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Tesla burns Downey

■ Downey officials say they feel 'stabbed in the back' after Tesla Motors announces they will open a vehicle assembly plant in Fremont and not Downey.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – After more than a year of negotiations, Tesla Motors was set to announce Thursday they would open a vehicle production plant in Northern California and not Downey.

Tesla will team with Toyota to build their Model S all-electric sedan at the New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. plant in Fremont.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger called a Thursday afternoon press conference to announce the news.

The NUMMI plant employed 4,700 workers but closed in April. At the time, Tesla officials said the NUMMI plant was too large for its Model S assembly plant.

Downey officials, meanwhile, said they were "stunned," "appalled" and felt misled.

"I couldn't be more disappointed. I feel like I was stabbed in the back," Councilman Mario Guerra said yesterday. "We were promised all along that we weren't being used and this is what happens."

"[Tesla CEO] Elon Musk personally gave me his word that we weren't being used," Guerra continued. "Somebody is a very good poker player and I guess that's how you become a billionaire."

Guerra said he was told by a Tesla official that Toyota was contributing \$50 million to have the Model S plant in Fremont.

Negotiations between Tesla, Downey and land owner Industrial Realty Group advanced to the point where a lease was expected to be signed today.

Guerra said he and City Manager Gerald Caton met with Musk and IRG executives on May 11 and "went page by page over the lease."

In fact, the Downey City Council had called for a special council meeting Thursday evening to ratify portions of the agreement.

Tesla officials did not return phone calls seeking comment. Toyota also declined to comment.

Downey entered into a much-

publicized recruitment campaign last year to convince Tesla to open their vehicle production plant at the current site of Downey Studios.

The City Council paid nearly \$10,000 for a half-page, full-color recruitment ad in the L.A. Times, and delivered a gift basket to Musk's SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne.

Last November, the Downey City Council approved a \$8.9 million package of economic incentives to facilitate Tesla's move-in. As part of the package, the city agreed to waive nearly \$6.9 million in future IRG rent payments on 20 acres of land.

At the time, city officials estimated that Tesla would produce more than \$20 million in revenue to Downey.

Although Tesla never publicly announced where they would open the Model S plant, all signs pointed to Downey. In March, the Downey Planning Commission approved an application from IRG and Tesla to subdivide Downey Studios to suit Tesla's needs.

And as part of a \$465 million loan from the U.S. Department of Energy, Tesla submitted plans on how it planned to use existing buildings at the former NASA site. The detailed plans showed precisely where the vehicles would be assembled and even included a timeline for construction.

Downey officials also spent recent weeks lobbying in Sacramento to have the Downey Studios site designated a redevelopment zone. If approved, AB 2065 would provide Downey with approximately \$20 million in tax increments over several years, city officials said.

It wasn't immediately clear if Downey would continue to lobby for the redevelopment district.

Downey council members and staff members spent much of Thursday afternoon reeling from Tesla's decision to locate its Model S plant up north.

Even Guerra, who is usually not at a loss of words, struggled to explain the city's position on the



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Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk is shown above with President Obama at Cape Canaveral. Downey officials said they were "stunned" when Tesla announced yesterday they would open a vehicle assembly plant in Fremont instead of Downey.

latest developments.

"We feel very used. We are upset," Guerra said. "We put forth

a good faith effort for more than a year. We're stunned and we're appalled."

Downey Regional without a buyer

■ Letter of intent expires without an acquisition deal with Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – After weeks of negotiations towards a potential purchase agreement, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital has chosen not to renew a letter of intent with Downey Regional Medical Center citing several financial insecurities regarding the acquisition.

"Our first responsibility needs to be to assure that this is a sound proposal for both organizations," said James R. West, president and CEO of Presbyterian Intercommunity. "We remain interested in making this acquisition a reality, and believe that it is important that the Downey community have access to the quality services of a not-for-profit medical center."

In a released statement, West gave several reasons why Presbyterian Intercommunity chose not to extend the letter of intent, which expired on May 7. Chief among them was the unwillingness of health plans to negotiate new contracts with reimbursement rates that would allow Downey Regional to remain viable.

"This is absolutely critical to the successful rehabilitation of the organization if it's to climb out of its current financial situation," said West. "If the health plans come back to the table with fair market rates, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital's acquisition plan could be back on track."

However, West also expressed concerns over future renovations and updates that are required at the 90-year-old hospital.

"Like many California hospitals, Downey Regional has seismic safety standards that must be met by 2030," said West. "These add a considerable investment to the equation, and must be taken into consideration."

Downey Regional and Presbyterian Intercommunity have been in deliberate negotiations since the two hospitals signed a non-binding letter of intent last month. Since filing for bankruptcy last September, Downey Regional has approached several interested parties concerning a potential acquisition of the hospital.

In February, Downey Regional Medical Center executed a letter of intent for affiliation with the Daughters of Charity Health System, but after a brief period of negotiations, the discussions ended when the health group called the potential acquisition economically unfeasible.

In April, officials were hopeful that Downey Regional and Presbyterian Intercommunity could come to terms under an asset purchase agreement and that Downey Regional would emerge from bankruptcy this summer.

Downey Regional has chosen not to comment further on the matter as negotiations with Presbyterian Intercommunity are still ongoing. Despite its bankruptcy, the 199-bed, non-profit hospital has continued to operate at normal capacity, providing its full range of services.



Yvonne Grayson was last seen exiting Stonewood Center on May 15. Anyone with information on her whereabouts is asked to call the Downey Police Department.

Mentally disabled woman goes missing

DOWNEY – Downey Police are asking the public's help in finding a mentally-disabled woman who walked away from her family at Stonewood Center on Saturday.

Yvonne Denise Grayson, 45, lives in Arizona but was visiting relatives in Norwalk. The family visited Stonewood Center when Grayson walked away from family members.

She was last seen exiting the mall at about 1:15 p.m.

Grayson suffers from schizophrenia and has the mental capaci-

ty of an 8-year-old, police said. She is on prescribed medication which she does not have in her possession.

She is described as black, 5-ft. 3 inches tall, 274 pounds, with gray hair and brown eyes.

Grayson is not familiar with the area. She may have boarded a bus back to Arizona.

Anyone with information on Grayson's whereabouts is asked to call Detective Steve Aubuchon at (562) 904-2361 or (562) 904-2308.



Councilman Mario Guerra, left, and City Manager Gerald Caton traveled to a Tesla Motors design shop last week as part of continued negotiations with the electric car maker.

Democrat Art Olivier brings libertarian ideals to Assembly campaign

■ After serving on Bellflower City Council, Art Olivier again prepares to enter political fray.

By **CHRISTIAN BROWN,**
STAFF WRITER

BELLFLOWER – After spending years as a disillusioned voter, Art Olivier had no plans of entering the political fray himself, but in 1990, the young Bellflower resident launched a State Assembly campaign hoping to challenge the establishment in Sacramento.

Underfunded and inexperienced, Olivier, then a registered libertarian, lost the election, but the defeat led him to the Bellflower City Council where the maturing politician would claim his greatest victories.

Today, the 52-year-old democrat is going door to door, shaking hands and passing out leaflets, hoping his message of less government will attract voters before next month's Democratic primary.

"A lot can be done if the government is looking out for the people's interests," said Olivier. "I have a record for looking out for the people. I want to get in here and make a difference in this state."

Following his failed attempt at the State Assembly, Olivier ran and won a seat on the Bellflower City Council, which he served on from 1994-1999. Olivier, who was an engineer at Boeing for 20 years, utilized many libertarian principles

during his term of office. He privatized several city services, granted city contracts to more affordable, responsible bidders and blocked the use of eminent domain while he was on the Council.

"When I was mayor, I eliminated the city's lighting assessment tax," said Olivier. "People say you can't cut taxes and increase services at the same time, but you can do both."

After serving his mayoral term on the Council, Olivier campaigned within the Libertarian party and became its vice presidential candidate during the 2000 U.S. presidential election. Along with running mate Harry Browne, the two advocated for smaller, more efficient government, but lost.

In 2006, Olivier ran uncontested within the Libertarian party for governor of California. After winning the nomination, Olivier criticized republican candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger for his growing budget, suggesting that the increased spending could one day bankrupt the state.

"I was predicting what would happen in 2006," said Olivier, now a democrat. "Taxes would be increased, we would run up deficits and the pension system would become unsustainable."

Determined to help reverse these trends in Sacramento, Olivier, who now works as a realtor, is hoping to become the next assemblyman from the 50th Assembly district. If elected, Olivier plans to

tackle problems surrounding taxes, state regulations, education and the pension system. He believes these issues all contribute to California's high unemployment rate and recalcitrant economy.

"There are people retiring with big pensions right now," said Olivier. "Less people are putting money into the system so the state raises taxes to make up the difference."

Olivier maintains that if the pension system continues as is and more government employees retire with large pensions, taxes will increase and the state's budget will continue to inflate.

"I can't wait for that to happen," said Olivier. "I'm the only candidate talking about this issue – the other candidates are connected to the unions, they're spending time in Sacramento."

If elected, Olivier said he would not support any new taxes and would cut taxes if possible. In addition, Olivier supports the privatization of the corrections system and shorter prison sentences for low-level drug offenders. In terms of the unemployment rate, Olivier believes the number could be reduced if the state embraced more business friendly policies.

"There are a lot of regulations out there that keep jobs down," he said. "For instance, the housing industry – there's no way a developer could pay \$50,000 in fees and expect to make a profit. They've taken the profit out of building a



house."

Manufacturing, Olivier said, could return to California if the state rid itself of excessive business and environmental regulations that drive companies away.

"Regulations are too stiff here. We've got to go through this," said Olivier. "And find out which laws will spark industry and bring jobs back to California."

Although Olivier is running amidst a crowd of democratic contenders, he remains positive that his message of less government and greater accountability will draw voters.

"I'm the only candidate not receiving special interest money," said Olivier. "My opponents – their campaigns are focused on fundraising. I'm here, walking the precincts and 90 percent of people agree with me on these issues – it was the way I was elected to the City Council. It's all I can do – appeal to the people."

For business owners, it pays to go green

DOWNEY – The Southern California Gas Company last week announced that more than \$23 million in rebates and incentives are available this year to business customers for qualifying energy-efficiency projects – the largest pool of incentive money in the utility's 140-year history.

The Gas Company made the announcement at the fifth annual Energy Efficiency Expo held May 11 in Downey.

"These rebates and incentives can go a long way to help businesses through challenging economic times," said Mike Allman, president and CEO for the Gas Company. "By practicing energy efficiency, customers can meet a variety of needs by saving money, helping the environment and using natural resources wisely."

Juanita's Foods has equipped its facility with energy-efficiency appliances, receiving more than

\$45,000 in rebates since 2007, company spokesperson Maria Elena Prado said.

"We've been coming back year after year; we continuously upgrade our facility," she said.

At the expo, about 250 business owners and representatives also learned about a Gas Company program that helps fund a variety of energy-efficiency improvement projects up to \$100,000 with interest-free loans. In addition, rebates are available for more than 100 pieces of qualifying energy-efficient equipment, such as steam traps, insulation, boilers, water heaters and a variety of foodservice equipment.

Incentive payouts are based on the amount of natural gas saved.

For more information on rebates, loans and incentives offered by the Gas Company, visit www.socialgas.com/energyefficiency

Historians to speak at Space Center

DOWNEY – Local historians and authors Larry Latimer and Gerald Blackburn will speak and sign books at a meet-and-greet event May 30 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Blackburn and the Aerospace Legacy Foundation compiled material for "Downey's Aerospace History: 1947-1999," released last June by Arcadia Publishing. Blackburn was an engineer and project manager with North American Aviation and Boeing, and spent 35 years at the Downey site.

In his book, Blackburn uses photos and images from private and public archives to tell the story of the former NASA site.

Latimer and the Downey Historical Society authored "Downey," a collection of vintage images chronicling this city's early days.

The event begins at 1 p.m. Admission to the Space Center is \$5. Copies of both books will be available for purchase and signing at the Space Center.

