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New class at Downey High: real estate

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Continuing in the mission to prepare students for their lives and careers after graduation, this past year saw the introduction of a new Real Estate class at Downey High School.

The new class, articulated with Cerritos College, is the first of its kind in the city of Downey. It is taught by Business teacher and girls swim team coach Sal Castro.

“To become a real estate agent you need three classes, and this will take care of the first one,” said Castro. “So that way if they’re interested they can [continue] online through Cerritos, so by the time they turn 18 after they graduate, all they need to do is take the state exam and become a realtor.”

Downey’s Real Estate Principles class is a part of the school’s College and Career Ready strategy.

“This is definitely just one way to promote a possible career for these young kids,” said Castro.

Castro himself has been a realtor for several years. He hopes that his experience and connections may help him in enriching the students’ real estate education.

Currently, the school offers four sections of the class with approximately 120 students enrolled. Curriculum mirrors that of Cerritos College, with some other projects and assignments added by Castro.

One such assignment will require each student to research and estimate the value of their own homes.

“What they’re going to do is research the value of it, and let’s say they did want to sell it. They’re looking on any of the websites to try and get a real market value, trying to create the flyer to advertise, putting their picture as the agent,” said Castro. “You know, just putting down all the criteria to sell it.”

Castro hopes that the class will expand over time.

“Hopefully we get into more sections,” said Castro.

‘Coffee with a Cop’ this Wednesday

DOWNEY – Downey police officers will be at the Starbucks at 8801 Lakewood Blvd. (at Telegraph Road) this Wednesday, Jan. 25 for informal discussions with the community.

Residents are invited to attend from 6-8 p.m. “Coffee with a Cop” is part of the city’s efforts to build relationships between police and the public it serves.

“We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers,” said Police Chief Carl Charles. “These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships. There has never been a more important time for ‘Coffee with a Cop’ than right now. This program will bring our community together and make us stronger.”

Wienermobile stops in Downey as part of nationwide road trip



DOWNEY – Downey residents were able to relish in an American tradition that they could sink their teeth into when the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile rolled into town on Sunday.

The 27 foot long, 11 foot tall and eight foot wide vehicle shaped like a hotdog wiener is a sight hard to miss wherever it goes, however Sunday afternoon saw it parked in front of Vallarte Market.

Currently, the Wienermobile and its two “hotdogger” crew are celebrating its 81st anniversary.

According to “Hotdogger” Francisco Ruiz, the first ever

Wienermobile was built in 1936.

“Carl Mayer, Oscar Mayer’s nephew, was actually the first one to build one,” said Ruiz.

Local residents were able to bring their families to take pictures and – of course – get their Oscar Mayer Weenie Whistle.

This falls right into what Ruiz described as the mission of the Wienermobile.

“The mission of the Wienermobile is always to create smiles. We always like to say ‘miles of smiles,’” said Ruiz. “Everywhere we go we always like to see people smiling, telling us how much, you know, ‘oh I remember the Wienermobile when I was little!’ Those are always the great memories that they have with us...”

According to Ashley Eisert, the other half of Sunday’s Hotdogger crew, the Wienermobile appeals across all generations.

“We definitely get the older generation; those who remember when it first came out,” said Eisert. “But then we also get the new generations, and that’s because the grandparents and the parents are bringing their kids to show it off. So it really is a wide range, we like to say ‘kids of all ages’, who come to see the Wienermobile. It is a great tradition and a great memory starter.”

Those who missed the Wienermobile while it was in Downey and wish to “ketchup” with the classic American Icon are encouraged to download the Wienermobile app for updates and locations.

– By Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Police officers raise money for Special Olympics by working at Lazy Dog



Photo courtesy Special Olympics

DOWNEY – Downey Police Officers tied aprons around their waists and served residents in a whole new way as a part of the Tip a Cop fundraising event Wednesday evening.

The event was held at Lazy Dog within the Promenade.

A handful of DPD’s officers took to the restaurant floor assisting servers with drink orders and other minor server duties, all while talking to customers about supporting the Special Olympics.

“For me personally, and I think for most officers, it’s just about giving back to the community,” said Officer Ralph Diaz, President of

the Downey Police Officers Association. “We always come out to these events whenever possible, just to show our face, like ‘hey we’re apart of you guys too.’ We may be police officers, but we’re a part of you guys, we’re here to serve you guys in whatever capacity we can. It’s very meaningful for us to come out here and serve people for a good cause.”

According to restaurant General Manager Patrick Weyland, this is not the first time Lazy Dog has hosted events in conjunction with one of Downey’s organizations.

“We have done a few events with the city already; some Chamber of Commerce events, we did the Gangs out of Downey golf tournament for the Ricky Galvez memorial...,” said Weyland. “We’re just trying to get out there in the community and do everything we can to be a part of it and help out as much as we can.”

The fundraiser was held in support of the Special Olympics.

According to Special Olympics athlete and coach Dustin Plunkett, fundraisers such as this one have more of an effect on the participants, athletes, and community than just raising funds.

“The community gets more knowledgeable about The Special Olympics, and these officers get to learn more about the community that they’re serving in on a daily basis,” said Plunkett. “And for the athletes, we just get to be there and meet more kinds of people and they get to hear our story, and our story gets out there to many more people.”

– By Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Downey High advances to finals of international robotics tournament

DOWNEY – The Cosmic Vikings, a team of computer science students from Downey High School, has qualified to compete in the International Space Station (ISS) finals in the Zero Robotics 2016 tournament on Jan. 27.

This team, advised by Downey High computer science teacher Michael Crosby, is led by team captain Akhil Sharma and consists of Daniel Castellon, Alex Amparan, Earldrene Dubongco, Andres Guadro.

The Zero Robotics competition is organized by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in partnership with NASA. This yearly competition consists of two tournaments, one for middle school and one for high school students.

In Zero Robotics, student teams write programs in the computer language, C++, to control satellites online in a game that is driven by a current problem of interest to DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), NASA and MIT. This student written software controls satellite speed, rotation, direction of travel, etc.

Contingent upon the game premise, students must program their satellites to complete game objectives (navigate obstacles, pick up virtual objects, etc.) while conserving resources (fuel, charge, etc.) and staying within specified time and code-size limits.

The programs are “autonomous,” meaning they are pre-programmed and students cannot control the satellites during the test itself.

This year’s challenge was to get the satellites to assemble other satellites while competing against a rival in gathering the building blocks. The game enhances students’ skill in core subjects such as coding, math and physics; and in addition, promotes “soft-skills” in strategy, team-

work and leadership.

Downey High participated in the contest for the first time, gathering a few Computer Science students together to compete and test their programming skills.

The tournament began in September and in the initial phase, the teams had to compete through a series of 2-Dimension challenges that then excelled into 3-D challenges. The competition is open internationally and this year’s competitors consisted of 174 teams from all ISS member countries (USA, Canada, Australia, Italy, Germany, France and Russia).

In November, the top 84 teams moved to the “Alliance Round” where the game was crafted to be even more complex. Downey High’s team, being ranked higher, led an alliance of two other teams: Gosford High School from Australia and West Lafayette High School from Indiana.

MIT encouraged all alliances to submit their code online each day and these would be run in simulations to determine their rankings.

Only 14 alliances were finally declared as finalists. The alliance led by Downey High finished ranked 13th and have been invited to travel to MIT to participate in the ISS finals. This final competition, held on Jan. 27, is a live championship aboard the ISS that will be broadcast live.

An astronaut will run the Cosmic Vikings’ code to compete with other alliances in microgravity and the final results of this competition will be announced in mid-February.

More details on Zero Robotics can be found at; <http://zerorobotics.mit.edu/>

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 60°

Saturday 62°

Sunday 59°

THINGS TO DO



Jesse Cook

Friday - Downey Theatre, 8 pm

The Canadian musician is a three-time winner of “Guitarist of the Year.” Watch him perform live.



Women’s March

Saturday - Pershing Square, 9 am

Peaceful march for human rights, civil liberties, and compassion for shared humanity.



Uncorked: LA

Saturday - Union Station, 5 pm

Wine tastings, champagne bar, gourmet food trucks, blind tasting bar, live music, and more.



R&B Festival

Saturday - Microsoft Theatre, 7 pm

Live performances by Jodeci, Blackstreet, En Vogue, Ginuwine, SWV, Jon B, and others.



