contributions in Web’s honor to the charity of one’s choice.

Donna Breeman was teacher, advocate for disabled

DOWNEY – Donna Jean (Drake) Beeman was born on Aug. 27, 1941 in Downey. She lost her third battle with cancer on July 27, 2015 at her home in Boulder, Colo. She received her teaching credentials from Long Beach State College. She taught Home Economics in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She moved to Boulder in 1973 where she continued to teach in the Boulder Valley School District. Being in a wheelchair herself, she advocated equality for people with disabilities. She was also an alternate for the 1996 Para-Olympic team. Donna is survived by her ex husband, Jeff Beeman; daughter, Johanna (Jojo) Beeman; and stepson, David Beeman. She was preceded in death by her parents Lucille Montana (Watkins) Drake and Joe Neal Drake. In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions in her honor to The Center for People with Disabilities. Memorial services were held Aug. 9 at the Gate House in Lafayette, Colo.

Former resident Sue Brown was Teamster and artist

DOWNEY – Sona “Sue” Brown, 74, of Fort Mohave, Ariz., died at home on July 11. Memorial services were held Aug. 17 at Iles Funeral Homes-Grandview Park Chapel. Urn burial will be at a later date at Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier. Sue was born Nov. 22, 1940 in Charleston, SC to Douglas and Bernita (Jones) Rutledge. She and Daniel Martin Brown were married Oct. 8, 1960 in Bethany, MO. They made their home in Downey for 35 years until their retirement to Arizona. She was a retired Teamster and an artist who enjoyed theater and art museums. Sue was preceded in death by her parents and son, Donald Leigh Brown. She is survived by her husband, Daniel; two sons, Timothy Brown of Mitchellville and James (Shelly) Brown of Altoona; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Lung Association.

Eleanor De Jong was vocational nurse

BELFLOWER – Eleanor Jane (Alsum) De Jong was born Jan. 11, 1931, in Wisconsin. She was born to Gerrit and Gertie Alsum, and had one younger sister, Joann. In 1939, the family left Wisconsin, traveling along Route 66 on their way to California. Eleanor married Arthur De Jong on Sept. 24, 1952. She graduated from Cerritos College in 1973 with a degree in Vocational Nursing. Eleanor was a longtime member of the First Christian Reformed Church of Bellflower; where she participated in Sunshine Girls, Young People’s, Dutchmen’s Night at the Roller Rink and Ladies Aid. Eleanor passed away on Aug. 4. She is survived by her three children, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; and her sister.

Garret Bootsma was Norwalk native

NORWALK – Garret (Gary) W. Bootsma passed away peacefully on July 17. Gary was born on July 13, 1939 in Norwalk. He was the eldest boy of nine children to predeceased parents Jim and Tryntje Bootsma. The family moved from Norwalk to Chino in 1941 and were among the first to establish the city as a thriving dairy community. Gary remained on the family dairy and eventually took over operations in 1974. He was an active member at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church of Ontario. Gary was preceded in death by his wife Rita Bootsma. He is survived by his sons and daughters in law, Jim and Breona Bootsma of Eastvale, and Garret Jr and Martha Bootsma of Newberry Springs; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Mexican Beverly Hills

Dear Editor:

Unfortunately people will always be divided into groups; whether by race, class, color, income or education level. And people will always decide whether others are acceptable or unacceptable to them. It's not right and it's happened to me. Please don't think it only applies to Latinos. ("No, Downey is Not 'Mexican Beverly Hills,' 8/6/15)

Part of being American is assimilating and there's nothing wrong with that. What unites us as Americans is our shared culture. My parents had to assimilate when they came to this country in the early 1960s. They never left their culture behind; rather they were proud of it and celebrated it with their children.

And how do you know they, and I their child, are unwilling to discuss racism. It's a sad fact that racism still exists in America today but I feel it's incorrect to think that certain people are unwilling to talk about it.

It's too bad that Ms. Vasquez doesn't read the editorial page of The Patriot because there are non-whites who complain about (illegal) immigration. Jorge Montero is a notable example and I hope he doesn't mind me mentioning him by name. We've never met but his name doesn't sound "white" to me. Overt racism? No. Latinos are targeted because the United States is absorbing millions of poor people from the countries below it (Latinos) and that's going to bring about problems. Just try to sneak into Mexico and see how its immigration officials react. If the same thing was happening with Canada, the same people would complain.

Regarding Downey residents pressuring a supermarket to change its name, was it only the white residents who were upset? Downey doesn't have a majority white population last I checked... And Mario Guerra's opinion as to why Trader Joe's won't open a store in Downey sounds pretty racist and inflammatory to me. Maybe that's why the white residents angrily addressed him? He's making race the issue.

Don't run from the police. While the death of Michael Nida is tragic, he fit the description of a suspect in the area and resisted and then ran from the police. While running, he made a furtive movement and the officer thought he might be reaching for a weapon. As for being shot in the back, it's probable that the bullets struck Nida as he was turning away from the officer to continue his flight. This tragedy could have been avoided if he had just stopped when told to. No one is talking about personal responsibility and the consequences of our actions.

Id think you'd agree that there's nothing wrong with upward mobility for anyone. Just because a newspaper article highlights upwardly mobile Latinos doesn't mean that the author deems the rest of them as not acceptable. I think it divisive to state that Latinos will always be put into two groups: Those who are acceptable and those who are not. It seems to imply that this is somehow the fault of others-maybe others who are not like you? Can you say with certainty that this entire country's population (not to mention Downey's) is against embracing anyone? The majority of Americans accept their neighbors.

If someone doesn't aspire to be upwardly mobile, no one is condemning them. And I think that the average reader is smart enough to figure that out as well as that there's not just one "Latino Experience". Just as there's not one "Black Experience", "Middle-Eastern Experience" or "White Experience". To just assume this is insulting.

Lastly, how does Ms. Vasquez know that Downey prefers not to talk about its "invisible population" and the Latinos who "haven't 'made it'" and the reasons why? It was the Los Angeles Times' decision not to discuss it. Stating that Downey isn't ready to have that conversation is insulting as well. You live in Downey; start that conversation if you think it's so important.

Kevin Kott
Downey

Dear Editor:

Although I was born in Downey, my mother was born in Mexico and my father in Norway. When my parents arrived in the U.S., they took it upon themselves to read, write and speak English before becoming U.S. citizens. Rather than trying to recreate the likeness of their homeland in the U.S., they assimilated into their new country.

I agree that foreign cultures of restaurants and stores compliment the U.S. melting pot, but I do not want an over-saturation of any foreign culture. I prefer a diverse ratio of cultures while still preserving a definite U.S. identity, much like Disney's EPCOT center in Florida.

Likewise, in the three countries I've been to where English is not spoken, I tried to learn enough of their language to get by; which became my reason for getting upset when someone speaks to me in Spanish because they do not speak English and I find they have lived in the U.S. for many years.

I feel that the U.S. is far too accommodating in its endeavor to be inclusive to the Latin culture. For example, the folklorico dancers and mariachi music that is played at a Fourth of July celebration. Is it so politically incorrect to point out that it is a celebration of our U.S. independence from Britain?

Another problem I have is the illegal immigration into the U.S. from any foreign country. What is the legal argument for illegal immigration rights anyway? The legal argument for deportation is the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996.

