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## Mental health a growing priority in Downey schools

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School hosted an information session Dec. 8 for both parents and students on the topics of mental health and the resources available to them in Downey.

School psychologists from Downey, Warren and Columbus high schools teamed up to bring awareness to a topic that may seem minor but is a prevalent issue in schools, officials said.

Downey Unified's Special Education Department also held a separate informative meeting on the same subjects on Dec. 9 at Downey High for all special needs families within the district.

This mental health initiative has been a concentrated effort by Downey Unified staff, officials said, with the slogan, "If you see something, say something." Students are urged to speak up when they are aware that a friend or classmate is in need or danger.

At each educational level, the district is promoting a theme that teaches students "that it is critical they reach out for help if they need it, or if they know of a friend who needs it."

The session held at Warren High focused on the common mental health concerns that adolescents face – including depression, anxiety, self-injurious behavior – and resources available for parents and students should do when they are confronted with these matters.

School psychologists assisted parents with ways in which they can help their children with these issues; they also used this time to inform students on how to handle these emotions when they are faced with them.

"We answered many questions for our parents and they left reassured that their student's mental health needs are a priority in Downey Unified," said Warren High psychologist Denise Evans.

Parents were also handed flyers that listed resources within the city of Downey that they could utilize if they, or their children, are facing mental health issues. Some of the resources included a psychiatric evaluation team and crisis contacts, as well as local mental health and counseling clinics.

"Downey Unified is committed to developing responsible and compassionate members of society," stated superintendent Dr. John Garcia. "Providing a variety of resources for our parents and mental health support for our students is imperative so they can thrive in school."

Parents or students with mental health concerns are urged to contact their school counselor or psychologist. Information is also available on Warren High's website, [dusd.net/warren](http://dusd.net/warren), under the "Parent Resources" heading.

For more information on mental health resources within Downey Unified, call (562) 469-6500.

## Miss Downey applications now available

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Rose Float Association is now accepting applications for the 2016 Little/Junior/Teen and Miss Downey Pageant.

Orientation will be on Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church. The Miss Downey Pageant is April 16.

Applications are available online at [downeyrose.org](http://downeyrose.org) For more information, call Jennifer at (562) 714-5658.

## Alex Saab sworn-in as Downey's newest mayor



Photo by John Zander

By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Alex Saab called for a renewed spirit of volunteerism and city entrepreneurship on Tuesday after being sworn in as Downey's 43rd mayor.

In front of a standing room only crowd at City Hall, Saab laid out an ambitious vision that doubles down on public safety spending, community branding efforts, and economic development in south Downey.

While that's only a portion of what the 40-year-old Downey native seeks to accomplish, Saab made it clear, he can't do it all on his own.

"I want to hear from you," he

said. "What would you do if you were mayor? The best ideas aren't going to come from me, they're going to come from you."

Saab pledged to advocate community engagement during his term by promoting volunteer opportunities for residents to participate in home-grown programs for youth, veterans, and senior citizens.

"It's a call to service for every citizen to get involved and make a difference in our community," he said.

Moreover, Saab highlighted his commitment to public safety by reassuring residents that nearly 70% of the city's \$162 million budget will continue to fund Downey's police and fire agencies.

"Let's be realistic here, we've been

in the news lately for reasons we would rather not," Saab said referencing the tragic shooting death of Downey police officer Ricardo Galvez.

"Believe me, we are all well-aware of the sentiment and we can promise you that we will not falter, but we will fight day in, day out to keep our residents safe."

In keeping with that promise, Saab announced an increased police presence at city parks, an expansion of neighborhood watch groups, five new police vehicles, one new police officer, and increased patrolling in Downtown Downey during evenings and weekends.

Saab also proposed an independent audit of the city's permit processes and customer service procedures.

"Our staff does an incredible job, but the day we get complacent, the day we think things are just fine the way we are, is the day we need to move on as your representatives," said Saab.

He maintained instead that the city should always be prepared for the next Porto's or Tropicana Bakery by identifying methods to increase public access to community development forms.

New economic development is also coming to Imperial Highway if Saab gets his way.

"One of the things that irks me a little is when I speak with potential businesses who want to invest in our city, but they say they only want to be on Firestone or Florence," Saab said. "The south part of our city is going to be the place to be and we need to be prepared to encourage businesses to invest in south Downey."

Part of that redevelopment includes building a sports complex

of soccer fields and park space on the Rancho Los Amigos south campus, which is owned by Los Angeles County.

"No promises, but we're working with the county to find creative ideas for funding," he said.

Saab's priorities also include creating a medical overlay zone, which will facilitate the growth and prestige of Downey's medical industry; investing in the branding initiative Discover Downey through social media marketing and promotional videos; and expanding public art spaces and introducing the Downtown Art Walk sponsored by Stay Gallery and the Downey Arts Coalition.

However, the highlight of Saab's one-year tenure will most likely surround the city's 60th anniversary. To commemorate the celebration, the city will host a monthly speaker series, historic tours, concerts, and a Celebrate Downey Festival on July 4.

Raised in Downey, Saab attended both Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower. Later, he earned his juris doctorate degree from Loyola Law School before establishing his own Downey practice in 2002.

Before being elected to the city council in 2012, Saab was president-elect of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and vice president of the Southeast District Bar Association.

Saab ended his first mayoral address by thanking his wife Giggy and three kids, Dominic, Gianna, and Alexander.

"I've been the luckiest guy in my 40 years on this earth and I hope to leave our city of Downey a little bit better than when we started," he said.

## Cinemark Theatre opens with VIP event



Photo courtesy Mario Guerra

By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The quickly developing Downey Promenade saw the grand opening of one of its main attractions Thursday evening as the new Cinemark Theater held its VIP Event and "first official ticket tearing" ceremony to a crowd of Downey officials and residents.

Guests of the event were treated to unlimited free popcorn and fountain drinks, and were able to

enjoy the luxuries of Downey's newest entertainment option first hand by choosing from several different movie selections being played in each theater.

Guests were also able to begin purchasing movie tickets at the venue, including for this weekend's highly anticipated "Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens" premiere.

Cinemark is the second of the Promenade businesses to open, with 24 Hour Fitness opening not even a week prior. The Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar looks to open within the next month, with all other stores and dining locations following in the next three to four months, as stated by Councilman Luis Marquez at last week's Mayoral Transition Ceremony.

The brand new theater houses 14 auditoriums with seating ranging from 63 to 211 seats for a grand total of 1,257. Each seat is a leather reclining "luxury lounge" that can turn into a "cuddler seat" when the center armrest is lifted.

Cinemark Marketing Director Bryan Jeffries said that theater goers can expect the same experience no matter what auditorium they are in

or what movie they are seeing.

"The feeling was that it doesn't matter if the film you're going to see is in its fifth week and is playing in what you always call "the last auditorium," said Jeffries. "You should have the same experience whether you came week one or week five. Even if it's an older movie you should have the same experience when you go."

The theater's biggest auditorium houses the theater chain's state-of-the-art Cinemark XD, which offers a wall-to-wall and ceiling-to-floor screen, digital images, and a custom JBL sound system.

"The films that will play in here are all gonna be your blockbusters. Obviously Star Wars will be in here," said Jeffries.

According to Jeffries, seating will be primarily reserved specific to each seat, with ushers on hand to check that patrons are in their correct seats and theaters.

Downey's Cinemark also offers a self-serve, cafeteria style concession stand and some alcohol options including craft beers, wine, and margaritas. Alcohol purchases will be monitored and limited.

Downey councilman Luis

Marquez said it was an "exciting time for the city of Downey."

"It's been a long time coming, a long time waiting, planning, putting this project together, going through the changes of this property; from the movie studios, from Tesla, to now, to really reach into today," said Mayor Marquez. "Today's an exciting time not just for the city, but for our residents. The fact that we're able to bring them quality entertainment: another cinema into our city. It's just an amazing addition to our city."

Mayor Alex Saab, who took over mayoral duties Tuesday, also expressed his enthusiasm for Downey's expanding future.

"I think our best days are in front of us," said Saab. "I see there's going to continue to be expansion of businesses. We're going to continue to work on improving our public safety. We're going to continue to make our quality of life better for our residents. And we're going to continue to support our businesses that are here and also attract quality businesses."