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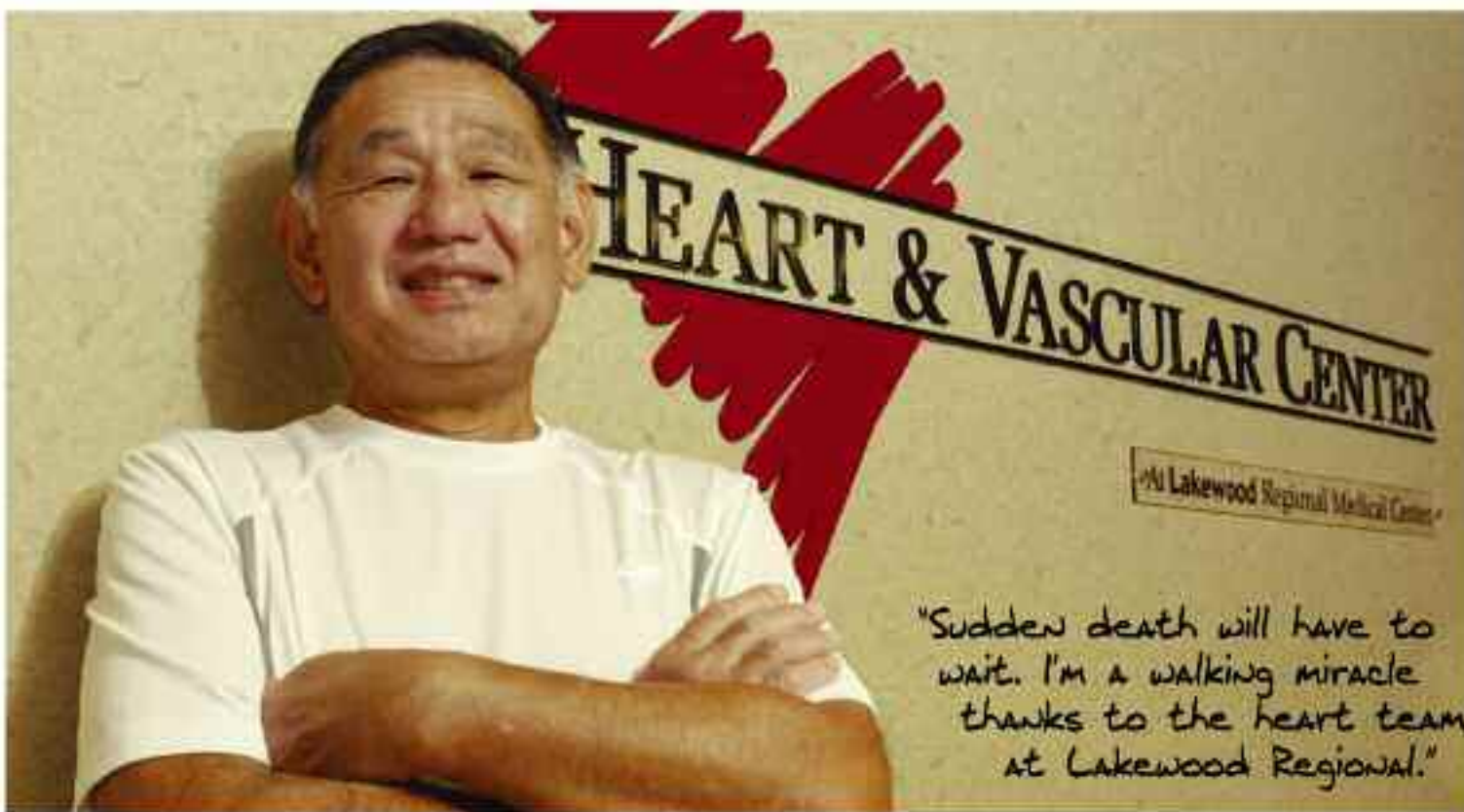
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- ✓ Lakewood Regional Medical Center is designated a STEMI (heart attack) Receiving Center by Los Angeles County. Hospitals with this designation have demonstrated that their emergency departments have the facilities, technology and physicians necessary to provide the immediate diagnostic tests and interventions to save lives.

Police to expose dangers of Internet

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department will hold a seminar June 2 to educate parents and adults about the growing dangers of the Internet poses to children.

In a press release, new Police Chief Rick Esteves said he has made it “a top priority to protect children against child predators.”

Esteves created the department’s new “Hi-Tech Crime Unit” to capture online child predators.

Topics to be discussed at the presentation include the dangers of social networking sites, including MySpace and Facebook; child predators that troll the Internet; understanding texting language and the dangers of sending pictures via phones and computers; dangers of peer-to-peer computer programs such as Bearshare and LimeWire; up-to-date information on Internet crimes, such as cyber bullying, harassment, intimidation, etc.; and Internet tracking methods that can be used to monitor your child’s computer activity.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. It is free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary.

The presentation is geared toward parents and adults.

For more information, call Detective Ron Gee at (562) 904-2331 or Sgt. Brian Baker at (562) 904-2304.

Open mic at local church

DOWNEY – The Moravian Church of Downey will host “Open Mic Night” tomorrow for performers of all types.

Guests can share their poetry, storytelling, drumming or singing. All genres are welcome, including folk, classical, hip-hop, punk and more.

Sign-ups will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 6:45 p.m. The event begins at 7 p.m.

Admission to open mic is free and there is no cost to participate.

Croshaw to sing at OASIS

DOWNEY – Local singer Johnny Croshaw will present a patriotic show Monday at the OASIS meeting at Downey Adult School.

Croshaw’s playlist will include songs memorable from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War era.

Monday’s OASIS meeting begins at 3:45 p.m. Dinner will be served by Mambo Grill.

For more information, call (562) 940-6200.

5K run/walk June 13

DOWNEY – The Moravian Church of Downey will host its third annual 5K Run/Walk on June 13.

The 3.1-mile route starts in the church’s parking lot and wraps through the neighborhood past the Rio Hondo Event Center and finishes back in the parking lot, where there will be refreshments and an awards ceremony.

Information and registration is available online at www.thebelfry5k.com or by calling (562) 927-0718.

Police, fire personnel saluted

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Downey Police and Fire departments honored both Corporal Jaime Pelayo and dispatcher Jim Acosta for their exemplary service to the community Tuesday evening during the sixth annual “Saluting Our Communities Finest” ceremony sponsored by the American Legion of Downey.

“Both these men served their country,” said James Higuera, post commander of the American Legion of Downey. “And now they are serving their country again by serving their community.”

Held at the Los Amigos Country Club, each honoree was given his plaque by his respective chief, Police Chief Rick Esteves and Fire Chief Jeff Turner, who

shared comments about their honorees before presenting the awards.

Pelayo was hired by the Downey Police Department in 1998 after attending the Orange County Sheriff’s Academy and graduating first in his class of nearly 30 students. Currently assigned to Motor Detail, he also works as a Field Training Officer, Range Master, Explorer Advisor, Terrorism Liaison Officer and Special Response Team Member.

Pelayo is also a U.S. veteran who completed a tour of duty in Iraq.

“If I could have 100 Jaime’s, I’d take 100 of them,” said Esteves with a laugh. “Jaime is always there in the most respectful manner – he’s a pleasure for everyone to work with. He’s an American hero and I couldn’t be more proud of him.”

Pelayo thanked the American

Legion, his family and the Downey Police Department for the honor and expressed his astonishment upon hearing that he would receive the award.

“I was very excited when I heard I would receive this,” said Pelayo. “This was one of my target goals – I wasn’t expecting to get this so early in my career. Thank you so much.”

Fire Dispatcher Jim Acosta was also recognized as an integral part of the Downey Fire Department by Fire Chief Jeff Turner, who honored Acosta’s 34 years of service to the city.

“Dispatchers are sometimes the unsung heroes of the fire department,” said Turner. “They take the phone calls – and nothing happens without that phone call.”

Starting his career off as a radio man in the Navy, Acosta first became a dispatcher with the

Montebello Fire Department in 1973. Soon, the center where Acosta worked was consolidated to cover many cities including Downey, Compton, Santa Fe Springs and Lynwood.

Over the years, Acosta has been involved in several public safety dispatching organizations and today, he is the lead trainer for the Joint Powers Communications Center.

“Jim is really a very quiet man so all his accomplishments over the years have been almost hidden,” said Turner before awarding Acosta. “But he has not done all that he has for the attention or praise, but for the people we serve.”

Acosta thanked the American Legion for the honor and his two daughters and wife of 19 years for their support through the years.

More military banners to be added

DOWNEY – An additional 15 street banners paying tribute to active military personnel will be placed along firestone Boulevard during the week following Memorial Day, city officials announced this week.

The first 20 banners went up last Veterans Day and 20 more banners were added in February.

The street banners honor active military personnel currently serving overseas, as nominated by family and friends.

“While this is a small gesture of our appreciation, I think this is a very important city program,” said Councilman Roger Brossmer, who initiated the program shortly after he was elected to City Council. “Our military men and women deserve to be recognized and honored, and these banners are a small token of our appreciation.”

The banners are paid for using donations, while the city is in charge of installation and maintenance.

“I want to thank the donors who have already contributed and encourage others to contribute to this program [in] the future,” Brossmer said.

To make a donation towards the banner program, or to nominate a service member for a street banner, call (562) 904-1895 or go to the city’s website at www.downeyca.org.

New Walgreens to be constructed

■ Planning Commission OKs drugstore at 8030 Imperial Hwy.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Downey Planning Commission on May 5 approved a plan submitted by Reuben Garbett of Evergreen Devco, Inc. to develop a 12,258 sq. ft. Walgreens drug store on property located at 8030 Imperial Highway, next to a recently remodeled KFC restaurant to the west.

The proposed structure is valued at \$1.5 million, geared to bring in revenue similar to or even surpass the Walgreens store sales average of \$776 per sq. ft., and generate 20-25 permanent jobs.

During its envisioned construction phase, assuming (and anticipating) issuance of the necessary building permit, the project is expected to employ more than 200 workers at various times and various durations. If all requirements and caveats are met, construction will begin in January 2011.

The initial understanding is that the drugstore will operate from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and that it will

have a drive-thru lane, but the developer wants operations to be extended to 11 p.m. (This will be reviewed further). Permitted hours of operation of truck loading/unloading will be from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

The drug store’s design features (including its architecture and landscaping), building materials (hip roof design, stucco, and store accents), and other site components (parking areas, signs, other visual aspects), as well as its functional components (studies of automobile and pedestrian traffic patterns) have won commission approval.

The approved site plan conforms with the California Building and Fire Codes, and includes the incorporation of graffiti-resistant features and materials.

Its conformity with the city’s General Plan (Vision 2025), especially as it meets in full measure one of the city’s primary economic goals, namely, “to attract...businesses,” was also duly highlighted.

As valuation is above the \$500,000 minimum requirement, the project will be subject to its Public Arts Program requirement



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Construction on a Walgreens near Imperial Highway and Paramount Boulevard is expected to begin in January. Some residents have raised concerns over noise and traffic related to truck deliveries.

that developer shall “either install public art on their property or pay a cash payment equal to the public arts fee in accordance with the city’s Manual for Arts in Public Places.”

The Planning Commission also agreed with the planning staff’s assessment that the project will improve property values in the vicinity.

In public comment, concerns

were raised by a handful of neighboring residents as to potential noise and traffic density levels directly related to proposed big truck deliveries and late night drive-thru operations, and such, but such concerns were dispelled by staff and, in any case, both it and developer stated that they were ready to review/resolve same to all parties’ satisfaction.

Polling stations need workers

LOS ANGELES – With the June 8 state primaries only 2 ½ weeks away, about 1,350 workers are still needed to man the polls in various cities throughout Los Angeles County.

According to Dean Logan, the registrar-recorder and county clerk for Los Angeles County, the city of Los Angeles still needs 800 poll workers.

Long Beach needs 150, Pasadena 60, Glendora 40 and

Santa Clarita 50. About 150 poll workers are needed in the San Fernando Valley.