For those who argue how the U.S. stole land from Mexico, I point to the prosperity of what the U.S. has done with all that territory compared to what it would be if it remained a part of Mexico. I believe that no matter where the U.S. border is in proximity to Mexico, the U.S. would still have the same illegal immigration problem.

If my parents had the same scenario in a different country, I would definitely want to move to the U.S. to become a legal citizen; but since I already live in the greatest country in the world, I have no desire to move, and for that reason, I do not want the U.S. to resemble any other foreign country.

David Hovik

Downey

Dear Editor:

In answer to Tina Vasquez's long diatribe, there really isn't anything about Downey that compares to Beverly Hills, money wise or ethnically, as the Times writer insinuated.

Why doesn't Tina take the chip off her shoulder and just be an American of Mexican descent? I am an old white American mutt. I don't cling to any old European heritage customs or language. I just enjoy eating many different ethnic foods that are good. These are the United States of America, not some "old" culture from European or Hispanic cultures.

We have lived in Downey a long time. Our average working class neighbors have come and gone, but all replacement neighbors have been nice. Many new neighbors are not white, but if they are friendly, who cares what tinge of skin color they may have? I do miss neighbors getting together spontaneously to enjoy friendly backyard barbecue dinners.

Ms. Vasquez may be afraid to try or just doesn't care to assimilate with anyone who isn't Mexican. I just wish there were more American flags flying on houses on the 4th of July to show appreciation of our freedoms and service people that have preserved our country.

I really don't know what it will take to make Tina happy to live here in Downey. The local business owners are all trying hard to give good service and make a decent living and a pleasant city.

We few remaining old white people are dying off so it won't be long and Tina can have everything her way.

Margaret Hayes
Downey

Dear Editor:

Some years ago I worked with a Hispanic high school counselor whose family moved from East L.A. to Downey when he was in high school. He hated it.

Among his many teenage complaints was that he had to walk to school when all the other kids had cars. His mother's reply: "Would you rather be a rich Mexican in East L.A. or a poor Mexican in Downey?"

He chose Downey.
Doreen Lorand
Downey

Dear Editor:

I read the article in the Los Angeles Times that Tina Vasquez is referring to and thought this was a great tribute to Downey as being a friendly city offering a relatively safe place to live, work and own a business.

I can relate to this article, although being a white lady, because I lived on the east coast for 30 years, was raised in a home without hot running water, had to stoke the stoves heated by coal and wood, had to remove the ice from the windsheidl of my car before being able to drive, and had to drive several miles to the closed grocery store.

When I first arrived in California, having lost my husband of 10 years, and raising my son on my own, I found affordable rent in South Gate and lived in an apartment there for 20 years. I would drive to Downey for my doctor appointment, for shopping, to attend the wonderful concerts in the park and the great musicals at the Downey Civic Theatre, visit friends in Downey, attend church, and etc.

When I married again, with my husband and I both working, we were able to purchase a fixer-upper home on the outskirts of Downey far from Northeast Downey where the big beautiful homes are. We worked hard to renovate our small home which I have lived in since 1987. We've had several neighbors -- a very elderly white lady who passed away a couple of years ago, a Filipino family who loved to use the banana leaves on our trees to cook their fish, a black pastor and his wife living to the north of us, and in the million dollar home near us, I assume a Hispanic family lived. I said assume because I never asked their ethnicity and thought they might be Hispanic/Latino because of their beautiful olive complexions and thick dark hair. I never asked them or any of our neighbors if they were Mexican, Cuban, Latino or if they were legal immigrants. I was concerned with having good neighbors, and these families were just that.

I have visited many countries in Europe and spent two weeks in Australia. I have spent time in practically every state of the union, and can say honestly like the song says, "Sit me down in Downey for Downey is where I want to stay."

My suggestion to Tina Vasquez is to form a neighborhood watch. Crime happens everywhere. Even with a security system in place, our home was burglarized. The burglar didn't get away with anything of value because, thankfully, the Downey police were at our home in less than 10 minutes.

Another suggestion is to travel away from Downey. Go to Nashville and eat at some of the restaurants where poor white people are struggling to make a living or attend college. See the poor, toothless waitress, who although in her pitiless plight, was cheerful and pleasant not full of venom.

Regarding letters to the editor, since Downey is now 75% Hispanic, and with many of the writers having Spanish last names, I feel I can ascertain that white people are not the only ones writing letters to the editor, and personally take offense at being referred to as a white racist targeting Latinos and spewing vitriol around the topic of immigration.

Tina Vasquez should get herself out of Downey for a while and maybe she will return with a different viewpoint of our great city. Every time I return after my travels, I give thanks that I live in this nice community.

Martha Morrissy-Call
Downey

Anti-establishment

Dear Editor:

Could Donald Trump really become the next President of the United States?

Outside of his bombastic rhetoric on some issues and lively personality, it appears he has struck a nerve with a large portion of the public. Many polls have showed him leading, but I believe his elevation is more attached to the failures of party members in addressing issues than him actually saying things that are substantive.

This is why out from the last debate, three of the top five candidates are leading in the polls. What Trump, Fiorina, Sanders, and Carson represent is a move from the status quo. That Washington has become so entrenched in "politics as usual," that people feel that a shakeup is necessary.

Here is an example of the problem. The Democrats don't like the trade deal because they see the possibility of a large percentage of their base having their jobs being outsourced. The Republicans don't like illegal immigration because it gives the Democrats a future voting base as more people arriving here needing absolutely everything and will be recipients of social programs. Both actually hurt the American workforce because combined it either lowers wages and or leaves whatever jobs are left to be fought over. It is this distrust of government that has voters looking elsewhere for candidates because they feel as if their best interests are ignored.

I'm not sure if Trump will get the nomination, but I appreciate what he is doing for the party. He is forcing them to not concede their positions for votes, to not be RINO's, but true and authentic Republicans. Trump is winning because he is addressing issues that no one would in the past, giving straight talk, but he doesn't have a governing philosophy or hasn't laid out any policy positions yet. If he starts to mention specifics, then it will be even more difficult for Bush, Rubio, and Kasick to catch up with the anti-establishment fever.

And with the Democrats no matter what happens with Hillary and the email scandal, no candidate should win the nomination over her because she is considered a safer bet for donors, and has the name recognition. The only problem could be if Joe Biden enters the race because he is the sitting Vice President, and it could be seen as a third Obama term.

Johnathan Quevedo
Downey

On voting...and not

By Lee H. Hamilton

The campaigning for next year's elections is starting to draw more attention, and with it comes a focus on voters and their mood. Which is all well and good, but it leaves out of the equation one large bloc of citizens: people who are eligible to vote, but don't.

Over the years, a fair number of people I've encountered have confessed that they do not vote — and I often surprise them by pressing them on why they don't. They give a multitude of reasons.

The most common is that they're too busy, or that voting takes too much time. Plenty also say they're turned off by politics, politicians, and anything having to do with government. "What difference does it make?" they'll ask. Or they'll argue that money has so corrupted the political system that they want no part of it.

There are also legitimate reasons: people are ill or disabled, they didn't know where to vote, or their polling place was hard to reach. Sometimes they didn't meet their state's registration deadline — which might be a month ahead of the election — or they ran into ID requirements that stymied them. On the whole, it didn't take much to keep them away from the polling place.

