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## La Barca opening restaurant downtown

■ Mexican eatery to take over former Szechwan restaurant at Paramount Blvd. & 3rd St.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Hoping to capitalize on an expanding downtown district, changing demographics and altering consumer needs, La Barca Restaurant, a popular, authentic Mexican eatery based in Los Angeles, will open a second location in Downey this coming spring.

After nearly four months of negotiations, Guillermo Padilla, owner of La Barca Restaurant, signed a lease agreement this month with Tatti Properties to acquire the vacant building on the corner of Paramount Boulevard and Third Street, which formerly housed Szechwan Chinese Restaurant, and later Portofino's.

"He's always wanted a restaurant in Downey – this is where he lives," said William Torres, real estate broker for Padilla, who moved to Downey more than 15 years ago. "When Portofino's closed, Guillermo mentioned that he wanted the building...but due to the economy and financing, we ended up leasing the building with an option to buy. We came to terms, finalized the lease...and it's beneficial to both parties."

Established 35 years ago in Los Angeles by Padilla's father, currently, La Barca, located just up the street from the University of Southern California, is a popular destination, known for its appetizing entrees and delicious beverages.

"It's the number one restaurant in downtown Los Angeles," said Torres, who works for All American Home Realty in Downey. "It has authentic Mexican food...the ambience is amazing, it reminds you of the warmth of Mexico. Once we're finished with development here – this project will be something Downey residents will be proud of."

The nearly 7200-square-foot building will be renovated from the inside out over the next several months as Padilla hopes to open an establishment that will complement the city's new updated downtown vision, Torres said.

"He wanted to do something that would be beautiful – not a cheap facelift," said Torres. "We want the city and the residents to be happy with the improvements. The outside will have a rustic Mexican look and on the inside there will be new plumbing, a new kitchen, the windows will also be changed and we're going to move the door entrance from the side to the corner."

Torres also said the new restaurant will feature patio dining and regular entertainment for patrons.

"Guillermo wants this to be a beautification for the city – something everyone will appreciate," said Torres. "It will probably open in April or May...we hope that it will motivate more people to invest in Downey."

## Looking back on... The Shakarian Family

■ Innovators helped establish Downey as a hub of economic expansion in early 1900s.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Similar to other communities throughout Los Angeles County, the turn of the twentieth century proved to be a catalytic period for Downey economic development.

Nestled in the heart of Los Nietos Valley, the small community of Downey, had already established itself as an agricultural and commercial hub following the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad depot. Unlike its neighboring cities, Downey's downtown district already contained banks, mercantile shops and even a department store before 1900.

While much credit is given to Albert Ball, founder of the Ball and Tweedy Sunkist fruit packing plant, and E.M. Smith, the aviation pioneer who started EMSCO Aircraft Corporation, for fueling the 1920s wave of manufacturing and trade in Downey, there is another family that greatly influenced the city's economic expansion: the Shakarians.

Born in Armenia, Isaac Shakarian came to the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century, narrowly escaping persecution and genocide in his home land. Once in America, Shakarian traveled to the west coast and after initially residing in Los Angeles, Isaac and his wife, Zaroohi, soon settled in Downey.

With the help of his wife, and son, Demos, Shakarian would spend the rest of his life impacting Downey commerce and culture through Reliance Dairy Farms, which eventually became the largest independently owned dairy in the world.

However, Isaac began with only three cows when he started in 1913. Hoping to establish the largest dairy in the world, Shakarian bought just 14 acres of land on Imperial Highway for the venture. But as a result of the prosperous economic climate in Downey, Shakarian's herd grew to more than 500 cows and his land expanded to nearly 200 acres by 1923.

Demos Shakarian, who was taught to milk a cow as a toddler, described the Shakarian land as an acreage full of "cornfields, eucalyptus tress and pasture land in the heart of Downey." While the family originally lived in a small wood plank house, Isaac soon replaced the old home with a two-story white stucco Spanish style house on South Cerritos Avenue, now Columbia Way.

While the family relied heavily on the cattle, Isaac also diversified into hauling milk, raising hogs and packing meat. By 1926, the herd had grown to 1000 head of cattle and Shakarian began taking on active roles in the community. He eventually became the president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in 1938 and the Kiwanis Club in 1940.

Despite the family's new home and social status, the Shakarians continued to travel weekly by horse and carriage to Los Angeles for Sunday services at the Armenian Pentecostal Church, where the



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**After starting with just three cows, Reliance Dairy Farm, seen here in 1940, eventually became the largest independent dairy farm in the world.**

Shakarian children were baptized and exposed to Pentecostal Christian doctrines such as divine healing and speaking in tongues. The teachings would later influence Demos who established a deep religious foundation that would guide him throughout his career as both a successful businessman and world-wide evangelist.

Although Isaac Shakarian encountered much success in the dairy business, he also faced challenges during the height of the Depression including labor disputes and price wars with competitors. As the Depression began to take its toll on Southern California, Shakarian established the Great Western Milk Transport Company, which featured 400 milk tankers used to help transport Shakarian dairy products throughout the state. Shakarian also helped open a meat packing plant, just off of Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard, called the Great Western Packing Company, which slaughtered 700-800 cattle daily. Along with an asbestos company started by E.M. Smith, the meat packing company was one of the only businesses in Downey that kept a significant amount of people working during the 1930s.

Following this string of successful ventures, the Shakarians began to prosper greatly, drawing local politicians, businessmen and community leaders to their home



Isaac & Demos working at Reliance Dairy Farm in 1948.

for weekly dinner parties where Zaroohi prepared her famous Armenian dishes.

During this time, the Shakarian children, Demos, Ruth, Lucy, Grace, Roxanne and Florence attended Downey schools, including Alameda Grammar School and later Downey Union High School.

By the 1930s, the Shakarian family expanded after Demos, at age 20, married Rose Gabrielian,

16, in the backyard of the Shakarian home. Following the ceremony, Demos made preparations for a second house to be built next door to his parent's home.

After construction, the Shakarians decided to purchase land in north Downey, hoping to relocate to a more affluent neighborhood. The original homes were moved and placed on Lexington-

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## Vasquez says failure to report \$2500 was 'oversight'

■ Contribution from Champion Dodge not reported until Dec. 8.

BY HENRY VENERACION,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – *The Downey Patriot* has obtained a copy of an amended campaign statement filed with the city clerk's office on Dec. 8 by Councilman Fernando Vasquez that contains a previously unreported contribution of \$2,500 made by Champion Dodge to Vasquez' campaign on Oct. 5, along with campaign expenses incurred during the period Oct. 1-16.

Records and press reports show originally that Vasquez reported no contributions were made to his campaign during that period.

The general rule governing election campaign contributions, according to city clerk Kathleen Midstokke, is that all contributions – monetary and non-monetary – should be reported before the elections.

If a violation of the Political Reform Act occurs (and there's a whole litany of pertinent provisions), and the Fair Political Practices Enforcement Division determines that such a violation has indeed occurred, the violator is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000.

Midstokke said she has on her own indeed levied fines in the past, albeit at smaller amounts, when a candidate doesn't file his/her campaign contributions report on time. At the same time, she said there are qualifications to the rule.

Filing such an amended campaign statement (and thus "after the fact") naturally invites hostile finger-pointing, especially given the acrimonious nature of the political fight for District 4.

When asked what reason Vasquez gave her for the omission, Midstokke replied: "He said it was a case of oversight." Midstokke said she didn't see any reason for fining Vasquez.

When we asked Vasquez about this item, he said: "It was oversight by the campaign treasurer [Jane Leiderman] who handles our reporting of expenses and campaign contributions. Besides, all reports were filed by us on time. Amended statements filed later are allowed."

According to the Fair Political Practices Enforcement Division website, "A matter will be fully investigated where there is sufficient information to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred. Information regarding potential violations of the Act comes from citizen complaints, referrals from other governmental agencies, media reports, audit findings or may be identified internally.

"When sufficient evidence exists to prove a violation of the Act, the Enforcement Division will bring a prosecution action to the Commission, or may issue a warning letter, depending upon the facts of the case and the public harm caused."



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**Finishing touches are being made on the Downey Rose Float Association's entry in Saturday's Tournament of Rose Parade. The float, named "A Stroll Down Memory Lane," cost \$80,000 to build and features 2,400 yellow roses, 1,625 lavender roses, 3,625 hot pink roses, 1,425 light pink roses and 1,425 orange roses.**

## City Council wives in the spotlight



HENRY VENERACION

The only constraint, at least in one case, is the availability of time.

Be that as it may, here are brief profiles of the wives/spouses who will soon add a new dimension to the dynamic of the Downey community scene:

**Brenda Gafin** – a Downey High schoolmate at least and co-graduate of husband David Gafin, is described by him as a “working wife,” and is an outside sales person for a high-temperature insulation firm called Thermal Ceramics.

She covers the Western U.S. and is “out of town one or two weeks” out of the month

**DOWNEY** – Before long, the wives of Downey City Council members are envisioned to take a more active part in the community, not as policy makers but as community volunteers to assist in the work of such social service programs as TLC, at the suggestion of new mayor Luis Marquez, as part of his revitalized mayoral initiatives program.

Other components of the program include the ‘mayor presents series’, increased attention to the Downey Sister Cities Association, more active support for the Columbia Memorial Space Center and more emphasis on recognizing and encouraging community service.

The details of the program involving the wives are still to be threshed out but it is believed an organizational meeting will take place as soon as the holidays are out of the way.

Indications are that the wives welcome the idea and are willing to “give back to the community”.

**Ann Guerra** – has a BS in business administration from USC’s Marshall School of Business and has been active at St. Raymond’s in several outreach ministries for several years; is co-founder of Diaconia Foundation (scholarships and grants to high school students for community work) and Angel Tree (helps kids with incarcerated parents) of which she is also coordinator; and been involved with numerous other charitable community causes.

**Alma Marquez** – is a ‘99 English/education major and a minor in journalism at UC-Irvine and has worked as senior aide to State Senator Roderick Wright since November, 2008; was involved in community organizing for faith-based organizations for years prior to that; and says she looks forward to “working



An initiative by new mayor Luis Marquez seeks to organize the volunteer activities of City Council members’ wives. From left: Ann Guerra, Brenda Gafin, Alma Marquez and Esther Brossmer. Not pictured is Fernando Vasquez’s girlfriend, Donna Noushkam.

with the other wives in, say, fundraisers, putting events together, etc., and by helping people, they in turn can help others.”

**Esther Brossmer** – has been an elementary school teacher at Rio Hondo for a number of years and enjoys “weight training, running, spending time with family and laughing with friends, etc.” She is a native of Downey.

**Donna Noushkam** – Is Fernando Vasquez’ girlfriend who says she will “not only work hard to help advance his goals, but will

work with Downey’s youth to improve their participation and leadership skills.”

A member of Downey Kiwanis, she has a BA in political science (minor in business administration) from UCLA and a J.D. from Loyola; currently senior counsel with the law firm of Musick Peer & Garrett, LLP, she intends to formalize an annual forum for local high school juniors and seniors applying or wanting to apply for college.

## Good Samaritan returns lost money

■ Downey resident finds nearly \$500 on the street...and does the right thing.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – What would you do if you found \$480 lying on the ground?

John Alva, 69, believes the answer is obvious – find the owner.

“It’s not my money,” Alva said. “It could be someone’s rent money or bill money...and that’s a lot of money to lose in one whack.”

Earlier this month, Alva’s sentiments were put to the test during a series of uncanny events that occurred after the longtime Downey resident discovered nearly \$500 sprawled on the 8300 block of Telegraph Road in Pico Rivera.

Alva, a Jehovah’s Witness and member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Pico Rivera, was in the car on Dec. 8, driving away from his church after a morning of door-to-door evangelism when he, and a fellow parishioner, saw the money scattered in the street.

“Frank [Gierome] actually spotted the money first,” said Alva, who was sitting in the passenger seat that day. “I jumped out of the SUV...it was a lot of money – four \$100 bills and four \$20 bills – spread out on the street. The first thing I thought was, ‘oh no, someone has lost their rent money.’”

Concerned for the owner, Alva searched locally, hoping to find someone who had recently lost a large sum of money. Finding no one, Alva took the money to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department station in Pico Rivera where officers were surprised to see someone turn in such a large amount.

“I figured someone would be looking for it in desperation so I reported it,” said Alva who then nailed up a large sign not far from where he discovered the cash. “It said, ‘money found, call the sheriff’s department.’”

Two weeks later, Alva got a call. Interestingly enough, the large sum belonged to Aaron Jordan, son of Pastor Steve Jordan of Cornerstone Christian Worship Center, located at 9001 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. The 26-year-old had recently raised the \$480 through the church to help fund his two-week

mission trip to Haiti with a Christian campus ministry.

Jordan, who was originally scheduled to leave for Haiti on Dec. 8, searched everywhere for the money, but had recently written off the idea of ever finding it.