Poll workers are paid \$80 for their work on Election Day, plus \$25 for attending a 1 ½ hour training session.

Poll workers must be available to work between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. on June 8.

Training sessions are held throughout the county in the days prior to the election.

“The contributions that poll workers make not only show their dedication to community service, but are the key ingredient to the strength and success of our demo-

cratic process,” Logan said.

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Planning for an emergency: Week #7

■ Establish out-of-state point of contacts in case of an emergency.

BY MARK SAUTER, CITY OF DOWNEY

The weather this spring has been interesting. Warm and dry, cool and damp, I am not sure when summer will begin. But it will definitely be warm in the near future. We usually get a hot spell before the June gloom sets in; are you ready for a series of warm days?

What does being ready for warm days mean? Do all of your windows operate as they should? Can you use them as an emergency escape route? Besides being a great avenue for low cost "air conditioning" they are very important if an emergency situation like a fire occurs inside your home.

Have an air conditioning sys-

tem? Know how to shut it off if it malfunctions? There should be an electrical breaker system for the compressor/fan unit. Can you shut down the air conditioner at your neighbor's house? Some of your appliances will be forced to work a little harder during the heat of the summer. Are they in good working order? It's surprising how much cooling you can get from a small electrical fan.

This week let's add a few more items to our food cache. When you go shopping, pick up a can of fruit, a can of ready-to-eat soup and a can of vegetables for each family member. When we return from the store, let's remember to write the purchase date on the cans with the marker we purchased several weeks ago. Let's also add a small sewing kit to our emergency supply inventory.

Finally, check that first-aid kit you put together last week and be

sure it has a supply of disinfectant. If it doesn't, please be sure you obtain some.

Is there a chance you could have children in your home when an emergency strikes? Do you have the necessary supplies to provide for them for three days? Grandparents typically have a few games and activities for their grandchildren, but what about a special supply of food and clothing? Parents typically bring enough supplies for the time period they plan to be away, but what happens if they are separated for a longer period of time? Is there a need for any special medications or prescriptions?

For this week's planning work, think about emergency contacts and information. Establish an out-of-state phone number to use as a primary point of contact for your family after a disaster happens. Be sure everyone in the family has the

number and knows what to do with it. Then be sure the out-of-state contact knows what you expect from them. Should a disaster occur in the L.A. area, that person should be sure to be available for messages.

Locally, is there someone on your street who can check on you immediately after an emergency? If you are able to take care of yourself, can you check on a few of your neighbors?

Looking out and planning for yourself and your family is a key tenet of emergency preparedness. Looking out for your neighbors and co-workers is the next level of preparedness. Being familiar with the appropriate emergency actions will reduce the stress experienced during and immediately after an emergency occurs.

Mark Sauter is deputy city manager in charge of emergency preparedness for the city of Downey. He can be reached by e-mailing ready@downeyca.org.

More than 9K to graduate from CSULB

LONG BEACH – More than 9,000 students are expected to complete their bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) by the end of the summer 2010 session, and the university will recognize those

graduates Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 26-28, at Commencement 2010, a collection of nine separate graduation ceremonies at the Long Beach campus.

"Clearly, graduation is the highlight of the academic year at

Cal State Long Beach as we celebrate the success and accomplishments of our students and the faculty and staff who have helped them achieve their goals," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "As we conclude the celebration of the campus' 60-year anniversary, we are mindful of the nearly 250,000 students who have graduated from this institution. We also congratulate those crossing the dais this year and are certain that they are leaving us with the tools and capabilities they will need to succeed."

The 2010 graduating class is the second largest in the university's history, and campus officials are expecting some 6,500 students to participate in commencement ceremonies, including the first recipients of CSULB's independently awarded doctor of education degree. This first cohort of doctoral candidates began their work toward the degree in fall 2007.

The California State University (CSU) system developed the doctoral education programs in response to the state's need for well-prepared administrators to lead public schools and community colleges. In 2005, the state supported the CSU's request to offer graduate level instruction leading to the doctor of education degree (Ed.D.) and Senate Bill 724 was enacted, granting the CSU for the first time independent authority to offer doctorate degree programs.

Commencement 2010, held in the campus' Central Quadrangle, begins Wednesday, May 26, with

graduates from the College of Health and Human Services crossing the dais in two different ceremonies — one at 9 a.m. and the other at 1 p.m. College of Business Administration graduates will be recognized in a 5 p.m. ceremony.

On Thursday, May 27, the College of Liberal Arts will host two ceremonies for its graduates, the first beginning at 9 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m. The College of Education, which includes the Liberal Studies Program, will close out the second day with a 5 p.m. ceremony for its graduates.

On the final day, the College of the Arts will recognize its graduates in a 9 a.m. ceremony on Friday, May 28. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics will follow at 1 p.m., and the College of Engineering will conclude the campus' 2010 graduation festivities with its 5 p.m. ceremony.

After each ceremony, graduates and guests are invited to attend a reception hosted by their college on the terrace level of the University Student Union. Refreshments and music will be provided.

Free parking is available for commencement guests in Lots 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 at the north end of the campus. Courtesy shuttles will be available to transport guests to the Central Quad area.

Visitors may enter the campus from Atherton Street, Bellflower Boulevard or 7th Street.

For general information about Commencement 2010, call Barbara Hall at 562/985-2351.

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Embert L. Stringer retired from TRW, where he worked on the Apollo Lunar Landing Module. He died on May 14 at age 95.

Embert Stringer worked in aerospace

DOWNEY – Longtime Downey resident Embert L. Stringer passed away on May 14 at the age of 95.

He was born on July 30, 1914 in Cincinnati to Ralph and Loraine Stringer, and was the eldest of nine brothers.

On Feb. 14, 1940 he married Patricia Stringer; they were married for 69 years. They moved from Ohio to Downey in 1944 and continued to reside here.

Stringer worked in the aerospace industry for Northrop, JPL and retired from TRW where he worked on the Apollo Lunar Landing Module.

He is survived by three children, Susan Machowsky of Downey, Embert (Sonny) Stringer, Jr. (Debra) of Whittier and Paul Stringer (Patrice) of Draper, Utah; 13 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.


He was preceded in death by his parents, several brothers, wife Pat, and one great-grandchild, Lincoln.

Funeral services will be held Monday at Rose Hills Memorial Chapel in Whittier at 1 p.m. with interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for donations in Stringer's name to the Hospice Foundation.

Stacy Danelle McFarland

November 13, 1963 - May 15, 2010



Stacy Danelle McFarland went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at her home in Downey with her husband, kids, mother and family by her side.

Stacy was born Stacy Danelle Cosby on November 13, 1963 in Downey, California at Downey Hospital. Living with her father and mother, Richard and Janilee Funk Cosby where she grew up with her two sisters, Carrie McFarland and Laurie Cosby. Stacy was previously married and had a son Zachary Taylor Martin Cowie the apple of her eye. Stacy and Zachary stayed in Downey. She worked full time at Corrosion Control in Gardena and part time at Kelley's Bar to support her and Zachary. That is where she met and married Donn McFarland. It was love at first sight. They stayed in Downey where they both owned small businesses in Downey. Then there daughter came, Alexxa Je' McFarland the love of their lives. They attended Calvary Chapel where both of their children attended school. Stacy was involved in many things but the thing she loved the most was being in Hawaii and now it's being in Heaven.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt friend and new grandmother to Mavrick Taylor Cowie.

We will all deeply miss her and know she is dancing and playing with our Lord in Heaven. "Lucky" Psalm 27 was her favorite verse.

Services will be held May 21, 10 AM at Calvary Chapel, Downey.

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Lift a leg

By Eric Pierce

There was a time when I didn't understand why people cried at the loss of their pets. But when my trusty German shepherd, my sidekick for 12-plus years, died two weeks ago, a flood of emotions bubbled to the surface and finally I understood.

I didn't cry but my bottom lip quivered for just a second. It's cliché to say, but Blackstone, my dog, was *the best* dog in the entire world. All he asked for was food, water and a whole lot of tummy rubs, and in return he offered loyalty, companionship and unconditional friendship.

Oh, we had our tiffs. There was the time he absolutely HAD to go for a walk just as Mark McGwire was stepping into the batter's box on Sept. 26, 1998. Moments later McGwire belted his 70th homerun of the 1998 baseball season. As the nation was transfixed to their TVs, Blackstone was dragging me down the sidewalk to his favorite tree.

There was also the time friends came over for a pool party and Blackstone decided to, ahem, lift his leg on a guest. And God strike me down if he didn't actually grin when he was done.

Blackstone didn't know any tricks. He didn't fetch. We tried, but whenever someone threw a stick or ball he just looked at us as if to say, "You go get it." Then he licked himself.

He must have been a cat in some past life, because he hunted mice and birds for fun. He once cornered what must have been a five-pound sewer rat against a block wall. But the problem was, once he had the rat cornered, he didn't know what to do. He barked and stared and barked some more but that was it. It was like a parent threatening their out-of-control kid: "You better knock it off before I count to three! One!... Two!... Two and a half!... Two and three quarters!..." The ensuing standoff between Blackstone and The Rat lasted at least 30 minutes before I dozed off. I don't know how it ended but I do know this: I never saw that rat again.

By the end of his life, Blackstone was still energetic although his bark had lost some of its bite. What was once a thunderous, mighty bark became a throaty, somewhat restrained yelp. He was like Shaq: fat, slow and obviously over-the-hill to everyone except himself.

When Blackstone could no longer move his hindquarters, we knew it was time to take him to the vet. When he couldn't control his bladder in the waiting room, I knew he was in really bad shape. He was a proud dog, and accidents like this never happened, not even when he was a pup.

Blackstone was put on medication, but we all knew the inevitable wasn't far off. Although the vet assured us he was no pain, he just didn't seem right. He looked tired, resigned. His eyes were glossy, his head heavy. He seemed ready to go.

And he did go. My brother says he died in his sleep, quietly and peacefully. I wish I was there, stroking his head as he took his last breath.

Blackstone deserved a better life than the one he was given. He deserved to live on a farm out in the country, running through acres of fields. Instead, he was a simple family dog, bringing protection and companionship to his loved ones.

My dog was *the best* dog in the entire world. And he will be missed.

Budget cuts would affect the 'vulnerable'

Los Angeles County supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gloria Molina this week pushed for a clearer understanding of how state-level budget cuts could impact health and social service programs serving vulnerable county residents.

Last week, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released his 2010-11 May Budget Revision, which projects an overall \$19.1 billion state deficit.

"The governor's May Revision does not propose any significant revenue solutions," Ridley-Thomas said. "The package contains program eliminations and major reductions primarily to health and social services programs."

Schwarzenegger's budget proposes \$12.4 billion in cuts, which would affect various programs serving county residents, including:

- CalWORKS program which aids low-income children and their parents
- In-Home Supportive Services Program, which aids seniors and persons with disabilities so they can live safely in their homes rather than expensive institutions
- Cash Assistance Program which helps elderly and disabled legal immigrants
- Mental Health Realignment funds estimated to result in a county loss of \$195 million
- AB 3632, which provides mental health services to children
- Medi-Cal, which provides health coverage to low-income seniors, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, children and their families
- Elimination of need-based, subsidized child care and development programs that enable parents to work

"The county would face severe shortfalls and gaps in funding for safety net programs, and we must make wise decisions in allocating limited resources to areas of greatest need," Ridley-Thomas said.

The county currently provides health and social service programs through a complex combination of direct provision of services by county employees and contracting. In some areas, contracting may be more cost effective, while in others, direct provision of services may be more cost effective.

The Board of Supervisors directed its chief executive officer to report back in 30 days with the following information:

- A comprehensive list of all county health, mental health and social services currently provided through contractors, which would be impacted by the governor's May Budget Revision
- A cost-benefit analysis of bringing the contracted services in-house should the governor's budget be implemented.