Which, for many policy-makers, is of little concern. Some don't worry about low voter turnout; they're more focused on making sure voters are informed. Others are pushing to make it more difficult for eligible voters to vote, since their chief concern is to protect the integrity of the ballot and reduce fraud.

Still, plenty are deeply concerned about falling rates of voter participation — the 2014 elections saw the lowest turnout rate since 1942, according to the United States Election Project, which found that a mere 35.9 percent of the voting-eligible population cast ballots. They're concerned because voting doesn't just put office-holders in place and push policy in one direction or another. It also affirms the electoral system. When people don't vote, they undermine the legitimacy and effectiveness of our representative democracy. The vigor of our system depends on the vote of each citizen.

So what do we do about it?

My first recommendation is actually a note of caution. Generally speaking, Democrats have emphasized making ballot access easier; Republicans have focused on ballot integrity. Both need to be addressed if we're to build the legislative support necessary to achieve needed changes in our electoral system. We have to make it easier to vote and harder to cheat.

We need to modernize the system. Democracies like Australia and Canada invest serious money in their election infrastructure and conduct widely acclaimed elections. Ours, by contrast, is fragile and uneven. We've already had one presidential election decided by courts on a question of failed infrastructure. More embarrassing cases will certainly occur.

We also need to recognize that the days are long past when it was okay to place election administration in the hands of partisan state or local politicians. They will contest for power and use the system to influence the process. It's time for election management across the country to be in non-partisan hands.

The aim of reforming the system is to make voting convenient, efficient, and pleasant, to make sure the mechanics work as they ought, and to ensure that disputes are handled fairly. This means that state governments, not localities, should be responsible for the accuracy and quality of voter lists and for educating the public about voting. Often, local governments have neither the expertise nor the funds to do this effectively.

Finally, there's the question of voter ID. It's legitimate to ensure that a person presenting himself or herself at the voting site is the same one named on the voting list. But requiring an ID needs to be accompanied by aggressive efforts to find voters and provide free access to the voting booth. Instead, a lot of states that have instituted ID requirements have dismissed the idea that this imposes a responsibility to reach out to voters and make IDs available to those who can't afford it. They're subverting representative democracy.

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Hard Knocks U

By Jim Hightower

In the 1960s, I attended the University of North Texas. It was a public school blessed with good teachers and an educational culture focused on enabling us students to become socially useful citizens. And it was affordable — with close-to-free tuition and a part-time job, I could get a good education, gain experience in everything from work to civic activism, graduate in four years, and obtain a debt-free start in life.

My classmates and I assumed that what college was supposed to be. It still ought to be, but for most students today, it's not even close.

Indeed, a \$1.3 trillion mountain of debt is weighing down students at all types of U.S. colleges, endangering our entire economy. That's more than people owe on credit cards or auto loans — and it'll soon surpass the subprime mortgage debt that crashed the economy in 2008.

Private, for-profit, corporate colleges are the biggest creators of this looming danger. To say there are lots of horror stories about them is like saying there are lots of ouchies in a bramble patch. With brand names like University of Phoenix, ITT Tech, Corinthian, Kaplan, and Strayer, they suck up some \$32 billion a year in federal student loan money.

These schools overcharge students so drastically that their graduates are stuck with nearly \$40,000 in debt. They deliver such poor education that graduates can't get jobs with high-enough wages to repay the loans. David Halperin, author of *Stealing America's Future*, calls this predatory educational industry "an immoral enterprise."

Our nation's whole approach to ever-higher-priced, higher-education is wrong-headed. We know that college and advanced-skill degrees today are as essential to both individual and national well-being as high school diplomas used to be. It's time to redirect and reinvest in America's future by making higher education free.

OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker. He's also editor of the populist newsletter, *The Hightower Lowdown*.

Shared Stories

Dear Editor:

I almost didn't read it. The article looked way TOO long! But then I noticed the person's first name and realized she was Japanese. And so I start to read the most heart-warming article the "Shared Stories" column has produced.

The article is about Nobuyo Avery's journey upon marrying an American serviceman and her year of struggling with tuberculosis, after having two children and while being pregnant with a third. (Nobuyo would be blessed with four!) Uncle Frank (my dad's brother) died of TB at 29 years of age (I was about 9), so this devastating illness also had an impact on my life.

Thank you, Carol Kearns, for producing this incredible worthwhile column in our local paper. Thank you, also, for so many worthwhile activities you create and/or support in the City of Downey enriching the lives of all Downey residents, thus helping to make it a very special place to live.

BTW: I believe the "Shared Stories" articles better serve our community when seen on the front page of *The Downey Patriot* — definitely NOT the last! **Bernice Stumps Downey**

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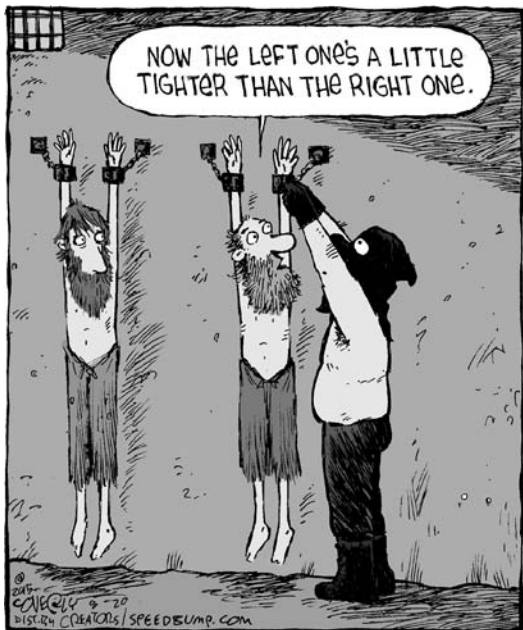
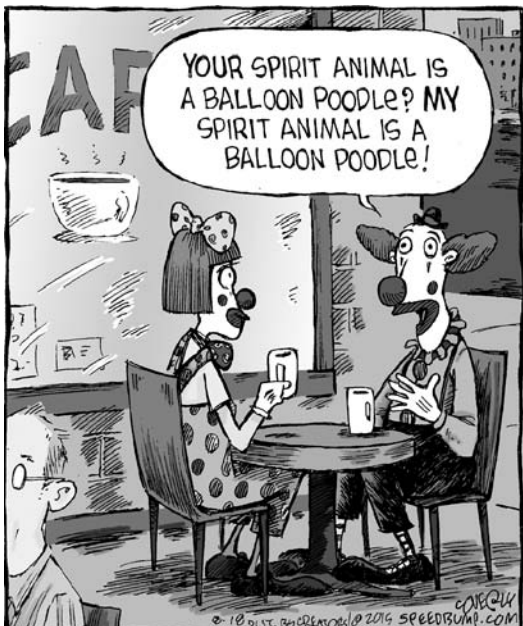
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On This Day...

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1992: The Republican National Convention in Houston nominated President George H.W. Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle for a second term.
BIRTHDAYS: Boxing promoter Don King (84), politician Ron Paul (80), news anchor Connie Chung (69), weatherman Al Roker (61), rock singer Fred Durst (45), actress Amy Adams (41), and pop singer Demi Lovato (23).

Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Friday, Aug. 21: **Blood drive.** BJ's Restaurant, 12-6 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 21: **Filharmonic.** Downey Civic Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, Aug. 26: **Embassy Suites grand re-opening.** 5 p.m.
 Thursday, Aug. 27: **Town hall meeting.** Columbia Memorial Space Center, 6:30 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3477.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, call Karika Austin 260-3856.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

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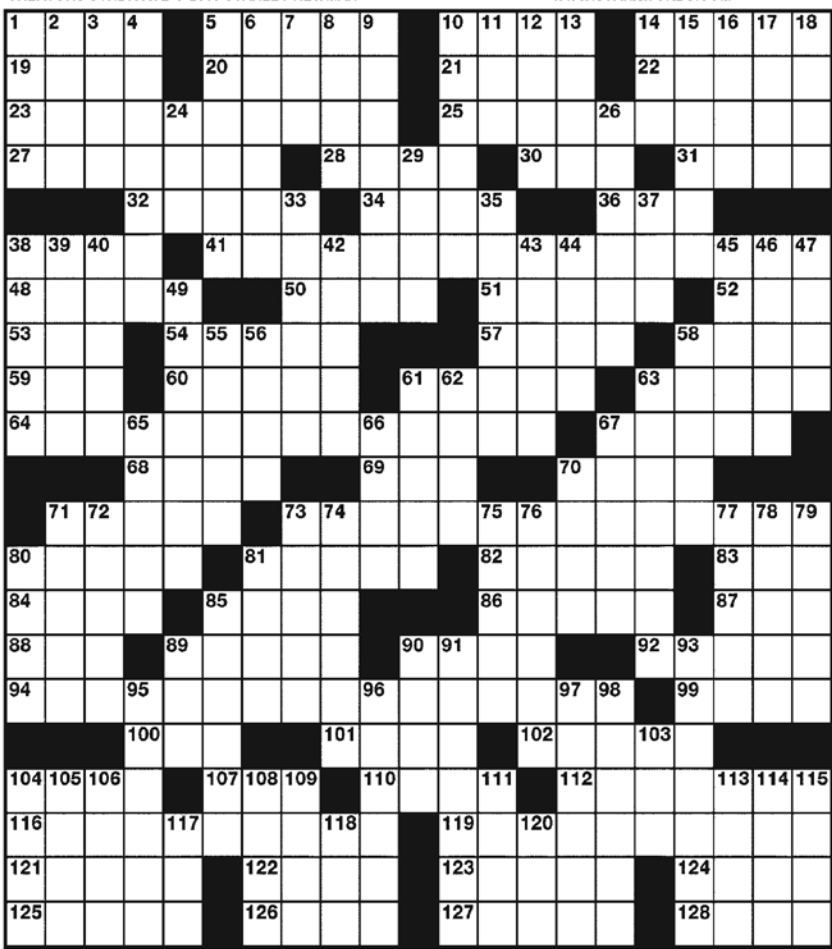
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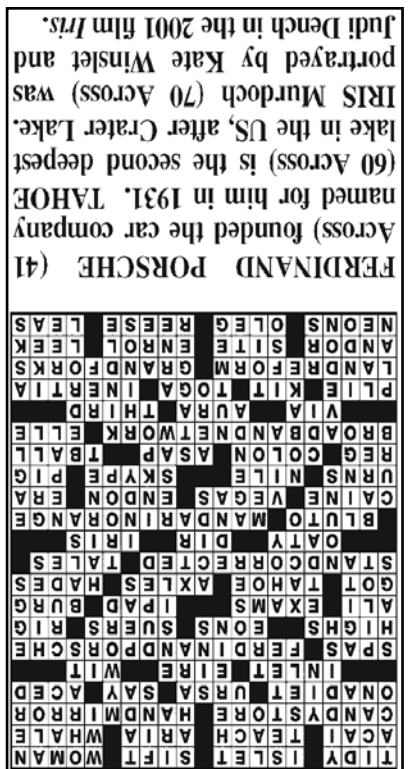
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Cerritos adopts \$111M fiscal budget

CERRITOS – The Cerritos City Council/Successor Agency recently adopted a \$111.8 million combined financial program for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The spending plan includes a city operating budget of \$92.8 million, including approximately \$8.4 million for capital projects, and a Cerritos Successor Agency budget of \$18.9 million.

The new fiscal year began on July 1, 2015 and concludes on June 30, 2016.

The budget maintains the city's existing level of municipal services while taking into account the prolonged economic downturn and the State of California's dissolution of redevelopment agencies. The dissolution of the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency has cost the city more than \$35 million per year in revenue.

Capital Improvements

Some of the major capital improvement projects approved in the budget include:

- \$150,000 to renovate and replace the picnic shelters at Heritage and Liberty parks
- \$100,000 to resurface Liberty Park's main playground and \$40,000 to resurface the park's racquetball courts
- \$100,000 to refurbish Heritage Park's main building
- \$100,000 to resurface Cerritos Park East's running track
- \$500,000 for residential street rehabilitation
- \$100,000 for City-wide arterial street slurry seal
- \$218,000 for the implementation of Bikeway Master Plan
- \$250,000 for sidewalk, curb and gutter rehabilitation
- \$700,000 for Studebaker Road rehabilitation from Artesia Boulevard to Alondra Boulevard
- \$78,000 for parkway planter block wall improvements
- \$25,000 for wheelchair-accessible ramps
- \$108,500 for compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements
- \$200,000 for the replacement of butterfly valves within the City's water system

Legislative and Administrative

Legislative and administrative operating expenses outlined in the budget total \$2.1 million. This reflects the entire amount required to fund the ongoing operations of the City Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk.

Community Development

The Community Development Department, which includes advance planning, building and safety, current planning, geographic information systems and economic development, was allocated \$5.9 million for its operations.

Public Works

Approximately \$16.4 million has been designated for the Public Works Department, which manages engineering, traffic circulation management, parks maintenance, sewer maintenance, facility maintenance, landscaping, trash collection, recycling, custodial services and the supervision of the City capital improvement projects.

Department of Water and Power

The Department of Water and Power includes the City's water division and the electric utility. The department's \$15.9-million budget will cover items necessary for the operation of the Magnolia Power

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey, Warren football look to improve from last season

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team will unofficially begin their 2015 football season with a scrimmage against Orange Lutheran tonight at Downey High.

The Vikings look to fine tune a few things before they officially start their season next Friday at home against San Pedro.

Downey lost several starters on defense from last season so there will be new names and new faces to fill in the ranks. Senior linebackers Darrian Franklin and Kiefer Enslin return as do junior defensive back Jalen Thompson and senior defensive back Hinckley Ropati. Franklin had 88 tackles and 8 sacks a season ago and Thompson had 19 passes defended. All four returners look to lead a Viking defense poised to make a mark.

Newcomers to the defense include sophomore Noah Lopez and juniors Ricky Hickson, Ryder Hawkins and Emari Demercado. These additions, combined with the returning talent, look to make this Viking defense a lot more athletic than last year's team. Coach Jack Williams is excited to see how well his defense gels together and improves each week.

Coach Williams, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2015 football season and getting back to the C.I.F. Southeast Division championship game where they fell short against Crescenta Valley 21-14 on a controversial call.

Downey is the defending 2014 S.G.V.L. champion (10-4, 5-0) and was a tri-champion for three years before that (2011-13) with Dominguez and Paramount, respectively.

The Warren High School football team will have a scrimmage against Burroughs next Friday night at Warren before they officially start their season against St. Paul at Warren on Sept. 4.