The new Cinemark Theater officially opened to the public Friday, with the first showing at 3 p.m. Doors opened at around 2:30 p.m.

## Downey food banks work to end hunger

By Carol Kearns  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Every Saturday morning, not far from the Downey Farmers Market, a local food bank opens its doors to assist with a common problem faced by many of today's working poor and those on fixed incomes - insufficient food.

Despite statistics that show a rebounding economy, many people find they have little left for the grocery store after paying their rent and utilities.

"We're here to help," says volunteer Marty Fehn. "We only want to know, are you hungry? Do you need food?" The application form is basic, asking how many people are in

the family and if there are any special dietary needs or food allergies.

It is hard to name the most impressive feature of this all-volunteer operation known as FoodHelp – the number of people being served, the quality and variety of its food, or the community-wide collaboration among churches, civic groups, and businesses that makes it

all possible.

In a crowded, and often anonymous, urban environment, FoodHelp's network of volunteers and donors gives new definition to the words "neighbor" and "community."

See **FOOD BANKS**, page 4

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 64°

Sunday 63°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Lightsaber Battle

**Friday - Downtown L.A., 8 p.m.**  
A massive, family-friendly lightsaber battle. \$10 for a lightsaber or bring your own.



#### The Nutcracker

**Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.**  
Presented by Southern California Dance Theatre. Tickets start at \$25; also a Sunday matinee.



#### Dave Koz

**Saturday - Cerritos Center for Performing Arts, 8 p.m.**  
Grammy nominated saxophonist Dave Koz presents a Christmas concert; tickets start at \$50.



#### Snoop Dogg

**Saturday - Belasco Theatre, 9 p.m.**  
Snoop Dogg performs live with special guests Tha Eastsidaz. Tickets start at \$40.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Downey schools open after LAUSD threats

Marjorie Jimenez: Better safe, than sorry...I won't be sending my kids to school!

Jordana Avelar: I'm still not taking my kids to school. I will break their perfect attendance.

Sandee Michelle: I dropped my kid off a bit ago, heartbroken. I'm now on my way back to get her. Too scary!

Reach us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/DowneyPatriot)

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyPolice: Downey PD Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint on December 18 at an undisclosed location

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SHARED STORIES:  
THE TIES THAT BIND

# My Doll House

*Karen Borrell grew up in rural New York in the Adirondacks. Like many at the time, her family struggled financially; but one Christmas her mother still managed to give Karen the gift of her dreams. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns*

By Karen Borrell  
My mother always knew how

very much I wanted a doll house. It was the war years and our family, like so many others, was barely making each month's rent and other costs. I know mother longed to give me that special gift.

Somehow, probably through my stepfather who worked in a lumber mill, she found a lumberjack who said he would make a doll house for her. I'm sure it didn't cost her much, as it was not what you would call a fine piece of work.

Somehow she managed, without me seeing it, to install this large and very heavy, finished gift into the bay window area of our dining room and on top of the window seat.

We always opened our gifts on Christmas Eve after a special and delicious dinner. That was followed by the gift opening, and then a long drive to late church services in another town. That would get us back through the heavy snow-banked roads well

after midnight.

I cannot imagine how my brothers, mother, and stepfather could have moved that doll house into its position at the last minute, and I didn't see them do it. I only know that when my few little gifts were open, I felt a bit disappointed, but knew not to expect a great deal.

Then I was told to go into the dining room. A blanket covered my treasure. I pulled it off, and there was the most beautiful and happy surprise! I was thrilled.

Looking back, what filled my hours and made me so happy was a very bulky, crudely made house of heavy plywood. It had a front door that opened to a small space that had oversized stairs leading to the second floor.

There were two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs. I made a kitchen under the stairs and a bathroom at the top of the stairs.

The back half of the roof, with its real, heavy, life-sized shingles,

had hinges and lifted up. I found a stick to hold it up when I played in the upstairs section. If the roof had fallen on me, I'm sure it could have knocked me out.

Everything in that doll house was thick and heavy, but I didn't care. It had big windows and I could reach into every room as I played. I nailed up curtains, cut out paper oriental rugs and pictures for the walls from our Sears catalogue. Very gradually I collected any sort of thing to furnish my ungainly house. The furniture didn't match and was of various proportions. I barely minded.

My brother Richard was very handy, and wired in Christmas lights so that I could see to play during our dark winter afternoons. He was already headed towards his degree in engineering at age 11 or 12. He had an Erector set and made me a battery-run elevator that would lift my dolls up the imaginary "hill" that their house sat on.

Richard's recovery from rheumatic fever kept him home for a few years, and he was my constant companion. Sometimes I could even get him to play with me and the doll house. But that was very seldom. He preferred to solve my technical problems or make a new kind of car for my small dolls, or something else that would amuse me.

When I was almost thirteen, our family made the big move from the mountains to a small city and we had very cramped living quarters. This was done mainly for better schooling and to be closer to the hospital where my mother worked. The decision had to be made to leave the bulky dollhouse behind.

I don't know what mother did with it but it was quietly done without my seeing it go. It had been one of my greatest enjoyments, but now my life was opening to new possibilities.

## Vandalism suspects accused of smashing up to 30 car windows

**DOWNEY** - Two people suspected of smashing the windows of 30 cars were arrested last week, police announced.

Police officers were dispatched to the area of Suva Street and Arrington Avenue on Dec. 5 to investigate a vandalism report.

When officers arrived, they stopped a Mitsubishi Lancer that matched the description of a suspect vehicle in prior vandalism calls.

Officers found a hammer inside the vehicle, police said. The suspects, an adult man from Downey and a juvenile from Long Beach, were subsequently linked to about 30 acts of vandalism in which vehicles had their windows and side mirrors broken.

The suspects were not identified. Anyone with additional information is asked to call Sgt. Leigh Lacy at (562) 904-2340.

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## DUI checkpoint Friday night

**DOWNEY** - Downey Police will hold a DUI and driver's license checkpoint Friday, Dec. 18, starting at 8 p.m. at an undisclosed location.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol or drug impairment and proof of proper licensing.

Impaired drivers can expect to be arrested. Fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses can exceed \$10,000.

Funding for the checkpoint is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## Jazz dance recital Saturday

**DOWNEY** - Donna Boise's jazz dance class will present a winter recital featuring jazz, tap dancing and singing, at the Barbara J. Riley Center on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 3:15 p.m.

Doors open at 3 p.m., and tickets will be sold at the door for \$2.

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# SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey, Warren have 7 All-League selections

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** - The 2015 San Gabriel Valley League All-League girls' volleyball selections have been released. Warren had four All-League selections, Gahr had three, Downey had three, Paramount had two and Lynwood had one.

Warren High School senior Miranda White was selected as the S.G.V.L. Player of the Year. White is an outside hitter who accumulated 277 kills, 211 digs, 57 aces and 16 blocks to lead the Lady Bears to the S.G.V.L. title.

Junior setter Vanessa Garcia, senior outside hitter Jasmine Palacios and senior libero Caitlyn Headley were also selected as All-S.G.V.L. selections.

Gahr High School senior opposite Tyra Parrish, junior middle blocker Zanache Stanton and senior setter Niahni Moultry were also selected as All-S.G.V.L. selections.

Downey High School senior outside hitter Bela Gamboa, senior libero Alejandra Mora and senior opposite Melanie Estanillo were also selected as All-S.G.V.L. selections.

Paramount High School junior opposite Selena Manriquez and junior middle blocker Cianna Andrews were also selected as All-S.G.V.L. selections as was Lynwood High School's senior middle blocker Alice Reyes.

Coach Scott Lane and his staff are

extremely proud of this year's team and what they have accomplished. The Lady Bears finished the season with an overall record of 16-7 and were 9-1 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren defeated Estancia in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs before being eliminated by Village Christian in the second round.

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The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has a record of 4-1 and will stay busy in December before league play starts in January.

The Lady Vikings lost in the championship game of the 38th Annual Downey Varsity Classic to Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Montebello 49-40 on 12/3.

Downey defeated Hawthorne 52-34 in the first round of the Downey Classic. The Lady Vikings then defeated El Segundo 45-37 in the second round and defeated South Torrance 38-33 to advance to the championship game against C-SH.