“I’m a witness – miracles do happen,” said Jordan boldly. “It’s unbelievable – kind of an amazing coincidence. I looked every which way it could be, but about a week ago I said a quick prayer, ‘Lord, I need a good Samaritan.’ And about three to four days later, I got the call.”

After spending months raising the funds for the trip, Jordan cashed the check given to him by the church, but then soon after, the money disappeared. Jordan believes an envelope holding the money may have come out of his suitcase, which at one point was in the back of his pickup truck.

“It’s just a miracle – first – that someone even found the money and – second – that they would turn it in,” said Andrea Valenzuela, an administrator at Cornerstone and Aaron’s older sister. “The interesting thing is, the trip was postponed to 2011 due to political unrest in Haiti...so the money will still be used; it’s been earmarked for the trip.”

Detective Jeff Grant, who facilitated the case for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, said scenarios like this one almost never happen.

“It was almost 500 bucks,” Grant exclaimed. “If found by anyone else – it wouldn’t have ended up at the sheriff’s station.”

Ultimately, check stubs and bank receipts inside of the envelope, found by Alva, helped investigators link the money to Cornerstone Christian Worship Center.

“The detective said, ‘the money was found by the only honest person in Pico Rivera,’” said Jordan with a laugh. “But I’m extremely appreciative. I couldn’t be happier, it was such a blessing.”

Nevertheless, John Alva believes he’s no hero, but rather maintains he only did what was right.

“I’m very happy he got it back...to lose that much money at one time is very difficult. No one has ever given me \$480,” Alva said jovially. “I’m glad the money was returned – that’s the important thing.”

## Nursing homes subject to federal grading

**DOWNEY** – Beginning Jan. 1, local nursing homes will be subject to a grading system intended to “allow the consumer to make an

informed decision about care.”

Nursing homes will be graded according to quality of medical care, staffing levels, food services,

sanitation, bedsores mitigation and the results of licensing inspections.

The highest-rated facilities will receive five stars, while the low-performing nursing homes will receive just one star.

All nursing homes will be required to publicly post their grades, similar to restaurants.

“To enhance the quality of care for our senior citizens, the state law I initiated requiring nursing homes to publicly display their federal five-star rating follows the

success of our restaurant grading system,” said L.A. County supervisor Michael Antonovich, who also authored the county’s restaurant grading system in 1997. “This posting system provides vital information for families to make informed decisions about the care for their loved ones and provides incentives for facility operators to establish and maintain high-quality standards of care and compliance.”

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## Fatal collision shuts down street

**DOWNEY** – A 60-year-old Downey man died Tuesday in a multi-vehicle collision that shut down a stretch of Florence Avenue for much of the afternoon.

The collision occurred when the driver of a 2006 Ford pickup failed to stop at a red light and collided into the rear of a vehicle stopped at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard, police said.

The pickup continued into the intersection and collided into several vehicles stopped for the red light in the northbound lanes of Lakewood Boulevard.

A total of 10 vehicles were involved in the collision, police officials said.

The driver of the pickup was treated at the scene by paramedics but was pronounced dead at a local hospital. His identity was not immediately known.

Another driver was transported to a hospital with minor injuries.

A stretch of Florence Avenue was closed following the collision. The police department issued an emergency alert to residents announcing the road closure.

The collision is still under investigation. Anyone with information on the accident is asked to call Detective Griffin at (562) 904-2339 or Detective Murray at (562) 904-2342.

–Eric Pierce, city editor

## New Year's resolutions vary from person to person

■ From losing weight to pledging to “stop fighting with my sister,” each resolution is unique.

By HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – In response to a mysterious urge, people find the waning moments of the old year as an occasion to do some soul-searching to enable them to face the New Year with more clarity, more confidence and more resolve.

Some people, perhaps thinking of previous failures of execution, come up with just one resolution, others manage to come up with more. This is OK: it's the quality and depth of the commitment that should matter anyway, not its number.

The resolutions most commonly made generally fall in these categories: lose weight, save money, give up smoking and/or lessen alcohol intake, acquire more or better education, take that trip.

When pressed, some people are also able to articulate earlier than usual what they want most to accomplish in the coming year.

After interviews were conducted among some Downey community members (a broader cross-section of the community was not possible because many were away enjoying their holidays), it became

apparent, and this ought to have been expected, that the resolutions are unique, reflecting the interviewees' line of work, their ages and their experience.

The following is a sample of what the citizens of Downey are planning to focus on in 2011 as their New Year's resolutions, given the times and their main weapon, fortitude:

•John Lacey, realtor, who is recovering from a triple bypass surgery performed six weeks ago: “No more triple bypass, at least for this year.”

•Maribel Alatorre, Wells Fargo Downey supervisor, married 14 years: “Good health (eat well), and enjoy life more (have more fun).”

•Jeannie Wood, 32-year employee at Albertson's and active with the Chamber of Commerce: “The first one is work on being more financially secure (she's concerned about the future of Albertson's and the possible impact on her retirement benefits); and the second one, “My biggest dream is visit Austria before I die.”

•Javier Moreno, insurance brokerage: “Besides becoming a better human being, I'd like to continue to investigate and expand my knowledge of new wines.”

•City library employee, who asked not to be identified, eyeing retirement: “Take care of my final

affairs, i.e., living trust, funeral arrangements, etc.”

•Kaili Rowland, of the Columbia Memorial Space Center, who recently got engaged and plans a late July wedding: “Save money to buy a house, and lose weight for the wedding.”

•An elementary school student attending a science camp at the Center: “Get better grades and stop fighting with my sister.”

•A couple of kids, attending the same science camp: “Do better in our DJAA (basketball) tournament.”

•Barbara Hruden, city manager's office: “I resolve to act on my New Year's resolutions.”

•Juddy Cenicerros, neighborhood watch coordinator: “I have none. I've given up on making any. I always end up breaking them anyway. So what's the point?”

With advances in technology being realized at a dizzying pace, and untrammelled access to questionable forms of entertainment and amusement feeding upon itself, it's easy to get comfortable with a sense of entitlement but lose all sense of balance. It therefore behooves us to remind ourselves that ‘the more things change, the more things stay the same’.

There are still the eternal verities to guide us.



Downey Federal Credit Union's Kari Johnson, center, helped deliver more than 200 books to Ward Elementary last week. The books were donated by credit union employees and account holders.

## Credit union collects 200 books for school

**DOWNEY** – Downey Federal Credit Union donated more than 200 new books to Ward Elementary School, primarily to build classroom libraries in grades kindergarten to third grade.

Both books and monetary donations were collected from credit union employees and account holders. Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier also made a donation.

Collection bins were placed in the credit union's main branch and at the express service office at Downey Regional Medical from Nov. 15 – Dec. 10.

DFCU officials delivered the books to the school, where teachers could choose age-appropriate read-

ing material for their classroom libraries for students to use.

“Downey Federal Credit Union is very supportive of the educators in Downey who want to build up their supply of reading materials and encourage learning,” said Barbara Lamberth, president and CEO of Downey Federal Credit Union. “It is important that all teachers foster a positive attitude towards reading for their class. The credit union is happy to provide age-appropriate books for students to achieve reading success.”

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## Sheriff Baca honored for education work



**DOWNEY** – Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca was in Downey last week to receive a recognition from the Los Angeles County Board of Education “for his years of dedicated service and his commitment and vision in the area of education.”

In presenting a resolution, the board recognized that the county's top law enforcement officer, who was first elected to the post in 1998, “has more than lived up to his honorary title of Education

Sheriff.”  
 Baca has successfully launched many school-related initiatives, the resolution stated, including the promotion of secondary and higher education not only for deputies, staff members and other employees of the Sheriff's Department, but also for inmates at all correctional facilities the department operates.  
 “It's true that Job One of the county sheriff is law enforcing, and Sheriff Baca's record on that score is certainly distinguished,” said

board vice president Douglas Boyd at a presentation ceremony during the board's regular meeting at the Los Angeles County Office of Education in Downey. “The sheriff's record in the area of education is less well known, but truly remarkable.”

Baca, who holds a doctorate in public administration from USC and is a life member of the university's honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, created the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department University, in partnership with 13 accredited colleges.

The university offers associate's, bachelor's, master's, Ph.D. and juris doctorate degrees. About 1,000 sheriff department employees are currently enrolled in the program, which also is open to police and fire agencies and county probation officers.

“It is an honor to be recognized by educators for doing what I think is a very important job – creating education and learning opportunities for those in law enforcement

and for those who are in the custody of law enforcement,” said Baca.

Baca is also credited for developing “education-based incarceration,” a system that last year provided nearly 2 million hours of inmate education in GED, high school courses and vocational studies.

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## Pieloon reopens after fire

**DOWNEY** – Following a nearly six week-closure, Pieloon Restaurant, located at 10822 Lakewood Blvd., is now open after a small attic fire scorched portions of the landmark eatery last month.

Saul Haro, owner of the nearly 40-year-old restaurant, said he remains grateful that the blaze only damaged the exterior of the building, allowing the business to reopen just in time for Christmas.

"We were closed for about a month and a half, but now we're up and running again," said Haro.

On Nov. 6, Downey Fire Department investigators determined that the fire was electrical in nature, ignited by faulty fluorescent lighting in the eaves.

Haro, owner of the restaurant since 1995, had the wiring replaced.

"The insurance company covered all that," he said. "And with their help I was able to pay all my employees while we were shut down. We didn't lose one employee – everyone came back, and they're all happy to be back right before Christmas."

Haro said he was surprised when the restaurant filled up shortly after the doors opened on Saturday.

"It was a pleasant surprise – we were busy," he said over the phone. "I thought 'who's going to come?,' but they came. We've received phone calls, letters from the community...now basically, we're asking our customers and friends to come back and support us."

Next year, the restaurant will be close two to three weeks for additional repairs to the structure, Haro said. No specific dates were given.

–Christian Brown, staff writer

## Young students get taste of biology

■ Gallatin Elementary students receive real-life lesson from Downey High teacher.

By REBEKAH JIN, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Nearly 60 students from Gallatin Elementary visited Downey High School on Dec. 16 to learn about biology through a unique cross-age experience with Greg Pittenger's botany class.

With much of the construction completed at Downey, more effort has gone into beautification of the campus. The formerly unappreciated garden is now thriving with lush vegetation and a pond that serves as a home for fish and turtles, and another garden includes a greenhouse surrounded by newly-planted trees.

"Downey is trying to establish lasting connections between elementary and high school gardens," said Pittenger, who has taught biology for several years. "With two gardens on our campus, there are plenty of chances for students to be inspired."

Each child from Gallatin received personalized care from the botany students as Pittenger guided the large crowd, which included many parents and teachers. Due to the secluded locations of the gardens, the adults were just as excited as the children throughout the behind-the-scenes tour.

"Anything life-like is a good



Greg Pittenger feeds fish and turtles in Downey High's pond as students and parents look on.

experience," said Marvin Mires, one of the elementary school teachers. "This trip enhances the curriculum of our students in a way that textbooks cannot."

Everyone was focused on Pittenger as he demonstrated how to plant seeds and feed the fish and turtles. His presentations of how science works in the real world seemed to spark interest in the minds of the children.

"Any kind of cross-age activities encourage kids to learn from the actions of the older students," said Downey vice principal Anthony Zegarra.

The field trip ended with a hands-on project that involved full participation from the students, parents and teachers. Gallatin students each received a cup of water along with a disk of compressed peat moss. Within minutes, the

disks expanded into pots of soil, which were then filled with seeds and placed into trays in the greenhouse.

The children watched this process with fascination as they learned about the key components of plant growth.

"I believe this is a great experience not only for the young ones, but also for the high school students because they realize that they are role models," said Lidia Jimenez, a Gallatin parent. "The interaction between the elementary and high school students is an opportunity for everyone to learn. As a parent, I think this is very important."

Now that Downey's gardens are flourishing, Pittenger said he hopes to help build sustainable gardens for local elementary schools.



PHOTO BY GREG WASKUL

## Rancho holds 'Carnival of Hope' for patients

■ Rancho patients - at least for a day - forget about their injuries and have fun.

By GREG WASKUL, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

**DOWNEY** – A driving rainstorm didn't dampen the enthusiasm of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's patients who enjoyed entertainment, food and fun at the hospital's 16th Annual New Year's Patient Carnival on Wednesday.

"This is truly a 'Carnival of Hope' for our patients, because whether they are inpatients or outpatients at the hospital, they forget about their stroke, spinal cord injury or brain injury for a couple of hours and focus on having a good time, just like any other person who enjoys the holiday season," said Rancho Director of Volunteer Services Debbie Tomlinson.

Although Rancho moved the carnival indoors to the second floor of the Jacquelin Perry Institute to avoid the rain, the patients still had a memorable time at the event thanks to the efforts of more than 50 District 4-L2 Leos volunteers who prepared the food, blew up the helium balloons, ran the booths and handed out beanie babies to patients.