Live Boxing

Saturday - Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello, 6 pm

Professional fights featuring up and coming boxers. Meet the fighters after their bouts.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@DowneyTLC: Don’t miss Downey 5K for TLC EARLY registration! --Ends January 31st!

@CityofDowney: Apollo and Independence Parks have new playground equipment! Join us Saturday, January 21 for a special dedication



SPORTS: Warren girls soccer shut out Paramount, Gahr as they seek to defend league title

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 6-8-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-1.

The Lady Bears defeated Paramount at Paramount 4-0 on 1/10, defeated Gahr at Gahr 9-0 on 1/13 and were defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Warren 2-1 on Tuesday.

The Lady Bears traveled to Dominguez yesterday to face the Lady Dons (score unavailable at press time), will host the Lynwood Lady Knights next Tuesday and will host the Paramount Lady Pirates next Thursday.

Warren finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 10-0 and were undefeated league champions.

Coach Dussan, her staff and players are all looking forward to league play and defending their league title.

■ The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 4-6-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 1-1-1. The Bears

were defeated by Paramount at Paramount 3-1 on 1/10, defeated Gahr at Gahr 3-0 on 1/12 and played cross-town rival Downey at Downey to a 0-0 draw on Tuesday.

The Bears hosted Dominguez yesterday (score unavailable at press time), will travel to Lynwood next Tuesday and will host Paramount next Thursday.

Warren finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 7-1-2 and a second place finish behind league champion Paramount. Coach Pena, his staff and players are all looking forward to challenging Paramount for a shot at the league title. Downey will be in the hunt for a piece of the league title as well.

■ The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-8 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-1.

The Lady Bears defeated Paramount at Paramount 60-31 on 1/11, defeated Gahr at Warren 54-38 on 1/13 and were defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey Wednesday night.

The Lady Bears will host the

Dominguez Lady Dons tonight, will travel to Lynwood to face the Lynwood Lady Knights next Wednesday and will host the Paramount Lady Pirates next Friday.

Warren finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 4-6. Coach Palmer, her staff and players are all looking forward to league play and challenging league favorite Lynwood for the league title. Cross-town rival Downey will be in the mix as well.

■ The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 8-10 and a S.G.V.L. record of 1-1. The Bears defeated Paramount at Paramount 63-40 on 1/11, were defeated by Gahr at Warren 71-48 on 1/13 and played cross-town rival Downey at Downey on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time).

The Bears will host Dominguez tonight, will travel to Lynwood next Wednesday and will host Paramount next Friday.

Warren finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 3-7. Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to challenging league favorites Lynwood and Dominguez for the league title.

■ The Downey High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 5-8-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-1. The Lady Vikings were defeated by Dominguez at Dominguez 1-0 on 1/10, defeated Lynwood at Downey 4-0 on 1/12 and defeated cross-town rival Warren at Warren 2-1 on Tuesday.

The Lady Vikings traveled to Gahr yesterday to face the Lady Gladiators (score unavailable at press time), will travel to Paramount to face the Lady Pirates next Tuesday and will host the Dominguez Lady Dons in their rematch next Friday.

Downey finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 8-2. Coach Fresquez, her staff and players are all looking forward to league play and challenging Warren for the league title. Upstart Dominguez has looked sharp thus far and may be tough to beat as well.

■ The Downey High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 11-4-1 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-0-1. The Vikings defeated Dominguez at Downey 3-0 on 1/10, defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 5-0 on 1/12 and played cross-town rival Warren at Downey to a 0-0 draw on Tuesday.

The Vikings hosted Gahr yesterday (score unavailable at press time), will travel to Paramount next Tuesday and will travel to Dominguez next Thursday.

Downey finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 6-3-1 and a third place finish behind league champion Paramount and Warren, respectively. Coach Mires, his staff and players are all looking forward to challenging Paramount and Warren for a shot at the league title.

■ The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 13-6 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-1.

The Lady Vikings defeated Dominguez at Downey on 1/11, were defeated by Lynwood at Lynwood on 1/13 and defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time).

The Lady Vikings will host the Gahr Lady Gladiators tonight, will travel to Paramount next Wednesday to face the Lady Pirates and will travel to Downey on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time).

Downey finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 7-3. Coach Harris, his staff and players are all looking forward to league play and challenging league favorite Lynwood for the league title. Cross-town rival Warren will be in the mix as well.

■ The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-8 and a S.G.V.L. record of 0-2.

The Vikings were defeated by Dominguez at Downey 46-44 on 1/11, were defeated by Lynwood at Lynwood 63-57 on 1/13 and played cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time).

The Vikings will host Gahr tonight, will travel to Paramount next Wednesday and will travel to Dominguez for their rematch next Friday.

Downey finished last season with a San Gabriel Valley League record of 3-7. Coach Shelton, his staff and players are all looking forward to challenging league favorites Lynwood and Dominguez for the league title.

Volunteers to count Downey's homeless Tuesday

DOWNEY – Volunteers will canvass Downey streets Tuesday night in an effort to count Downey's homeless population and provide them resources to find suitable shelter.

Volunteers will meet at First Baptist Church of Downey at 7:30 p.m. for orientation from the Los Angeles Area Homeless Authority.

Volunteers will be assigned neighborhoods and canvass the area in teams.

"The annual homeless count provides us with the opportunity to reach out to our homeless neighbors and offer them the resources they need to find a home," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. "We are [committed] to helping solve homelessness in our city and invite our fellow community members to join us on Jan. 24."

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton added that the homeless count "is not just statistics and photo ops."


"It's a meaningful way to safely engage with homeless individuals living in Downey and help ensure that we have the resources necessary to help our homeless neighbors get back on their feet," he said.

Volunteers are still needed for the count. Online registration is available at theycountwillyou.org.

For questions about the homeless count, contact Kimberly Barnette, regional planner for Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, at (213) 507-0169 or kbarnette@lasha.org.

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Downey Symphony again combines music and art

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphonic Society brings audiences first-rate performances of the world's most beautiful music. But it adds something extra: an art show in the Downey Theatre lobby that rounds out a memorable evening.

"There is something about the combination of music and art that is really satisfying," says Pat Gil. She is on the Board of both the Symphonic Society and the Downey Arts Coalition and has led the partnership that creates the art exhibit.

She adds, "Some 20 local and regional artists will have work on display for enjoyment, and if a patron is so inclined, for sale."

The performance and art show is Saturday, Jan. 28. The theme of the exhibit is "Dreamscapes."

Doors open at 6:30 pm, so patrons can view the art and set the mood for the three brilliant musicians who will be performing at 8 p.m. Violinist Michelle Tseng, baritone Anthony Moreno, and pianist Robert Blake will present a variety of short pieces by renowned composers like Debussy and Rachmaninoff as well as pieces by Spanish and Latin American composers Ravel, Ginastera, Granados, and Piazzolla, rounding out the evening with songs by American composers.

Robert Blake offers a pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm.

Among the highlights of the exhibit will be exquisite mixed media masks by figurative sculptor Gail Glikmann as well as a mosaic "Time of My Life" by Downey artist Lindsay Yost.

The Downey exhibit draws artists from across Southern California, such as Jennifer Jones, an academic and practical



This mask by sculptor Gail Glikmann will be one of several pieces of art displayed before the Downey Symphony concert on Jan. 28.

counselor from Camarillo, who will share three pieces of her insightful and whimsical artwork.

"Our artists have been very supportive of the Symphony, and we are glad to benefit from their inspiring creativity," observed E. J. Ball, one of the exhibition organizers.

Tickets to the concert and art show are \$30 or \$35, depending on seating section, and can be purchased at downeysymphony.org, by calling the Downey Theatre at (562) 861-8211 or in person at the theater box office.



Annie Rojas took the Downey Patriot to Seneca Falls, New York last month to celebrate the 70th anniversary of "It's a Wonderful Life."

All three surviving child actors from the film were together for the first time in Seneca Falls, which is the town that inspired Frank Capra when directing the movie.

"I forgot to take a picture until we were on our way to the airport to fly home, hence the photo framing," says Rojas.

Dinner, live auction gala Feb. 3

DOWNEY – Jan. 27 is the deadline to RSVP for the Downey Symphony Guild's annual gala fundraiser benefiting the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools program.