The Bears have been busy preparing for the fall season as head coach Raul Lara starts his second year at the helm.

Warren will depend heavily on senior quarterback Jordan Yancy and Coach Lara has surrounded Yancy with an arsenal of weapons on offense. Darnay Harris will play receiver this year as opposed to

running back from a year ago. Harris also played safety and linebacker on defense in addition to playing receiver and tight end on offense.

Junior Jordan Mays returns and will also make a change from running back to receiver. Mays will play receiver opposite Harris and create matchup problems for opposing defenses by stretching the field.

Offensive lineman Ron Flores returns and will have some size and strength beside him to run and pass block. Coach Lara really likes three tight ends he has incorporated into the offense as well. Bedeiah Togafau, Kainoa Fuiava and Jonathan Ferrin can all catch the football to move the chains and can block well to create holes to run through.

Coach Lara, his staff and players are looking to improve on a 5-5 season from a year ago. If Warren wants to earn a playoff berth, the Bears must defeat cross-town rival Downey, Paramount or Dominguez. The road to the C.I.F. Southeast Division playoffs will go through those schools.

The Sweetwater Valley Little League from Bonita, near San Diego, advanced to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania with a 12-10 win against Hawaii state champion Waipio Little League on Saturday night.

S.V.L.L. is the fifth San Diego area team to win the western region tournament in the last 15 years. Oceanside American won in 2001, Rancho Buena Vista won in 2005, Park View won in 2009 and Eastlake won in 2013.

S.V.L.L. has won all four of their qualifying tournaments while compiling a perfect 16-0 record. Sweetwater Valley has not lost a game yet and has stayed in the winner's bracket in each tournament. S.V.L.L. has hit 72 home runs in 16 games and have outscored their opponents by 172 runs. Sweetwater Valley scored runs in 18 of 22 innings at the western region tournament in San Bernardino.

S.V.L.L. opened their Little League World Series against Great Lakes champion Bowling Green Eastern Little League yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

There are eight teams from the United States and eight teams from around the world who will compete in the Little League World Series. The winner of the United States'



The Downey Ladyhogs JV team are the 2015 AVAC Season Finale champions after the winning the tournament held at Next Level Sports Complex in Garden Grove Aug. 15-16. Front row, left to right: Precious Yerna, Isabel Lizarraga, Melanie Lopez, Surie Camacho and Alexandria Lucas. Standing: Coach Lovel Johnson, Lynetter Garcia, Retha Little, Zariah Grier, Chassen Gutierrez and Diana Gamboa. Not pictured: Coach Peter Rodriguez.

bracket will face the winner of the international bracket in the little league championship game.

The championship game will be played on Sunday, Aug. 30, at 3 p.m. on ABC at Lamade Stadium in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The consolation third place game will also be played on Sunday, at 10 a.m., at Lamade Stadium.

The 2015 Little League World Series brackets have been filled out and games started yesterday in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. There are a total of 16 teams competing for the Little League World Series championship. Eight teams are representing the United States and eight teams are representing the rest of the world.

The Great Lakes region is represented by Bowling Green Eastern Little League of Kentucky, the Mid-Atlantic region is represented by Red Land Little League of Pennsylvania, the Midwest region is represented by Webb City Little League of Missouri and the New England region is represented by Cranston Western Little League of Rhode Island.

The Northwest region is represented by Wilshire-Riverside Little League of Oregon, the Southeast region is represented by Northwood Little League of South Carolina, the Southwest region is represented by Pearland West Little League of Texas and the West region is represented by Sweetwater Valley Little League of California.

Seguro Social Little League of Baja is representing Mexico, Cardenales Little League of Venezuela is representing Latin America, Tokyo Kitasuna Little League is representing Japan and AVRS Secondary School Little League of Uganda is representing Europe-Africa.

Los Bravos de Pontezuela Little League of the Dominican Republic is representing the Caribbean, White Rock South Surrey of British Columbia is representing Canada, Cronulla Little League of Sydney is representing Australia and Tung Luan Little League of Chinese Taipei is representing Asia-Pacific.

Games began yesterday at 1 p.m. when the Caribbean played Europe-Africa. California played the Great Lakes at 7 p.m. (scores unavailable at press time).

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826: Students empowered through writing

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read about the case in a Chicano Studies class at college.

At the urging of her mother, whose health was declining, Mendez began speaking about

the case publicly in the 1990's to whomever would listen.

"Sylvia, this is history, she would tell me," recalls Mendez. "It needs to be taught in the schools. So I sent out letters to universities

and went to [schools]."

Mendez's efforts to raise public awareness took hold, and educators and scholars turned a fresh eye to transcripts and legal correspondence. Many now believe that Mendez v. Westminster laid the groundwork for the Supreme Court ruling in Brown V. Board of Education that declared segregated schools unconstitutional throughout the country.

In 2007 the United States Postal Service honored the families who filed the landmark lawsuit with a commemorative stamp. Mendez herself has since received many honors in recognition of her efforts on behalf of educational equality. The California State Board of Education now includes the Mendez case in its curriculum frameworks that help guide public school instruction.

Yet, despite the impact of the case, only two public schools are named in honor of this legal effort. Mendez High School in Boyle Heights is one of the two.

826LA At Mendez High

When McCormick called Gedney to ask if 826LA would consider using the Mendez case as a focal point for this year's student anthology, Gedney was enthusiastic.

"It's unusual to approach a school with such a specific project," says Gedney, "but when I heard Jennifer's suggestion, I just knew we had to do it at Mendez High."

History teacher Benjamin De

Leon was Gedney's contact at the school, and he was immediately on board. McCormick's colleague, Professor of History Chris Endy joined the effort to help with lesson plans. Emilie Coulson, another staff member at 826LA, was the fifth member of the team.

De Leon set aside a month for in-depth study of the case by his fifth and sixth period history classes, along with selected events in neighborhood history. The special unit was to be a starting point to encourage thinking about civic and social issues, and a springboard for students to further develop essential literacy skills and discover more about their own interests. He wanted student work to reflect the themes and spirit of the case.

Essay prompts were varied and open-ended, such as: "What do you gain from being in environments where people are different from you?," "What are the strengths and weaknesses of your neighborhood?," and "Think of someone in your community who has fought hard for change. Why did they do it? And how?"

The team also contacted community figures who were willing to be interviewed by students. Along with Mendez, interviewees included Bobby Verdugo, a leader of the historic 1968 high school walkouts in East LA; Heriberto Garza, retired teacher from Mendez High; Laura Urias, immigration attorney and partner in a legal firm; and Evelina Fernandez, actress and award-winning playwright;

Personal narratives in the student anthology include descriptions of the struggle to learn Spanish after growing up in the United States, life in the foster care system, and the experience of a youth whose parents emigrated from India. Several students wrote about the struggle of siblings and cousins affected by autism

Summing up the final project and experience, Gedney says, "It

was very special to bring such local history to life with students... We were able to bring in amazing local heroes as interviewees for the book, and several students transformed as people through the process after getting to speak with people like Evelina Fernandez and Laura Urias"

Now that the volume is published, Gedney says her team hopes that the book will be used "when studying social justice in education."

"I'm proud that this book is part of the legacy Sylvia Mendez is working so hard to continue," she adds.