The Rancho Patient Carnival is a signature annual event for the Leos, who work with the adult Lions Club International members to serve the community. "We love the Carnival, because we know we are bringing cheer to individuals and families that need some hope for the holidays," said Leos 4-L2 District President Alfonso Toro. "I am very proud to see the hard work all the Leos put into this event. I think each of us learned something by working with Rancho's amazing

patients and caring staff."

"Every year, I am amazed at the dedication of these young people, who give up a day of their holiday vacation to bring joy to the children and adult patients of Rancho," said Steve Stolar, a member of the City of Industry Lions Club, who co-chairs the event for the Lions with Sally Jones of the Montebello club. "When you see the way the Leos work individually with each patient to make sure they really enjoy themselves, it makes the months of preparation for this day worthwhile," he said.

The Leos treated patients to complimentary hot dogs, nachos, cotton candy, popcorn and soft drinks, as well as balloons and beanie babies, which were funded by the Lions. The Leos also manned the marbling booth under the direction of Rancho graduate artist Kenneth Younger, where patients created their own unique artworks.

"This event reminds all of us that fun is an essential part of life, especially during the holidays," said Rancho Chief Executive Officer Jorge Orozco. "When you see the faces of the patients and their families light up, you realize the positive impact an event such as this can have in the life of someone who is recovering from a catastrophic disabling illness or injury."

"We have had a wonderful holiday season at Rancho, with many visits by carolers, with a record 61 patient families in need being adopted for the holidays by Rancho staff and our friends in the community, and now this extraordinary New Year's Patient Carnival," Orozco said. "The success of this event puts an exclamation point on what has been one of the merriest and most meaningful holiday seasons our patients and staff have ever known."

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## Letters to the Editor:

### Blind spot

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago a temporary construction fence was placed on the northwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Cherokee Drive. The fence is temporary; it can be quickly and easily moved to another location on the property.

The fence in its present location greatly reduces visibility for motorists preparing to turn onto Lakewood Boulevard. This reduced visibility translates into less time for a motorist to see and react to a possible dangerous traffic condition.

Consider this scenario: a motorist traveling at high-speed south on Lakewood runs the signal or doesn't see the stop sign. A motorist turning left at Cherokee, whose vision is reduced, unaware of the motorist, turns in front of it and is center punched. This is an illustration of a terrible accident waiting to happen. Easy solution: move the fence a few feet.

The Downey Engineering Department was advised of this condition.  
-- **Byron Dillon,**  
Downey

### Whose youth?

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the letter titled "Investing in Youth" (The Downey Patriot, 12/23/10). The title should have been "Investing in Mexico's Youth."

The Dream Act lets the children of illegal aliens to become citizens when taxes pay for their college education. The people who want this don't care about American children who aren't getting this money.

Illegal alien parents came to another country and they and their children can go back to their own country. Their minds can be put to good use in Mexico. Our investment in education from kindergarten through 12th grade should be for American kids.

We are not making illegals work at menial jobs. They are taking the jobs that should be for Americans such as students, Arc consumers and part-timers. The brightest minds and talents of Mexico's citizens can contribute to Mexico's society, which would only improve our border security.

The author calls Americans stupid and close-minded, yet calls Mexico's citizens hard-working, talented and with bright minds. Where do her loyalties lie?

-- **El Bee,**  
Downey

### Take me to Lakewood

Dear Editor:

On Christmas night I thought I could keep up with my grandkids – and found that they are far more agile than me! I ended up with a broken finger.

On Sunday, I went to the Downey Regional Medical Center emergency room only to find the waiting room overflowing to the parking lot and people saying they had been waiting for hours.

I left and went to Lakewood Regional Medical Center, and yes, they were busy too, but people were in and out quickly and were treated courteously and professionally. I myself had x-rays, saw the doctor, had a cast put on and all within two hours! Pretty good for a holiday weekend.

Everyone from the front desk, triage check-in, nurse, x-ray technician and nurse practitioner were all great.

Downey Community used to be good, but for the last 20 years or there about, it has gone downhill. I only pray that if there is ever anything seriously wrong with me that the EMTs won't take me there. Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital or Lakewood Regional Medical Center please!

Too bad that our local hospital can't seem to get its act together.  
-- **Maggie Allen,**  
Downey

## Updated stamp seeks to thwart cigarette counterfeiting

**SACRAMENTO** – Cigarette packages will soon be outfitted with state-of-the-art tax stamps as officials work to reduce the trafficking of counterfeit cigarettes and related excise tax evasion in California.

Officials with the California State Board of Equalization announced the enhanced security features, which include special inks and a counterfeit and tamper-resistant design.

The newly-designed stamps will help simplify authentication and discourage tax stamp counterfeiting, officials said. Cigarette-related tax evasion costs California an estimated \$182 million annually.

The new tax stamps on cigarette packages are gold in appearance, with a color-shifting effect visible on the left edge and a unique serial number. Retailers and consumers can expect to see the new stamps in use by Jan. 1.

Cigarette and tobacco taxes are "excise" taxes, or charges paid at the distribution level and often built into the retail price. Excise taxes paid on cigarettes are used to fund state services and programs including breast cancer research, early childhood education, health education and hospital services.

### Illegal parking

Dear Editor:

Can Code Enforcement or the Downey Police Department please do something about the vehicles blocking traffic on Lakewood Boulevard every morning?

Almost every morning vehicles illegally park along Lakewood Boulevard, just south of Imperial Highway, as they presumably buy coffee at the panaderia. The strip mall has no front parking lot so cars park on Lakewood, instead of parking behind the strip mall and walking around.

This creates a dangerous road condition as cars have to maneuver around the vehicles.

And memo to the drivers: just because you turn on the emergency hazard lights, it doesn't make your illegal parking OK.

-- **Ricardo Munoz,**  
Downey

### Traffic concerns

Dear Editor:

Farrell's Ice Cream was awesome when it was here back in the 80s and has given us many memories. The new Farrell's is awesome as well – we just had my daughter's 16th birthday at the Mission Viejo location (we drove from Downey).

What I am very concerned with is the potential location. The downtown Downey area has a lot of potential for many good things during its remodel, and Porto's Bakery is also great. With the city's proposal to put in a low-to-mid income apartment project in that area as well, nobody has ever addressed the issue of the terrible traffic problem on Firestone Boulevard that has already existed for many years, compounded and now streaming onto a once free-flowing Downey Avenue and other streets in the area.

Parking and traffic has to be addressed. It is already a mess and constructed hasn't even started yet.

I think the old Long's location in the Downey Landing would be absolutely perfect for a Barnes & Noble (no bookstores like this in Downey) or a Farrell's.

-- **Dawn Carrasco,**  
Downey

### Taste of Downey

Dear Editor:

What's going on with *The Downey Patriot*?

I've been trying hard not to rag on this great newspaper, but after looking at the "Downey 2010...A Year to Remember" magazine, and also the newspaper itself, I find not one word about a great event that happened one evening at City Hall: the Taste of Downey.

What about telling us who put this together, how fabulous it was and how many people attended?

Well kudos to all those who put this event together and to the restaurants that supported it. I have the highest regard for all of you. I, for one, think the city should give special recognition to these restaurants and their owners and staff who participated. What a great gathering of the people of Downey.

It was wonderful to see the support of the fire and police departments, mayor and City Council members, and to see city officials and citizens coming together just to enjoy a wonderful evening out. I only hope this kind of event will be planned for next year.

I have no idea how many people showed up for an evening in Downey, but you all should plan on attending the next Taste of Downey.

-- **Bob Gustafson,**  
Downey

## The Wilson you never knew

**Dr. Paul Kengor**

On the heels of a recent Sunday magazine profile of Glenn Beck, *The New York Times* published a roundtable discussion among six scholars on the issue of President Woodrow Wilson. Wilson has become a popular Beck target, and has suddenly emerged as a hot topic in our current politics.

"I hate Woodrow Wilson!" shouted Beck at February's Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington.

For the record, I was at that gathering, and I'm a conservative, I like Beck, and I don't hate Wilson. My take on Wilson, however, is very different from what I'm hearing from Beck or from scholars on the left or right, whether pro-Wilson or anti-Wilson. It relates to a crucial aspect of Wilson that needs to be better known and which, dare I say, might even prompt Beck to amend his view—slightly perhaps.

First, let me say that I agree with several important criticisms of Wilson. His views on race and segregation were deeply offensive. His wielding of state power was often repressive, even abusive, particularly during wartime. And the long progression of a seemingly non-stop, ever-increasing centralization of policy and programs in Washington arguably began under Wilson.

Yet, one critical component of Wilson is missed by both sides, which conservatives should like and liberals might not: Wilson was stridently, vocally anti-communist. He staunchly opposed Bolshevism in particular.

My personal experience with this is instructive. I develop this point on Wilson in my latest book, where I throw conservatives a curveball with a kickoff chapter titled, "Woodrow Wilson: Utter Simpleton." Given that my book is about how communists deliberately and cynically duped liberals/progressives, conservatives initially expect Wilson will be my first dupe.

To the contrary, Wilson was called an "utter simpleton" by Vladimir Lenin, who, along with communists from Moscow to New York, demonized Wilson. They ridiculed his League of Nations, his ideas and his administration, openly calling for the "overthrow" of the U.S. government. It was for such reasons, not to mention an intense faith that saw communism as militantly atheistic, that Wilson vehemently opposed communism.

Wilson dubbed the Bolsheviks "barbarians," "terrorists," and "tyrants." He said they were engaged in a "brutal" campaign of "mass terrorism," of "blood and terror," of "indiscriminate slaughter" through "cunning" and "savage oppression." The "violent and tyrannical" Bolsheviks were "the most consummate sneaks in the world," and Bolshevism was an "ugly, poisonous thing." Wilson warned that the Bolsheviks were pushing an "expansionist" ideology that they wanted to export "throughout the world," including into the United States.

Most significant, Wilson and his State Department insisted that



## Radio reporters to be tried for 'disobeying the authorities'

Reporters Without Borders condemns a decision by a judge in the southern town of Amapala to try community radio reporters Elia Xiomara Hernández and Elba Yolibeth Rubio on charges of disobeying the authorities and "taking part in demonstrations that obstruct public services." The trial is to take place on 11 January.

Hernández and Rubio, who work for radio La Voz de Zacate Grande, were arrested on 15 December while covering a protest by a family being evicted from land it had occupied in the locality of Coyolito on the southern island of Zacate Grande.

At the moment of their arrest, they produced documents showing that they are journalists. They were nonetheless held illegally for 36 hours without being told the charges and without being allowed to make any phone calls. They were hit and they were denied medical treatment. Their equipment was also confiscated. And they are currently prohibited from leaving the districts where they live.

"We deplore the decision to prosecute two journalists who were just doing their job and committed no crime, and we urge the authorities to drop all the charges," Reporters Without Borders said. "Covering a protest is not the same as participating in it. We also demand that they be compensated for the suffering resulting from this arbitrary arrest. And those responsible for the violence against them must be called to account."

All the legal procedures have been violated in this case. They were not taken before the judge, Eris Armando Hernández, until 24 hours had gone by since their arrest. This normally results in all charges being dropped. Also, the local judicial authorities cannot initiate prosecutions. That is the prosecutor-general's prerogative.

In a separate development, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights issued a ruling on 22 December requiring the Honduran government to protect journalist José Luis Galdámez, who has escaped several murder attempts and has received many death threats designed to make him abandon his work. Galdámez is the producer of "Tras la Verdad," a program on Radio Globo that has criticized President José Manuel Zelaya's removal in a June 2009 coup.

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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

#### City Meetings

1st Tuesday, 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.  
 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 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.

#### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

##### Mondays

2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.  
 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.  
 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 Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.  
 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 Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.  
 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., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.  
 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 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at The Palms, 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 Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 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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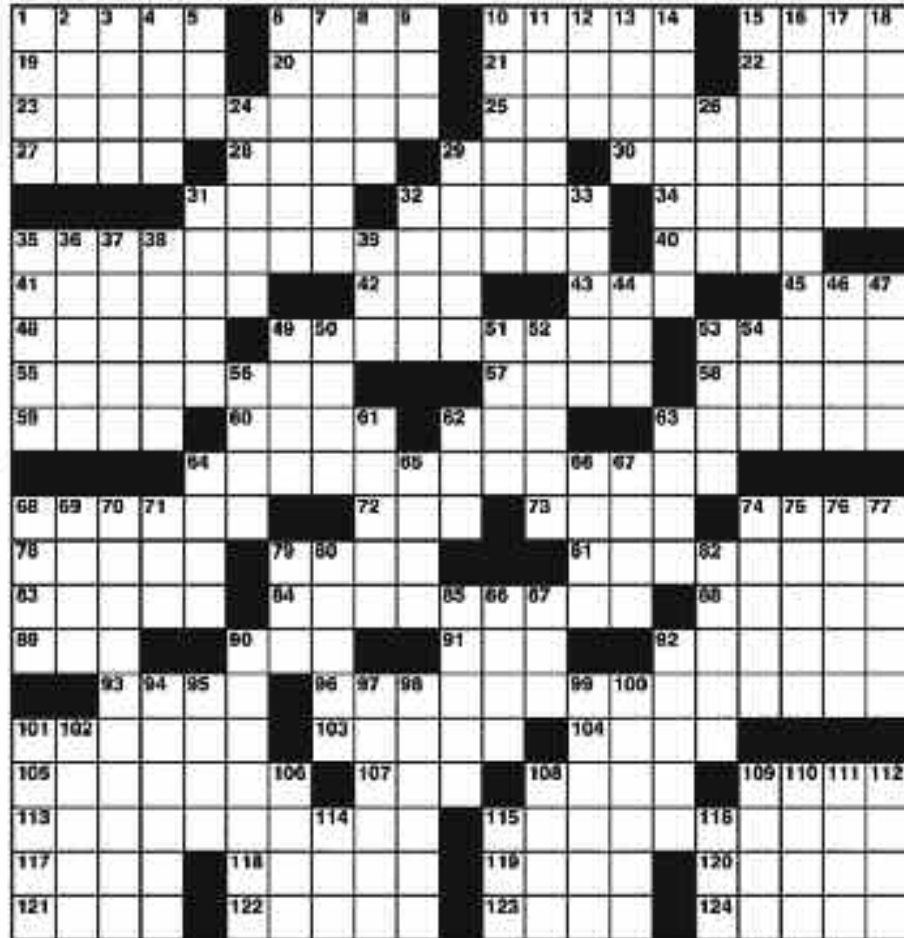
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**1940:** California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, opened.  
**2003:** The federal government announced it would ban the sale of ephedra, an herbal stimulant linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks and strokes.  
**2006:** Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was hanged.  
**Birthdays:** Hall of fame pitcher Sandy Koufax (75), actor Fred Ward (68), singer Davy Jones (65), TV host Meredith Vieira (57), TV host Matt Lauer (53), actress and comedian Tracy Ullman (51), golfer Tiger Woods (35), boxer Laila Ali (33), R&B singer Tyrese (32) and basketball player LeBron James (26).

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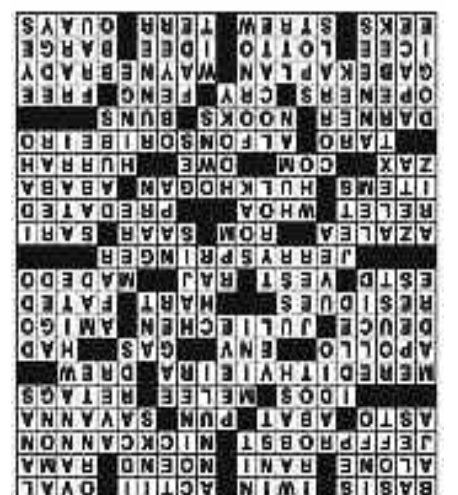
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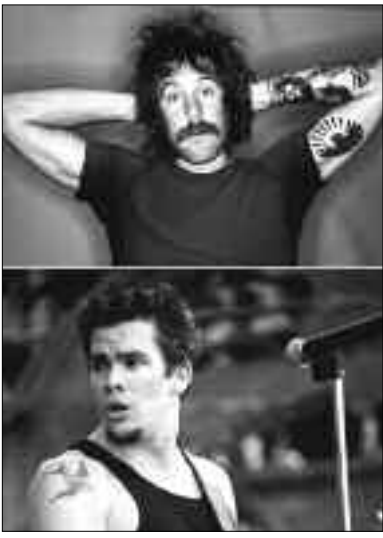
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## Things to do on New Year's Eve:



**Donavon Frankenreiter & Sugar Ray**  
**When:** Dec. 31  
**Where:** Grove of Anaheim  
**How much:** \$37.50-\$60  
 Singer songwriter / professional surfer Donavon Frankenreiter has been on tour in support of his fourth studio album, *Glow* through Liquid Tambourine Records, his own label through Warner Music Group's Independent Label Group. The eleven-track album showcases Donavon's growth as a songwriter with upbeat soothing songs and contagious hooks.



**First Night Fullerton**  
**When:** Dec. 31, 7 pm - midnight  
**Where:** Downtown Fullerton  
**How much:** Free  
 A full line-up of live entertainment, children's activities, inflatable activities, hybrid ice skating, roaming entertainment, food vendors, art galleries, and more. The event primarily takes place at varying locations between Harbor Blvd. on the west and Pomona Ave. on the east in historic downtown Fullerton. No alcohol.



**Countdown at Universal City Walk**  
**When:** Dec. 31  
**Where:** Universal City Walk  
**How much:** Free  
 The event will include live music and DJs starting at 9 p.m., and fireworks at midnight. No cost to attend, but parking is \$10 (\$22 for valet).

**Countdown at Downtown Long Beach**  
**When:** Dec. 31  
**Where:** Rainbow Harbor and Pine Ave  
**How much:** Free  
 Live music and dancing in the street 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., plus fireworks at midnight. Restaurants will also be open.

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Downey's growing modern landscape appeals to teens and young adults, who say they enjoy the increase in restaurants and food options. The photo above shows children playing at Wilderness Park.

## Teens like the direction Downey is heading in

Students say they hope modernization efforts continue, particularly downtown.

BY NICHOLE HAMILTON, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – The year 2010 was monumental for the city of Downey with many new stores and restaurants staking their claim, and for students in the city many of the significant changes affected the schools and school programs, along with Downey's growing modern landscape.

In the past year, many new stores and restaurants have chosen Downey to be one of their new homes. With Downey and Warren high school students always searching for something new to do, these venues provided many new opportunities to students and residents alike.

"The year 2010 was great for Downey," said Downey High School student Josh Noa. "We saw a lot of new businesses open in downtown Downey near the

school, like Fresh & Easy, Dollar Tree and Porto's Bakery. Having them so close to school gives the students a larger variety of after-school options and exposure to cultures we otherwise might not have been exposed to. It's nice to see such a diverse group of stores and restaurants giving Downey a much-needed modernization."

While it was a good year overall, there is always room for some positive changes. Many new locations did open their doors, but there are of course many improvements students hope for in the approaching year of 2011.

"I'm hoping that we can get some new percussion equipment for the school's drumline," said Downey High School student Ryan Toves. "It would be nice to have a fuller front ensemble and have drums and drum carriers that aren't constantly falling apart. I'm hoping that Downey receives more funding for its schools so we can have better programs in general."

While some students have high hopes set specifically for

Downey's educational programs, others have hopes on a grander scale.

"Hopefully Downey continues with its efforts of urbanization in 2011," said Noa. "The city apparently has plans to add modern housing and more businesses in the downtown area, which sounds promising in placing Downey with the likes of Cerritos and Lakewood. Downey High also has a few renovations planned for some of their older buildings, a plan that I hope only improves the school's already admirable aesthetic."

Overall, 2010 was a good year, and greatly helped Downey to evolve and grow. Whether you're a student on the outside looking in, or a long time resident, Downey's living up to its high expectations.

"I hope Downey maintains this pattern of modernization and thriving, not only in commerce but also in its community and humanitarian efforts," said Noa.

## Downey students make resolutions stick

BY DEANNA KIM, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – According to [www.proactivechange.com](http://www.proactivechange.com), 54 percent of Americans fail to keep their New Year's resolutions by the end of January and 92 percent do not keep them at all. This, however, was not an option for Melanie Sanchez and Samantha Rangel.

Sanchez, a senior at Warren High School, gave up soda for the year 2010, a feat that made her happy and that helped her to lose five pounds.

"It was a good thing because I felt healthy knowing I wasn't having all those calories and sugars," said Sanchez. "It was (difficult) because during the holidays and get-togethers, there was always soda... but there was always water, tea and other juices too."

For 2011, Melanie Sanchez plans on giving up potatoes.

Rangel, also a senior at Warren, decided to save up money for a new car. She worked at Ralphs and then

Fashion Trend to obtain this goal.

"Because I worked at a clothing store, it was hard for me not to buy the merchandise there, especially when we received shipments of cute clothes almost every day," said Rangel. "The thought of freedom from relying on others for rides and being able to go wherever I pleased kept me from spending the money I earned."

Rangel started working in May and got her 1993 Honda by September.

"It was a cash for clunker type of car, but as long as it got me from point A to point B, I was happy. My hard work had finally been paid off. Now all I have to worry about is gas money," she said.

Unlike Melanie Sanchez and Samantha Rangel, it is very difficult for most Americans to keep their goals. Some of the top resolutions around the world in no particular order are to lose weight, to exercise, to stop smoking, to make and manage money and to find a spouse.

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## Where did my winter break go?

Work and family obligations put a hamper on winter break plans.

BY JOSEPH APODACA, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – With the holiday festivities coming to an end after this week, many of Downey's college students will either continue to enjoy their winter vacation peacefully or once again start to stress over the fast-approaching spring semester.

Depending on which institute a Downey college student attends, the length of winter vacation could vary anywhere from three to five weeks. With the first two weeks of that time consisting of either never-ending family festivities or double shifts at work to handle the holiday rush, students who attend CSUs still have three weeks following the holidays to properly enjoy their rest.

"By having five weeks off for winter break, it allows students to relax from all the hard work and grants them more time to spend with their loved ones," said student Sonia Loera.

Spending more quality time with the family and fitting in proper rest is crucial for students who spent those weeks leading up to break stressing over class schedules, essays and project deadlines, and the dreaded final exams week. Having to think about it all over again for the spring is the last thing on a busy college student's mind, especially since the end of the fall semester is still fresh.

"I am very grateful for the five weeks we get off because during these five weeks, I feel I am able to rest from the semester's hard work," said another student Catalina Guzman. "We spent four months with homework and tests and stress so it is very rejuvenating to get five weeks where we can get ourselves physically and mentally prepared for next semester."

While five weeks of vacation seems completely ideal for a student in need of a head-to-toe rest, CSUs and certain private colleges are only privileged with such extensive breaks. Several UCs operate on the quarter system, with those students heading back to class as early as Jan. 3 while junior colleges get three weeks off, starting their spring semester Jan. 10.

Though many junior college students would enjoy a longer vacation, to them any break is better than no break at all.

"I think three weeks is enough," said student Cristal Alvarez. "It doesn't compare to five weeks but it keeps you more on track because it doesn't give you too much time to get way too lazy."

No matter how long or how short the vacation may be, college students are more than thankful for the time they have to breathe between scantron exams and stressing over their spring classes. The idea of having long winter vacations sounds great and all, but for the college students with a set, get-up-and-go mindset, the length of the break is only just a number.

"I think we should be happy with whatever break our school gives us," said student Amanda Rodriguez. "A couple of weeks, with or without a job, is a perfect amount of days to enjoy the holiday with my family and still get organized for next semester."

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#### Second Step-Fill Out your Cal Grant Verification Form

In California, students with at least a 2.0 GPA are eligible to receive free money to be used for school. Seniors turn in Cal Grant Verification Form to Ms. Miller Counselor in the Main Office by February 14, 2011. For more information details can be found at [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)

#### Third Step-Review & Complete Your Student Aid Report (SAR)

You will receive a copy of your SAR and it should be reviewed and the corrections should be made. Make sure that you have listed the schools that you will potentially attend the following academic year.

### The Different Types of Free Money!

#### 1. Grants

Grants are awarded to students based on financial need, and do not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are federally funded need based awards. Cal Grants are state funded grants for California residents. There are several types of Cal Grants, each of which has its own requirements.

#### 2. Loans

Loans are money offered by the government that you pay back and the government defers payment until six months after you stop attending school. If you are eligible, you may receive subsidized loans, which do not add interest while you are enrolled. Students at all income levels can borrow from the unsubsidized loan program, and there is a federal loan program (PLUS) to help parents cover costs as well.

#### 3. Work Study

Jobs are available on and off campus for students who are eligible to work in the United States. Each school has a student employment office that compiles job listings and helps students find work. Work-study positions are similar to other types of student jobs, except that the wages are subsidized by the federal or state government or by the school.

#### 4. Scholarships

Scholarships like grants don't have to be repaid. Scholarships are based on academic achievement as well as financial need, and are awarded by all schools. Browse the school you will be applying to their website to find out more about their scholarship opportunities. There are tons of scholarship opportunities offered by community organizations and businesses.

## Downey, Warren stay hot in Whittier Tournament

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Vikings romp to easy victories in Whittier Tournament.

By **SCOTT COBOS**,  
STAFF WRITER

**WHITTIER** – The Downey Vikings boys' basketball team keeps rolling while the Warren Bears boys' basketball team continues to show much improvement from last year with both teams winning a pair of games earlier in the week and looked to win their respective pools in the Whittier Tournament.