The gala is scheduled for Feb. 3 and begins with a 5:30 p.m. social hour at the Embassy Suites, followed by dinner and both live and silent auctions.

Tickets are \$72. Make checks payable to Downey Symphony Guild and mail to Marie Eckstrom, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey CA 90240.

Murder-mystery show in Long Beach

BELFLOWER – The Kiwanis Club of Bellflower is selling tickets to a private performance of "A Murder is Announced," taking place Feb. 9 at the Long Beach Playhouse.

Tickets are \$25. RSVP by Jan. 27 by contacting Jeff Jones at (562) 458-6791 or jeff@admiralpest.com.



Randy and Rica Van Ausdall, residents of Downey for 25 years, spent Christmas and New Year's in Singapore, a city of varied magnificent architecture.

The main structures pictured here are the Steel footbridge, opened in 2010 and inspired by the curved form of the structure of DNA; the Marina Bay Sands, three ultra-modern high-rise buildings, each 57 stories high; and the ArtScience Museum, the boldly iconic lotus-inspired building.

Students make Dean's List

DOWNEY – Seven Downey residents have been named to the Dean's List at Biola University.

The students are Carlos Aparicio, Nina Austria, Aileen Codesal, Hannah Larsen, Silvia Martinez, Darlene Obregon and Bethany Shubin.

To make the Dean's List, students must earn a minimum 3.6 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more credit units.

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May 8, 1950 - January 4, 2017



Ligaya (Linda) Miller, of Downey, CA passed away on January 4, 2017 while on vacation in Oahu, HI. She was 66. She was born on May 8, 1950 and lived in Tayug, Pangasinan, Philippines. While working at Subic Bay Naval Base, she met her husband, George, where he worked on a hospital ship during the Vietnam War. They

married in March 1970 and a few months later, she relocated to Downey to be with her husband and start a family.

Ligaya worked as a sales associate at Mervyns Department Store in Stonewood Center Mall for 27 years until they closed their doors in 2008. She also served as a long-time member and two-time board member of the Tayug Association of Southern California (TASC).

Everyone that knew her would agree that Ligaya was the sweetest, caring, nonjudgmental, loving person you would ever meet. She had a heart of gold and always had a smile on her face. Her family loved her and she loved her family with everything she had. She especially loved watching her grandson play baseball and granddaughter dance hula. She will be missed by all.

Ligaya is survived by her husband of 46 years, George; children, Rick (Sandra) and Michele (Michael); grandchildren, Matthew and Samantha; and sisters, Lorna and Josephine (Elmo).

A Celebration of Life will be held at Saint Raymond Catholic Church at 10 am on Saturday, February 11th.

100 Kindles donated to Doty Middle School

DOWNEY – Last Friday, Doty Middle School received a donation of 100 Kindle E-readers from the Making Schools Digital program.

This donation, which includes the Kindles and individual cases, is valued at nearly \$10,000.

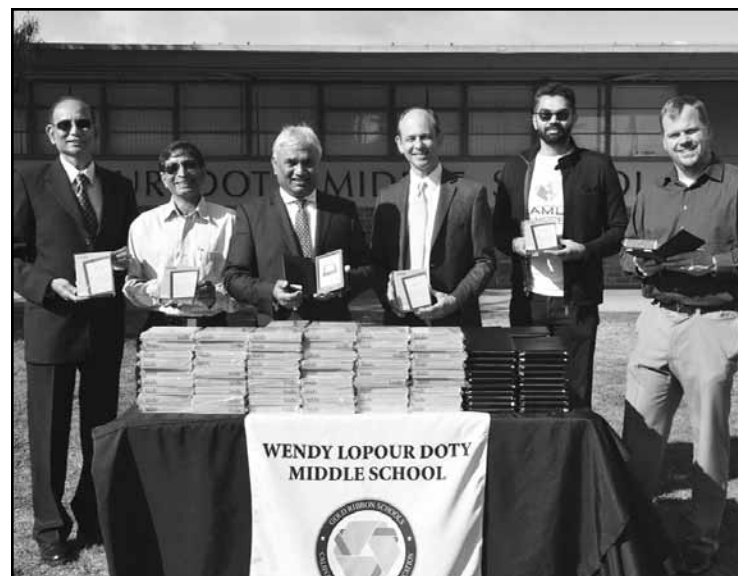
Through the Books in Students' Palms project, Making Schools Digital has greatly aided in the expansion of the library at Doty Middle School.

"This will greatly expand our library's resources, as the Kindles will provide a means for students to access a number of extensive public library collections,"

expressed Doty's Librarian, Teresa Gillette.

The Kindles will be available for students to check out of the school library, similar to checking out a reading book. The students at Doty Middle will now be able to read countless books that are available for digital check-out at public libraries across the state.

The Making Schools Digital program is headed by local business leaders Anil Patel and Raj Bhakta, with generous support from Parvin Bhakta and Downey resident Devang Patel, of the Kamla for Hope Foundation.



Garcia looks to restore taxes on junk food

DOWNEY – Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) on Thursday introduced a measure that would roll back the sales tax exemption on high sugar, high fat, processed, snack foods, if approved by voters.

The proposal would amend the California State Constitution, which requires 2/3 vote of each house of the Legislature to approve, as well as voter approval via referendum.

The state constitution states that any sales and use taxes also apply to snack foods and candy. Garcia's legislation, which will be introduced later, will define snack foods and candy for the purposes of the state constitution's provisions.

The funds would generate almost \$1 billion per year and could be used to fund essential services, Garcia said.

Garcia began laying the

groundwork for a snack tax in the previous legislative session, during conversations around exempting menstrual products from state sales tax.

"As I took a closer look at our tax code, it became apparent that while California's policy is to tax luxury items, the reality is that it's inconsistent. We tax necessities like tampons but exempt chocolate bars," stated Garcia.

In 1992 voters passed Proposition 163, a constitutional amendment that repealed the "snack tax" implemented by the Legislature to deal with a \$14.3 billion budget deficit facing California. Due to that referendum, the California constitution contains a permanent ban on taxing most candy, chips and snacks. Only a vote by the public can repeal that action.

According a UCLA Center for Health Policy Research study on pre-diabetes, more than half of adults in California are pre-diabetic or have diabetes. Rates are higher among adults of color and low income populations. The cities of Southeast Los Angeles, a region comprised of disadvantaged communities, makes up 50% of the top ten most overweight cities in California.

The cities the Assemblywoman represents are located in the same region.

"I think that Californians can see the inequity of a system that taxes over-the-counter medicines, such as aspirin, cough & cold medicines, medicated gum and yes, tampons, while allowing candy bars, chips & snack cakes to avoid taxation", concluded Garcia.

Historian returning to Downey for talk on John D. Rockefeller

DOWNEY – Nicholas Curry will return to the Downey Historical Society on Jan. 26 to be the program's guest speaker.

Curry spoke to the historical society in March 2015, speaking on Edward Doheny in a program titled "Money, Mansions and

Murder."

This time, Curry will give a talk on John D. Rockefeller and several philanthropic foundations, including the University of Chicago, Rockefeller Center, and Pratt Institute.

Curry's talk begins at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Meanwhile, the historical society recently received DVD copies of the 1956 football game between Downey and Anaheim.

The DVDs came from Paul Molina, who is creating a documentary on the game titled "The Last Hurrah."

Also, the historical society has colorful collector plates suitable for display, including plates of the Rives Mansion, Downey Grammar School and the Presbyterian church.

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Can the media hold politicians accountable?

By Lee H. Hamilton

If you watched Donald Trump's recent press conference, you may have overlooked a telling and worrisome moment. A CNN reporter tried to ask the president-elect about the extent of his ties to Russian officials. "No! Not you. No! Your organization is terrible," responded Mr. Trump, and moved on to the next question.

The fact that a politician would seek to sidestep an uncomfortable question isn't unusual. What should cause concern is what happened next: Nothing. The press corps moved on, without protesting or taking up CNN's line of questioning and pushing for an answer.

Why do I find this disquieting? Because journalists play a crucial role in our representative democracy's health. Though power may seem to rest in Washington, state capitols, and city halls around the country, in the end it is wielded by citizens who have the ability to seat and unseat elected officials, to organize around issues, and through concerted action to affect the policy agenda.