Letters to the Editor:

Preserved home

Dear Editor:

As I stood and watered my front lawn this evening, I admired once again the beautiful street on which I live. I looked up and down at each home, standing unchanged, preserved in their original mold. Eleven homes. All built in 1962, on a piece of property that previously raised ostriches. Eleven homes on a cul-de-sac in the former College Settlement of Downey, between Paramount Boulevard and Downey Avenue.

As I stood there transfixed in time, I started to wonder how many residents of Downey could stand in front of their home and say the same for their street. With all of the "remodeling" that has occurred in our city in the past few years, I wonder how many neighborhoods are still intact, preserved in their original mold. So, I came up with the idea of a contest!

Where in the city of Downey will we find the longest stretch of homes that exist in their original form with no changes to their outside architecture? Should this "historic area" be awarded a designation? I would love to have such a designation for my street. Yes, it would let the world know that our city and our homes are "classics" and we take pride in the uniqueness of our neighborhood! Maybe if more people took pride in what makes our neighborhoods and our city so special, we wouldn't want to keep trying to be like everyone else!

So, is there anyone out there who can beat my 11 homes that are an original set from 1962?

— **Kathy Perez,**
Downey

Social security

Dear Editor:

Eric Pierce writes about his thoughts on the Arizona immigration bill 1070. He presents five points which I will add my thoughts.

- 1.) Arizona is only enforcing federal law because the federal government is not enforcing it, just as each state enforces other federal laws.
- 2.) "The law is vague." Quite the contrary. You commit a violation or crime, you can be asked your status, clear to me.
- 3.) "The law was passed because of inaction of the federal government." Yep, see No. 1 above.
- 4.) "Laws should not have titles, such as 'Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act.'" I don't see anything misleading. I know that Mr. Pierce is in favor of supporting law enforcement and also wants safe neighborhoods, as we all do.

He writes that he does not propose amnesty and does not believe incentives should be given to illegals to leave the country and that "illegals are not going anywhere unless they are forcibly removed." See No. 1 above.

He goes on to quote the same tired litany, that they came to escape tyranny, corruption and persecution. Finally, it comes down to the "American Dream" excuse. Sure, everyone wants a better life and I'm sure I can have one if I rob a bank or start an investment scheme to defraud money from another, but it all comes down to the same thing: it's breaking the law and it's illegal, no matter what.

— **Ed Romero,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

You say your parents moved from Mexico to California. ("Immigration and Me," 5/14/10) You ask how can a police officer determine "reasonable suspicion" without resorting to racial or cultural profiling.

Arizona's newly passed illegal immigration law goes into effect after someone breaks the law. Then the law-breaker recites his social security number which is verified to determine his legal status.

— **El Bee,**
Downey

Dear Editor:

This is in reference to Mr. Jorge Montero's comments on illegal immigration and the Arizona bill SB 1070 just recently passed. (Letters to the Editor, 5/14/10).

I would suggest Mr. Montero read the bill before he tries to comment and give false analogies about the bill. Ironically, most people commenting on the bill and using the phrase of "racial profiling" have not read the bill and know little or nothing about the content of the bill. This includes our U.S. Attorney General, Eric Holder, who stated that he thought it might be unconstitutional in one breath and the next breath, admitted that he had not read the bill.

Come on people, read the bill and then I welcome your comments. I would say that most of these Los Angeles City Council members have not read the bill, yet they are asking for us to boycott the state of Arizona. This is done for their own personal gain.

In his last paragraph, Mr. Montero refers to illegal immigration vs. "Mexican Illegal Immigration." It is not illegal Italians, Koreans, Chinese, French or Germans immigrants that are committing all of the murders, crime, kidnappings, drug trafficking, etc. It happens to be the Mexicans coming from across the border illegally committing these heinous acts of crime.

I commend Mr. Montero for appearing to be a model citizen and doing things the legal way. This bill and immigration reform is intended to get people on that very track of doing things the right way and, hopefully, in the process we clean up the crime that seems to come with the illegals.

I cannot wait for California to step up to the plate and follow the stance of the state of Arizona. With all of the negative hoopla this bill is getting, stick around folks because there will be many states following the lead of Arizona.

— **Peter Marchica,**
Yorba Linda (former Downey resident)

Dear Editor:

To understand Arizona's new law, their borders are wide open and illegal immigrants enter by the thousands each day from the desert and ranch lands. Many are good people looking for a better life but are forced to steal and rob to feed their families due to a scarcity of jobs. As with all ethnic groups, some are hardened criminals who bring drugs and violent crime.

Of even greater concern are terrorist Quran bibles that were found that teach annihilation of Israel and America. Thus the open borders invite another Sept. 11 that massacred over 3,000.

In addition, illegal immigrants require free medical, welfare, schooling food and housing, all of which must be paid for by taxpayers, and which adversely affects Arizona's economy.

Boycott Mexico, who is causing the problem, not Arizona.

— **James Hawkins,**
Downey



Disaster response

Dear Editor:

I wanted to say a special thanks to everyone that helped when a truck flipped over and started leaking propane on May 14.

I was awakened by helicopters, checked the news and found that the overturned truck was on Stewart and Gray Road, just on the other side of the Arco gas station. The station is across the street from my home and Kirkwood Christian Elementary School where I am principal.

By 6 a.m. Downey police told me that I should make plans to have my campus evacuated. Since the place of normal evacuation was also in the red zone, phone calls went out to the Downey Unified School District for emergency help and an alternative evacuation facility.

I would like to thank all the people that helped secure the relocation and safety of the students of Kirkwood Christian School's campus. Thank you to Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty and Assistant Superintendent Stan Hanstad for being quick with a plan of action securing us a campus and transportation for the students and staff. Thank you to Jose and his team of bus drivers for not only transporting the children but for being on-call if returning to campus was going to be an option.

I would like to say an extra special thank you to Principal Brent Shubin for not just housing us at East Middle School, but making us feel at home. The faculty and staff at East was more than hospitable and they went out of their way to make my staff feel like they were part of the staff for the day and provided us with extra resources and activities to make the children feel engaged and on a fun field trip.

By the time the day ended 12 hours later, I remember feeling a sense of awe in the fact that this is how a community should come together in the light of a possible tragedy. From the police, fire and haz-mat securing the area, to the school district making sure that every child in the area was safe, these are the stories that should echo in the hearts of the citizens of Downey.

I know that a lot of businesses were affected and the Firestone Boulevard closure was a commuting nightmare, but at the end of the day when everyone got to go home to their families and no one was hurt, all in all it was a very successful, God merciful day.

— **Jennifer Kirkwood-Hartl,**
Principal, Kirkwood Christian Schools

Prisoners in own home

Dear Editor:

Much is said about international terrorism with Al-Qaeda and the Taliban, among others, and the threats they pose to our society.

Little attention is paid, however, to domestic terrorism as exemplified by the many crimes committed by sex offender John Gardner, recently sentenced for the murder and sexual assault of 17-year-old Chelsea King, 14-year-old Amber Dubois and maybe many others.

I have the unfortunate luck of having a convicted sex offender move across from my home and one block from a park and elementary school.

When I first learned about this criminal from the Megan's Law website, I contacted the police department to find out if anything could be done to remove this criminal so that he would not be so close to a park and the children from an elementary school. Much to my surprise, the police lieutenant who took my call chastised me for interfering with the person's civil rights and told me that I should be more concerned with my friends and relatives who were more likely to attack my children.

I realized then that I am very fortunate because I am a first generation immigrant – I don't have any relatives in this country. Also, I am shy and an introvert and don't have any friends either, so my children are safe from those possible threats.

That still leaves me with a convicted criminal living across from my home. All research proves that sexual offenders don't get "cured" from having been detained in jail. So it is only a matter of time before this person strikes again. Interestingly, government statistics don't show many sexual offenders returning to jail which simply proves that after their first jail term, they become smarter and don't get caught again.

Having a convicted sexual offender across from my home has dictated that we had to invest in electronic security systems, trained dogs and protective weapons to repel any possible attack from this criminal. It has also caused us to adopt a behavior code which does not allow my wife to tend the flowers by herself and can only be outside when another armed adult is with her. The children can not go out to play and we are constantly monitoring the criminal's activities near us to be sure that he does not catch us off-guard. So we are prisoners in our own home.

Why should responsible citizens and our children have to suffer this kind of threat?

I am in agreement with those that have suggested that convicted sex offenders be shipped to the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba. Furthermore, I believe that these criminals should never be allowed to live in any U.S. city and should instead be kept in jail until the end of their natural lives.

— **Jorge Montero,**
Downey

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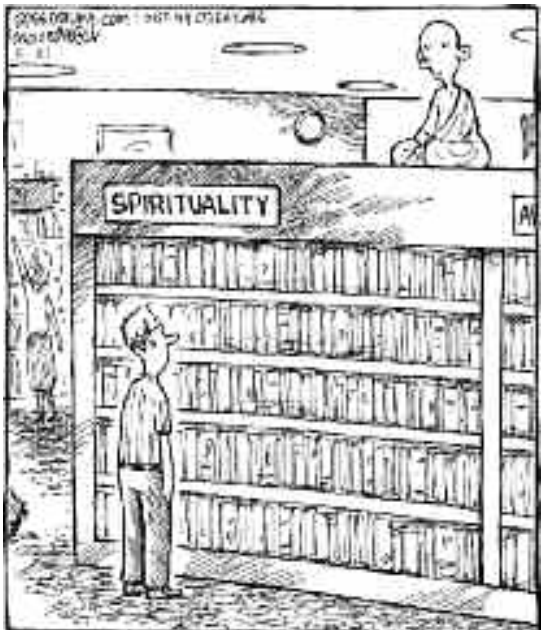
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For May

- Sat. May 22: **'Fill the Boot' fundraiser**, Lakewood and Firestone boulevards, 9 a.m.
- Sat. May 22: **Open mic**, Moravian Church of Downey, 7 p.m.
- Mon. May 24: **Johnny Croshaw sings**, Downey Adult School, 3:45 p.m.
- Thurs. May 27: **Short films on Long Beach**, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.
- 4th Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 8:00 a.m.: **Job Club**, at The First Presbyterian Church, for info. call 861-6752.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Brian Saylor at 927-2000.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister City Assoc.**, at Maude Price School, for information call 884-9657.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 a.m.: **Lions Club**, at Cafe & Stuff, for information call 803-4048.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Cafe N Stuff, for information, call Sandy Esslinger, (310) 491-8989.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

Saturdays

- 9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call (562) 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