Downey started their tournament Monday by mopping the floor with Cantwell 74-36. The Vikings were led by forward Dami Adefeso and guard Garrett Neilan, both with 17 points a piece.

Guard Frank Orozco came off the bench for the Vikings in the blow out win and scored a career high 14 points. Point guard Dakari Archer also added 10 points as the win pushed the Vikings record to 10-1.

On Tuesday, Downey routed Alhambra 78-41. The game was never in question as the Vikings pushed their lead to 31 points by halftime, leading 45-14.

This time, Archer was the catalyst with 18 points. Adefeso chipped in 12 points, and Neilan scored 10 points, all three starters

playing only about half of the game.

Guard Daniel Bustamante also set a new career high off the bench in the game with 12 points.

"I am very happy with the effort the kids put out in the first two games of this tournament," said Downey head coach Larry Shelton. "It's not easy to play against teams that you know you are better than and it is easy to have a letdown. I thought our kids showed maturity in going out and taking care of business."

Downey is off to one of its best starts in recent years and would match the best start in 32 years if they can win out in the tournament. In 1979, the Vikings started off 13-1 and won a CIF championship.

Warren started off the tournament hot by cruising by La Puente on Monday, 60-42. The Bears then demolished Glenn by 30 points, 73-43 on Tuesday. Other statistics were not available at press time.

The Bears with the two wins are now 10-3, one of their best starts in the past five years.

Both Downey and Warren played semifinal games on Wednesday with Downey defeating Pioneer, 66-44, and Warren losing to Whittier, 85-51.

Downey will meet Whittier in the tournament's championship game. Look for details in next week's Patriot.

## Sports year marked with excitement

**DOWNEY** – So much to talk about, so little time. A ton of things happened in the year 2010 that included scandal, success, excitement and many other emotions, but what are the things that you remember the most?

Well, there are all the student athletes that Warren and Downey sent to colleges. I don't want to be redundant though. If you want to read about all of these scholarly athletes, refer to the Patriot's magazine that came out a couple weeks ago. You can read all about the athletes that are in college from Downey or are planning on going to college on scholarships.

We can talk about the scandal in the sports, but I don't want to beat a dead horse. Yes, it was a big story, but rehashing what happened could be more destructive than interesting. What's done is done and can't be reversed. Punishments were handed down and the situation was resolved.

But what would happen if we talked about excitement? Sounds good to me! Lets talk about the continued dominance of Downey baseball and the reemergence of Warren baseball as a factor in the San Gabriel Valley League.

Lets talk about how Downey and Warren softball continue to be the golden standard in the SGVL. Lets talk about how Downey boys' basketball went from "We're undersized this year" according to their coach to "We're young and loaded with talent."

There are many other headlines that we can include with 2010, but the year ends Saturday. The year 2011 begins soon and the clock is ticking. While many people are

saying "Oh no, we're a year closer to the end of the world" let us be optimistic and speculate on how the upcoming year will be optimistically fantastic for the sports teams.

Downey and Warren basketball are under way and have high expectations for their programs heading into the new year. Downey boys' basketball is considered to be a top candidate for the SGVL crown, competing with ranked Gahr and the Bears look like they're going to put a scare into the favorites as well.

Warren girls' basketball is again ranked in the state and are considered a favorite in a league that has been traditionally dominated by the likes of Lynwood. Downey is playing well also with a new coach in place looking to make his mark on the program.

Downey and Warren baseball and softball are preparing for their seasons in 2011 with Downey baseball again looking strong and Warren baseball reemerging and someone to not take lightly.

Downey and Warren softball are again expected to be the golden standard of the SGVL and a coin flip might be the most effective way of predicting who will be the 2011 champions.

Downey and Warren soccer, although not as celebrated as they should be are playing well with Downey girls' soccer really shining. They made a great run in the playoffs last year, and are expected to do much of the same this year.

All four water polo teams had great seasons and are always atop their games. All four teams are always playoff bound, and the



SCOTT COBOS

question always seems to be how deep will they go into the post season rather than if they qualify for post season play.

And both football teams are still heading in the right direction. Under a new head coach Downey probably should have advanced to the second round of playoffs by upsetting a No. 1 seed but didn't, although they have high hopes for next year.

Warren didn't make the playoffs after losing only one league game in two years, but are well coached under a new staff and should be back atop the standings soon enough.

And most impressively, the volleyball programs are now asking themselves, are we good enough to win a state championship. League championships? Been there. CIF championships? Done that. With Downey's girls winning a state championship game, the bar has all of a sudden been set very high.

Looking toward the future, one can see that the future is bright for all athletics. Goodbye to 2010. We can't wait for 2011.

## local sports in brief

### MLB

#### Dodgers trade Hu to Mets

The Los Angeles Dodgers have traded minor league shortstop Chin-lung Hu to the New York Mets.

In exchange, the Dodgers received left-handed pitcher Michael Antonini.

Antonini, 25, has a 25-26 minor league record.

Hu, 26, spent most of his career in the minor leagues. He batted .191 in 96 career games at the major league level.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### Anderson gives boost to CSULB

Larry Anderson, returning after missing five games due to a broken hand, scored 25 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Cal State Long Beach to a 71-55 win over UC Santa Barbara on Tuesday.

"I said at practice yesterday, I don't know if it gives the kids more confidence but it sure does us as a staff," LBSU coach Dan Monson told LongBeachState.com. "I told him at shoot around today that he needs to get the swagger back on this team because everyone believes in him. For him coming out with a broken hand, first time out, he was very impressive."

Long Beach improved its record to 6-8, including 1-0 in conference play.

### NBA

#### Clippers sign big man Ike Diogu

The Los Angeles Clippers have signed 6-foot-9 forward Ike Diogu to help bolster the front court.

The Clippers were in need of front-court depth after injuries to Chris Kaman, Brian Cook and Craig Smith.

Diogu, chosen No. 9 in the 2005 draft, missed all of last season after undergoing microfracture knee surgery.

He was waived by Detroit on Oct. 20.

#### Lakers send Ebanks to D-League

The Lakers have assigned rookie Devin Ebanks to the NBA Development League's Bakersfield Jam.

Ebanks, a power forward, was averaging 6.9 minutes a game but his playing time shrank further with the return of center Andrew Bynum and acquisition of forward Joe Smith.

## Villalpono named to All-Tournament team

**DOWNEY** – Finishing thirteenth place in the recent Cantwell Tourney, the Downey girls' basketball team is preparing for next week's home games against Bellflower and Arroyo.

Downey finished 3-2 in the weeklong tournament, which started on Dec. 21 and ended this Tuesday. The Vikings beat Rosemead 45-29 and Irma Urzua led the team with four 3-pointers for a total 12 points. Rayana Villalpono had 22 points against Paramount for Downey's last win and was named to the All Tournament Team.

Head coach Raymond Walker said Downey has challenges coming in this way in league play, but the team's strength is defense.

"We were easily beaten by Mark Keppel," he said. "We beat Bishop Conaty easily, and while defense is our strength, our weaknesses are rebounding and free throw shooting."

Downey faces stiff competition this season, with Lynwood and Warren returning with talented teams in the league. Last year, Lynwood won first place in the San Gabriel Valley League, Warren finished second and Downey third.

"Warren and Lynwood are the most talented teams in the league," said Walker. "They are both ranked in Division 1AA."

The Vikings will host Bellflower and Arroyo on Wednesday and Friday. Game times are 7 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

–Jennifer Cho, intern

## Possible to remove neighborhood coyotes?

By **CARRIE WILSON**,  
CA DEPT OF FISH & GAME

**Q:** For the past 10 months, our neighborhood in Encinitas has been overrun by coyotes. Who can we work with to mitigate the situation before someone gets hurt?

**A:** Coyotes and other wildlife cannot and should not be removed just because there may appear to be too many in a community. If they are congregating, the problem may be that your neighbors are being careless with food and garbage, which serve as attractants.

Coyotes play an important role in the ecosystem by helping to keep rodent populations under control. They are by nature fearful of humans.

Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food but will take advantage of whatever is available, including garbage, pet food and domestic animals. If coyotes are given access to human food and garbage, their behavior changes. They lose caution and fear and may cause property damage or threaten human safety. When this happens and they threaten humans or begin preying on domestic livestock or pets, they may be killed.

Relocating a problem coyote is not an option because it only moves the problem to someone else's neighborhood.

The best thing you can do as an

individual is to make sure that you remove pet food and water containers at night, secure your garbage and don't provide any areas of shelter. Try to educate your neighbors about this, too. Without food, water and shelter, your property will be less appealing and the coyotes may move on.

Here's the bottom line ... coyotes may appear to reside and be prevalent in your area, but this isn't a crime as they are natural predators. The problem occurs when people don't follow the suggestions above and the animals lose their fear of humans and begin threatening people and their pets and livestock. When that happens, the animals may need to be destroyed and we want to avoid that situation.

**Q:** How far off the road must one be to begin hunting or to shoot at an animal? I see guys hunting in ditches just off the road for pheasants all the time.

**A:** According to DFG Lt. Todd Tognazzini, there are several laws that apply to what you describe. The U.S. Forest Service calls for staying off the roadway, and this includes the adjacent "right of way" areas such as the road shoulder or those areas where service vehicles would travel.

County ordinances often define the distance allowed from a public roadway where a firearm may be discharged, and it is usually around

150 feet. This can be highly variable though so I suggest you check with the county sheriff for the area where you'll be hunting to find out.

**Q:** More and more anglers are using hoop nets to "catch and release" bat rays and large sharks. The hoop nets are not being used for catching fish - the fish are hooked by rod and reel. Hoop nets are then used to pull big fish up onto the piers. The problem is that the smaller hoop nets are sometimes insufficient for landing the big batties. Is it legal to use a hoop net larger than 36 inches if unbaited and used only for such purposes?

**A:** Yes, the hoop net as you are describing it is being used as a "landing net" and not a typical hoop net as used for lobster. According to Lt. Todd Tognazzini, a landing net has a minimum diameter of 18 inches and no maximum diameter. There is no specific legal definition of a landing net. The only difference between a landing net and a dip net is mesh size, but there is no legal requirement on mesh size either. As long as it is only being used as a landing net, it would be legal.

Carrie Wilson is a marine biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. While she cannot personally answer everyone's questions, she will select a few to answer each week. Please contact her at [CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov).

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## Kiwanis donates \$50K for computer lab

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Kiwanis Foundation continued its annual charitable tradition of donating a new computer lab to a Downey Unified School District school when it presented West Middle School with a \$50,000 grant for a new computer lab on Dec. 18.

The grant will help upgrade the school's main computer lab with new computers, scanners, printers and school-wide technology systems.

The Downey Kiwanis Foundation regularly supports educational programs that enhance students' skills with modern technology.

"These students have the desire to learn and succeed in life, and sometimes all they need is the technology to make it happen," said Councilman Fernando Vasquez, a Kiwanis board member. "In an era where communication travels quickly and technology changes instantly, students need access to computers. This state of the art computer lab will ensure that students at West Middle School have access to a world of knowledge."

"We sincerely appreciate the Downey Kiwanis Foundation's generosity and support toward our students and school technology. The equipment directly improves our technology classes and also

supports our computer-based math and English-Language Arts programs that benefit all of our students", said Craig Bertsch, principal at West Middle School. "It's a blessing to have organizations like the Downey Kiwanis Foundation continuing to care for our students' needs."

Kiwanis is one of the oldest service organizations in Downey, operating since 1925. It is made up of volunteers dedicated to helping children, and help sponsor a monthly barbecue for patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center; the Rancho Los Amigos Carnival for patients and their families; scholarships for Downey high school students; La Casita Rehabilitation Center; Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County; fund computer labs for DUSD schools, and, in conjunction with *The Downey Patriot*, honors local youth with the Downey Youth Service Award.

Residents interested in joining Downey Kiwanis Club are invited to attend a free lunch meeting. Meetings are held every Thursday at noon and the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

For more information, contact Fernando Vasquez at fvasquez562@gmail.com or (562) 261-7601.

## Longtime resident Anna Wood passes away

**DOWNEY** – Anna Wood, a Downey resident for 60 years, passed away peacefully at her Downey home on Oct. 15.

She was born in Los Angeles to Sam Caliva and Anna Kaylor on May 5, 1921. She worked for Douglas Aircraft during World War II.

During the war she married William H. Wood Sr. and they resided in Whittier where they owned a poultry ranch. In 1950 the family moved to Downey and raised their four children, Patricia Caron (Jim), Jan Hann (Stu), Bill Wood (Jeannie) and Mike Wood (Debbie).

An avid roller-skater in her younger years, she also enjoyed taking cooking classes at Downey Adult School. From the mid 1960s to early 1980s she was employed by the Downey Unified School District in the food service department.

She had 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.