In the Hawthorne game, the score was tied 10-10 at the end of the first quarter. Downey outscored Hawthorne 17-4 in the second quarter and led 27-14 at halftime. Both teams scored 12 points in the third quarter and Downey led 39-26 at the end of the quarter. The Lady Vikings sealed the win by outscoring Hawthorne 13-8 in the fourth quarter and won 52-34.

Downey defeated Garfield at Garfield 53-50 on 12/8. In the

Garfield game, Downey trailed 17-15 at the end of the first quarter but led 34-27 at halftime. Garfield outscored the Lady Vikings 14-7 in the third quarter and the score was tied at 41 entering the fourth quarter. The Lady Vikings outscored Garfield 12-9 in the fourth quarter and won the game 53-50.

Coach Harris is pleased with how well his team has played thus far in the preseason. The Lady Vikings will begin S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Dominguez to face the Lady Dons on 1/13 and will then host Lynwood on 1/15. Downey will then travel to cross-town rival Warren to face the Lady Bears on 1/20.

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The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has a record of 4-3 and will begin S.G.V.L. play in January. The Bears have a busy preseason schedule and that will continue throughout December and the first part of January.

Warren defeated Artesia at Warren 3-2 on 11/23, were defeated by Los Alamitos at Los Alamitos 2-0 on 11/30, defeated Santa Margarita at Warren 1-0 on 12/2, were defeated

by Edison at Edison 1-1 (4-2 on PK's) on 12/5, were defeated by Bell Gardens at Bell Gardens 2-0 on 12/8 and defeated El Dorado at Warren 5-1 on 12/10.

Warren traveled to La Mirada on Wednesday and defeated the Matadores 6-2. The Bears had two home games scheduled for yesterday against Long Beach Jordan and El Segundo (scores unavailable at press time) and will travel to Santa Ana Valley on 1/5.

The Bears will host Katella on 1/8 and will begin S.G.V.L. play against Paramount at Warren on 1/12. Warren will travel to Gahr on 1/14, will host cross-town rival Downey on 1/19, will travel to Dominguez on 1/21 and will host Lynwood on 1/26. Paramount and cross-town rival Downey will once again provide tough competition for the Bears.

Coach Pena, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2016 S.G.V.L. season. Warren finished last season with an overall record of 23-2-2 and were 9-0-1 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren was the 2015 S.G.V.L. champion. The Bears were defeated by Edison 1-1 (5-4 in PK's)

in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs. Warren defeated Ventura 4-0 in the first round to advance.

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The second rotation of middle school sports has concluded and five city championships have been claimed in boys' volleyball and girls' soccer.

In 8th grade boys' volleyball Doty finished 6-0 and claimed the city championship. Stauffer finished 3-3, Sussman finished 2-4 and Griffiths finished 1-5.

In 7th grade boys' volleyball Sussman finished 5-1 and claimed the city championship. Doty finished 4-2, Stauffer finished 2-4 and Griffiths finished 1-5.

In 6th grade boys' volleyball Griffiths finished 6-0 and claimed the city championship. Doty finished 4-2, Stauffer finished 2-4 and Sussman finished 0-6.

In varsity girls' soccer Stauffer

finished 6-0 and claimed the city championship. Doty finished 4-2, Sussman finished 1-4-1 and Griffiths finished 0-5-1.

In junior varsity girls' soccer Doty finished 5-1 and claimed the city championship. Griffiths finished 4-1-1, Stauffer finished 2-3-1 and Sussman finished 0-6.

The third rotation of middle school sports will begin January 26th and feature eight different teams competing for city championships in boys' and girls' basketball and boys' soccer. There will be basketball teams for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls and varsity (8th grade) and junior varsity (6th and 7th grade) boys' soccer teams.

Through two sports rotations, Doty has won five city championships, Stauffer has won four, Griffiths has won two and Sussman has won one.

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# FOOD BANKS: Help is available for Downey residents

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FoodHelp is a homegrown Downey organization, started 10 years ago by Bob Varden in the back lot of the Downey First Christian Church on New Street. There is no paid staff, but dozens of committed volunteers now serve close to one hundred families every week.

DFCC provides office and storage space, which now includes a storage bin with refrigeration for perishables. Other organizations regularly contribute food and money to stock the shelves for Saturday mornings when the food bank is open.

"There's usually a line when

I get here about 8:30 on Saturday mornings," says Fehn. "The earliest I've heard of people coming was at 4:30 one morning. I know that someone needs food if they're willing to stand in line for several hours."

FoodHelp's capacity has grown over the years through the cooperation of community organizations. It receives no government assistance. Porto's Bakery is a regular donor, as was Fresh and Easy until it closed. Various grocery stores contribute slightly bruised fruit that is no longer marketable.

Even Downey Unified School District has a procedure for contributing excess produce and

milk that can not be kept over Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Food Services department sought permission for this innovative program several years ago because district regulations do not allow employees to personally benefit from surplus food.

"We would rather see any perishable food going to someone who needs it rather than throw it away," says Nadine Silva, Food Operations Coordinator for DUSD.

FoodHelp also collaborates with PTA H.E.L.P.S., a food bank sponsored by the Downey Council PTA with its distribution point at Apollo Park. PTA H.E.L.P.S. is a resource for all Downey residents that is open mid-day every Wednesday and Friday. School personnel often make referrals for needy families.

"We have special holiday distributions for Thanksgiving and Christmas," says Director Beth Gendreau, "and families with children are encouraged to apply." Applications are available at all of the public schools and at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Together the two food banks

supplement each other's services and often share collections from food drives and related activities.

"We don't get much call for baby food," reports Gendreau, "so we pass on donated baby food to FoodHelp. We also pass on any surplus of particular canned goods, such as cranberry sauce during the holidays."

Gendreau tells that one year they received a donation of 400 lbs. of chicken. Some of it was in bulk, frozen, and some was already packaged in family-sized quantities. Gendreau says PTA H.E.L.P.S. kept the packaged chicken and shared the bulk quantity with FoodHelp because of its refrigeration facilities.

### Increasing Numbers

Both organizations report increasing numbers of people seeking assistance. On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, FoodHelp organizers reported 132 families receiving food, totaling over 600 people. This was the highest number of people served on a weekend in 10 years.

PTA H.E.L.P.S. now serves about 200 families every month. A special holiday basket will be distributed to approximately 600 families between

Thanksgiving and Christmas.

According to school board member Martha Sodemani, DUSD estimates about 200 of its students are homeless. Families are identified as homeless if they are living in a hotel room rather than an apartment. Gendreau says PTA H.E.L.P.S. considers a family's cooking facilities when giving out food.

Family circumstances are a sensitive issue, requiring respect and discretion by those giving assistance. Both Gendreau and Fehn at FoodHelp say that allowing clients to maintain their dignity is a priority for all volunteers.

Fehn reflects on the worrisome implications of the increasing numbers being served by the food banks.

"We are the only organization I know of that doesn't want their clients to come back," Fehn estimates about five percent of FoodHelp clients are homeless. About thirty percent are on fixed income, and the remainder are people who are underemployed or in transition from life-changing events such as divorce, job loss, and medical conditions.

### Weekend Preparation

Weekend preparation at FoodHelp begins on Friday mornings when some volunteers arrive at the church to bag bread and bakery items into smaller, family-sized bundles. Men with trucks and strong arms drive to Help the Children, a food distribution center in Bell, where FoodHelp is able to purchase fresh produce and dairy products to supplement the canned and boxed goods that people donate. When possible, they also purchase frozen chicken, meat, or fish.

"Every Friday is my day to give back to the community," says Marcos Labrin, who is self-employed and volunteers his time and truck to pull a trailer laden with cases of food.

Labrin explains that they usually pick up five pallets of food, and the quantity and variety are different every week depending on availability. Two of the pallets are loaded by hand, so the volunteers have some choice

in what they bring back. They often alternate purchases of milk one week with purchases of juice the next. This week they have also returned with frozen, wild-caught fish from Taiwan.

As the project grew over the years, FoodHelp acquired two large bins for food storage, one for canned and boxed goods, and one with two freezers and refrigerators for perishables. This week milk and fish are unloaded into the refrigerated units, and much of the produce is stacked up on tables in a small church annex where it will keep overnight.

The produce available for Saturday's distribution reflects the care that is given to offering healthy food. In addition to the staple of potatoes, there are brussel sprouts, eggplant, chayote, bell peppers, apples, bananas, pears, mangos, tomatoes, and blackberries. Over a dozen people have contributed their Friday morning to getting everything ready.