But citizens cannot act responsibly if they're kept in the dark. And it's the media's role to make sure that does not happen.

Its performance in recent years, however, has not been reassuring. Before the election, how much were you reading or seeing about the depth and intensity of the frustrations in large swaths of the country that enabled Mr. Trump's victory? How much coverage do you see about climate change, or poverty, or the impact on our communities and individuals of the income inequality that has become a hallmark of this era?

Sure, there's plenty of news coverage of politics. But it's just that — coverage of politics, polls, personalities, and campaigns, and much less on the substance of policy issues or what's at stake for the country as they're debated. Last year, early in the primary season, the CEO of CBS said of Mr. Trump's presidential run, "It may not be good for America, but it's damn good for CBS." He later contended he'd been joking — but somehow, I don't find myself reassured that media corporations today are as committed to serving the public good as they ought to be.

At the same time, politicians have become adept at manipulating the media. The president-elect's news conference, for instance, was held on the same day

that Republicans in the Senate were holding multiple confirmation hearings on his cabinet nominees and were releasing their budget plans. This was divide and conquer at its most effective: they essentially overwhelmed the circuits and avoided the sort of in-depth, extended public scrutiny Americans deserved.

This is unlikely to change, especially in the White House. As Pete Vernon noted recently in the Columbia Journalism Review, with "unabashed boosters in the studios of certain Fox News hosts, the morning hours of MSNBC, and the pages of Breitbart, as [well as] direct access to 17 million followers through his own Twitter feed, Trump has a greater ability than any previous president to push his message unchallenged."

President Obama, Hillary Clinton and Mr. Trump have held very few open news conferences. We are losing important ways and means of holding politicians accountable.

Nor are citizens helping. In the modern media universe, they get along with only the information they want to believe, look at sources that tell them only what they want to hear, and shut out anything they don't like. They seek the media that confirms their views.

This is worrisome. But even worse would be a press that doesn't push on regardless. I want to see media coverage of public affairs that's dogged, skeptical and aggressive, that investigates actions of government and politicians, that checks facts, calls candidates and office-holders to account, and flags misstatements, half-truths, and outright lies. I want the media to be very tough on politicians and candidates and not let them get away with the evasions and manipulations they find increasingly easy to practice.

Democracy works only with accountability and is strengthened by strict accountability of elected and appointed officials to the people of the country. Without citizens insisting on it and the media demanding it, our system of representative government is in peril.

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Healthcare repeal is a tax break for millionaires

By Josh Hoxie

Great magicians are masters of diversion. They attract our attention with one hand while using the other to trick us into thinking a supernatural act is taking place.

But even the best street performers could learn a lesson from the folks in Congress who are trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

When we talk about repealing Obamacare, we almost never talk about the windfall payday it would bring to multi-millionaires and billionaires. In fact, this massive tax cut is the proverbial card hiding in the sleeve of lawmakers pushing repeal.

A new study from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities shows the 400 richest Americans, a group whose average annual income tops \$300 million each, would get a combined annual tax cut of \$2.8 billion if the Affordable Care Act is repealed.

In other words, people who already have more money than they could spend in a dozen lifetimes would get a massive pile of cash.

Meanwhile, those who make less than \$200,000 per year — also known as "the rest of us" — would see no benefit. That's because the two taxes that funded the expansion in health care coverage included as part of Obamacare don't extend to these moderate-income households.

And many of us would do worse.

In fact, about 7 million low-income people would actually see their taxes go up if the law's repealed, since they'd lose insurance premium tax credits that were enacted as part of the bill.

So, to be perfectly clear on this point, repealing Obamacare equals payday for the wealthiest households and higher taxes for the poorest households —

millions of whom would also lose their health coverage.

Remember the story of Robin Hood? It's just like that, but backwards.

Poll after poll shows Americans have no idea how concentrated wealth inequality is today — it's far worse than most suspect.

A report I co-authored last year looked at the 400 wealthiest individuals in the country. This group together owns more wealth than the entire GDP of India, a country with over a billion people.

The report also showed this great concentration of wealth splits largely, although not exclusively, along racial lines. The 100 wealthiest Americans, none of whom are black, today own more wealth than the entire African-American population combined.

Unsurprisingly, most of us would like to live in a much more egalitarian society. If we can't swing it, economist and author Thomas Piketty warns, we're heading towards a hereditary aristocracy of wealth and power, where the children of today's billionaires will dominate our economy and our government.

As we look back at the Obama legacy, we see a number of efforts aimed at beginning to bridge that massive wealth divide. From expanding opportunities for low-income children and families to asking the ultra-wealthy to pay their fair share, progress has been made on this front in the past eight years.

The Affordable Care Act was one of these efforts, and it touched directly on issues of life and death.

Don't be fooled by the smoke and mirrors of today's illusionists: Repealing it will directly counteract this progress. It will further concentrate wealth into fewer hands and strip low-income families of what little resources they have.

Josh Hoxie directs the Project on Taxation and Opportunity at the Institute for Policy Studies.

The next public health secretary shouldn't have a record of benefiting from prescription drug profiteering

By LeeAnn Hall

For most people, prescription drugs are a lifeline. For Representative Tom Price, Donald Trump's health secretary nominee, they're a source of profits.

Indeed, hundreds of thousands of dollars in drug and health corporation

investments line the pockets of the Georgia Republican Trump picked to lead our nation's health care policy. That's an unacceptable conflict of interest.

Life-saving drugs are priced out of reach for far too many Americans, with millions skipping needed medications because of drug corporation price-gouging.

Take the case of insulin, which people with diabetes depend on for their survival. Drug corporations have raised the price of this medication by more than 200 percent over the past eight years.

"It feels like they're holding my kid ransom," the mother of a diabetic son told NBC News in November.

While that mother was struggling to keep her son healthy, Price was legislating on health care in the House — and buying stock in insulin-maker Eli Lilly. That drug corporation ratcheted up the price of its insulin brand by 380 percent between 2004 and last November.

Eli Lilly wasn't Price's only investment. In March of last year, he also bought stock in Pfizer and health insurer Aetna. The value of all three corporations rose soon after his stock purchase.

He didn't stop there.

In August, Price put down between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to buy shares in Innate Immunotherapeutics, which makes a multiple sclerosis drug. He also bought stock in Zimmer Biomet Holdings — one week before introducing a bill designed to blunt a regulation that would have hurt the company's profits, according to CNN.

Senate Democratic leader Charles Schumer called for that transaction to be investigated as a violation of a law against insider trading. And a public watchdog group asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate his other stock purchases.

Beyond raising suspicions of insider trading, Price's pharmaceutical dealings highlight the profiteering rampant in the entire industry.

If you're against immigrants, you're against my grandma

By Mitchell Zimmerman

One day in a Latvian town more than 100 years ago, when my grandmother wasn't much more than a girl, she heard that the czar's "recruiters" were coming to conscript men into the Russian army for 20-year terms.

Two days before they came, a handsome young man she'd known only slightly told her he was going to America instead, and asked her to come along as his bride. She agreed.

Their travels weren't wholly lawful. Lacking proper papers to enter Germany, where they planned to embark on a steamer to New York, they were smuggled across the border at night, in a cart.

Some 40-odd years later, when I was a small child, my mother would take me to Brooklyn to visit them. I recall grandma as a short, ancient grownup, her face square and her cheeks jowly. Despite having lived in New York for decades, she still spoke little English — only enough to make halting jokes. I don't think she ever became a citizen.

She and grandpa faced hardship and discrimination. They'd been called "kikes" and "Jew bastards." They'd been asked, "Why don't you go back where you came from?"

But they stayed, and their children and grandchildren — including my brother, a journalist, and myself, a lawyer — climbed the ladder to success.

My grandparents come to mind when I meet my young friend — "Jesus," let's call him, a pro bono client.

Jesús, too, is an immigrant. But he recalls little of coming to America, and less of Mexico, his birthplace. He was only 7 when his mother, hoping for a better life and lacking proper papers, carried him here.

Jesús grew up in East Palo Alto, California — a small city not far geographically from the prosperity of Silicon Valley, but a world away socio-economically. Plagued by poverty, drugs, and crime, the town was once the murder capital of America.