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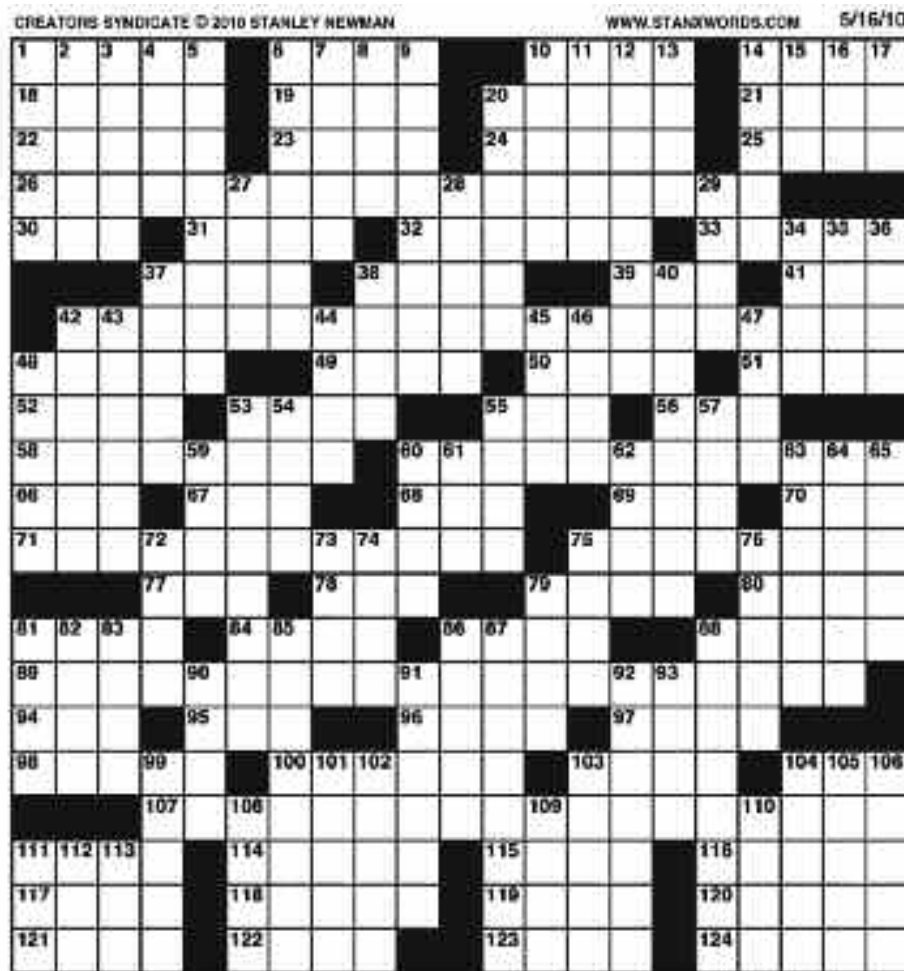
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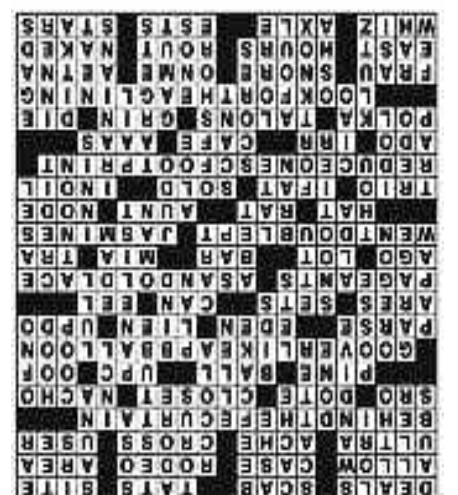
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Play aims for big laughs

By JOSEPH APODACA, INTERN

DOWNEY – The Downey High School drama department has amazed and shocked us with semi-annual plays for years, but come this June they are hoping to leave audiences feeling light-hearted and laughing with their latest week-long production.

The latest play to grace the Downey stage, which runs June 8 through June 12 (\$5 presale, \$8 at the door), is a comedy titled "Fools" by Neil Simon. The story surrounds an old Ukrainian village whose residents have been put under a curse to be stupid and hilarity ensues. A lot of work goes into making the entire production of the play run smoothly, starting with actors mastering their lines.

"Preparing for school plays usually lasts about half the year. As soon as we finished last semester's drama, "Hide and Seek", we began working on "Fools", said senior Elena Ortiz.

For several actors, jumping from one character to the next is the natural thing to do. For some of the members of the Downey drama department, however, the proper portrayal of their characters and the personal connection to their work is the most important part of the entire experience.

"The experiences from working on different plays are very different for me. I really enjoy connecting with my characters, so I really get consumed with each play's atmosphere," said Ortiz.

A year ago, the idea of putting on a show in Downey's new B-building theater was a difficult one to obtain, as they dealt with the uncertainty that the construction would not be finished on time. This year those worries are long gone and the entire cast and crew of the play is extremely thankful for their new setup.

"The new theatre is a dream come true," said Ortiz. "I am so proud to call it home for the drama department. It really makes our performances more professional and it is very noticeable that all of the actors feel more comfortable being on such a great stage."

While a lot of what audiences see happens before them on stage, much of the work is done behind the scenes. Setting up the lighting, creating a working set, and making sure microphones work to their best abilities is a full time job in addition to acting in the play.

"The crew is in charge of making the programs, gathering together costumes, painting and constructing the sets. There's a lot of hands on work people don't really know about," said junior David Apodaca.

The cast describes themselves to be somewhat of a family, who cheer each other on and support each other throughout the whole experience. Their closeness and friendship off stage is important to the overall production of the play.

Students urged to give blood

By JOANNA QUINTANA, INTERN

DOWNEY – Donate, donate, donate! Downey High School's ASB is furiously making preparations and rallying up young blood donors for the upcoming Warped Tour Blood Drive, which will be occurring on June 2 in the gym on campus.

Working to gather potential blood donors, ASB visits classrooms daily, asking anyone to sign up as well as keeping a table in the quad during lunch where more can volunteer. Posters and announcements also spread the word and those who are interested can either reach anyone on ASB or simply watch out for advertisements offering information.

Though the past weeks of Advanced Placement testing, as well as other testing, have slowed the preparations for the blood drive, ASB Commissioner of Human Relations Jacob Michael is in full blast rallying and organizing to meet his goals.

"Our goal this year is to break 600 units," said Michael. "Last year we were the number one school for the spring blood drive with 560 units, which is really good and this year we want to break 600 but in order to do that, we have to get 750 sign-ups. This semester has been more difficult than the last one because during the fall, nothing was happening. But now that AP tests are over, things are picking up and we're back to normal."

From early in the morning to late in the afternoon, ASB and the Red Cross will work side-by-side to set up and keep things running smoothly. With the haunting memory of past bad experiences of students who have given blood, however, extra precautions are taken to ensure the safety of all.

"All nurses are certified," said Michael. "They know what they're doing and we have a canteen where there's food so after a person donates, they go over there and we require them to stay for 20 minutes to cool down. We have cots in case someone passes out and what we're required to do as ASB is ring a bell when someone faints and a nurse comes over to take care of that person. They've put in the new weight requirements and last time was the fewest amount of accidents because of that."

So why should a student essentially endure the process of donating blood? ASB and the Red Cross provide many incentives, including the reward of a free t-shirt and a backstage pass to Warped Tour for those who do endure.

"Each donation can save up to three lives," said Michael. "Not only do you get out of class, you get food and you save three lives. I've known people who have been in the hospital and they've needed blood so it's cool to donate since you're helping people out."

These incentives, along with



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other possible and more personal ones, are what gathers and motivates young students to donate blood.

5 myths about a bipolar diagnosis

By HILARY SMITH

Dealing with a bipolar diagnosis is hard. Dealing with parents, friends, and relatives who have slightly, er, misguided notions about what having bipolar entails can be even harder. You can help someone who is dealing with mental illness for the first time by being open, understanding, and well-informed—and by nixing any false beliefs and assumptions you have about bipolar.

There are many misconceptions about bipolar. Here are five myths and the surprising truths about a bipolar diagnosis:

1. Just because someone has been diagnosed with bipolar doesn't mean that person is either depressed or manic 24/7. Lots of people with bipolar cruise through long periods (months or even years at a time) without any major episodes. During these stable periods, people with bipolar lead pretty normal lives, with pretty normal moods. The goal of treatment is to make sure these stable periods last for as long as possible, with as few manic or depressive episodes as possible in between. With the right combination of treatment, lifestyle adaptations, and plain old luck, people with bipolar can fend off future episodes and minimize their severity when they do happen.

2. Sure, some of the things people who are bipolar say and do are directly fueled by depression or mania, but please don't attribute their every word and deed to having bipolar disorder. It can be tempting for friends and family members of people with bipolar to explain that person's behavior, actions, and personality completely in terms of their disorder—not only their flaws, but also their successes. Statements like "She wouldn't have won that poetry contest if she wasn't hypomanic" or "He's a

reckless driver—he has bipolar" can be hurtful to the person with bipolar, not to mention unfair (there are a lot of excellent poets and terrible drivers out there, and they don't all have bipolar).

3. Bipolar isn't a dirty little secret, and it isn't something to be ashamed of. If you're curious about what it's like to have bipolar disorder, just ask. Most people who are bipolar would be happy to share some stories, and it helps to know others are interested (as opposed to freaked out). You can even ask for specific ways that you might help under certain circumstances. For example, "What are some ways I can make life easier for you when you're depressed?" or "How can I let you know when I think you're getting manic in a way you won't find offensive?"

4. Dealing with bipolar disorder can be as exhausting and time-consuming as training for the Olympics. So be understanding if people who are bipolar need a little extra time to accomplish things that seem easy for other people. They may not finish college/move out/get a job/fulfill every hope and dream as quickly as you expect or would like. Then again, they've got a lot on our plates already. And they'll get there...just have patience and faith, and offer your support.

5. If someone you love has bipolar disorder and is ill, that's not the way he or she will always feel. They can recover. They can bounce back, find themselves again, and get back on track. They can have happy, productive, meaningful, awesome lives. Yes, the awesomeness will be interspersed with periods of depression and mania, but that's just how they roll.

So there it is. We don't expect you to stay up late reading the latest research papers on GABA receptors, to drop psychiatry jargon

Do you have a case of 'Senioritis'?

By GABRIELA COYA, INTERN

Are you a senior? If so, you're probably already feeling the negative effects of an epidemic that affects graduating Seniors every year all around the nation: Senioritis.

Senioritis seems to kick in for many seniors after they have completed college applications and first semester has ended (although some seniors may be affected at the beginning of the school year). So how do you know if you have Senioritis? If you have a few of the following symptoms, you may have already caught it.

Symptoms:

1. You are unmotivated to do any kind of work, even if it's easy. I mean, why do your work-whether it be an arduous book report or just a simple worksheet-when it's so beautiful outside? Or better yet, why do your work now when Facebook, texting, and AIM are so exciting?

2. You've had more absences your Senior year than you've had in the past three years of high school-combined. Never has your warm and comfy bed been so persuasive in keeping you in it. Or perhaps, you've decided to pull a Ferris Bueller and pretended you are sick when you are in fact enjoying the day driving a classic Ferrari, watching a baseball game, or danc-

ing and singing in a parade.

3. You can only think about the upcoming weekend (and its parties and other social events) and pray the weekdays fly by. Monday through Friday feels like an eternity and when the bell rings to dismiss you on Friday, a burden has been lifted off of your shoulders—that is, until Sunday comes back around.

4. College and prom are the only words that seem to leave your mouth. If you are a Senior planning on attending college and prom, you have most likely heard the following questions: Where are you going to college? Are you excited for college? What are you majoring in? Are you ready for prom? What are you wearing for prom? Who's your date to prom? What color is your dress? How are you getting to prom?

(Yeah, it can get annoying.)
5. Striving for straight A's is a thing of the past. You already know what you're doing after high school and/or got accepted into college, so as long as you don't fail any of your classes and manage to graduate everything is okay, right?

So as you count down the days to graduation (as I write this, there are 30 days, 1 hour, 2 minutes, and 42 seconds until then), make sure you keep your symptoms in check but still enjoy your last year of high school. There isn't much left of it and you want to make sure it is memorable-in a good way.

Free lunch for DUSD students

DOWNEY – All DUSD students ages 3-18 can receive free daily lunches during the summer at West Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd.

Meals will be available June 21-July 29, from 12-12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the DUSD's Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

like "mixed episode" and "affect," or even to know how to pronounce the names of bipolar meds. Stay cool, and remember that people are people first, not their diagnoses.

Hilary Smith is a writer and artist living on the West Coast and has been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. She can be found online at <http://bipolarjungle.blogspot.com>

Hats Off to the Graduates!

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Story of hope, resilience told through play

LONG BEACH – Two sisters separated by the Holocaust reunite in the aftermath of World War II in Barbara Lebow's "A Shayna Maidel," opening June 11 at International City theatre in the Long Beach Performing Arts Center.

International City Theatre first presented "A Shayna Maidel" as part of its 1992 season.

"Our audiences were deeply

affected," said Shashin Desai, ICT artistic director. "We wanted to reprise one play from our archives in celebration of our 25th anniversary and this beautiful play kept calling to me."

The production follows Rose Weiss (played by Laura Howard), who emigrated to America as a young child with her father, Mordechai (Larry Eisenberg). Ill with scarlet fever, older sister

Lusia (Liza de Weerd), stayed behind in Poland with Mama (Julia Silverman), planning to follow later.

Now, it's 1946 and Rose is a young woman living in Manhattan when she learns that Lusia has been liberated from a concentration camp and is coming to New York. After a 15-year separation, the two women are almost like strangers and must struggle to reconnect.