### Saturday Morning

By 9 a.m. the doors to the church activity room are open and everyone in line is invited to wait inside. There is a sign-in sheet and Fehn describes the process as being on a first-come, first-serve basis, "unless there is someone I know who has a serious medical problem."

A few clients on fixed incomes have degenerative illnesses that make waiting in line difficult. "I move them to the front," he says.

Fehn pulls the card for each family that walks in and records the date. First-time visitors are given an application and asked about any special needs.

"We're not trying to pry," says Fehn, "but we like to let them know that we can give referrals for other resources, such as unemployment counseling, shelters, resume workshops, etc. We also want to be sure we give them enough food for a family if only one person shows up but there are three others at home."

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## Trash on Paramount Blvd.

Dear Editor:

Has there been a garbage strike that I am unaware of? Every morning I walk from my house on Burns Avenue to get breakfast at Norm's; it's my daily routine. I've noticed so many candy wrappers, hot dog sticks, cigarette butts, beef jerky wrappers, and other unmentionable trash all over the street.

I've been doing it for over 20 years. Now back then I could walk a little faster than I can now. I used to take the long route going up to Rives Avenue then back down to Norm's. These days I take the shorter route that takes me along Paramount Boulevard. It's a little easier on my legs.

It seems by the time I get to Norm's I have some sort of garbage stuck on my sneaker and I have to bend down and take it off and find a garbage can. Then, of course, I have to go wash my hands which I don't like doing because it makes them very dry. Also Norm's has no lotion.

It's also hard to find a garbage can on Paramount Boulevard. Maybe that's part of the problem, but I can't help but think people just don't know to throw trash away instead of just dumping it on the street.

I've been talking with some people over at the Barbara J. Riley Senior Center about this and they said I should let everyone know about it through the Patriot. I just don't know what to do. Maybe we can get some teenagers on bicycles to patrol the area and keep it a little more tidy.

**Fred Dormil**  
Downey

## Double whammy

Dear Editor:

It must have been a terribly depressing week for the Compassionists.

First, they thought they had The Donald over a barrel when he weighed in on the Syrian-refugee crisis with his statement about barring Muslims and admitting Christians; only to find out that the United States Code governing this act of compassion requires the government to inquire as to the religious practice of someone requesting asylum from persecution -- Whammy No. 1

Then, to make matters even worse, when -- in the wake of the San Bernardino shootings -- it was suggested that we need to deny admission to Muslims until we can figure out who are the good guys, and which are the one's that wish to kill us; they went on a tear saying how keeping out an entire class of people is "not who we are, not what America is".

Oops! - It must have been doubly concerning when they found out that during the '79-'81 Hostage Crisis in Iran, President Jimmy Carter barred ALL Iranians from entry into the United States absent a finding of persecution by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and it was perfectly legal, and constitutional.

The Double Whammy!

It's that inconvenient Art-I, Sec-8(4), of the Constitution granting Congress the power to decide who gets to enter the United States, and for what reason(s).

We must be running very short on Fainting Couches right about now.

**Drew Kelley**  
Downey

## Republican plan for America

Dear Editor:

In response to "Bright Ideas from the GOP's Finest," (11/12/15), as a Republican, I sincerely apologize for the foolishness of the Republican candidates to:

1.) Suggest reducing the \$18 trillion national debt and the \$1.1 trillion added to the federal budget. How silly of Carley Fiorina to propose such an absurd idea as starting from a zero budget and include only services essential for running the federal government.

2.) Secure our border with Mexico. How unkind of us! We must leave our borders open and let the flood of illegal immigrants in because this is the compassionate thing to do, and we Republicans, all being rich, can support them by giving of our wealth.

3.) Consider returning undocumented persons to their country of origin so they can enter our country legally. How racist and anti-immigrants are us Republicans to think this. Those seeking legal entry into our country should remain in the back of the line and our country should continue to give the 11 million undocumented persons priority.

4.) We must stop pointing a finger at Hillary and displaying her lies. After all, in regards to the four deaths lost in Benghazi because of her inaction, in her words, "what difference does it make now"?

5.) Revise the Affordable Care Act. Regardless of the fact that the cost of this health plan is at the expense of the working middle class, 80 percent who could afford insurance before cannot do so now, and regardless of the fact that this Obamacare benefits only 1 percent of the formerly uninsured, and regardless of the fact the deductibles have gone from \$900 a year with good benefits to \$6,250 a year with very few benefits, the Republicans should not think of changing or eliminating this act because, after all, thousands of new government jobs have been instituted just to keep this insurance plan malfunctioning and the needy 1 percent of our population being helped.

6.) Revise the income tax code so it would eliminate thousands of pages of stipulations, would be less complicated and fairer by far for all. No, we should continue to double up on taxing the rich and distributing their wealth.

If our country continues under a similar administration as Obama's, those who advocate big government, increased taxes and regulations that stifle small businesses and big companies, may soon be looking for jobs that exist only overseas. The 40 percent of Californians not paying taxes will increase 60-70 percent, and those lucky to find jobs will despair and find that with suffocating taxes and regulations, a better income can be had by accepting state or federal aid -- until this runs out.

As someone once said, "Socialism is a wonderful thing until the government runs out of money."

**Martha Morrissy-Call**  
Downey

## Sadly, Congress seems OK with being weak

By Lee H. Hamilton

Not many people outside of Capitol Hill paid attention last month when the congressional leadership released next year's legislative schedule. Its headline feature is a strikingly long summer recess: half of July and all of August, along with a few spotty weeks of work before the November election. There are plenty of other breaks as well; in all, the House will be in session for less than one-third of the year, and the Senate only a bit longer.

I suppose we could take Congress to task for not working hard enough, and I'm sure plenty of people will do so. But the schedule reveals an even more serious issue: it suggests that Congress, or at least its leadership, is unconcerned about how ineffective and even irrelevant the institution has become when it comes to policy making.

This has been a long-term trend, with plenty of responsibility to be laid at the feet of political leaders in both parties. Even some recent signs of progress, like the rewrite of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, aren't enough. Many people, within Washington and beyond, now take Congress's weakened state for granted, almost as if it's the natural order of things.

That is because wherever you turn, Congress has lost ground as an institution. The contrast with the presidency is especially stark. Every President in recent memory has expanded the power of his office, and for good reason. The modern world demands quick, decisive action, and Americans like presidents who act forcefully. Yet the result is that the balance of power has shifted dangerously toward the President.

This is especially apparent on two fronts where Congress ought to be resolute. One is the budget — the basic blueprint for the government — which is now largely the President's responsibility. Congress cannot even produce a real budget any more; every year, it kicks the serious fiscal questions down the road — from hard decisions on tax reform to even harder decisions on spending. Its deference to the President is even more striking when it comes to committing U.S. forces overseas. Members of Congress happily criticize the President on issue after issue, lamenting that they cannot trust him and cannot work with him. Yet on some of the most important questions the government faces — whether, how, where, and when to intervene using military force — they defer utterly to the White House.

## Working until you're dead

By Tiffany Williams

"My plan is just to work until I die." That's how my mom sums up her retirement prospects.

She's worked more than 40 hours a week as a legal secretary in north Florida for as long as I can remember. When my brother and I were kids, we went to her office every Saturday and entertained ourselves by sliding across the floor in fancy law firm chairs while our single mom worked overtime in her cubicle.

She managed to get me into college on a scholarship, and my brother got there on the GI Bill after a stint in the Army. Yet the American dream still hasn't quite paid off for her. My mom's one of the 62 percent of Americans who lives paycheck to paycheck. Even at age 60, she still doesn't have paid sick leave or vacation time, and she avoids the doctor because she can't afford her \$2,000 deductible.

When I had to undergo a stem cell transplant to treat my stage 4 cancer in 2010, her employer allowed her to take a few days off to help care for me in Washington, D.C. Because she had no savings, my coworkers at the Institute for Policy Studies took up a donation drive to cover her travel and time off work.

My IPS colleagues recently released a report on the retirement gap between CEOs and workers. They found that nearly half of working age Americans have no access to retirement plans through their jobs. When I asked my mom about her own retirement savings, I learned she had nothing at all.

That terrified me.

My mom isn't bitter about it. She does the best she can with what she has, and tries to stay healthy. When I asked her permission to share her story, she was worried that it might sound like she was complaining.