When he reached high school, Jesús found himself behind the kids from the richer towns. But he enrolled in the school's computer science track, applied himself, and ultimately won a nationwide "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" competition.

The school offered him little guidance about a path to college, but he found his own mentors. Eventually, he earned a B.S. from a small local college, paid for by soccer and academic scholarships — and hard work.

Jesús meanwhile devoted himself to diffusing conflicts among Latino and black gangs in violent neighborhoods. "When asked about putting himself in harm's way," a counselor informed me, "Jesús said he didn't want to live in a world where people hate each other based on the color of their skin."

For some people, this is all irrelevant. All we need to know about Jesús is that he's "illegal" — and so should be deported.

This would be fundamentally unfair. Jesús, like many others whose parents brought them here, had no say in whether or how he entered the United States. But also like those others, he's lived an entirely American life.

I assisted Jesús with his ultimately successful application for DACA status.

This Obama-era program (in full, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) offered a little security to youths like Jesús who arrived as children. If they were in school (or graduated) and had no criminal record, they were eligible to remain in the U.S. for a renewable two-year period.

With an anti-immigrant administration coming into office, however, many of these good kids fear being exiled to a land alien to them. I hope Trump the decency to let them be.

Jesús is now 24 years old and works at a tech start-up. He has an American wife, son, and baby daughter. His aspirations, like my grandparents' were, are to educate his kids, work hard and prosper, and continue to inspire others to set aside despair and reach for the stars.

How American those ambitions seem to me.

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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Friday, Jan. 20: Jesse Cook, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 24: Homeless Count, Downey First Baptist Church, 7:30 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.
3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.
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 Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
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 Russell Skersick 929-3710.
6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
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.
7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
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 Rio Hondo Event Center, 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 Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
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 Helen 864-7319.
2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please 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 Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day...

Jan. 19, 1937: Millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

1955: A presidential news conference was filmed for TV for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

2001: In a deal sparing himself possible indictment, President Bill Clinton acknowledged for the first time making false statements under oath about Monica Lewinsky.

2006: An unmanned NASA spacecraft blasted off on a 3 billion-mile journey to Pluto.

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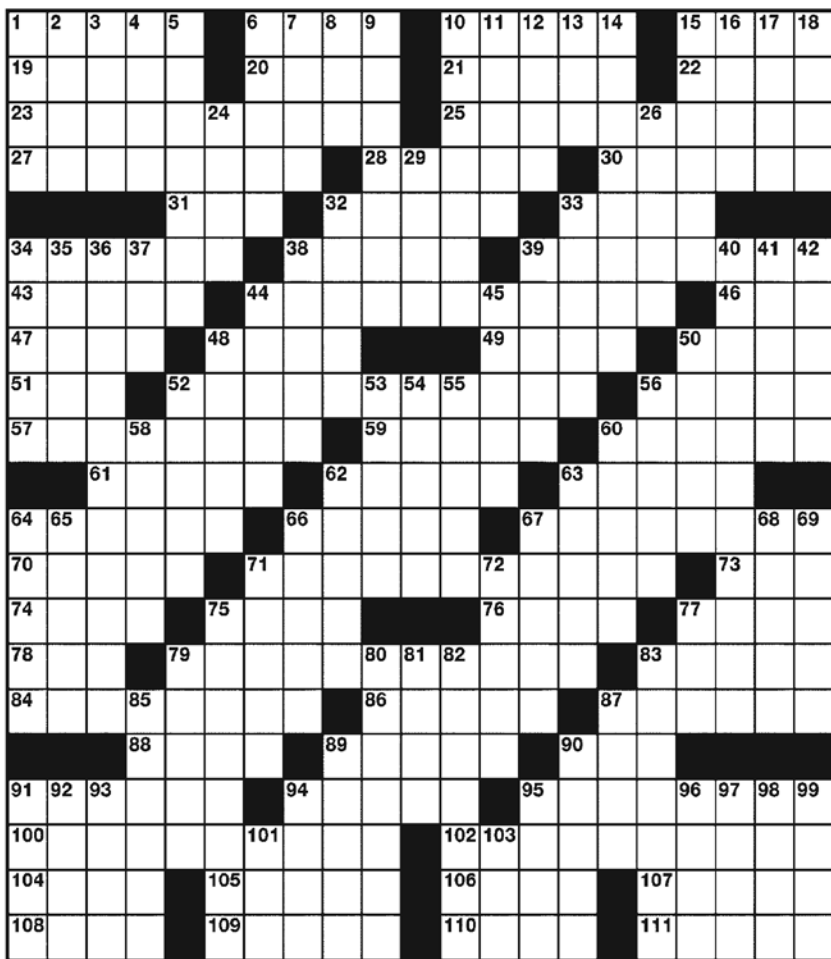
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Shared Stories: The Phone Call

It is hard to lose a sibling, especially at a relatively young age. Yolanda Reyna describes how she coped with the death of her brother Louis, an artist and writer who lived in Kansas City. 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 Yolanda "Yolie" Reyna

A knife in my heart, shock, grief, a range of emotions. My heart had been ripped out! I felt withered, then shock became my best friend, not leaving my side. It's amazing what a phone call can do to you. The phone call that would change me forever was the phone call of the death of my younger brother Louie.

Inherently, I did not know what to expect with planning a funeral and having never flown before because I had always been fearful of flying. Therefore, I wasn't sure about going to Kansas City. Nevertheless, I agreed to go with my eldest brother Jimmy.

I had no idea what to expect. Not knowing what Louie died of and with so many thoughts racing through my mind, I came to the conclusion that no matter how much I was grieving, I had to put my emotions aside and get the energy to prepare myself for the inevitable.

We could not leave right away due to bad weather. Meanwhile, I had been in contact with the mortuary and getting feedback regarding my deceased brother. They informed me that by the time we would reach our destination, viewing would not be recommended due to deterioration. My heart sank after hearing that news.

Furthermore, I had never visited Louie in Kansas City. Knowing that he had always wanted me to visit sent chills up my spine. The conflict I was facing was having an intense impact on me. Still, I was faced with: Why didn't I ever visit him? He was gone, and I have this enormous courage now? I had to battle these thoughts along the trip. I relied on my brother Jimmy for reassurance, guidance, and support.

Remarkably, the flight and trip to Kansas City would be one of the best experiences in my life. In a sense, it almost felt as if Louie spiritually took control. When we arrived in Kansas City, we couldn't help but notice the beauty and serenity in the town.

When we parked in front of Louie's residence, to our surprise, a light mist of snow had begun to fall, almost as if he were welcoming us there. I dreaded stepping foot into his home. My first reaction was to go to his room, where he had passed away.

As I stepped in the front entry, I noticed a living room filled with his art work on the walls. As I crept on the hard-wood floors and made my way through the narrow hallway, I trembled as I slowly walked.

When I made my way to his bedroom and stood there in his room, I immediately felt the tears streaming down my face. Jimmy was right by my side. We both embraced one another and wept. Yet, knowing Louie passed away in his sleep somehow gave me comfort. Seeing a Bible and a picture of my mother on his nightstand gave me great comfort.

Jimmy and I stayed in Kansas City for six days. I began searching for any documents that were needed for cremation. Realizing what had to be taken care of gave me enormous strength.

I didn't know if any will was ever put in place of my brother's future. So I had to contact his employer for any kind of information on a possible life insurance policy. Thankfully, he did have one.

Finally, the day had come for his body to be cremated. That would be one of the most painful experiences in my life. The agony of sitting in the mortuary office and answering questions and imagining my brother in one of those rooms was eerie and sad.

That evening, Jimmy and I treated ourselves to a dinner in honor of his cremation. My emotions ran high and low. My eyes were greatly swollen, leaving the most burning sensation. Just when I thought I could not produce any more tears, they'd come streaming down again.

On the last night of our stay in our brother's home, there was peace in our hearts, minds, and souls. Jimmy and I sat in the living room reminiscing of our time with our beloved brother Louie. We talked about the good times and how much he had accomplished in the fifty three years he had lived, and how much he had always made us laugh, the laughter would fill the room.

Hearing the news of the death of my brother Louis was incredibly hard on many levels: the grief, the fear of never having flown, but mainly the regret of never visiting him. Since then, I have this tremendous courage, force, and somewhat fearlessness. The truth is, I often hear my brother saying to me, "It's OK, Sis, you're here now."