Marisa Gedney

Graduating from UC Santa Barbara in 2006 with a degree from the College of Creative Studies, Gedney felt early on that she wanted to work in education in some way, although she could not have imagined her present position ten years ago.

"Even currently, it seems unreal," she says. "I get to learn from and work with incredible teachers, students, and volunteers every day."

Despite the demands of her career, Gedney makes time for her own writing every day, sending out poems for publication and attending readings. "It's the way I stay balanced," she explains. "If I gave up on writing, I would feel like I am not living my full life."

During one summer Gedney spent a week studying poetry with Juan Felipe Herrera, California's Poet Laureate, and this summer she attended the residency at Voices of Our Nation (VONA) in Miami.

When she has time, Gedney reads at local poetry events in and around Downey. "I am grateful for being part of a strong writing community in LA and in Downey," she says, "that keeps me motivated and inspired."

Pieology opens in Cerritos

CERRITOS - Pieology Pizzeria, a restaurant that offers customers the opportunity to create their own custom pizza pies, is now open in Cerritos.

The restaurant is located in the Cerritos Towne Center near Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill.

Pieology is similar to Subway, with customers creating their own personal-sized pizza from more than 40 ingredients and sauces.

Pizzas are made from house-made dough pressed into 11 1/2-inch thin pizza crusts.

The new restaurant seats 39 customers in an industrial-chic environment.

Cerritos College seeks applicants for bond oversight group

NORWALK - The Cerritos Community College District is accepting applications to fill vacancies for the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee.

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee was established to oversee the expenditure of money for the construction, repair and modernization of campus projects. This committee ensures that the bond proceeds are expended only for the purposes set forth in Measure CC and Measure G and that no bond proceeds are used for teacher or administrative salaries or any other operating expenses.

The two vacancies are for members of a senior citizens' organization or support organization. All appointees must be 18 years of age or older.

The members will serve two-year terms. The legal process calls for solicitation of applications after which the College President will review the applications and make recommendations to the Cerritos Community College District Board of Trustees. The Board will make the final decision.

Applications are available online at <http://cms.cerritos.edu/bond/bond-oversight-committee/> and must be completed and delivered by Friday, Sept. 18.

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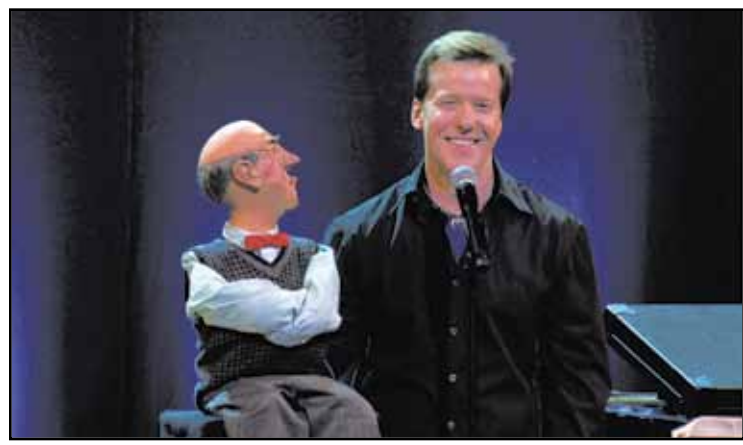
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Jeff Dunham performing Saturday night

HOLLYWOOD – Popular ventriloquist Jeff Dunham will perform his new show, “Not Playing with a Full Deck,” this Saturday at the Dolby (formerly Nokia) Theatre.

Tickets start at \$40 for the 8 p.m. show and can be purchased at TicketMaster.com.

Dunham gained prominence in 2005 after financing his own DVD special, “Arguing with Myself.” In 2009, he signed a multi-platform deal with Comedy Central, and currently is in residency at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas.



Isley Brothers coming to Cerritos

CERRITOS – The Isley Brothers, hailed as “one of the most important and influential groups of the last half-century,” will perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Tickets start at \$55 and are now on sale.

Formed in the 1950s in Cincinnati, the Isley Brothers scored its first hit with the call-and-response classic “Shout,” which has been covered by countless bands over the years. The New York Times said Shout “turned rock-and-roll upside down.”

But it was 1962’s “Twist and Shout” that shook up the Top 40s Pop and R&B charts, taking the group mainstream. (Both songs were a large part of the Beatles’ repertoire.)

The members of the Isley Brothers changed throughout the years, but the group’s knack for reinventing itself remained constant. The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1992, and in 2003 made it into the Vocal Group of Hall of Fame.

Today, the Isley Brothers consists of Ronald Isley and Ernie Isley.

Long Beach ICT releases 2015-16 schedule

LONG BEACH – International City Theatre has announced a season of five critically-acclaimed plays by six multiple award-winning writers for 2016.

The company’s 31st season launches on Feb. 12 at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

Productions include the Outer Critics Circle award-winning musical “Closer than Ever”; American Theatre Critics award-winning play “A Walk in the Woods”; the multiple award-winning comedy “Vanya and Masha and Spike”; the Pulitzer Prize winning psychological drama “Doubt: A Parable”; and the ultra-theatrical “Shipwrecked!”

“For ICT, this will be the year of the wordsmith,” says artistic director Caryn Desai [sic]. “We want to celebrate our great, contemporary, living writers. These are writers who may have also written for other mediums, but have never left the theater. They have invested their careers in writing for the theater. As they have matured, we have benefited from a wealth of theatrical experiences.”

The 2016 schedule is as follows:

Feb. 12 – March 6 (previews Feb. 10 and Feb. 11):

Closer than Ever – Filled with hilarious and poignant songs about dating, parenting, aging and dreams both fulfilled and unrequited, Closer Than Ever is like a musical “how-to” manual for life. With each song a self-contained story inspired by real-life experiences, its message to value the little things in life remains timeless. This Outer Critics’ Circle award-winner for best off-Broadway musical also netted Drama Desk nominations for lyricist Richard Malby, Jr. (Fosse, Miss Saigon) and composer David Shire (Big: the musical).

April 29 – May 22 (previews April 27 and April 28):

A Walk in the Woods – Lee Blessing’s brilliant and funny play of ideas, based on a true event, seems more timely than ever. Nearing the end of the Cold War, a pair of arms negotiators—a clever, cynical Russian and an idealistic young American—meet in the woods outside Geneva to explore the obstacles their countries face on the path to peace. There, they debate politics, life and the future of

the free world. Can personal bonds bridge political chasms? Nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and winner of the prestigious American Theatre Critics/Steinberg New Play Award.

June 10 – July 3 (previews June 8 and June 9):

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike – Christopher Durang’s witty mash-up of Chekhov characters and smartphones is a delightful new comedy for our hyperconnected era. Middle-aged siblings Vanya and Sonia live an angst-ridden, melancholic existence on their family farm. Housecleaner-cum-soothsayer Cassandra, whose hilariously ambiguous prophecies keep them befuddled, provides the only break from monotony. That is, until their glamorous movie-star sister, Masha, swans in for a surprise visit-along with her hunky 20-something boy toy, Spike. Winner of 2013 Tony, Drama Desk, New York Drama Critics’ Circle and Outer Critics’ Circle best play awards.