As for me, I felt angry.

## It's time for a balanced budget amendment

By Lee Eldridge

I've long made a joke that credit cards are evil. But that's not true. When a person who is responsible with their money uses a credit card responsibly, credit cards are not evil at all. Try renting a car or making a hotel reservation without a credit card. Credit cards also offer a level of protection when you make purchases. For instance, if you buy something online, and you're unhappy with it, or it's never delivered to you, you have the option of disputing the charges on your credit card. It can protect you from many of the possible dangers of purchasing something from an unknown company.

The problem is that many of us do not use credit cards responsibly. When my wife went back to school to finish her degree, we were making very little money. We were basically living off student loans and credit cards. By the time she got out of school, we had racked up thousands in credit card debt. We were buried with it and finding it difficult to dig our way out. We considered bankruptcy.

We went to a credit counseling service, chopped up our cards, and made monthly payments until we were out of debt. It's a liberating feeling to make that final payment on your credit cards. We haven't looked back. We no longer use credit cards. If we can't afford it, we don't buy it. We have learned the hard way that we're better off without credit cards. It doesn't make them evil. It just means that we're not responsible enough to use them responsibly. Because of our access to "money" on our credit cards, we were spending more money than we were making. We were running a budget deficit every year.

Does this remind you of our federal government at all?

Since the early 1960s, our federal government has run budget deficits every year except 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001. They spend more money every year than they receive in tax revenues.

## Congress members seek funding for L.A. River

On Tuesday, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), Congressman Xavier Becerra (CA-34), Congressman Adam Schiff (CA-28), and ten additional members of the Los Angeles-area congressional delegation sent a letter to President Obama calling for \$4.2 million in Preconstruction Engineering and Design (PED) funding for the Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration project to be included in next year's budget request.

The project would restore and revitalize the areas where the LA River flows, from Burbank to Los Angeles to Glendale, and would benefit over one million people living in the area. The letter can be read here.

"I am pleased to join my congressional colleagues in urging the president to include funding for the LA River Ecosystem Restoration project in his fiscal year 2017 budget," said Roybal-Allard. "Such funding is critical to our plan to revitalize the LA River. Including these funds in the president's budget will send a strong message that the administration is committed to

They do the same with the regulatory agencies. Members love to criticize the EPA, for instance, but rarely put their words into legislative action, and they fail repeatedly to do the kind of routine, painstaking oversight of federal agencies that would help eliminate wasted resources and bureaucratic overreach.

At the same time, they've handed economic power to the Federal Reserve. Fifty years ago, the ordinary American who could name the chair of the Fed was rare. Today, it's hard to pick up a newspaper without reading about Janet Yellen and the Fed's board of governors. Because Congress has essentially given up on trying to shape fiscal policy, it has put the Fed in charge of keeping the economy growing.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court has become the principal way our country deals with a host of tough issues like abortion and affirmative action. These are matters that, ideally, would be wrestled through the legislative process. Instead, they're up to the Court.

Congress these days is failing to assert its responsibilities under the Constitution — it is far from being the co-equal branch our Founders envisioned. And many of its members agree. They don't believe the institution they serve is doing its job — they'd point, for instance, to immigration reform, which Speaker Paul Ryan recently announced the House would not even touch next year, despite the pressing need. Here is an issue practically begging for rolled-up sleeves on Capitol Hill. Yet instead of action, they get a congressional schedule that sends members back to their districts for most of the year.

Which may be the most distressing part of it all. Instead of being concerned enough about Congress's weakness and inactivity to take action, its leaders, at least, appear to believe that many of the toughest issues on the national agenda are beyond their capability to resolve.

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The 100 CEOs profiled in this report have nest eggs that are worth more than \$49 million — enough to generate a \$277,686 monthly retirement check for the rest of their lives. My mom's anticipating a Social Security check worth about \$1,200 a month starting five years from now — and year after year we hear politicians threaten to cut even that.

In fact, millions of Americans rely on the federal government's safety net to support them in retirement. But the net is fraying as corporations and their top executives dodge their fair share of the taxes that sustain it. While they pad their own retirement accounts, people like my mom who work hard their entire lives could have nothing to show for it.

What can be done?

My colleagues have suggested capping tax-deferred, corporate-sponsored retirement accounts at \$3 million, a move that President Barack Obama estimated would raise an additional \$9 billion of tax revenue over 10 years. Funds from an annual excise tax on assets greater than \$3 million could go to the Social Security Trust Fund, which would help all workers.

Even with that cap in place, the richest corporate retirees would get \$200,000 a year to live on in retirement. I bet they'd be able to make do.

Here's another good idea: Close the "performance pay" loophole that allows unlimited corporate tax deductions for executive pay. The Joint Committee on Taxation estimates that closing this loophole would generate more than \$50 billion over 10 years.

My mom and other low-income and middle-class workers shouldn't have to go it alone. It's time for all of us to stand together and demand fairness in retirement. I don't want her, or anyone else's parents, to work themselves into the grave.

*Tiffany Williams is the associate director of the Institute for Policy Studies.*

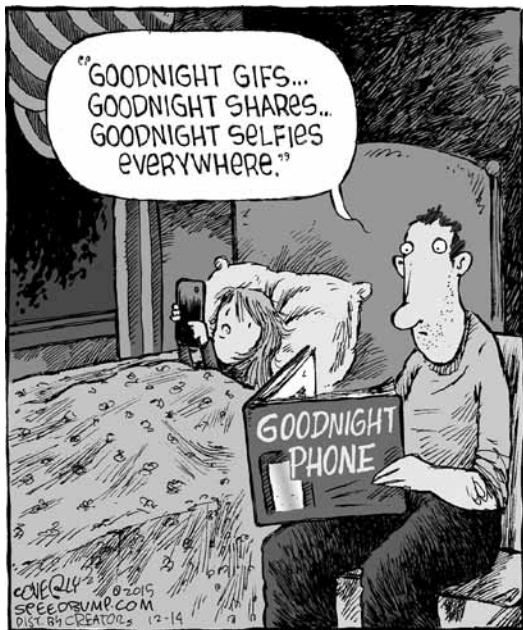
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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Saturday, Dec. 19: "The Nutcracker," Downey Civic Theatre, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 20: "The Nutcracker," Downey Civic Theatre, 2:30 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., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.  
 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.  
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**1933:** In the first NFL championship game, the Chicago Bears defeated the New York Giants 23-21 at Wrigley Field.