Don't get stuck with Medicare late fees

This past holiday season, I found myself in line at the airport counter, waiting to check a bag prior to a flight to visit family and friends. The gentlemen in front of me got frustrated when the customer agent said he had to pay more to check a bag because he hadn't paid for it online beforehand.

I could relate to his irritation since I'd had a similar experience years ago. But I was late for my plane and hoped the situation would be remedied soon. After talking to a manager and reviewing the terms of the ticket purchase, the man paid the extra fee. The rest of us in line sighed quiet relief as the clock ticked down to our departure times.

The gentleman's reaction made me think of a Medicare beneficiary I encountered a while back. He'd decided not to enroll in Medicare Part B, which helps pay for doctor fees, outpatient treatment, and preventive-care services, when he was first eligible.

At the time he declined his Part B benefits, he was in good health. He rarely saw a doctor, didn't take prescription drugs, and never had been admitted to a hospital. Part B carries a monthly premium (about \$109 for most people in 2017), and the man didn't think he should pay for something he didn't need.

Several years later his health declined and he wanted Part B. He signed up in March but learned that his coverage wouldn't start until July. And since he waited five years to enroll after he was initially eligible (and didn't have job-based insurance during that time), he discovered that he'd have to pay a late penalty equal to 50 percent of his monthly premium.

He was very surprised, to say the least. He reached out to Medicare to reduce the penalty, but unfortunately we couldn't do anything to help. When the beneficiary turned down Part B five years earlier, he signed a document explaining the penalty and the potential for higher costs. He now must pay this surcharge on his Part B premium for as long as he has Part B.

Why does Medicare have such penalties? Like private insurance, Medicare spreads its costs across a "pool" of insured people that includes both those who are healthy and those with medical problems. Late-enrollment penalties are meant to ensure that people join the risk pool when they're healthy, not just when they get sick. Thus, premiums paid by healthy people help offset the costs of those with illnesses, keeping the program's overall expenses as low as possible for everyone.

Late-enrollment penalties can add up. Your Part B premium may go up 10 percent for each full 12-month period that you could've had Part B but didn't sign up for it. (You don't usually pay a late penalty if you defer Part B while you're covered by employer insurance.)

So please remember: If you don't sign up for Part B when you're first eligible, you may have to pay the late penalty for as long as you have Part B.

Late penalties also apply to Medicare Part A, which covers hospitalization. Although the vast majority of people with Medicare don't pay for Part A, those who do must sign up when they're first eligible or face a potential penalty.

You can also get hit with a penalty for late enrollment in Medicare Part D, which helps pay for prescription drugs. The way it's calculated is more complicated than Part B, but this penalty can add up, too. For details, see the 2017 Medicare & You handbook, mailed to every person with Medicare in the fall. It's also online at <https://www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-You.pdf>.

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The realities of empty nest syndrome

You're supposed to feel weepy, forsaken and bereft. And maybe you do. Sometimes. Some days.

But many parents are realizing that they also feel exhilarated, freer and, yes, sexier, when their kids grow up, leave home and go out on their own.

"It might be an empty nest, but there's no 'syndrome,'" says Lynda Cheldelin Fell (www.LyndaFell.com), an emotional healing expert and creator of the "Grief Diaries" series of books. "At least, not in the negative sense.

"There's no malady about it. It's more like a club whose members are secretly celebrating having more quality time alone, with their friends and with their spouse."

Magazine articles and TV doctors still tend to focus on "coping" with this midlife transition, and the identity crisis they say could lead to depression, alcoholism and divorce. But research reveals an empty nest can actually reduce stress and family conflicts. A 2008 study by University of Missouri associate professor Christine M. Proulx found that parents mostly felt pride and relief that they'd done their job and prepared their kids to live independently.

Fell says she and her husband dreaded the day when their

youngest child went off to college. "We had 29 years to prepare for empty nest syndrome, but the symptoms we experienced were far different from what we expected," she says.

Here are some of the things Fell says you can look forward to:

- No more arguments over who holds the TV remote, and every light in the house is turned off when no one is in the room. Your phone charger is where you left it – charging your phone.
- The receipt from your weekly trip to the grocery store is less than 2 feet long. (And, yes, you read that right: You only have to go to the market once a week.)
- The bathroom vanity is devoid of the many tools required for young-adult beauty: no more blow dryers, flat irons, makeup and acne medications to move aside so you can wash your hands or brush your teeth. Your things are in the linen closet where they belong – lids on and cords coiled. And the drain is no longer clogged with hair.
- You get in the car – and

there's gas in the tank. The driver's seat and mirrors are always where you like them. And there are no mysterious new scratches or dents.

• Meals are what you want, when you want and where you want. No more planning around your child's band practice – just the symphony concert you're attending with friends.

• Pretty much every bill you have will go down – and all that extra money can be spent in any way you wish. New furniture. Paris. Or paying off all the bills you've run up over the past 20 or

so years.

When researchers at the University of California-Berkeley tracked 123 women for 18 years – from their early 40s to their 60s – they found that empty nesters reported greater satisfaction with their partners than did mothers with children at home.

"My husband and I felt like we were two teenagers left home alone," Fell says. "All that apprehension and dread about the empty nest was for nothing."

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Dolly Parton, the legendary country singer, turns 71



"Charger," a 1-year-old neutered male terrier, is Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEACA) Pet of the Week.

Charger (ID No. 17-13191) has unique markings made up of black, brown and white. He enjoys tummy rubs and watching (or playing) football.

Visit Charger at SEACA during animal viewing hours.



Downey High student Mario Marsetti has been invited to represent California on the 2017 California Pacific Conference track and field team.

Mario will depart for Queensland, Australia on July 3 to compete down under for individual honors and a team championship title.

Each participant must raise money to cover the cost of the nine-day Australian tournament package.



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Girl Scout Troop 5605 presented Downey's "Pete the Tailor" with a certificate of appreciation for his time and dedication to the troop.

"Pete Patsios owns a tailor shop here in Downey and he's the person we turn to to sew on all the girls' patches as they earn them. Not only is he accommodating but he's sweet and kind to the girls and often refuses payment for his work. He's had to re-apply patches from the front to back on a moment's notice because one of the girl's mothers gave him the wrong instructions - with a smile on his face.

"He is a sweet person and true professional. Girl Scout Troop 5605 would truly appreciate if you could print this picture and print a story letting our community know how wonderful he is."



Jodie Sweetin
actress
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gymnast
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actor
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POETRY MATTERS

Remembering Frost at Kennedy's Inauguration

Even the flags seemed frozen to their poles, and the men stamping their well-shod feet resembled an army of overcoats.

But we were young and fueled by hope, our ardor burned away the cold. We were the president's, and briefly the president would be ours.

The old poet stumbled over his own indelible words, his breath a wreath around his face: a kind of prophecy.

- Linda Pastan

Pastan produces quiet lyrics. She is known for short poems about the anxieties that exist under the surface of everyday life, poems full of foreboding and acceptance, a wry unsentimental acceptance of hard truth. "They are valuable as signposts, and in the end, as arrivals," says poet May Sarton. Pastan lives in Potomac, Maryland, where she has served as Poet Laureate, and was awarded the 2003 Ruth Lilly Prize. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Cirque Éloize combines thrills of acrobatics with Wild Wild West

The Cirque Éloize team will bring its 11th original creation, Saloon – A Musical Acrobatic Adventure, to the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside, Calif., for two shows only on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. (1 p.m. doors) and 8 p.m. (7 p.m. doors).

Tickets are on sale now and available at the Fox Performing Arts Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster.com, riversidelive.com, or charge by phone at 800-745-3000.

Inspired by the rich legacy of the Wild West, Saloon transports audiences to a dusty gathering place. Swing open the Saloon doors and rustle up some fun for the entire family with this musical and acrobatic adventure. The stage fizzes and thrums with infectious energy and phenomenal physical feats as 11 top-level cast members perform for a music-packed theatrical thrill-ride! Prepare to be blown away by a chase worthy of the greatest Westerns.