Aug. 19 – Sept. 11 (previews Aug. 17 and Aug. 18):

Doubt: A Parable – It is 1964, a time of movement and change, but Catholic school principal Sister Aloysius values a stern hand over progressive education. When evidence points to an inappropriate relationship between Father Flynn and the school’s first black student, she begins a crusade to rid the church of him. John Patrick Shanley’s riveting psychological drama examines the fine line between what seems certain and ambiguity, between conviction and doubt. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, as well as Tony, Drama Desk, New York Drama Critics’ Circle and Lucille Lortel awards for best play.

Oct. 14 – Nov. 6 (previews Oct. 12 and Oct. 13):

Shipwrecked! An Entertainment—The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as Told by Himself) – Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Donald Margulies celebrates the

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International City Theatre was born in 1985 when Shashin Desai opened a 99-seat black box theater on the campus of Long Beach City College where he was chairman of the drama department. From the beginning, the fledgling company attracted critical acclaim and multiple awards – including the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle’s prestigious Margaret Harford Award for “Sustained Excellence in Theater.”

Determined to build a high quality professional, mid-size theater company in the City of Long Beach, Desai persuaded the City Council to give him space in the Center Theater of the Long Beach Performing Arts Center. By 1996, ICT was producing simultaneous seasons on the college

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campus and at the Performing Arts Center. In 1999, the Long Beach City Council proclaimed International City Theater the “Professional Resident Theater Company” at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

A year later, ICT made the choice to invest entirely in the downtown, mid-size theater with an annual five-play season.

When Desai retired in 2011, ICT’s board of directors unanimously approved Caryn Desai, ICT’s general manager since 1990, to take the reins as producing artistic director. The 2016 season marks the sixth under her leadership.

For more information about ICT’s 2016 season, and to purchase subscriptions or single tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit internationalcitytheatre.org

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GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SITE PLAN REVIEW AND A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PLN-15-00141

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 2nd day of September, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

PLN-15-00141 (Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit) – A request to replace an existing 1,607 sq. ft. garage service bay and minimart building with a new 1,607 sq. ft. convenience store, and to operate with a State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 20 (Off-Sale Beer & Wine, Package Store) license, on property located at 9093 Imperial Highway and zoned C-2 (General Commercial). The existing service station (Arco), including the gas pump islands and their canopy structures, will remain unchanged.

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15303(Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

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

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

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT A. NIEMANN
Case No. BP164463

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT A. NIEMANN A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nicol Jones in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nicol Jones be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 18, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in Section 9002(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
AMY C ANDERSON ESQ
SBN 206638
ANDERSON & ANDERSON
 2070 N TUSTIN AVE
 SANTA ANA CA 92705

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015198927
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LORD JESUS CHRIST INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH, 1702 EAST 63RD STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NATIJESSE H. FELIPE-GUZMAN, 1702 EAST 63RD STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805 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/ NATIJESSE H. FELIPE-GUZMAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 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.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015198923
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TROPICAL ISLANDS RAIDS, 12301 STUDEBAKER RD #138, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EZRA MICHELLE ALANIZ, 12301 STUDEBAKER RD 138, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) JULIO CESAR GONZALES ZEGARRA, 12301 STUDEBAKER RD #138, NORWALK CA 90650 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 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/ EZRA MICHELLE ALANIZ, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 30, 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
8/20/15

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education for the DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Downey, CA, (Los Angeles County), will receive Request for proposal (RFP) #2015/2016-01 for the procurement of the following:

Installation of Mounting Hardware and Related Items for LCD Projectors in District Classrooms

Sealed request for proposal (RFP's) must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241 no later than 11:00 AM on September 4, 2015.

Companies interested in submitting a proposal should request the appropriate documents from the Purchasing Department by calling (562) 469-6531.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. No firm may withdraw their proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening of proposals and the formal RFP documents and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.
 Darren Purselglove
 Director, Purchasing and Warehouse

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TRUSTEE SALES

APN: 6359-008-013T.S. No. 025704-CA
 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE-IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/13/2008. 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 ON 9/2/2015 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/16/2008, as Instrument No. 20081847891, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOSE RICARDO PEREZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND ESMERALDA MORENO, HIS WIFE WIFE 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 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: 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: 7400 NOREN ST DOWNEY, CA 90240The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015098512
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MOESTACHE, 11715 PRUESS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CAROLYN PLASCENCIA, 11715 PRUESS AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ CAROLYN PLASCENCIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 29, 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015212333
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 3D PRODUCTION (2) 3D SKETCH (3) WEB BUILDER, 16528 DIANE AVENUE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NOEL JARABA, 16528 DIANE AVENUE, 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/ NOEL JARABA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 14, 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).

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: V5027632

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: October 7, 2015, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**. August 7, 2015
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Jerry Martin Moseback, Jr.
 10535 Myrtle Street
 Downey, CA 90241
(562) 708-6471

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8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT
PLN-15-00156

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 2nd day of September, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

PLN-15-00156 (Zoning Text Amendment) – A request to amend Article IX of the Downey Municipal Code to establish minimum standards for the design and installation of landscaping using drought-tolerant plants and native plants that require minimal use of water, and standards for the installation of synthetic turf.

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15307 (Class 7, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and Section 15308 (Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment).

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

For more information contact City Planner William Davis at 562-904-7154.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015196379
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COCO'S PRODUCTOS MEXICANOS, 10920 GARFIELD # 19, SOUTH GATE CA 90260, CA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUCY MARIA AGUILAR, 6547 IRA AVENUE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201 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/ LUCY MARIA AGUILAR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 28, 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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015194527
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MILLENNIAL AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES (2) J&A AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES (3) R. AUDIO 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) JONATHAN A. RENTERIA, 8330 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ JONATHAN A. RENTERIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 24, 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

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: V5027631

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: October 7, 2015, Time: 1:30 pm,

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PLN-15-00156

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company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 15-20337-SP-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. Date: 08/19/2015 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4539311 08/20/2015, 08/27/2015, 09/03/2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 14-0385 Loan No.: *****100 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE Section 2923.3(a). THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/30/2007 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW. 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. AS PUBLIC auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) will be held by the duly appointed Trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: MARC OLIVER TORRES AND ANGIE LIM TORRES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 4/10/2007 as Instrument No. 20070852726 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 09/11/2015 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$902,478.27 The purported property address is: 9005 GAINFORD STREET DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6360-011-044 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 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkkasap.com for information

regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, 14-0385 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 8/10/2015 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Diane Weifenbach, Trustee Sale Officer 5120 E. La Palma Avenue, # 209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: 714-730-2727 Sales Website: www.servicelinkkasap.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4539666 08/20/2015, 08/27/2015, 09/03/2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 28306-5 Loan No.: 20010140 Title Order No.: 140013423 APN 6266-010-020 TRA No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 09/10/2015 at 10:00AM, MORTGAGE LENDER SERVICES, INC., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/28/2006 as Document No. 06 1675465 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ELIZABETH PEREZ, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal 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, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said county, California describing the land and any other MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13260 LAURELDALE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$189,157.03 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the full credit bid. 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. 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Trustee Sale No. : 00000004232484 Title Order No. : 1596138 F.I.A.V./P.M.I No. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE

IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/07/2006. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/14/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1556483 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: ISMAEL MARQUEZ AND FLORENA MARQUEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/02/2015 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS AND MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, A.P.N. #: 8075-009-018 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, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the 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 \$206,019.50. 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 (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.