**1944:** The U.S. Army announced the end of its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

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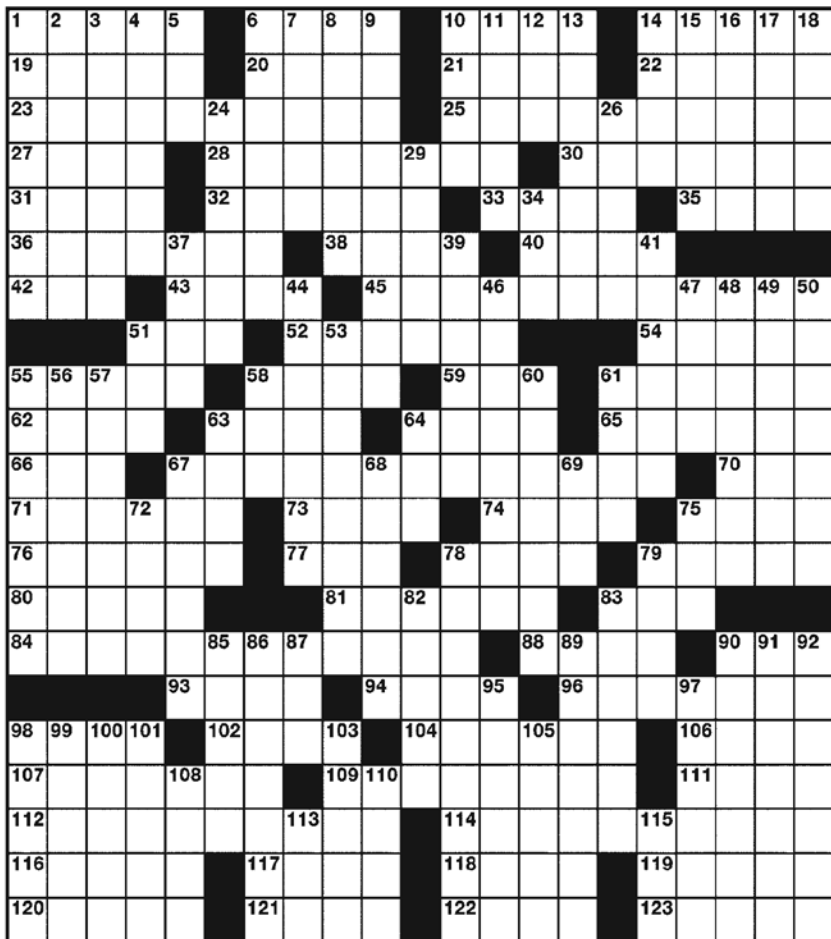
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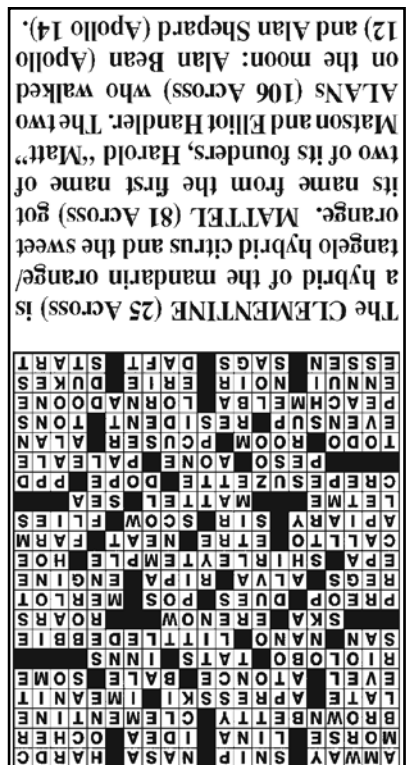
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# FOOD BANKS: Volunteers make giveaways possible

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FoodHelp asks that clients only visit the food bank once a month, but Fehn says they won't turn anyone away if there is an emergency.

Members of the Key Club from Warren High are among the volunteers who help escort clients through the small annex where the food is distributed. About 20 volunteers are needed each Saturday to make things run smoothly.

The food is arranged so that people can make selections based on their preferences, but quantities are limited depending on what is available and how many people show up that day.

Fehn says volunteers have learned from experience how to apportion the food so that everyone gets something. It's an efficient system that is both generous yet careful to maximize the number of people being served each week. Volunteers escort clients to their cars and help load the food.

### Impact on Volunteers

Fehn says being a volunteer has been a life-changing experience for some high school students. At one time the FoodHelp application used to ask, "How long has it been since you last ate?" The answer by one woman, "48 hours," was a shock to the high school volunteer who took her application.

"I've seen students change their goals and majors based on what they have seen here," says Fehn. One student said she wanted to go into occupational therapy after seeing the needs of food bank clients.

On at least one occasion, Fehn says, a student saw the mother of a classmate. Volunteer training and a FoodHelp Code of Conduct serve to prepare people for such events.

"Treat all guests and fellow volunteers with respect," is the first guideline. "Food is not earned, it is given...no individual is more entitled than another...Foul or harsh

language cannot be tolerated...this includes gossip...Volunteering is an act of sacrifice and sometimes the needs are not glamorous."

Fehn says that Key Club members come to the food bank needing service hours and he tells them, "You will leave being a servant to your community."

### Food Bank Partners

Recognizing that duplicated programs can often result in wasted effort and resources, a number of churches have worked to coordinate their efforts. First Baptist Church of Downey supports FoodHelp with food drives and regular financial donations. Downey United Methodist Church met its goal last year of contributing one ton each of rice and beans for the food bank.

The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, which makes sandwiches for the homeless every week, has partnered with the food bank on food drives. Members of Calvary Chapel bring donated bread from Von's Bakery in Commerce to the Saturday distributions, and sometimes get donations from Trader Joe's.

PTA H.E.L.P.S. receives donations from community groups such as the Sertoma Club and Kaiser Retirees. Gendreau reports that Kaiser Hospital makes an annual donation.

Other businesses also participate actively in supporting the food banks. Last April Downey Federal Credit Union partnered with FoodHelp to package meals of rice, lentil beans, and spices that would serve four.

Jim Wilkinson, Director of FoodHelp, says close to three hundred people came in to help, and bagged over 41,000 meals at the Rio Hondo Event Center. This was a significant increase from the 27,000 meals bagged in 2014. Wilkinson says they plan to do it again in 2016.

Recently Toyota Lift of Santa Fe Springs donated an electric hand lift to facilitate moving food from

truck to storage bin. Red Wing Shoes donates work shoes in various sizes that are made available to FoodHelp clients on Saturday mornings. Some businesses, such as Farmers and Merchants Bank and Mambo Grill, serve as collection points for donated canned goods.

Other Downey youth groups besides the Key Club also help with keeping the shelves stocked. Gendreau says that scout troops often hold food drives. One troop organized a Scouting for Food at Ralph's supermarkets. They stood outside with fliers and collected both food and financial donations.

Volunteers point out that people may be surprised at other valuable ways to contribute. Surplus fresh fruit from backyard trees is always welcome.

Lana Wahlquist from La Lecha League encourages mothers who are breast-feeding their babies to donate any sample formulas received from advertisers to FoodHelp.

"Breast-feeding mothers don't use the formula milk," Wahlquist explains, "and that way it will go to a baby who is already being formula-fed."

For all of the activity, Downey's food banks and their extensive network of donors and volunteers are "under the radar" for most people. Their weekly impact is significant, and they highlight in a different way what many residents have in mind when they refer to the "sense of community" in the city of Downey.

People wishing to volunteer in any capacity are encouraged to contact either food bank by phone or on their websites:

**FoodHelp**  
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foodhelp@downeyfirst.org

**Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S.**  
dusd.net/pta/h-e-l-p-s-handouts/



Students at Spencer Williams Elementary held a "dollar dance" Wednesday, raising money for the family of fallen Downey police officer Ricky Galvez

Principal Terri Medina invited Downey Police Cpl. Mike Pope and Officer Lofquist to attend and kids donated \$1 to dance with them in the school gymnasium.

"The kids had a great time dancing and showing off their dancing moves," said Cpl. Pope. "After the dance, all of the kids faced us and sang, 'God Bless the USA', which brought tears to everyone's eyes.

"I want to personally thank Mrs. Medina for putting this together and supporting the Downey Police Officer's Association. We had such a great time talking to the kids and they were so supportive as well!"

Students ended up raising \$681.

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# Warren High's Fausto Rojas discovers passion for computer programming

By Valerie Aguilar  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Fausto Rojas from Warren High School is in the 9th grade and already has big plans for his life.

Computer programming is no easy career choice, but it's the choice Fausto has made with determination to succeed. He has even begun to get a head start on studying for his future career, unlike most students his age.

Since elementary school, Fausto has been encouraged to head towards the field of computer science, but it wasn't until middle school that he actually began to learn the basics

of programming from taking the engineering Project Lead The Way (PLTW) class at Griffith's Middle School.

This was what set Fausto's dream to become real. At the middle school level, he was introduced to engineering design, which included building robots and even coding. This convinced him to continue with the engineering class in high school where he is currently learning more on computer science.

Along with the class, Fausto is involved with the on-campus club and renowned organization "SkillsUSA," where he will compete in competitions on computer science against other students from the surrounding area

at the regional competition next year. The club teaches Fausto real world job skills and provides him with extra knowledge and practice time regarding computer programming. The competition will involve many other Warren High School students competing for various sections and titles and will be held at LA Trade Tech on Jan. 23.

Computer science requires a great deal of arduous study and keeping up with the constantly new and upgrading software. Fausto has managed to learn trademark "JavaScript" language along with many other programming codes which will prove very beneficial to him later in his career. Although Fausto has said that he would happily get involved in any computer science branch, he would want to be a game developer if he had the opportunity to do so.

"Computer programming is a whole different language just for a computer. There are so many things programmers are able to do with it now, the future can only have more capabilities and doors that will open for me and other programmers," Fausto remarked.



Fausto translates his passion through his perseverance. He encourages everyone to learn some computer programming even if they don't necessarily want to pursue computer science as a career. Computers are the future, which is why Fausto believes everyone should know some computer science to prepare themselves for the technology of tomorrow. Warren High is proud to have such a driven student like Fausto Rojas, who can accomplish whatever he sets his mind to achieve.