"The show was inspired by our thriving power, the same strength that has motivated us for nearly 25 years. We borrow from the world of the Wild West, which we have so much in common with: a fundamental commitment to moving forward, toughness and the survival instinct, a tendency for irreverence and a sharing sense of community," says Jeannot Painchaud, President and Artistic Director of Cirque Éloize and Creative Director of Saloon.

This creation also marks the first collaboration between Cirque Éloize and the show's musical director, celebrated Canadian composer Eloi Painchaud (Louis Cyr, La guerre des tuques 3D). Staying close to the musical roots of the artistic director and musical director, who happen to be cousins, Saloon mixes country extracts (Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash) with more festive, folk-inspired compositions. There are four musicians and singers on stage, and all the artists sing or play instruments.

Saloon director Emmanuel Guillaume has put together an acrobatic comedy with 11 top-level, multidisciplinary artists performing with exuberance and humour: "Saloon is an invitation to the party, a fertile ground for emotions where everything is permitted. It's also a meeting of different art forms that were already part of the rich heritage of this mythical place back then," he said.



Cirque Eloize will play the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside for two shows only Feb. 18.



Bellator 170: Sonnen, Ortiz to meet in long-anticipated bout Saturday

It's a fight that many mixed martial arts fans thought they'd never see, but on Saturday, both Tito Ortiz (18-12-1) and Chael Sonnen (28-14-1) will return to action inside the renovated Forum in Inglewood to headline "Bellator 170: Ortiz vs. Sonnen."

In college, the two met on the wrestling mat, in a matchup that Sonnen won by pinning Ortiz on his birthday. Now, Ortiz will have the opportunity to avenge that loss when the compete in the Bellator MMA cage.

The event will be broadcast live and free on SPIKE at 9 p.m. ET/8 p.m. CT, while preliminary action will stream on Bellator.com and the Bellator Mobile App.

Since shocking the world with his surprise signing with Bellator MMA last year, Sonnen has made it clear he wants to fight anyone and everyone – regardless of weight class, or anything else that could stand in his way. Sitting atop that list is a name that has sat atop the sport of MMA practically since its inception, Tito Ortiz.

Not one to shy away from any sort of challenge, "The Huntington Beach Bad Boy" wasted zero time welcoming "The American Gangster" to the fray as only he can, by responding to Sonnen's call-out with open arms on his social media account.

Sonnen spent a vast majority of his 43-fight career with the UFC, a run where he competed against names the likes of Jon Jones, Anderson Silva (2x), Rashad Evans, "Shogun" Rua, Demian Maia, Brian Stann, and current middleweight champion Michael Bisping.

In addition to his exploits inside the cage, the West Linn, Ore., native has mastered the art of being in front of the camera, doing major broadcasting work for both ESPN and Fox Sports. Now, after a three-year hiatus from active MMA competition, Sonnen looks to add to his impressive resume by defeating Ortiz.

Known to the masses as "The Huntington Beach Bad Boy" or "The People's Champion" Tito Ortiz is a fan-favorite all over the world. The former UFC Light Heavyweight Champion has always been one of the toughest competitors in the cage, utilizing his wrestling background; Ortiz is a grinder who defended his title an impressive five times.

Always with a flair for the dramatic, Ortiz had intense rivalries in the cage with guys like Ken Shamrock, Chuck Liddell, Wanderlei Silva, and Randy Couture. Most recently, Ortiz challenged current Bellator MMA 205-pound champion Liam McGeary at "Bellator: Dynamite 1."

Also on the Bellator 170 card is a lightweight feature pitting Derek Campos (17-6) against Derek Anderson (14-2, 1 NC).

Campos enters the bout riding a recent string of success, as the 28-year-old lightweight put together a flawless 2016 campaign that included a pair of noteworthy victories over Djamil Chan and Melvin Guillard. "The Stallion" continues to provide entertaining fights, as the Lubbock, Texas native has finished opponents in 10 of his 17 victories, including five knockouts and three of the first-round variety. Campos will be searching for his first three-fight winning streak under the Bellator MMA umbrella since 2013.

Following an explosive start to his professional career, collecting victories in 11 of his first 12 bouts, including one no-contest, Anderson has continued his success under the direction of Bellator MMA. Since joining the Scott Coker-led promotion in 2013, "The Barbaric" has tallied five impressive wins, highlighted by two knockouts and a pair of victories over Patricky Freire. Hailing from San Diego, Calif., Anderson has finished 11 of his 14 victims, and will not have to travel far as he prepares for number 12. With back-to-back victories over the aforementioned Freire and most recently Saad Awad at "Bellator 160," Anderson has quickly entered the mix as one of the division's top contenders. The 26-year-old lightweight will now look to take down the Bellator MMA veteran Campos and add yet another big name to his admirable resume.

Below is the full main card. To view the full slate of undercard matches, go to bellator.spike.com.

Main Event: Tito Ortiz (18-12-1) vs. Chael Sonnen (28-14-1)

Co-Main Event: Paul Daley (38-14-2) vs. Brennan Ward (14-4)

Middleweight: Ralek Gracie (3-0) vs. Hisaki Kato (7-2)

Featherweight: Georgi Karakhanyan (26-6-1) vs. Emmanuel Sanchez (13-3)

Lightweight: Derek Campos (17-6) vs. Derek Anderson (14-2, 1 NC)

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IVO RUBIO, 9324 HORLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
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/ IVO RUBIO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 10, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2016304861
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ON-SITE ENERGY SERVICES, 8720 MICHIGAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANK L. VILLANUEVA, 8720 MICHIGAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605
State of Incorporation: (1) CA
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/ FRANK L. VILLANUEVA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2016
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number: 2017004166
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ONEPLUSWE, 100 W BROADWAY, LONG BEACH CA 90802, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR J. BORDAS, 100 W BROADWAY, LONG BEACH CA 90802
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 01/20/17
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/ HECTOR J. BORDAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 6, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SITE PLAN REVIEW AND ZONE CHANGE
PLN-16-00295

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 1st day of February, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

PLN-16-00295 (Site Plan Review & Zone Change) A Site Plan Review to construct a new, two-story, 11,797 square-foot medical office building and a request to change the existing zoning designation from C-2 (General Commercial) & P-B (Parking Buffer) to C-2.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects).

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

For more information contact the Associate Planner Monica Esparza at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot 1/19/17

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS
Capital Improvement Project
No. 14-17
Imperial Highway Traffic Signal Communications System and Upgrades Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at which time the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 14-17 - Imperial Highway Traffic Signal Communications System and Upgrades Project.**

The work shall include the installation of PVC conduits, interducts, different fiber-optic cables (48 Single Mode Fiber Optic (SMFO), 24 SMFO, 6 SMFO, etc.), communication equipment in existing traffic signal controller and communication cabinets, additional communication cabinet, the installation of City-furnished video detection systems at eight (8) intersections; traffic signal upgrades at up to eight (8) intersections; the integration of the communication system and video detection system into the Traffic Management Center located at City Hall and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with plans and specifications entitled CIP 14-17.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$50.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be viewed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 14-17. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds in required form will result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed must be obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The

Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-10, "Electrical Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal or offer March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Edwin J. Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works
email: enorris@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Adria M. Jimenez, MMC
City Clerk

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029833

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Tsigedengel D. Alemu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Proposed name: (1) Tsigedengel D. Alemu
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: March 8, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., 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, January 04, 2017
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Tsigedengel D. Alemu
16000 Grayville Dr. #41
La Mirada, CA 90638
(310) 621-4888
abbatda@yahoo.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029828

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Elizaveta Kirillova filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Elizaveta Kirillova to Proposed name (1) Liz Richards
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: April 5, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT, January 03, 2017
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Elizaveta Kirillova
10407 Jackson Ave
South Gate, CA 90280

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS032669

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Robert Anthony Gonzales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Robert Anthony Gonzales to Proposed name (1) Robert Anthony
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: February 17, 2017, Time: 8:30am, Department: 27
The address of the court is 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802

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, January 04, 2017
Judge Ross M. Klein
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Robert Anthony Gonzales
4643 Falcon Ave.
Long Beach CA 90807
(562) 394-2845
contactrobhere@gmail.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029867

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Desiree DiAnn Kirk filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Desiree DiAnn Kirk to Proposed name (1) Desiree DiAnn Hay
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: March 15, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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, January 10, 2017
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Desiree DiAnn Kirk
10644 S. Newcomb
Whittier, CA 90603
(702) 210-9822