"This is not a depressing play about the Holocaust," Desai said. "Lebow develops the relationship between these two women, sisters who are virtual strangers, with insight and gentle humor, and in the end it's an uplifting, even cathartic experience."

"A Shayna Maidel" premiered in 1985 at the Hartford Stage Company in Hartford, Conn., and it opened in New York City a year

later. Since then, it has been performed to acclaim in theaters all over the country.

Mel Gussow, theater critic for the New York Times, called the play "a deeply personalized study of sisterhood, family and a crisis of faith. Moving among her characters and shifting back and forth in time, the playwright draws a comprehensive portrait of a family devastated by war."

"A Shayna Maidel" runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., June 11 through July 3. Tickets are \$32 and \$37 on Thursdays, \$37 and \$42 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, except opening night, which is \$50 and \$60.

For reservations and information, call the ICT box office at (562) 436-4610 or visit www.InternationalCityTheatre.org.

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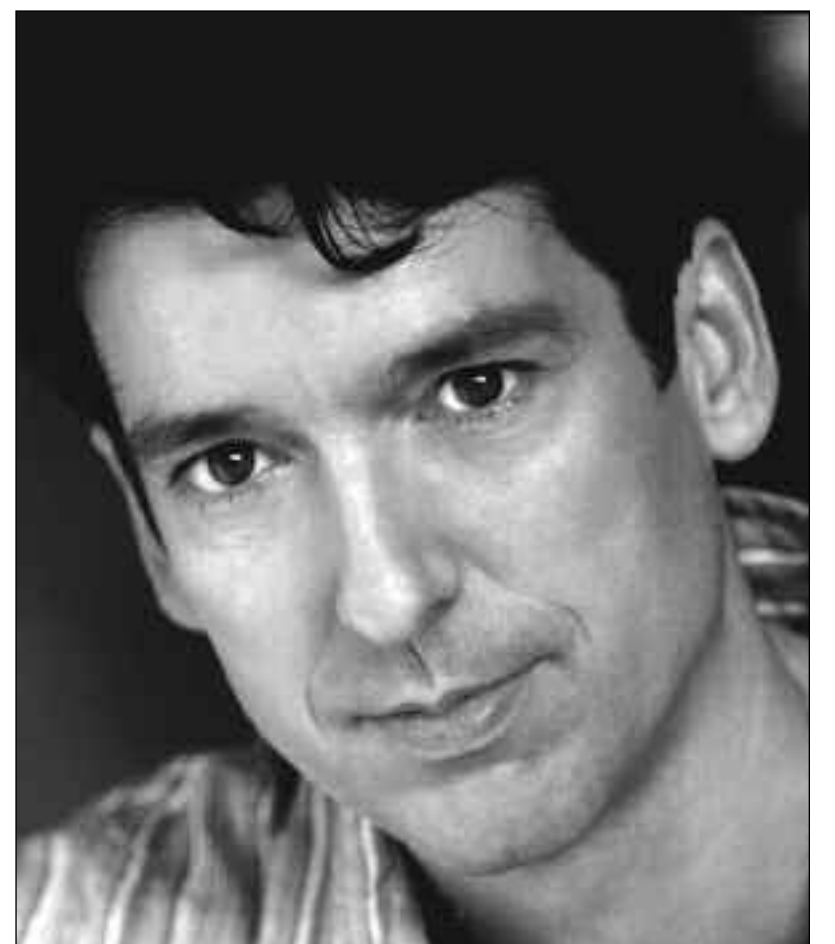
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Robert Standley will star as Billy Bigelow in the Downey Civic Light Opera's production of "Carousel," opening Thursday at the Downey Theatre. Standley recently starred as Curly in "Oklahoma" and has many film and television credits. "Carousel" will play until June 13. For tickets, call the box office at (562) 923-1714. Group rates are available.

Familiar face to star in musical

HOLLYWOOD – Tony Award-winning composer and lyricist Lin-Manuel Miranda will reprise the lead role of Usnavi when "In the Heights" opens for a three-week engagement at the Pantages Theatre starting June 22.

"In the Heights" tells the story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the

rhythm of three generations of music.

It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you and which ones you leave behind.

Fans of television's "House" will remember Miranda's performance in the 2009 season-opener, in which he played Juan "Alvie" Alvarez, Dr. House's roommate and unlikely confidant while undergoing detox treatment at Mayfield Psychiatric Hospital.

Tickets for "In the Heights" may be purchased in person at the box office, online at www.BroadwayLA.org or by calling (800) 982-2787.

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Warren trio going to the Finals

DOWNEY – For the second year in a row, Daniele Rodriguez and Carli Ciatti have qualified for CIF Finals this year, along with Dani Moreno.

The girls qualified after their performances at the CIF Prelims held at Trabucco High School in Lake Forest on Saturday.

Rodriguez, a sophomore, competed in the 1600 meters and placed sixth among 34 schools. Her time was 5:04.66.

Moreno, a senior, competed in the 3200 meters and placed fourth among 32 schools with 11:00.43.

Ciatti, a junior, placed second in the pole vault with a jump of 10-ft, 6-inches.

Noteworthy performances were turned in by the 4x400 relay team who broke a school record that has stood for over 10 years.

Lizette Manrique, Danielle Rodriguez, Madeline Gulk, and Nicole Leon ran a time of 4:11.03. Gulk had qualified for Prelims in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.72 seconds.

CIF Finals will take place tomorrow at Cerritos High School.

Razorbacks running out of room

DOWNEY – The Downey Razorbacks will hold registration tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman and Apollo parks.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 5-14. Cost is \$100 for cheerleading, \$120 for flag football and \$170 for tackle football.

Waiting lists have already been established for some teams while other teams have limited availability. For more information, call (562) 928-6081 or visit www.downeyrazorbacks.com.

Deadline nears for hunt applications

SACRAMENTO – Hunters who plan to hunt deer, elk, antelope or bighorn sheep have only a few weeks left to turn in an application.

Applications to be included in the big game hunting license lottery are due by June 2. Drawing results will be available by phone and online on June 23.

Due to high demand, a drawing will be held for tags in deer hunt zones C, D-12 and D-17.

The drawing will also award tags for "X" zone and special deer hunts, as well as for all elk, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep hunts. Deer tags for zones A and B, and for the remaining D zones, are available through the Department of Fish and Game until they are sold out.

Any licensed hunter over the age of 12 is eligible to apply for the chance to participate in more than 200 big game hunts statewide. Applications to hunt antelope, elk and bighorn sheep are \$7.50, and deer tag applications are \$27.85 for the first tag and \$34.65 for the second.

For more information on how to apply for hunting applications, visit www.dfg.ca.gov.

Golf tourney June 21

DOWNEY – Light and Life Christian Fellowship in Downey will host a fundraiser golf tournament June 21 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$35 for dinner only. Sponsorships are available and range in price from \$100 to \$2,500.

For more information, call (562) 862-0910.

Warren rallies to beat Highland

■ **BASEBALL:** Warren rallies late to earn first playoff victory in several years.

By **SCOTT COBOS,**
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Warren baseball manager Paul Alvarez said he tries to get his team to play with confidence and a little swagger, but it was the chip on their shoulder that led them to their first playoff appearance during his tenure and their first playoff victory in years with a 6-5 win over Highland on Wednesday.

Adan Cabrales picked up the victory, pitching four innings of 1-run relief to keep the Bears in the playoffs for another day. While Cabrales kept the team in the game after giving up an early lead, it was Warren's chippy attitude that they carried all year that put them in front late for good.

"We were written off at the beginning of the year as a fourth place team who had no chance of doing anything and we went into the last game of the season with a chance of taking a share of the league title," said Alvarez.

The Bears scored the winning run in the bottom half of the sixth inning. David Catalan led the inning off with a single and advanced to third base on two wild pitches during Gene Gonzalez's at bat.

Gonzalez grounded out to third on a 3-0 pitch and wasn't able to score Catalan. Derek Garcia walked then Cabrales grounded to shortstop who threw the ball away while trying to turn a double play.

Cabrales faced four batters in the top of the seventh, but was able to secure the victory.

Warren used a lot of small ball to score their runs in the game with Alvarez calling a couple of squeeze plays earlier in the game. According to Alvarez, it's been that and the kids playing tough that's been winning games for them this year.

"The kids all year have been playing tough," he said. "That's



PHOTO BY PAUL HEIDECKER

Gene Gonzalez helped lead Warren to a 6-5 victory over Highland on Wednesday during the opening round of CIF playoffs.

been our MO this year is to not give up."

In the first inning, Gonzalez, the starting pitcher for Warren, escaped an early jam, allowing the first two batters of the game to get on base. He induced a popup to short, and got the next batter to line into a double play.

The Bears then took an early 2-0 lead after Gonzalez helped himself by scoring on a balk and Garcia singling in Catalan.

Highland came back in the second and third innings to score 4 runs, 3 of them in the top half of the third after six straight batters reached base, but the Bears responded in the bottom half of the inning with 3 runs of their own

with Garcia and Rey Sanchez driving in a run a piece.

Highland tied it in the fifth inning but in the bottom half of the sixth, the Bears were able to scrape out the victory.

Warren faced Beckman in Irvine on Thursday but scores were not available at press time. Cabrales was expected to start even though pitching four innings the day before.

"It's going to make it very challenging for us to not have Aden on 100 percent rest but it's the playoffs," Alvarez said. "If you don't win today, you don't play tomorrow, bottom line. You got to do what you got to do to get a victory."



Strang advances to CIF Finals

DOWNEY – Downey High senior Jonathan Strang, shot 2 over par at Skylinks Golf Course on Monday to qualify for the CIF Boy's Individual Finals.

He finished one stroke ahead of the San Gabriel Valley League champion Anthony Kim, of Gahr High. Both will represent the league and their respective high schools at La Purisima Golf Course on Monday.

If he finishes in the top 30 at La

Purisima, Jonathan will become the first high school golfer from Downey to qualify for the CIF/Southern California Golf Association Championship. Jonathan also qualified for CIF Individuals last year, but did not play well enough to advance to the CIF/SCGA event.

Unfortunately, Downey High's Derek Atwood, Paul Heidecker, and Philip Delgado of Warren High finished out of the top 30 at

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Swimmers look to the future

■ **SWIMMING:** Warren rallies late to earn first playoff victory in several years.

By **JOSEPH APODACA,**
SPORTS INTERN

DOWNEY – Now that the tide has settled for both the Downey and Warren swim teams, they have time to reflect on their stellar seasons and look towards the future, which includes intensive summer programs for water polo.

The Warren Bears without a doubt had an amazing season of swimming, with the varsity boys finishing with several wins under their belts and as co-league champions along side Paramount High while the varsity girls won many meets in addition to taking several first places at league.

Over on the varsity boys' side of the Warren team, coached by Joy O'Dowd, Luis Herrera, Josh Hanein, and Alex Rivera remained three of the team's best swimmers from the start of the season. Hanein consistently mastered the 50-freestyle sprint and the 100-breaststroke throughout the season, taking multiple first places throughout the season in that event including league finals. Rivera also managed to maintain greatness in the 100-freestyle and a multitude of events despite an ongoing shoulder injury he dealt with all season. Relays were a big winner for the varsity boys as well, with the combination of Luis Herrera, Josh Hanein, Matt Blanco and Alex Rivera besting their times as the 200-medley relay team in addition to Blanco, Nigel Adashefski, David Adams and Hanein's success in the 200-freestyle relay.

The lady Bears, coached by Josie Cordero, also made a huge splash this swim season, with Ivana Castro and Danniella Flores standing out among several other successful newcomers. Castro commanded attention in the 100-butterfly event, taking first place times throughout the season including league with Flores consistently conquered the 200-individual medley relay and the 100-backstroke.

Several other ladies including Elisa De Luna, Anais Tovalin, and Saree Waugh shined in their individual events as well as their respect relay teams.

While Downey did not take league championships, coming in third overall at the event, they did however enjoy some major personal successes throughout their season.