## Mildred Toerge passes away at home

**DOWNEY** – Mildred (Millie) E. Toerge, after suffering many years from complications of diabetes, passed away Dec. 26 at her Downey home while surrounded by her husband and sons.

She enjoyed a joyous Christmas morning before passing, family members said.

She was born Nov. 27, 1934 in Sinton, Tex., to George and Florence Lee. The family moved to Los Angeles where she met and married George E. Toerge on Sept. 13, 1952.

As her children grew older, Toerge commenced a part-time career selling lingerie on the party plan for Jere-Mere. She was a top saleswoman and was crowned Miss Jere-Mere in 1967.

She later opened an antique store where she pursued her passion for collectable antiques.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, George; and sons, Robert and Michael. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Edith, Georgia and George Jr.

Services will be held Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. at Downey Memorial Christian Church, with a reception to follow.



## Services set for Fern Loper

**DOWNEY** – Fern Loper, a volunteer in Downey schools for many years, passed away Dec. 24 at her home in Downey.

She was born July 17, 1921 in Delta, Colo. A longtime Downey resident, she and her late husband, Harold, moved to Downey in 1951.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, and daughter, Jean Williams.

She is survived by her sons, Bill (Joyce) Loper and Randy (Kathy) Loper; daughter, Vicki Fuller; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Loper was a member of Downey First Baptist Church and volunteered in Downey schools for many years in many roles. She also worked for several years at All American Home Center.

Services will be held Jan. 4, beginning with a viewing at 11 a.m. followed by a memorial service at 12 p.m. at Memory Gardens, 455 W. Central Ave., in Brea.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations to [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org).

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## Cardiologist to discuss PAD

**CERRITOS** – Dr. Randall Harada of Pioneer Medical Group will discuss peripheral arterial disease at a free class Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center.

Peripheral arterial disease, also known as PAD, is a common yet serious disease that develops when arteries in the legs become clogged with plaque.

Those suffering from the disease are 4-5 times more likely to suffer a heart attack or stroke than the average person.

Harada, a cardiologist with the Heart and Vascular Center of Pioneer Medical Group, will lead an informative lecture on the signs, symptoms and treatment options of PAD.

For more information, call (562) 916-8550.

## Exercise for seniors is possible

**CERRITOS** – Pioneer Medical Group will lead a seminar on exercise next month where staff members will discuss exercises people can do even with limited mobility.

Physical activity is important to the health of adults, but sometimes chronic conditions affecting the joints can make exercise difficult. However, medical research shows that physical activity is both safe and beneficial for people with arthritis, osteoporosis and other chronic conditions of bones and joints.

The class will be offered Jan. 12 at 8 a.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center. There is no cost to attend.

## Christian Club meets Jan. 12

**DOWNY** – The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet Jan. 12 at Los Amigos Country Club.

Kelly Holt will give a presentation on "Transforming Lives with Brain Fitness" and Carol LeBeau will speak on "An Anchor for Life."

The meeting begins at 11:45. Admission is \$13 and includes a buffet lunch.

Reservations are requested by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Alta at (562) 868-7433.

## Aircraft mechanic wins \$2M

**LA MIRADA** – A 60-year-old aircraft mechanic from Fullerton plans to retire early after winning the \$2 million jackpot from the "Set for Life" Scratchers ticket.

Michael Loveless, of Fullerton, had been planning to work two more years at Northrop Grumman in El Segundo but now plans to retire in six months so he can pursue his passion of surfing.

Loveless purchased the winning ticket at Cata Liquor in La Mirada.

The "Set for Life" jackpot pays the winner \$100,000 each year for 20 years.

## Needy families receive food, toys

**WHITTIER** – Three-hundred low-income families from Whittier received holiday food baskets and toys at a charitable event Dec. 21 at the Community Resource Center in South Whittier.

The event was co-sponsored by Los Angeles County supervisors Gloria Molina and Don Knabe, along with several county agencies and community groups.

Stephanie Talavera, a South Whittier resident, organized her family and friends to collect canned goods to fill the food boxes.

"Our goal as a family is to be civically engaged in our community in order to build strong relationships," said Talavera.

# Warren club embraces autistic students

■ Lunch Bunch at Warren High tries to make autistic students feel welcome.

BY HENRY VENERACION,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNY** – The growing impact of a little-known extra-curricular program begun three years ago at Warren High School by special ed teacher Christine Spino and a small group of students originally known as the 'Lunch Bunch' has earned unqualified high praise at least from principal John Harris.

Noticing initially that students with autistic problems were loath to mingle easily and naturally with the other students and otherwise kept to themselves, the pioneering peer (general education) students, under Spino's guidance and supervision, decided to do something about it.

Their approach was to use the two lunch times on Mondays and Wednesdays, one from 11-11:30 a.m. and the other from 12-12:30 p.m., to try to befriend the disadvantaged students and engage them in conversation and, later, lunch, to get them involved in such activities as card games (bingo, goldfish, etc.).

The program has since embraced students with Down syndrome, those with orthopedic impairments, those with mental retardation, etc. Out of a total population of 3,798 high schoolers, there are 323 students with special needs at Warren, according to Laura Rivas, who joined Warren less than a year ago as assistant principal for curriculum and guidance.

Much to everyone's surprise, the program today has grown from a peer/donor group of ten students to at least 40 willing, dedicated, selfless and eager members (and "growing by the day"), with minimum supervision from Spino.

"This willingness to sacrifice their time and energy is praiseworthy in



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Students at Warren High School started the Lunch Bunch, a club that meets with autistic and special needs students during lunch. The club currently stands at about 40 members.

itself," she says, as well as others who are aware of the program. And all are in agreement that the program works both ways. "This program is a learning experience for the volunteers while it rounds out the special needs students' development," she says.

The 9th to 12th graders comprise the program's membership, both 'mentor' and 'taught.' Spino, a BA graduate of, as well as acquiring her credential from, Cal State Long Beach, says the word mentioned most to describe the benefit gained by the 'donor' students is the virtue of patience. The students with special needs ("Each student's needs are different") gain social and communication skills, in addition to functional skills gained in the classroom leading to employable and lifelong skills that point to a life of independence.

Now known as the Teen Connection, it endows the volunteer students with credit points as well. Because of its popularity, the program's current ratio of peer-to-beneficiary is approaching a whopping 4-to-1 (ratio).

The group is split into two: president of the first lunch group is Melissa Bueno, who says, "I enjoy



working with these special needs kids so much. Interacting with them makes my day." Bueno plans to either work with special ed kids or become an ultra-sound technician.

Kaytlin Sullivan, her vice-president, and who plans to be a preschool teacher or a forensic paleoanthropologist, says, "The program makes me feel good. We try to keep them laughing. The program actually builds friendships and relationships. And we're also learning from them all the time."

Jasmin Herrera, president of the second lunch group, who has "lots of little brothers and sisters,"

says, "I feel like a big sister to them." She plans to be a veterinarian.

"When the general run of teens today is totally self-absorbed and self-centered and into iPods and texting," says Rivas, "it's hard to picture these other wonderful kids donating their time to help kids with special needs in such a meaningful way."

As far as anybody knows, the program is unique to Warren High. Says Harris: "I think this program is cool."

# Seminars examine port's role in a community

**LONG BEACH** – The Center for International Trade and Transportation (CITT) at Cal State Long Beach is offering a three-part seminar series on "Working and Living in a Port City," which is designed to provide participants with a broader perspective of the role of a port within a community and the impact of international trade on local communities and the nation.

The seminar series consists of three parts – Ports: Local Actors and Global Trade; Ports: Gateway to International Trade; and Careers: The Key to Success is an Educated and Skilled Workforce.

The first course will be offered on Jan. 12, with the other two following on Jan. 18 and Jan. 19, respectively. All courses will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the CITT offices at 1000 Studebaker Road in Long Beach.

"The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles are gateways to a global marketplace," explained Marianne Venieris, CITT executive director who developed the seminar series. "Growth of international trade, the availability of logistics and trade-related jobs, and public policies related to port operations directly affect our communities, businesses and our

regional and national economies."

Venieris recommends the series for anyone interested in learning about the ports, maritime operations and international trade and for elected officials, government agencies, faculty and individuals interested in working in the trade and transportation industry. She also said the courses would be useful to public officials and their staff as well as members of community groups and neighborhood associations.

"Attendees will learn about port operations and the role of the ports within the city and in international trade," she pointed out. "You will also learn about the complexities of key issues affecting the industry and the potential implications for surrounding communities. We also demonstrate the growing need for a skilled workforce pool for this dynamic industry."

The first two courses will be taught by Thomas O'Brien, CITT's director of research and lead instructor for the Global Logistics Specialist (GLS) Professional Designation Program.

Ports: Local Actors and Global Trade will provide an

overview of the key decision-makers involved in ports and their operations. There will be a brief history of the development of port cities and international trade and then a look at the role of federal, state and local governments with regard to port development and their influence on port operations as well as the roles played by various functions involved in the day-to-day work at the docks. This includes the port authority as well as trucking, longshore labor and terminal operators.

There also will be a discussion on the relationship between the ports and their surrounding communities. Finally, the course will look at the unique nature of Southern California, home to the largest port complex in the nation and fifth largest in the world.

Ports: Gateway to International Trade will take a look at how freight enters the port complex, and the processes involved before the goods leave the terminal gates on the way to its point of consumption. There will be an overview of logistics, the supply chain and the various components and functions involved in getting goods from origin to the final customer.

The course also looks at the role that information technology has played in changing the way international trade occurs.

Finally, Careers: The Key to Success is an Educated and Skilled Workforce will explore career opportunities in and related to trade and transportation. It will be beneficial to those new to the industry, those who specialize in a specific area or support function, those who want to broaden their range of skills, or those who want to determine how they may bring value to an organization.

This class will help show what it takes to start and/or build a successful career in the trade and transportation field. The instructors for this course will be Susan Shey Dvovich and Joan Rollins.

Those interested may register for individual seminars at \$75 each or attend all three seminars for \$175. Customized and on-site training is available.

For additional information, visit the website at [www.ccpe.csulb.edu/citt](http://www.ccpe.csulb.edu/citt); call 562/985-2872 or e-mail [citt@ccpe.csulb.edu](mailto:citt@ccpe.csulb.edu).

# Second man sentenced in fatal shootings

**LONG BEACH** – A Long Beach Superior Court judge last week sentenced a second man for the murders of two teens during a 2008 birthday celebration.

Judge Mark Kim sentenced Jonzel Latrel Stringer, 22, to the maximum term of 198 years to life in state prison.

Stringer was convicted on Sept.

21 of two counts of second-degree murder and 46 counts of attempted murder.

Co-defendant Izac McCloud, 19, was convicted by a separate jury on Sept. 16. Jurors found him guilty of two counts of second-degree murder and 46 counts of assault with a firearm.

He was sentenced Oct. 7 to the

maximum term of 202 years to life in prison.

On Jan. 19, 2008, more than 400 people showed up at the Lakewood Masonic Lodge for a birthday celebration for twin brothers after information about the party was posted on the Internet.

The shooting occurred after Stringer got into a fight inside the

lodge. Prosecutors said Stringer exited the lodge and fired 10 shots from a 9-mm semiautomatic handgun at partygoers inside.

Breon Taylor, 15, and Dennis Moses, 17, were shot in the head and killed. One other teenager was shot in the leg but survived.

## Church celebrates Watch Night

**DOWNY** – The Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship will commemorate the origin of Watch Night Service with two services on New Year's Eve.

Watch Night Services, also known as Freedom's Eve, traces its roots to Dec. 31, 1862, when members of the black community gathered in churches and private homes across the nation as they awaited news that the Emancipation Proclamation had become law.

At the stroke of midnight, all slaves in the confederate states were declared legally free.

"When the news was received, there were prayers, shouts and songs of joy as people fell to their knees and thanked God," the church said in a press release. "Black folk have gathered in churches annually on New Year's Eve ever since, praising God for bringing them safely through another year."

"It's been 145 years since that first Freedom's Eve and many were never taught the African American history of Watch Night, but tradition still brings us together at this time every year to celebrate 'how black people received their freedom from the bondage of slavery.'"

Two Watch Night services will be offered: from 7-9 p.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight. Both services will feature performing artists and congregational activities for the entire family.

The public is invited to the services. For more information, call the church at (562) 806-9890.

## Blood drive at realty company

**DOWNY** – Century 21 My Real Estate will host a blood drive Jan. 14 to benefit the American Red Cross.

The blood drive will take place from 1-7 p.m. at the real estate offices located at 7825 Florence Ave.

Blood donors will receive two tickets to an L.A. Clippers game (\$5 processing fee per ticket) and a coupon for Cold Stone Creamery.

Appointments are requested by calling (562) 927-2626 or online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code cent21.

## Reusable bags given away

**DOWNY** – Volunteers distributed approximately 500 free reusable bags to patrons of the Downey City Library and 400 reusable bags to shoppers at the Ralphs grocery store on Firestone Boulevard as the city celebrated "Day Without a Bag" on Dec. 14.