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029756

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Crystal Amelia Sanchez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Crystal Amelia Sanchez to Proposed name (1) Crystal Amelia Araiza-Sanchez
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: February 8, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT, December 09, 2016
Lori Ann Fournier
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Crystal Amelia Sanchez
7029 Flora Ave
Bell, CA 90201
(323) 773-9413

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029783

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Saeed Bilal Abubakar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Saeed Bilal Abubakar to Proposed name (1) Saeed Cedric Deshun Bilal French-Abubakar
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: February 22, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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, December 09, 2016
Lori Ann Fournier
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Saeed Bilal Abubakar
10440 Paramount Blvd F259
Downey, CA 90241

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029861

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Terese Nelle Fernandez-Otano filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Terese Nelle Fernandez-Otano to Proposed name (1) Kitty Nello Otano
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: March 15, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk 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, January 09, 2017
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Terese Nelle Fernandez-Otano
5529 Hazelbrook Avenue
Lakewood, California 90712

(562) 630-5504

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029792

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Reginald James Akers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Reginald James Akers to Proposed name (1) Reginald James French 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: February 22, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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, December 20, 2016
Lori Ann Fournier
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Reginald James Akers
10440 Paramount Blvd F259
Downey, CA 90241

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIE C. CRITTENDEN, akas, MARIE DORIS CRADDOCK, DORIS MARIE CRADDOCK and MARIE CRITTENDON
Case No. 17STPB00218

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARIE C. CRITTENDEN, akas, MARIE DORIS CRADDOCK, DORIS MARIE CRADDOCK and MARIE CRITTENDON:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by County of Los Angeles Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that County of Los Angeles Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 24, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 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

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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:
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COUNTY COUNSEL
LEAH D DAVIS ESQ
ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL
LANE R BROWN ESQ
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DENISE DIANE MARTINEZ

Case No. 17STPB00326
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DENISE DIANE MARTINEZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Maria T. Soto in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Maria T. Soto be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 17, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 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.

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-FNM-16016974 NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. (PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/23/2015. 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case. CA-FNM-16016974. 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. On January 25, 2017, at 11:00 AM, BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, in the City of POMONA, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by DONRITA S. BELLO, A SINGLE WOMAN AND MAYNARD ALLEN JR., A SINGLE MAN AS JOINT TENANTS, as TruStors, recorded on 3/2/2015, as instrument No. 20150221555, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is - where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 6367-003-021 LOT(S) 14 OF TRACT NO. 16032, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 354, PAGE(S) 19 AND 20 OF MAPS. IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF THE VACATED STREET ADJOINING SAID LOT ON THE NORTH SAID VACATED PORTION WOULD PASS WITH THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID LOT 14. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes

no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 8400 RIVES AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240-2130. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$455,300.58. 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. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 714-730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com Dated: 12/19/2016 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE, Trustee By Shelley Chase, Foreclosure Administrator A-4603129 01/05/2017, 01/12/2017, 01/19/2017

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 127690 Title No. 3012157 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/13/2006. 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 02/08/2017 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C. as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/16/2006, as Instrument No. 06 1327002, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Lazaro Garcia and Jacqueline Garcia, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 6251-012-014 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7840 5th Street, Downey, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to

be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$642,075.08. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 1/10/2017 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE. 228, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200. FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727. The Mortgage Law Firm, P.L.C. may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 028519-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

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T.S. No. 028519-CA APN: 6245-011-037 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to A Civil Code Section 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/7/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 2/8/2017 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0342716, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: GERARDO B. GORLERO AND MARTHA E. GORLERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12313 JULIUS 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, 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: \$367,835.43 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You

will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 028519-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

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T.S. No. 048265-CA APN: 8078-032-024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/9/2006. 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 2/14/2017 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/5/2007, as Instrument No. 20070236417, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: CAROLYN A MORRISON AS TRUSTEE OF THE 1995 CAROLYN A MORRISON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 1/3/1995 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15639 FAIRFORD AVE NORWALK, CA 90650-6252 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$8,551.32 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000006008494. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 800-280-2832. www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDBER AND WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDBER AND WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852. Dated: 12/29/2016 A-4603944 01/05/2017, 01/12/2017, 01/19/2017

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T.S. No. 000006008494 Title Order No.: 160131475 FIVE/VA/PMI No. 9955378-731 ATTENTION RECORDER: AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/20/1997. 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 TREDBER AND WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on 12/04/1997 as Instrument No. 97 1908015 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA EXECUTED BY: DARIO DELGADILLO, A SINGLE MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/16/2017 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 7311 S. CALIFORNIA DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10420 DOWNEY AVENUE #202, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241. APN#: 6252-019-055 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 \$117,054.03. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000006008494. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 800-280-2832. www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDBER AND WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDBER AND WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852. Dated: 12/29/2016 A-4603944 01/05/2017, 01/12/2017, 01/19/2017

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T.S. No. 048265-CA APN: 8078-032-024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/9/2006. 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 2/14/2017 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/5/2007, as Instrument No. 20070236417, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: CAROLYN A MORRISON AS TRUSTEE OF THE 1995 CAROLYN A MORRISON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 1/3/1995 WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15639 FAIRFORD AVE NORWALK, CA 90650-6252 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$8,551.32 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. 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Some couples invest in their future in ways other than a diamond ring

By Nathaniel Sillin

What does an engagement ring look like? For many people, my wife included, the answer is a diamond ring. While that's a concept that didn't become widely accepted until the diamond industry's marketing campaigns in the mid-1900s, it's one that holds strong today. However, some couples are going in an alternative direction. The intention isn't to be cheap, but rather to use the savings to make a different kind of meaningful investment in their future together.

When and how a proposal happens can be a surprise, but hopefully, the answer won't be. That is likely doubly true if the question is popped without a diamond engagement ring, or perhaps without a ring at all. As always in a relationship, communication is key. While some people may be excited by the idea, it could be a deal breaker for others.

What will a meaningful investment look like to the both of you? A friend of mine recently shared with me the story of how he proposed to his now wife, and the decision to forgo an engagement ring altogether.

When they first started discussing marriage and engagement rings, she said she'd rather put the money towards a down payment because starting a home together was more meaningful to her than a ring. He didn't ask right away, but when he did take a knee, ringless, and ask her to marry him – clearly she said yes. Today they live in the home the savings helped buy, wear only wedding bands and he says neither of them regrets the decision.

A down payment might not make sense for you, but there

are other ways to invest in your future together. For some couples, paying down debts or saving for their wedding so that they don't go into debt might be a better fit. Or, you might want to start a travel or honeymoon fund.

Consider your options if you want to buy a ring. Understandably, the idea of proposing without an engagement ring isn't for everyone, and there is a middle ground. A less expensive engagement ring with the savings going towards your shared goal.

Here are few options you could discuss with your significant other:

Alternative stones. There are a variety of alternative precious and semi-precious stones you could pick for the ring. Matching a stone's color to the person's eyes or choosing their birthstone could imbue the ring with a personal touch. However, be careful about picking a "soft" gem that could be easily scratched if it's worn daily.

Diamond look-alikes. You could choose a synthetic diamond or a stone that looks similar to a diamond but costs much less, such

as a cubic zirconia. Some of the man-made and alternative options can look more brilliant than genuine diamonds, and you don't need to worry about whether or not the stone is conflict-free.

A solid band. While it won't have the same flash as a ring with a large gemstone, choosing a smaller diamond or solid metal band with a symbolic meaning could be just as meaningful to your partner.

Family heirlooms can also make for memorable engagement rings and often there isn't a price tag attached (although a lengthy discussion might be in order). A vintage ring could appeal to some people's style, or the center stone could be reset in a modern band. In either case, there's something special about wearing a gemstone that's been in one of your families for generations.

Decide on your priorities as a couple and act accordingly. According to The Knot's 2015 Real Weddings Study, an average of \$5,871 was spent on engagement rings. For some, there's no better way to spend money. After all, it's

a ring that's going to be worn for decades.

However, you can discuss engagement ring expectations before you ask someone to marry you. If a diamond isn't particularly important, an alternative ring or gemstone, or no ring at all, can be an equally timeless and beautiful gesture of love when you both know the money is going to an important step in your future together.

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