The male Vikings, coached by Shaun Delhousay, worked extremely hard at trying to maintain their personal success in many of their events. Serro Park maintained greatness in both the 50-freestyle sprint and the difficult 100-butterfly, an event Park took on for the first time this season. Derek Klotzer remained Downey's best male long distance swimmer, continuously earning first place times in both the 200 and 500-freestyle events. Colin O'Conner took charge of the 100-backstroke all season in addition to the relay team of Klotzer, Matthew Sims, Park and Derek Dodson holding down the 200-medley relay.

Over on the varsity girls' side of the Downey team, coached by Sal Castro, the ladies managed to bring in several personal best times and first places throughout the season. Linsay Gonzalez soared higher and higher in the 100-meter butterfly, dropping time drastically since the beginning of the season. Long distance swimmers Sarah Aguayo and Brenda Rosero also succeeded in the 500 and 200-freestyle events respectively in their final season as a member of the Vikings aquatics program. In addition, freshman Meghan Nevraez held down both the 50 and 100-freestyle events successfully all season long.

Now that both the Vikings and the Bears are done with swimming until next spring, their main focus shifts back once again to water polo. Both schools are expected to hold summer-long programs for their teams, which includes tournaments with participating Southern California schools and early morning practices to be held everyday during the summer.

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31 star volunteers honored

Volunteers representing several community organizations are honored at May 13 event.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Downey Coordinating Council honored 31 outstanding community service volunteers for 2009-10, each one representing the community service organizations that compose the council's membership. The honorees included a representative from the council itself. Thursday's awards dinner, like last year a well-attended event, was the council's 56th.

The honorees, with their affiliations, included: Eunice Hammond, American Association of University Women (AAUW)—A member since 1987, she is currently chapter secretary/treasurer and its newsletter coordinator; Barbara Carlson, American Business Women's Association (ABWA)—A member for almost 36 years, she has served in various capacities as well as volunteers once a week at the Whittier Hospital; Charlene Roche, Assistance League of Downey—Retiring from Bell High School after 32 years of service, she became very active with the club and donates approximately 800 hours a year performing various functions; Jared Head, Columbia Memorial Space Center—Considered the center's "most dedicated volunteer," serves as lead instructor in the Robotics Lab, has already donated over 300 hours of his time to the center; Alex Saab, Downey Chamber of Commerce—Has a law office in Downey and has been very active in Chamber affairs;

Freddie Hawkins, Downey City Library—An Adult Literacy program volunteer since January 1999, her "warm and welcoming approach makes new tutors feel comfortable" and gives her students "a taste of a wider world"; Carol Rowland, Downey Coordinating Council—A member and supporter of the council for 16 years, she is a past president and one that "truly values the resources the council provides for the community"; Brenda Shipley, Downey Family YMCA—A "big supporter of YMCA programs," known for her assistance in raising funds through peanut and Christmas tree lot sales and other events; Mario Trujillo, Downey Kiwanis—He is a LA County deputy district attorney active in several service areas, notably with Kiwanis, where he serves as cur-

rent Lt. Governor for Kiwanis International; Willie Gutierrez, Downey Kiwanis/Los Amigos—A DUSD board member since 2001, he is currently club president; Ramona Espinoza, Downey Newcomers Club—Retired from the Dept. of Motor Vehicles (with 25 years of service), she is currently DNC's tour coordinator (bus trips everywhere, including the race track and casinos); Lois Rossi, Downey Regional Medical Center Auxiliary—Has volunteered in several hospital departments, and slated to serve as 2010-11 auxiliary president; Madelyn Barefoot, Downey Rose Float Association—Fond of travel, she has been DRFA member for many years and served on the board of directors for over 8 years; Maria Guerrero, Downey Sister Cities Association—Has been unselfish in various assignments and been instrumental in re-establishing relations with sister city, Costa Rica; Mark Artusio, Downey Symphonic Society—Current personnel and stage manager of the Downey Symphonic Society, he has performed as string bass in the Downey Symphony since 1989; Norma Swearingen, Downey Symphony Guild—A Rosie the Riveter during WWII, she was office supervisor for Sears for 26 years and has a wealth of volunteer experience with other service clubs, Rick Rodriguez, Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)—Is past president of the Chamber of Commerce, has served as EPC chairman since January of 2009, and has been busy in many other club/community activities; Nora Szechy, Friends of the Downey City Library—A Friends volunteer for over eight years, she's been very involved with library special events, and is the author of a popular memoir, "Nora: An Ordinary Girl from Inchicore"; Pat Heineke, Gangs Out of Downey—Has served as GOOD president, member of Soroptimist International for over 20 years, member of Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County for more than 16 years (as well as president of Arc of California for two years), and otherwise left her imprint on the life of Downey; Alex Gaytan, Keep Downey Beautiful—A substitute teacher at Gauldin Elementary School, he has been very active in beautification efforts at the school; Diane Hunt, LivingHelp Center—A board member for 5 years, she has been invaluable with computerization of the entity's check entries; Vicki Carnevale, OLPH Women's Guild—She has served in many areas and capacities, including applying her calligraphic skills to

various projects; Mark Shelton, Optimist Club of Downey—Manager of the Rio Hondo Event Center, he has supplied the annual 'Pumpkin Patch' on Halloween with over 4,500 hot dogs for many years and otherwise been active in many fundraising efforts to benefit the youth of Downey; Nicole Janelle Arevalo, Polio Survivor Association—A WHS junior who takes AP and honors courses, she's been very involved (like her mom) with the community (volunteer at Rancho Los Amigos Rehab Center, assisting teachers at Old River Elementary School); Tom Hutchinson, PTA HELPS—Has for many years been involved with PTA HELPS Room and showed Boy Scouts how to aid the community; Steve Clay, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center—A former active artist prior to suffering a major stroke, he was co-founder of the world-renowned Art of Rancho program and has served as an instructor in the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program; Bonnie Barler, Soroptimist International of Downey—Has been a "dedicated, hard-working, and passionate" member since 2006, and has enhanced the club with her organizational and fundraising gifts; Elizabeth Castillo, TLC Family Resource Center—Began as a Downey Adult School medical assistant intern for the medical clinics and has been invaluable to TLC ever since; Cindy Perkovich, Together for Hope—Cancer survivor, has served as chapter secretary-treasurer, while bringing in several new members to the organization; Valerie Fairman, Unity in the Community (UITC)—A Downey resident for 25 years, has been a very involved UITC member since its inception five years ago; Fran Smith, Woman's Club of Downey—A member for over 30 years, she has served as president two times and has been involved in many projects; and Yvonne Swain, YMCA—A retired DUSD teacher, she has been the Y's Men's Club secretary for over 20 years and among other things has coordinated its nut sales benefiting Downey's youth.

Meanwhile, the Downey Lions Club was acknowledged as the council's newest member, increasing its membership to 32.

Also, the same roster of officers last year was installed to serve for 2010-11: Leonard Zuniga, president; Barbara Emry, 1st vice-president; Carol Rowland, 2nd vice-president; Crystal Torres, secretary; Brenda Warner, treasurer; and Jan Scott, auditor.

Chamber to play miniature golf

NORWALK – The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce will hold a fundraiser June 10 at Golf 'N Stuff in Norwalk.

Player packages, private teams and sponsorship opportunities are available. Registration must be made in advance.

To register, or for more information, call (562) 467-0800.



CareMore officials are joined by city dignitaries at a ribbon cutting for the new CareMore Care Center located on Lakewood Boulevard north of Florence Avenue.

Health center designed for seniors

DOWNEY – Hundreds gathered to attend the grand opening celebration of the new CareMore Care Center in Downey on April 28.

The center, located at 10000 Lakewood Blvd., is one of the largest care centers in Southern California.

The newly-remodeled senior wellness center has 20 exam rooms designed to provide comfort and ease to its senior patients. Four of the exam rooms are created specifically for diabetes management and podiatry patients.

Special low-glare counters and weight scales for patients in wheelchairs have also been installed.

"While focusing on preventive health services, the CareMore Care Center is designed to be a social environment where the senior community can meet and feel comfortable, something that has not previously been provided in doctors' offices," said Leeba Lessin, president of CareMore. "Our goal is for all seniors to be proactive about their health and help them prevent disease or detect disease early when it's more curable and treatable."

The center offers services such as podiatry, comprehensive medical evaluations, diabetic management, fall prevention programs, and a high blood pressure clinic.

Lorine Parks wins poetry award

DOWNEY – Lorine Parks recently won the Donald Drury Award in creative writing administered by Long Beach City College Foundation.

She won for her poetry which "shows outstanding merit in the genre."

Parks has been attending a credit course in creative writing at LBCC for teacher credential purposes. She has long been a poetry contributor to this paper.

Workshop for entrepreneurs

DOWNEY – A free workshop for business entrepreneurs will be offered at Tax-411 financial center tomorrow May 22.

The workshop will cover tax benefits for small businesses, types of business entities, record keeping and more.

The workshop is free but reservations are required by calling (562) 869-4000.

Short films tell Long Beach's early days

DOWNEY – Filmmaker David Boule will screen his two 16mm short films about Long Beach and its newspaper, the Press-Telegram, on Thursday at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Downey Historical Society's regular meeting.

The first film, "The Case of the Market Apart," was produced in 1971 and features Sam Yorty, who was mayor of Los Angeles from 1961-73. The film is a take-off on the "Dragnet" television series popular at the time.

Produced by the Press-Telegram to promote the paper to advertisers the film also features Ray DiPiazza, who plays the part of Detective Joe Friday.

The Downey Historical Society describes "The Case of the Market Apart" as "an interesting look back at the Press-Telegram when it was run locally."

The second short film, "Downtown," is a concise 10-minute short about the radical transformation Long Beach was going through in 1972. The film was written by DiPiazza and Boule, and produced for Downtown Long Beach retailers and the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The fast-paced film opens with the Queen Mary's arrival at the Port of Long Beach, and features all areas of Downtown Long Beach.

"There will be a trip down memory lane, as the film shows what's being proposed and then the final outcome of the project," the Historical Society said in its newsletter. "You will see the sights of Long Beach some 40 years ago."

The meeting will also feature footage of the destruction of the old Dutch Village Market Place in Lakewood from the 1980s. The footage shows the windmill coming down and the destruction of other landmark businesses.

The meeting is free and will be held in the community center's John Downey Room. For more information, call (562) 904-7223.

Woodworking festival at college

NORWALK – Cerritos College's Woodworking Manufacturing Technology Department will host its annual Woodworking Celebration tomorrow.

A gallery of student project will be featured at the event. The department will also host a friendly competition of student woodworkers.

Guests can participate in a raffle and enjoy a free lunch.

The event will be held on campus from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2986.

Financial seminars this summer

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union is sponsoring two financial education workshops this summer, free of charge to local residents.

A workshop on June 7 will discuss identity theft and ways to minimize ID theft both online and offline.

A workshop on Aug. 4 will discuss financial scams targeted at senior. Officials will identify typical perpetrators and show how to recognize signs of financial exploitation.

Both workshops begin at 5 p.m. in the Downey Unified School District's ROP room, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

For more information, contact the credit union's Marianne Noss at (562) 862-8141, ext. 254, or e-mail mnoss@downeyfcu.org.

Author to speak, sign books

DOWNEY – Award-winning author Lisa See will be the featured speaker at a luncheon and book-signing June 5 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$25 and include the author talk and a Chinese buffet meal.

See is author of the best-selling books, "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan," "Peony in Love" and "On Gold Mountain."

Her latest novel, "Shanghai Girls," tells the story of Pearl and May, two sisters who leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles. To settle his gambling debts, their father sells both girls to a wealthy Chinese-American as wives for his sons.

The girls find themselves detained on Angel's Island for months and later must keep a secret that could threaten their future.

"Lisa's book captures the bond between sisters, the rich detail of pre-World War II Shanghai, and the struggles and joys of the immigrant experience," said City Librarian Nancy Messineo. "At this author event you will have a rare opportunity to hear a gifted author speak and learn more about her own Chinese American family."