## Donors deliver more than 200 teddy bears to sick children

**DOWNEY** – The UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network ("Southeast Bruins") delivered over 200 teddy bears to children undergoing cancer treatment at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital on Monday.

This is the third year that the Southeast Bruins team up with recent UCLA alumna Alexandra Munoz and her mom, Sylvia Munoz, who is also a UCLA alumna.

Alexandra is a cancer survivor and underwent cancer treatment while a student at UCLA. She credits a teddy bear with comforting her through the cold, lonely nights at the Hospital.

Since being cleared of cancer, Alexandra has collected teddy bears and delivered them to children undergoing cancer treatment. This year, the Southeast Bruins received help from the Beachside Bruins and collected more than 200 teddy bears during the annual Southeast Bruins Holiday Party and Teddy Bear Drive that is held at Stay Gallery.

The multiple boxes of teddy bears were delivered by Alexandra, her mom, and attorneys Ricardo Perez and Alex Valenzuela, both UCLA alumni and southeast board members. The group was officially welcomed by Dr. Satiro N. Oliveira, M.D. and Alice del Rosario from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

After the official Teddy Bear handoff, the group was given a guided tour of the Mattel Children's Hospital.

For more information about the event or the group, please contact Ricardo Perez, Southeast Bruins Vice President, at rperez@alumni.ucla.edu.

## Church holding special service for those grieving during the holidays

**DOWNEY** – Downey United Methodist Church is reaching out to those who are suffering with pain and loss during the holidays by offering its annual Longest Night Service on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

"The Longest Night Service is for anyone for whom the Christmas season may seem particularly difficult. Some have lost loved ones and others may be facing illness, divorce, loneliness or financial difficulties," said Pastor Jon Wesley Waterson.

Downey UMC holds this service on Dec. 21 – the longest night of the year – "to mark the time when light begins to shine in the darkness." In years past, the Longest Night service has been for people that are suffering individually.

However, given the events of the past few weeks, and the climate of fear that pervades our national discourse, there exists also a communal, shared suffering that this service will also address.

"In light of the most recent terror attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, it is an important thing to simply gather together, grieve, and proclaim our hope that God does have something better in store for all of God's children," added Waterson.

The service includes advent candle lighting, music, prayers, a short sermon and concludes with the sacrament of holy communion. In addition, members of the church's Prayer Ministry will also be at the service for anyone who just wants to talk or have someone pray with them.

All people are welcome. You need not be a member of any church to come.

If you know someone who would benefit from the Longest Night Service, contact Pastor Jon Waterson at (562) 861-9777. Downey United Methodist Church is located at 10801 Downey, Ave.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
12/16/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015293019

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXCLUSIVE TROPICAL PROPERTIES REALTY, 8484 WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 515, BEVERLY HILLS CA 90211, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RONALD S CARONALD P/CADDO OWNER 11416 SHERBOURNE AVE 202, WHITTIER CA 90640

State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ RONALD P/CADDO OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 17, 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**  
12/16/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 201534764

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SILVER MOON CLEANERS, 3061 S. HACIENDA BLVD., HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745-5333, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLANCA ANAYA, 1316 N. HACIENDA BLVD, LA PUENTE CA 91744

State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ BLANCA ANAYA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 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**  
12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015305817

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VARGAS FLOORING ESTABLISHMENTS, 117 N 3RD ST APT A, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL VARGAS CARDENAS, 117 N 3RD ST APT A, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

State of Incorporation: (1) 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/MIGUEL VARGAS CARDENAS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 03, 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**  
12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015289280

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MATS PHARMACY #2, 3737 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD SUITE #101, LYNNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MATS PHARMACY INC, 3625 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD STE 1, LYNNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/MATS PHARMACY INC, PRESIDENT, BANJU ADERETI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 13, 2015

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**  
12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015279346

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FAIR AND SQUARE REALTY COMPANY, 9240 WALNUT STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TIA PRUETT, 9240 WALNUT STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ TIA PRUETT, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 2015

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

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015295327

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A & M RAMIREZ INC, 36833 COBALT AVE, PALMDALE CA 93552, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3672610 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) A & M RAMIREZ INC, 36833 COBALT AVE, PALMDALE CA 93552

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ A & M RAMIREZ INC, SECRETARY, JAMES KAMURA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015310506

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ISIS PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES (2) ION ATHLETIC PROTECTION TECHNIQUES, 6475 E PACIFIC COAST HWY #396, LONG BEACH CA 90803, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NANCY MARTINEZ, 6475 E PACIFIC COAST HWY #396, LONG BEACH CA 90803

State of Incorporation: (1) 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 01/20/2014

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ NANCY MARTINEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 9, 2015

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

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**The Downey Patriot**  
12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2015292836

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GIGITY, 2337 DEL AMO, COMPTON CA 90220, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT D ROONEY, 5855 GRAYWOOD AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90712 (2) ADAM M RAMSEY, 5909 GRAYWOOD AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ ROBERT D ROONEY, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 17, 2015

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

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

**GOVERNMENT**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, **1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

**Bid #15/16-15**

**WARREN HIGH SCHOOL POOL RENOVATION AND LOCKER ROOMS EXPANSION**

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained on or after **December 14, 2015** through the District's Printer: **Dynamic Imaging, 562 595 1661**.

**A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be conducted at Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St, Downey, CA 90241 on January 6, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.** No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

As a condition of submitting a bid for this Project, and in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 20111.6, prospective bidders must have been prequalified as a prime contractor by the District by January 1, 2015 and the date of this notice. The deadline to be prequalified as a prime contractor by the District was September 17, 2015. Contact Jennifer Pearson [jpearson@rachlinpartners.com](mailto:jpearson@rachlinpartners.com) for the list of prequalified prime contractors. Bids will not be accepted if a Contractor has not been previously prequalified by the District.

This Project includes work that will be performed by mechanical, electrical or plumbing ("MEP") subcontractors (contractors that hold C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 licenses), such MEP contractors must also be prequalified. Contact Jennifer Pearson [jpearson@rachlinpartners.com](mailto:jpearson@rachlinpartners.com) for the list of prequalified MEP subcontractors. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that all MEP subcontractors holding any of the licenses listed above are properly prequalified before submitting a bid.

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

Copies of schedules of rates so determined are available on the Internet at ([http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics\\_research.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics_research.html)) and are on file and available at the District Office address noted above. In accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rate of wages at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at time plus one-half. The Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. In accordance with provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date for the opening of bids.

All bidders and their subcontractors MUST be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and possess a current and valid DIR registration number at the time of bid submission.

**The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid.**

The Downey Unified School District is an "Equal Opportunity" employer. Qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) are encouraged to participate in this project.

**Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.**  
Darren Purselglove  
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse  
Downey Unified School District  
Los Angeles, County, State of California

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/10/15, 12/17/15

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-7605**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DECLARING ITS INTENTION OF GRANTING AN OIL PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO TESORO SOCIAL PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 12, 2016**

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2006, through Ordinance No. 06-1184, the Downey City Council granted a 10-year franchise to BP West Coast Products LLC to construct and operate a pipe line system for the transportation of gas, petroleum oil and other hydrocarbon substances and general operations incidental to the oil industry within certain streets of the City of Downey; and,

WHEREAS, said franchise was for a term of 10 years, and expires on February 10, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2013, BP West Coast Products LLC, assigned and transferred, granted and conveyed all of its right, title and interest in and to the leases, easements, rights of way, franchises, permits, licenses and other rights within the City of Downey to Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company LLC currently known as Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company LLC; and,

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2015, Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company LLC, requested another 10 year franchise for their pipeline system within the City; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 6232, the City Council is required to adopt a resolution of intention to grant such franchise, and direct the City

Clerk to publish within fifteen (15) days after adoption of said resolution; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** Consistent with the provisions of Public Utilities Code Section 6232, it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Downey to grant a franchise to Tesoro SoCal Pipeline Company LLC, for a pipeline system for the transportation of gas, petroleum oil and liquid hydrocarbon for production, transportation and storage of petroleum oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances, and general operations incident to the oil industry.