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: DANIEL ACOSTA AND ROSALE ACOSTA, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee: LAW OFFICES OF LES ZIEVE Deed of Trust recorded 11/7/2007 as Instrument No. 20072501099 in book -, page -, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 8/31/2015 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: \$442,535.50 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11011 LIGGETT STREET NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 Described as follows: LOT 22 OF TRACT NO 14513 AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED IN BOOK 313 PAGES 37 TO 38 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, A.P.N. #: 8075-009-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.

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APN: 8080035037T.S. No. 023418-CA NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 4/2/2008. 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. On 9/17/2015 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 4/8/2008, as Instrument No. 20080600842, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: HECTOR J MENDOZA, AND IRMA T MENDOZA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS 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: LOTS 53 AND 54 BLOCK X OF PETROLEUM CENTER, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED INBOOK 1 PAGES 1 AND 2 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12107 CHESHIRE STREET NORWALK, CA 90650-0000 THE UNDERSIGNED TRUSTEE disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said

sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$249,062.33 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. 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 023418-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 Publish: 8/20/2015, 8/27/2015, 9/3/2015

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**SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND**

I'm a Member of AAA

In this piece, Cynthia Vanasse shares some painful memories about prior relationships in the hope that others might learn from some of her mistakes and know they are not alone. Cynthia enjoys her children and grandchildren, and life with her new puppy. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Cynthia Vanasse

Normally if someone asks if you are a member of AAA, you might think of the American Automobile Association. I am a member of this organization too; it has helped me out of many difficult roadside problems.

But I am also a member of another AAA, and I do not mean the car insurance company. The AAA I belong to is very special; you have to meet specific criteria to join. Hopefully, there are not many others who qualify.

My organization consists of women who have been married or engaged to an adulterer, an alcoholic, and an Alzheimer's patient. This assortment of type "A" men has filled my life with new insights to the trials of being human and why I am attracted to those struggling.

My first husband, Scott, was a serial adulterer. We were married for 25 years and had two great kids. Our lives seemed blessed. My husband's outgoing personality together with a quick engineering mind made him a perfect employee for I.B.M. in the Sixties. He landed a sales position and installed the first bank computer system.

His career continued with world travel. While he was setting up systems, he was also setting up himself. I was very naive and the thought of adultery never entered my head.

What have I learned from this marriage? All people are not honest with empathy for others. I did not understand this. As Scott has many admirable qualities, I now recognize that all humans are a mixture of good

and bad. Yes, adultery is a fault, but in other cultures it is a given. Culture molds our morality.

I also had to look at myself and admit that I had a very sheltered academic upbringing, leaving me unsophisticated in the ways of the world. I was very trusting. If I had been more experienced, Scott would not have "gotten away" with this behavior. There were too many signs that I did not recognize.

After our divorce, I became engaged to Peter, another engineer. He was very successful and retired at an early age, living in a beautiful home in Los Altos Hills. From his living room we could see the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge. His property was on one-half acre with deer and horse trails meandering through. He was my second "A", an alcoholic.

I was at my daughter's graduation from Colby College, when the phone rang and I was told to return quickly. Peter was in the hospital. I ran into his room, and he was orange. Peter was a functioning alcoholic who needed vodka in his system every four hours. Here was a man who had the ability to hide his problems, and I was not aware enough to understand.

When Peter asked me to marry him, he wanted to form a living trust with me as the sole beneficiary. My

"false morality" told me not to accept this until we were married. Well, he died intestate shortly thereafter; everything he owned went to the state. My moral questioning was not valid, and I lost millions because of it. In the future I would not be guided by false morality.

For the last "A" in my life, I married a man who was on the cusp of Alzheimer's disease. He was older than me and I was not aware of the disease. I learned the heartbreak of old age often ending with mental and physical incapacity. Thus I gained an understanding of the role of inevitable death in our lives and the courage it takes to accept it.

I became a member of this AAA partially because of my lack of experience in understanding the dark side of our human mind. I now can accept the capacity in each of us to hurt others, often to hide our faults. I understand my role as an unaware bystander.

If you like the person you are now, you are the result of all your past experiences. I am content with the lessons I have learned. Being a member of AAA has been a valuable life experience—perhaps the most valuable!

POETRY MATTERS

HEAT

O wind, rend open the heat,
cut apart the heat,
rend it to tatters.
Fruit cannot drop
through this thick air—
fruit cannot fall into heat
that presses up and blunts
the points of pears
and rounds the grapes.
Cut the heat—
plough through it,
turning it on either side
of your path.

By H.D.

Imagist poets like Hilda Doolittle (H. D.) wanted clarity and directness, with an economy of language, like the four-letter words which open the poem. Addressing wind as a person makes the experience intimate. The farm verb "plough" makes it primitive. We've been suffering through weather like this, and whether H. D. invokes physical desire and passion, or suggests global warming, we feel her pain. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Getting your home ready to sell

By Nathaniel Sillin

As the economy improves, today's sellers are facing a very different environment than they were before the housing market stumbled in 2006.

Today's housing market features new procedures and standards, not the least of which are continuing borrowing hurdles for prospective buyers. If you are thinking about a home sale in the coming months, it pays to do a thorough overview of your personal finances and local real estate environment before you put up the "for sale" sign. Here are some general issues to consider:

Make sure you're not underwater. You may want to buy a new home, but can you afford to sell? The term "underwater" refers to the amount of money a seller owes on a house in excess of final sales proceeds. If what you owe on the home - including all selling costs due at closing - exceeds the agreed-upon sale price, then you will have to pay the difference out of pocket. If you're not in a situation where you absolutely have to sell now, you may want to wait until your financial circumstances and the real estate market improves.

Evaluate your finances. Before you sell, make sure you are ready to buy or rent. Making sure all three of your credit reports (<https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action>) are accurate is an important part of that process.

Consider "for sale by owner" vs. "for sale by broker." "For

Sale by Owner" (FSBO) signs were a common sight in many neighborhoods during the housing crisis. Shrunken home values convinced many sellers to sell their property themselves rather than pay 5-6 percent of profit in broker commission. However, consider what a licensed real estate broker could accomplish in your specific situation. Many experienced brokers have market knowledge and negotiating skills that could potentially get a better price for your property. Deciding which route to take shouldn't be an overnight decision. Check leading FSBO and broker sites and talk with knowledgeable friends, attorneys and real estate professionals to learn as much as you can.

Think twice before spending on improvements. Not every home construction project pays off at sale time. Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report (<http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2015/>) tracks both pricing and cost recovery for leading remodeling projects. Before fixing up a bathroom,

kitchen or any other area of your home, research whether the work will actually pay for itself at sale. For many sellers, it might be advantageous to hire a licensed home inspector to identify any structural, mechanical or major appliance repair issues that could delay or compromise a sale.

Don't forget moving costs. According to the American Moving and Storage Association, a leading industry trade group, the average professional interstate move of 1,220 miles costs an average of \$5,630; in state, the average moving cost is \$1,170. After all the costs involved in selling a home, don't forget how much it costs to relocate.

Bottom line: Selling your home requires planning. Before putting it on the market, get solid, qualified advice on how to sell smart in a still-recovering housing market.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center held its first annual photo day for volunteers on Aug. 7.

The hospital has seen 625 volunteers in 2015 to date (95 youths and 530 adults). Currently active this summer are 523 volunteers, including 84 youths and 439 adults.

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IN ESCROW

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