Copies of "Shanghai Girls" will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Reservations are required by May 29 at the Friends Book Store located inside the library.

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on May 3, 2010.
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on April 29, 2010.
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 20100555755
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS:
(1) It's A Date Events, 10916 Larrylyn Drive, Whittier, CA 90603, County of Los Angeles, P.O. Box 1165, Brea, CA 92822
Name of registrant(s): (1) Haydee Brinson, 10916 Larrylyn Drive, Whittier, CA 90603 (2) Natalie Rodriguez, 1913 Key Drive, Placentia, CA 92870
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/01/10.
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/Haydee Brinson/Co-Founder
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on April 23, 2010.
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLAUDE ARTHUR CARRIER, aka CLAUDE A. CARRIER Case No. BP122544

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CLAUDE ARTHUR CARRIER, aka CLAUDE A. CARRIER
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GLORIA F. CARRIER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GLORIA F. CARRIER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 14, 2010 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 North Hill Street, 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 deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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 a 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:

MONICA GOEL
SBN 211549
Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle LLP
10841 Paramount Boulevard
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Superior Court of the State of California For The County of Riverside NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF DECEASED TRUSTEES REVOCABLE TRUST (Probate C Sec. 19003)

KATHRYN McLAREN, Trustor of THE KATHRYN McLAREN LIVING TRUST dated August 30, 2001 Deceased.
NO. INP 10000269.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at 3255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262, AND, mail or deliver a copy to Stephen McLaren, Successor Trustee of the Trust dated August 30, 2001, wherein the above-named decedent was the Trustor, c/o Michael S. Kahn, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 2286, Palm Springs, California 92263-2286, within the later of four (4) months after date of the first publication of notice to creditors or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, thirty (30) days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.
Dated: May 18, 2010
Signed: Stephen McLaren, Successor Trustee

Michael S. Kahn - SBN 52512
Attorney for Successor Trustee
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Palm Springs, CA 92263-2286
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TRUSTEE SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 10-06803 Loan No.: 1000605438 A.P.N.: 6367-012-017 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/12/2005, 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. A public auction sale 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: MARTA LARREGUI, A SINGLE WOMAN AND ROMEO A. MARTINEZ, A SINGLE MAN, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Atlantic & Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 1/24/2005 as Instrument No. 05 0163608 in book page and rerecorded on --- as --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Described as follows: As more fully described on said Deed of Trust. Date of Sale: 6/15/2010 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$24,590.32 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8635 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD DOWNEY, CA 90240-000 A.P.N.: 6367-012-017 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a Final Order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed, and the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to expire. The holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Date: 05/20/2010 Atlantic & Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC 1610 E. Saint Andrew Pl., Suite 150F Santa Ana, CA 92705 Automated Sale Information: 714-730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 Tai Alalima, Manager ASAP# 3573494 05/21/2010, 05/28/2010, 06/04/2010

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 09-04387 Loan No.: 1000941832 A.P.N.: 6256-013-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/22/2005, 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. A public auction sale 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. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor: DAVID ALAN HEITMILLER AND NANCY KAREN HEITMILLER HUSBAND AND WIFE AND JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Atlantic & Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC Recorded 3/29/2005 as Instrument No. 05-0717988 in book page and rerecorded on --- as --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Described as follows: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST Date of Sale: 6/15/2010 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$453,470.18 (Estimated) Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12736 COWLEY AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242-000 A.P.N.: 6256-013-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a Final Order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed, and the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to expire. The holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Date: 05/20/2010 Atlantic & Pacific Foreclosure Services, LLC 1610 E. Saint Andrew Pl., Suite 150F Santa Ana, CA 92705 Automated Sale Information: 714-730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com for NON-SALE information: 888-313-1969 Tai Alalima, Manager ASAP# 3573457 05/21/2010, 05/28/2010, 06/04/2010

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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 is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by LEONARDO GONZALEZ JR. AND MARIA E ANAYA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH THE RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP, dated 05/16/2007 and recorded 05/23/07, as Instrument No. 20071250689, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 06/18/2010 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd. 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13460 RACELAND ROAD, LA MIRADA, CA, 906382926. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$516,973.51. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 07/02/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By-- Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3572664 05/21/2010, 05/28/2010, 06/04/2010

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Counselor's Corner: More elders being targeted for financial abuse

BY STEVE LOPEZ,
LAW OFFICES OF STEVE LOPEZ

A wheelchair-bound woman suffers in silence at the hands of an abusive caregiver. A lone widower falls victim to a predatory lending scam and loses his home. An ailing mother lies helpless in her bedroom while her son spends her life savings.

As many as one in seven senior citizens nationwide falls victim to some type of elder abuse—usually at the hands of a family member. The abuse can be financial, physical or psychological, and the consequences can be deadly. Statistics suggest that abused and exploited seniors die sooner than other seniors their age. But in spite of such devastating consequences, most elder abuse goes unreported.

Furthermore, the injuries suffered by an older person from physical abuse or neglect are tragic, but there's a much less sensational and publicized form of elder abuse - financial abuse - that can be equally devastating. When a relative or "friend" exploits an older person and manages to drain away savings and assets that have taken years to accumulate, from that point on, the elder's lifestyle is severely diminished.

Despite its devastating impact, financial abuse seems to be the least understood of all forms of elder abuse. My office has in recent months been litigating cases in this area and I have reviewed law books and have found that most books spend little or no time on financial abuse.

In addition, most protective service agencies, which are charged with investigating financial abuse cases, do not adequately train their caseworkers to handle the problem. Usually, adult protective services (APS) caseworkers either are trained as social workers or come from other public service agencies that emphasize the care giving or social services aspect of elder care. While this kind of background equips APS workers to deal with abuse or neglect cases, it does not provide them with expertise in investigating financial cases involving the transfer of monies and properties from incapacitated or vulnerable adults.

Finally, there is an overall reluctance to report financial exploitation. Elderly victims may fail to report either because of their own incapacity or because of the stigma they feel would be attached to their being identified as a victim. An older person may also be reluctant to inform on a relative or caregiver who is exploiting them because of emotional or psychological attachment to the person. Professional service providers, such as bank personnel, attorneys and health care workers often fail to report such cases either because they don't know which agency to call or because they adhere to a

policy of strict confidentiality with respect to their client's affairs.

So how can one spot financial abuse and help report the abuser? While the definition of financial exploitation varies among the states, the one most commonly cited is the neglect, exploitation or "painful or harmful" mistreatment of anyone who is 65 or older (or any disabled dependent adult aged 18 to 64). It can involve physical violence, psychological abuse, isolation, abandonment, abduction, false imprisonment or a caregiver's neglect. It could also involve the unlawful taking of an elder's money or property.

Although each case presents its own particular facts, exploitation tends to fall into predictable patterns. The common denominator is the existence of a relative, friend, or caregiver in whom the elder has placed confidence or trust. The delegation of financial authority to the exploiter may be done openly or come about more subtly. The exploitation scenarios typically are:

* An elder who is physically dependent on a caregiver who isolates him or her from social and family contacts. Because of the isolation and physical dependence on the caregiver, the elder loses his or her free will and becomes powerless to say no. As long as this relationship continues in isolation, the victim (who otherwise may appear rational and lucid) may even ratify the exploitative transaction after it has occurred.

* An elder whose mental health is slipping. These cases involve elders who once may have been perfectly capable of handling their own financial affairs, but dementia or other ailments cause them to lose interest and ability in such matters. These elderly people typically turn to the exploiter, who again is someone they trust, to handle their financial affairs. Often the delegation of responsibility is not overt, but is simply assumed by the exploiter, with little or no understanding by the elder of what is occurring.

* The bereaved widow. These cases typically involve persons who have had long marriages and whose spouses conducted the financial business of the family. The spouse dies, leaving the survivor to cope with the emotional devastation of being left alone, compounded with the anxiety and confusion of having to deal with financial matters in which he or she has little experience. For such people, dealing with banks, creditors, and professionals is a nightmare that only serves to remind them of how much they miss their spouses. The entrance of the exploiter is a welcome relief that opens the door to the blissful state of allowing someone else to handle the money. Once the exploiter obtains access to the senior's financial assets, the actual methods of exploitation are

likewise predictable. One of the most commonly used means of transferring property is the general, durable power of attorney. This instrument, which is typically quite useful in dealing with an incapacitated elderly person's affairs, is a powerful tool in the hands of an unscrupulous person. Such an instrument allows the appointed attorney-in-fact full legal authority to transfer an elder's property - including houses, stocks, bonds and bank accounts.

If you suspect someone is being abused, call Adult Protective Services (APS). Check your county phone listings for a local APS office or, for a referral, you can call 1-800-510-2020.

If the abuse is occurring in a licensed long-term care facility, such as a nursing home, call the local long-term care ombudsman.

(To locate an ombudsman, call 1-800-231-4024.) Your report will be confidential, and you can remain anonymous.

To report elder abuse of any kind, you can simply call the California Attorney General's Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting Hotline at 1-888-436-3600.

For further information and guidance, request a free publication entitled "A Citizen's Guide to Preventing & Reporting Elder Abuse" by writing to: Crime and Violence Prevention Center, 1300 I Street, Suite 1150, Sacramento, CA 95814. Requests can also be made via fax at 916-327-2384. The guide, produced by the California Attorney General's Office, is also available at www.ag.ca.gov (click on Publications and Elder Abuse).

Cemetery to mark Memorial Day

DOWNEY - A wreath-laying ceremony to mark Memorial Day will be held at the Downey Cemetery on May 31 at 11 a.m.

The ceremony will feature a rifle salute by American Legion Post 723, the playing of Taps and remarks by the cemetery's district trustees.

Parking will not be permitted at the cemetery. Instead, a free shuttle will pick up guests from the Lakewood Boulevard Green Line parking lot. For more information, call Stephanie Watkins at (562) 904-7236.

Help firefighters 'fill the boot'

DOWNEY - Downey firefighters will be collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association tomorrow as part of the annual "Fill the Boot" fundraiser.

Firefighters will be at the intersection of Lakewood and Firestone boulevards from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. collecting donations from motorists.

The MDA works to provide treatment and find cures for more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

Locally, the MDA funds specialized clinics at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, providing support groups and assisting with the purchase of wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices.

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Crime Report

Friday, May 14

At 2:00 a.m., a 22-year-old Downey man was arrested for felony drunk driving after he crashed his car into a home in the 8400 block of Stewart & Gray. The suspect was transported to the Los Angeles County Jail after booking.

At 5:00 a.m., a propane tanker overturned on Stewart & Gray at Regentview after the driver failed to negotiate a turn. The collision resulted in a spill of liquid propane and the subsequent closure of Firestone between the 605 Freeway and Woodruff. The roads were opened later in the day.

Saturday, May 15

At 1:30 p.m., a 46-year-old woman suffering from Schizophrenia and having the mental capacity of an 8-year-old walked away from her family while at the Stonewood Shopping Center. The missing person resides in Arizona and was in the area visiting family in the City of Norwalk. Detectives are investigating and seeking the public's help.

At 7:00 p.m., officers arrested two adult males in the area of Lakewood and Gallatin after they attempted to steal a man's car. The suspects had been involved in a traffic collision with the victim. Both suspects were arrested and charged with Car Jacking and Aggravated Assault.

Sunday, May 16

At 8:00 a.m., a 20-year-old Bellflower man was arrested after he was caught driving a stolen vehicle and led officers on a short vehicle pursuit. The suspect was booked for Grand Theft Auto.

Monday, May 17

At 8:45 a.m., officers responded to 9050 Imperial Hwy regarding a trespass at the location. Officers encountered two suspects. One suspect immediately surrendered; however, the second suspect threw a metal pipe at the officers and began running away. Officers pursued the suspect on foot and ultimately took him into custody. The suspect was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault on a Police officer.

Wednesday, May 20

At 12:45 a.m., officers located a burning vehicle in the Rio Hondo River bed at Florence Avenue. The vehicle had been reported stolen from the city of Los Angeles. Arson investigators are looking into the case.

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