**SECTION 2.** Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers of Downey City Hall located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California, all interested persons may appear before the City Council and be heard concerning the pipeline franchise agreement as proposed and all other matters relating thereto. In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 6234, protests must be in writing and must be filed with the City Clerk prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Any such protest shall state all grounds of the objection.

**SECTION 3.** The City Clerk shall cause the notice of the public hearing to be given and heard concerning the pipeline franchise agreement as proposed in the manner required by Public Utilities Code Sections 6232 and 6233.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of December, 2015.

LUIS H. MARQUEZ  
LUIS H. MARQUEZ  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
ADRIA M. JIMENEZ, CMC  
ADRIA M. JIMENEZ, CMC  
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Downey at a regular meeting held on the 8th day of December, 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Brossmer, Vasquez, Saab, Mayor Marquez  
NOES: Council Member: None.  
ABSENT: Council Member: None.  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

ADRIA M. JIMENEZ, CMC  
ADRIA M. JIMENEZ, CMC  
City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/17/15

## NOTICES

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON VERIFIED PETITION TO ESTABLISH NEWSPAPER AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION**

(California Government Code §§ 6000, 6020)  
Case No. BS159353  
Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MELINDA KIMSEY TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE GATEWAY GUARDIAN AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on January 14, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 74 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, located at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, petitioner intends to apply for an order, pursuant to California Government Code §§ 6000 and 6020 declaring *The Gateway Guardian* to be a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles, California.

**The Petition sets forth the following:**

Petitioner Melinda Kimsey ("Petitioner") respectfully alleges:

- Petitioner is the Publisher of the newspaper known as *The Gateway Guardian*. See Concurrently-Filed Declaration of Melinda Kimsey ("Kimsey Decl."), ¶ 2.
- The Gateway Guardian* is published for the dissemination of local and telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See *id.*, ¶ 5. *The Gateway Guardian's* business address is 18721 Godinho Avenue, Cerritos, California 90703. See *id.*, ¶ 3.
- The Gateway Guardian* has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in the in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See *id.*, ¶ 6.
- For more than one year preceding the filing of this Petition, *The Gateway Guardian* has been established under the name "The Gateway Guardian," and has been printed and published regularly every other Thursday in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See *id.*, ¶ 4.
- For at least one year preceding the filing of this Petition, the mechanical work of producing *The Gateway Guardian*, that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper has been performed at 15005 S. Vermont Avenue, Gardena California 90247, and *The Gateway Guardian* has been issued from this same location for the entirety of that one-year period. See *id.* *The Gateway Guardian*, therefore, has been issued from the same County where it is printed and circulated; has been both printed and published in the same County; and has been published as a bi-monthly newspaper on every other Thursday of each calendar month.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing *The Gateway Guardian* as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in California Government Code § 6000, for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated: November 17, 2015  
Karen A. Henry, Esq.  
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
c/o S. Figueroa Street, 24th Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
(213) 633-6800

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS028067**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA SILVER REYNA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MARIA SILVER REYNA Proposed name (1) SILVER REYNA 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: **January 20, 2016, Time: 1:30, Department SE-C**  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650

**Boulevard, Norwalk, California 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**.  
November 18, 2015  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Maria Silver Reyna  
9417 Rose St #5  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
(562) 925-4129

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS028085**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) JOHN MONTOYA

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: **January 20, 2016, Time: 1:30am, Department F**  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**.  
November 25, 2015  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Juan Carlos Rodriguez  
8937 Southgate Ave  
South Gate CA, 90280  
(323) 841-4148

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12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15

## PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. WINNINGHAM Case No. BP168728**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SHIRLEY M. WINNINGHAM: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Christopher J. Langley in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Christopher J. Langley 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 that authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 29, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 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 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
JEFFREY T. VANDERVEEN, ESQ  
SBN 110064  
LAW OFFICES OF JEFFREY T. VANDERVEEN  
380 S MELROSE DR  
STE 202  
VISTA CA 92081

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T.S. No. P1355552-CA APN: 6249-013-008 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE/IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/13/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/6/2016 at 10:30 AM CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/22/2006, as Instrument No. 20062598633, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California executed by: JUVENTINO MORENO AND LORENA MORENO, 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 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: LOT(S) 23 OF TRACT NO. 16445, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 380 PAGE(S) 40 TO 42 INCLUSIVE 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: 7452 MULLER ST DOWNEY CALIFORNIA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,532,070.91. 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 P1355552-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 TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 Publish: 12/10/2015, 12/17/2015, 12/24/2015

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Trustee Sale No.: 20120187407765 Title Order No.: 1269204 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/20/2006. 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 02/10/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0316205 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: SAUL CARILLO. 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: 01/11/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12330 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6259-017-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,032,374.17. 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,

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TSG No.: 8580666 TS No.: CA1500271024 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6263-036-008 Property Address: 12938 GLYNN AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/11/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/23/2015 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/18/2006, as Instrument No. 06 1093922, in book \_\_\_\_\_ of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: NELSON MENCOS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA, right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6263-036-008 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12938 GLYNN 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, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$470,051.27. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which

may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1500271024 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 Campus Cir, Bldg 6, 1st Floor Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 939-0772 NPP0264615 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 12/03/2015, 12/10/2015, 12/17/2015

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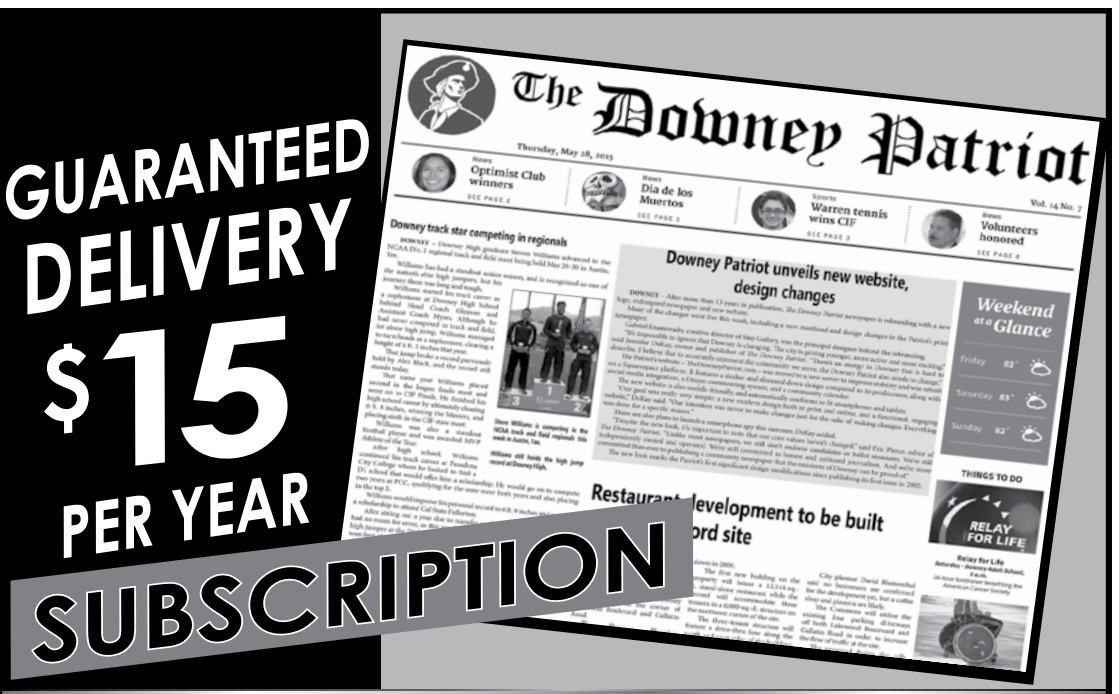
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AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 10/15/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2651503 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: MARGARET MENDOZA, 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: 01/13/2016 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11809 BOMBARDIER AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8015-036-023 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$559,473.46. 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

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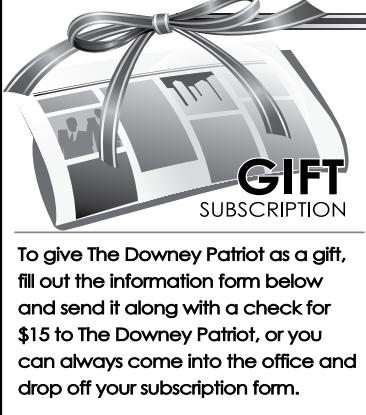


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