Established four years ago by Heal the Bay – a Santa Monica non-profit – "Day Without a Bag" offered a countywide opportunity to expand the public's awareness of the benefits of reusable shopping bags as opposed to single-use plastic bags.

The reusable bags donated in Downey were contributed by private donation and Heal the Bay. The new Fresh & Easy market distributed its own reusable bags.

Prior to opening in Downey, Fresh & Easy donated 900 bags for last year's "Day Without a Bag" that were distributed to area students.

## Holiday Lane Parade on TV

**DOWNY** – The 59th annual Holiday Lane Parade, which took place Dec. 5 on Downey Avenue, will be replayed Dec. 31 at 9 p.m. and Jan. 1 at 7 p.m. on Time Warner Cable, channel 36.

Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, and county supervisor Don Knabe provide the commentary.

## SHAKARIAN: Opened drive-in dairy in 1953.

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Gallatin Road, known now as Lexington Road. Today, both Isaac and Demos Shakarian's homes still stand respectively at 8417 and 8413 Lexington Road.

In September 1940, Demos created another subsidiary to the growing dairy business with the introduction of a drive-in dairy. Ultimately, the drive-in dairies, which totaled more than a dozen by 1965, would become the most enduring Shakarian ventures.

The Reliance Drive-in Dairies offered customers eggs, cottage cheese, buttermilk and fruit punch when the first location opened in Downey in 1953.

By 1943, Reliance, now with a herd of cattle over 3,000, also secured the right to sell their dairy products at various retail outlets, including Ralph's Grocery Stores, bringing in more profits.

However, eager to share his faith, Demos Shakarian began sponsoring tent meetings around Los Angeles, organizing evangelistic crusades with well-known preachers such as Oral Roberts, Charles Price and Billy Graham.

In 1951, Shakarian organized a Los Angeles campaign for Roberts and won the televangelist's friendship and support for his proposed fellowship for Christian businessmen. The following year, Shakarian started the Full Gospel Business



Demos & Isaac (on the right) hand out Reliance ice cream sold at one of the Shakarian dairy drive-ins.

Men's Fellowship International (FGBMFI), an interdenominational organization, which spearheaded a movement toward charismatic, Pentecostal Christianity in the 60s and 70s.

Following the death of Isaac and Zaroohi Shakarian, Demos and his siblings left the dairy business, selling or leasing the remaining buildings tied to their father's business, including a large piece of property on the corner of Woodruff and Imperial Highway, sold to

Calvary Chapel Downey by Shakarian for a bargain price in 1976.

In July 1993, after Shakarian died at age 80, a memorial service, led by Oral Roberts, was held at the church, where nearly 1,000 people attended to honor the Shakarian legacy.

Today, Richard Shakarian, son of Demos, serves as president of the FGBMFI, which now claims more than 6,000 chapters in over 160 nations around the world.

Moreover, the Shakarian family reflects the array of skilled, noteworthy innovators that helped establish Downey as a hub of economic expansion during the early 1900s. Though the Shakarian farms are here no longer, the family homes remain as a testament to the ingenuity and sincerity embodied by these early Downey pioneers who strived to make a difference in the community they loved.

## Depp tops list of money-making stars

LOS ANGELES -- Johnny Depp has been voted the Top Money-Making Star of 2010 in Quigley Publishing Company's 79th Annual Poll of Motion Picture Exhibitors.

This is Depp's sixth appearance in the poll, including two other first place finishes in 2007 and 2006.

Exhibitors felt Depp was responsible for more traffic to theatres than any other Hollywood star based on his performances this year in "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Tourist."

The Quigley Poll, conducted each year since 1932, is an annual survey of motion picture theatre owners and film buyers, which asks them to vote for the 10 stars that they believe generated the most box-office revenue for their theatres during the year. It has been long regarded as one of the most reliable indicators of a Star's real box-office draw because the selections are made by professionals whose livelihood depends on choosing the films and actors that will bring audiences to their theatres.

Angelina Jolie placed second this year based on "Salt" and "The Tourist." Robert Downey, Jr. made it to No. 3 for his third consecutive year in the survey, with 2010 roles in "Iron Man 2" and "Due Date."

Matt Damon, placing No. 4, had a productive year with "Green Zone," "Hereafter" and "True Grit." Steve Carell made the Top Ten at No. 5 for his first time on the strength of "Dinner for Schmucks," "Date Night" and "Despicable Me" (voice).

Tom Hanks is No. 6, which marks his 16th time in the poll since he first appeared in 1988, including five times as No. 1.

Interestingly, exhibitors selected Hanks, whose only film distrib-

uted in 2010 was "Toy Story 3" as the voice of "Woody." Theatre owners may be recognizing the importance of animation in 2010 with five animated films among the 10 highest grossing films this year.

Denzel Washington was in "The Book of Eli" and "Unstoppable" and placed No. 7, his seventh mention in the poll. Leonardo DiCaprio made his sixth appearance coming in at No. 8, due to "Inception" and "Shutter Island."

George Clooney in "The American" scored No. 9 and 2008's "Star of Tomorrow," Anne Hathaway, made the poll at No. 10 for the first time. She was in "Valentine's Day," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Love and Other Drugs."

Tom Cruise has not placed in the poll in the last three years but he has been in the Top Ten 20 times since 1983, and been voted number one the most - seven times. Tom Hanks, Clint Eastwood, Burt Reynolds and Bing Crosby have all won five times. Eastwood has been in the poll 21 times starting in 1968.

John Wayne, Doris Day and Shirley Temple each finished first four times, but John Wayne was voted one of the Top Ten Money-Making Stars an astounding 25 times from 1949 to 1974.

Exhibitors were also asked to name the Stars of Tomorrow for 2010: one actor and one actress who they feel will be Top Money-Makers in the years to come.

The 2010 winners are Zach Galifianakis who was in "Dinner for Schmucks," "Due Date" and "It's Kind of a Funny Story" and Michelle Williams who had a breakthrough performance in "Blue Valentine" and was in "Shutter Island."

## Magazine chooses top automotive stories of the year

The trouble at Toyota was chosen as the top news story of 2010 in the annual Automotive News staff poll.

Here's a recap of the staff's choices for the year's top 10 stories:

1) How the mighty fall: Toyota's nightmare year - Allegations that several popular Toyota models were prone to accelerate dangerously out of control led to a string of recalls — and a year of misery for the company. Eight vehicles were temporarily pulled off the market in January, touching off a media frenzy about unintended acceleration. The result? A massive hit to the company's sterling reputation for safety and reliability.

Initially, Toyota was accused of minimizing the problem and delaying effective repairs while people died in car crashes. Top executives, including President Akio Toyoda, testified before Congress.

2) GM floats successful IPO, sheds 'Government Motors' tag - Thanks to growing revenues and profits, General Motors Co. had an attractive story line for Wall Street. That created strong demand for shares in GM's initial public offering in November.

The IPO allowed the Obama administration to cast its federal bailout and majority stake in GM in 2009 as a success. More important, the IPO helped GM start shedding the stigma of Government Motors, which kept some customers away from showrooms, according to GM research.

3) Hundreds of rejected GM, Chrysler dealerships win reinstatement - More than a quarter of the 2,789 rejected General Motors and Chrysler dealerships won reinstatement

after filing arbitration claims. Those dealerships were either terminated or marked for termination as part of the companies' bankruptcy restructuring in 2009.

4) No more push: Detroit stops overproducing - One outgrowth of the industry crisis: The "push" system of building and selling vehicles is fading. Automakers are closely matching production to sales — a dramatic change for the Detroit 3. For most of the year, U.S. inventories hovered near record lows.

5) Sales bounce off bottom; industry ends year with optimism for 2011 - Light-vehicle sales came off the floor in 2010 and appeared headed for about 11.5 million units by year end, a rise of 11 percent over the depths of 2009. And there is growing optimism about 2011. Most analysts expect about 12.7 million light-vehicles sales. And some say consumer creditworthiness is improving so rapidly that lenders are about to loosen credit dramatically, rocketing the market to 14 million units in 2011.

6) Profits return to Detroit — at last

Ah, the healing power of profits. There's no substitute. So after 2009, a year from hell in which two of the Detroit 3 careened into bankruptcy, the profits posted in 2010 were welcome indeed.

7) Hyundai's hot hand - Following its recession-defying performance in 2009, Hyundai chalked up another banner year in 2010. U.S. sales surpassed 500,000 units for the first time, and the brand continued to gain market share.

The Sonata sedan and Tucson

crossover were hits with consumers and critics alike, and the newly arrived \$60,000 Equus sedan showed the range of the brand's ambitions.

8) Here come the electrics - In 2010, the first major-brand electric vehicles inched out of the realm of prelaunch hype into marketplace reality. Within a week of each other in mid-December, Nissan delivered its first Leaf EV to a retail buyer and General Motors delivered its first Chevrolet Volt plug-in hybrid.

9) R.I.P. Mercury - Mercury was in no-man's land. Ford Motor Co. was trying to bring Ford brand cars and trucks upscale, into Mercury's turf. But Ford said it did not want to move Mercury upscale to encroach on Lincoln. So the automaker killed Mercury. By year end, most dealers had settlement agreements, and inventory on dealership lots was nearly gone.

10) Outsider CEOs shake up GM - For decades, General Motors promoted company lifers to CEO, one cause of the automaker's insular, slow-moving culture. Now GM is dealing with the opposite situation. Dan Akerson, with a background in telecommunications, is the second CEO in a row to run the largest domestic automaker with virtually zero experience in the auto industry. He succeeded Ed Whitacre, another auto neophyte, on Sept. 1, after Whitacre resigned unexpectedly.

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**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 444938CA Loan No. 1833342674 Title Order No. 578507 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02-09-2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-13-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 02-18-2009, Book . Page . Instrument 20090218236, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by ANA MARIE QUEVEDO, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND JANET LUPERCIO, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., (MERS), SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER METRICITIES MORTGAGE, LLC, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, or a cashier's 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. Sale 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 the Deed of Trust. 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, interest thereon, estimated 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. Legal Description: LOT 9 OF TRACT 21577, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 621, PAGE(S) 34 AND 35, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$253,497.74 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 1414 LYNDORA STREET, CHATSWORTH, CA 90242 APN Number: 6263-006-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent, if any, who has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-22-2010 DECLARATION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54, the undersigned loan servicer declares as follows: [ 1 ] It has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityyasap.com 714-573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N119612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3847590 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100900452 Title: Order No. 100565339 FHA/VA/PMI NO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/09/2005. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/19/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1187974 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: CESAR PICOS AND SANDRA PICOS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/12/2011 TIME OF SALE: 10:30 AM PLACE OF SALE: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. STREET ADDRESS AND other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11907 ALLARD ST, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8015-039-029 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$270,685.39. The beneficiary, or authorized agent, if any, who has contacted the borrower(s) and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR THE PURPOSES OF COLLECTING A DEBT, THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX WEST, L.L.C. as Trustee. Date: 12/18/2010. 12/23/2010, 1/6/11. 9200 S. University Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75011-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800ASAP# 3837481 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-221977-F Invsitor No. 662RH0018 Loan No. 0592710602 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/13/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: VICTOR PADILLA AND MARIANA CASTILLO DE PADILLA, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded 4/21/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0876573 in Book. page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/6/2011 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 Property Address is purported to be: 12866 SYNDORE LANE, ORANGE DRIVEN, NORWALK, CA 90650 APN #: 8047-007-031 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$340,730.00, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. ETS Services, LLC Date: 12/14/2010 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3846773 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. T10-67095-CA / APN: 8070-001-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09-19-2007 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check 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. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [X] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed and [X] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityyasap.com 714-573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N119612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3847590 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 10076826 Loan No. 0010820702 Trustee Order No. 349056 APN 6364021021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 8, 2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 5, 2011, at 10:30 AM, at the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA, Power Default Services, Inc., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/24/2003, as Instrument No. 03 1164376 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, CA., executed by: RENEE YVONNE DAY, A SINGLE WOMAN, AS TRUSTOR, in favor of OPTION ONE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation of the real property described above is purported to be: 8144 MANZANAR AVE, DOWNEY, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied,

regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust (together with any modifications thereto). The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$287,084.61 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. DATE: 12/01/2010 POWER DEFAULT SERVICES, INC., Trustee by Fidelity National Title Company, its agent 17592 E. 17th Street, Suite 300, Tustin, CA 92780, 7145085100 By: Juan Enriquez, Authorized Signature The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.52(c) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent does not intend to exercise or obtain an exemption from the state regulator that is current and valid and the additional 90 day period does not apply. This loan servicer has implemented a comprehensive loan modification program that meets the requirements of civil code section California Civil Code 2923.53. Regarding the property that is the subject of this notice of sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in Civil Code 2923.53(k)(3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Civil Code section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date this notice of sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a notice of sale specified in Civil Code Section 2923.52 subdivision (a) does not apply to this notice of sale pursuant to Civil Code Sections 2923.52. Fidelity National Title Company, as Agent for the mortgage loan servicer as defined under California Civil Code section 2923.53 (k)(3) SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.fidelityyasap.com/UNPAID SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 7142597850ASAP# 3833935 12/16/2010, 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/16/10, 12/23/10, 12/30/10**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 244787CA Loan No. 30178044174 Title Order No. 588773 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06-15-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-13-2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 06-27-2007, Book . Page . Instrument 20071539775, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: RANDY DIX AND DIX COMMUNITY AND WIFE'S COMMUNITY PROPERTY WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's 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. Sale 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 the Deed of Trust. 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, interest thereon, estimated 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. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA. Legal Description: LOT 9 OF TRACT 21577, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 235 PAGE 3. OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$431,324.67 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 12333 RHEDON AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN: 6248-006-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.54 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; and 2. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or Section 2923.55. CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee (714) 259-7850 or www.fidelityyasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9200 OAKDALE AVE MAILSTOP N119612 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3846976 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/16/10, 12/23/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-382101-LL Order #: 10050986-CA-BF YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/30/2003. 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 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 duly appointed trustee. 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(S): SALVADOR RUIZ, A SINGLE MAN AND GABRIELA RUIZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 5/16/2007 as Instrument No. 20071186537 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/18/2011 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, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$418,035.38 The purported property address is: 11840 NAVA STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8080-017-010 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Aurora Loan Services LLC 10350 Park Meadows Dr. Littleton CO 80124 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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. ASAP# 3834164 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-382101-LL Order #: 10050986-CA-BF YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/30/2003. 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 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 duly appointed trustee. 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(s): SALVADOR RUIZ, A SINGLE MAN AND GABRIELA RUIZ, A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 5/16/2007 as Instrument No. 20071186537 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/18/2011 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, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$418,035.38 The purported property address is: 11840 NAVA STREET NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8080-017-010 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Aurora Loan Services LLC 10350 Park Meadows Dr. Littleton CO 80124 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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. ASAP# 3834164 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-382101-LL Order #: 10050986-CA-BF YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/30/2003. 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 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 duly appointed trustee. 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(S): VICTOR SHIOZAKI AND GUILLERMINA SHIOZAKI, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 7/9/2007 as Instrument No. 20071619478 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/18/2011 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, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$191,231.51 The purported property address is: 14421 GREENSTONE AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8046-005-033 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to HSBC Bank USA, National Association 2929 Walden Avenue Depey NY 14043 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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. ASAP# 3833964 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-10-382101-LL Order #: 10050986-CA-BF YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/30/2003. 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 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 duly appointed trustee. 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(S): VICTOR SHIOZAKI AND GUILLERMINA SHIOZAKI, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 7/9/2007 as Instrument No. 20071619478 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/18/2011 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, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$467,784.07 The purported property address is: 15303 STANTON AVE LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Assessor's Parcel No. 8064-030-032 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Bank of America 475 Crosspoint Parkway Getzville NY 14068 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [ 1 ] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [ 2 ] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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. ASAP# 3830012 12/23/2010, 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011

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12/23/10, 12/30/10, 1/6/11**

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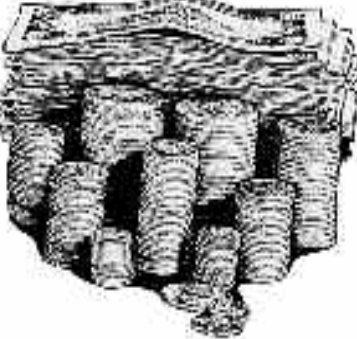


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condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the 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: 12/28/2010 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# FNMA3843432 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/30/10, 1/6/11, 1/13/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0126305 Title Order No. 10-8-458557 Investor/Insurer No. 1703747081 APN No. 8044-025-007 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/13/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RONALD LUQUE AND JACQUELINE LUQUE, HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 04/13/2007 and recorded 04/23/07, as Instrument No. 20070969409, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/27/2011 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 it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12908 RAMSEY DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. 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 \$254,834.75. 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

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of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/30/2010 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# FNMA3847152 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

**The Downey Patriot, #BS124251  
12/30/10, 1/6/11, 1/13/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0119367 Title Order No. 10-8-439850 Investor/Insurer No. 1701978594 APN No. 8056-016-030 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/04/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DARLA M. BREHM, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 08/04/2006 and recorded 08/11/06, as Instrument No. 06 1790665, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/27/2011 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 it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12045 FOSTER ROAD UNIT 4, NORWALK, CA, 90650. 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 \$378,105.15. 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: 12/24/2010 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# FNMA3836621 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

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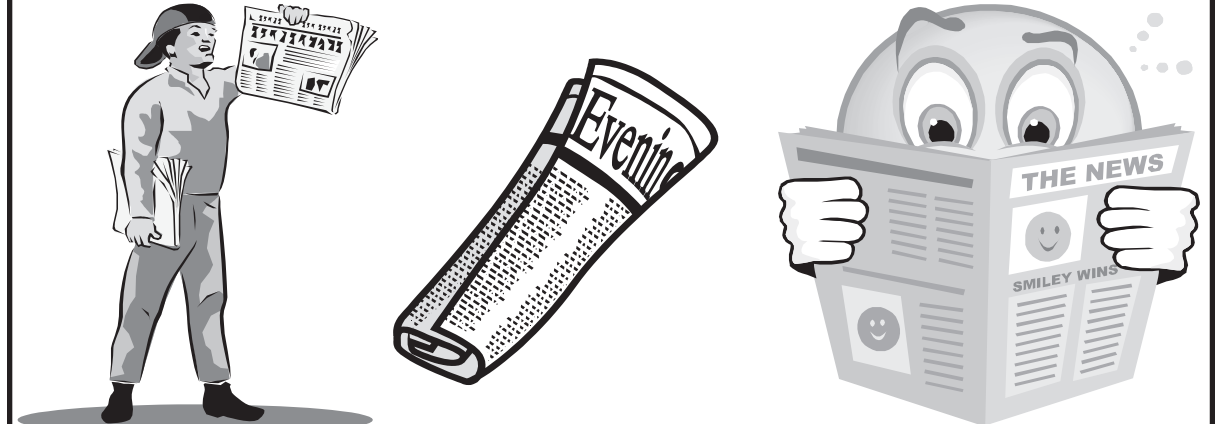
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0122367 Title Order No. 10-8-47883 Investor/Insurer No. 1703044149 APN No. 8052-014-055 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/16/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MIRO DRAGICH AND TAMI J DRAGICH, MARRIED TO EACH OTHER, dated 09/16/2006 and recorded 11/06/06, as Instrument No. 06 2460500, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/27/2011 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 it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13607 DOWART AVE., NORWALK, CA, 90650. 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 \$260,475.00. 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: 12/24/2010 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# FNMA3836621 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

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The Exchange Club Family Support Center in Downey received a donation of 29 gingerbread houses on Dec. 20 for the agency's annual holiday Adopt-a-Family program. The decorated treats were made by Ellie Wilson, a former Exchange Club client. "Ellie never forgot the help she and her daughters received from the center more than 15 years ago, and wanted to make this gift for other families in need," the center said. Pictured above are Ellie, her husband Chuck and Exchange Club assistant director Christina Ambrosino.



MR & Associates, a new real estate company on Downey Avenue, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Dec. 9 with the Downey Chamber of Commerce. The business is located at 10802 Downey Ave.

### Fitness boot camp starts in January

**DOWNEY** - A fitness boot camp, appropriate for all ages and fitness levels, begins Jan. 5 at Downey Adult School.

The boot camp is fun and non-confrontational. It is led by Carl Causly, a certified personal trainer and group exercise instructor.

The class combines dumbbells, kickboxing, exercise bands, plyometrics, obstacle courses and group challenges.

Participants should bring a padded exercise mat, towel, 8-10 pound dumbbells and water.

Cost is \$32 for the 4-week class and meets Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. or Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. The Wednesday course begins Jan. 5 and the Saturday class Jan. 8.

Register online at [www.das.edu](http://www.das.edu) or in person at Downey Adult School during normal operating hours.

Downey Adult School is located at the intersection of Woodruff Avenue and Imperial Highway.

## Crime Report

### Wednesday, Dec. 22

At about 10:50 a.m., an armed robbery occurred at the Metro PCS store located at 7814 Florence Avenue. The suspect brandished a black revolver and demanded money. The clerk complied and the suspect fled in a vehicle.

At 9:45 p.m., an officer recovered a stolen vehicle that was parked in the 12500 block of Rose Avenue. Utilizing the new License Plate Recognition (LPR) technology, the system automatically alerted the officer of the stolen vehicle as he drove past it during normal patrol. The vehicle had earlier been reported stolen out of the city of Lakewood.

### Thursday, Dec. 23

Just after 2 a.m., a strong-arm street robbery occurred in the 12800 block of Lakewood Boulevard. The victim was walking north when the suspect approached from the opposite direction. The suspect frightened the victim into giving up her cellular phone.

At around 5 a.m., a robbery with a firearm occurred in the 8500 block of Rives Avenue. The two victims were seated in their parked car when two males drove up and approached them while brandishing guns. The suspects stole car keys, a cell phone and a driver's license before fleeing in their vehicle.

At 11:20 p.m., a 34-year-old male from Cudahy was assaulted at the front of George's restaurant located in the 7800 block of Florence Avenue. The male had been removed from the restaurant for excessive drunkenness and was awaiting a cab when another patron struck him in the face. The subject fell and struck his head where he sustained a skull fracture.

### Friday, Dec. 24

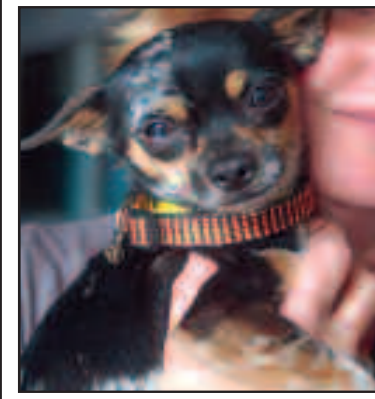
Around 3:00 a.m. fire and police personnel responded to the arson of a vehicle in the area of Old River School Road and Rundell Street. The car had been stolen from the city of Paramount and then intentionally burned in our city.

### Saturday, Dec. 25

At 2:40 a.m., a single-car hit & run collision occurred at the intersection of Stewart & Gray and Rives. The driver struck and damaged the traffic signal pole before driving off. Officers were able to locate the vehicle quickly and arrested the driver for drunk driving and hit & run.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

### Adoptable Pet of the Week



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## Mortgage Interest Deduction Pays Dividends for Home Owners

Although recent reports of plans to eliminate or modify the mortgage interest deduction are widely exaggerated, the National Association of Realtors® will remain actively engaged to ensure that the nation's 75 million home owners will continue to receive this important benefit.

The Deficit Reduction Commission has released its recommendations toward reducing the U.S. deficit, which include modifying a number of popular tax breaks, including the mortgage interest deduction. President Obama created the 18-member, bipartisan commission earlier this year to identify ways to balance the budget by 2015. The commission does not have any legislative power, and the Downey Association of REALTORS® says that the commission's report is just the first step of a lengthy process.

"Now that the report has been published, it is reviewed by members of Congress who will decide if they want to incorporate any recommendations into legislation, although they are not required to do so," said 2010 President Sossi Gabriel. If altering the MID ever becomes a discussion point in Congress, the Realtor® community stands ready to defend it. The MID is both a powerful incentive for home ownership and one of the simplest provisions in the tax code."

The MID allows an individual to deduct mortgage interest paid on mortgage debt of up to \$1 million. The deduction is available for interest on mortgages for a principal residence and one additional property. Individuals claiming the MID also must itemize their taxes.

The ability to deduct the interest paid on a mortgage can translate into significant savings at tax time. For example, a family who bought a home this year with a \$200,000, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage, assuming an interest rate of 4.5 percent, could save nearly \$3,500 in federal taxes when they file next year.

According to the most recent IRS tax return data available, 65 percent of families who claim the MID earn less than \$100,000 per year. "Home owners already pay 80 percent to 90 percent of U.S. federal income tax, and among those who claim the MID, almost two-thirds are middle-income earners," said NAR's Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "If the tax break is modified or eliminated, home values could fall 15 percent nationwide, as buyers discount the value of the MID in their purchase offers."

Sossi Gabriel said the MID saves the average home owner thousands of dollars at tax time and helps American home buyers get into their first house.

"In today's market, eight out of 10 home buyers must borrow money to buy a home," said President Gabriel. "For aspiring home owners who don't have hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings to buy a home outright, tax benefits like the mortgage interest deduction help them begin building their future through home ownership."



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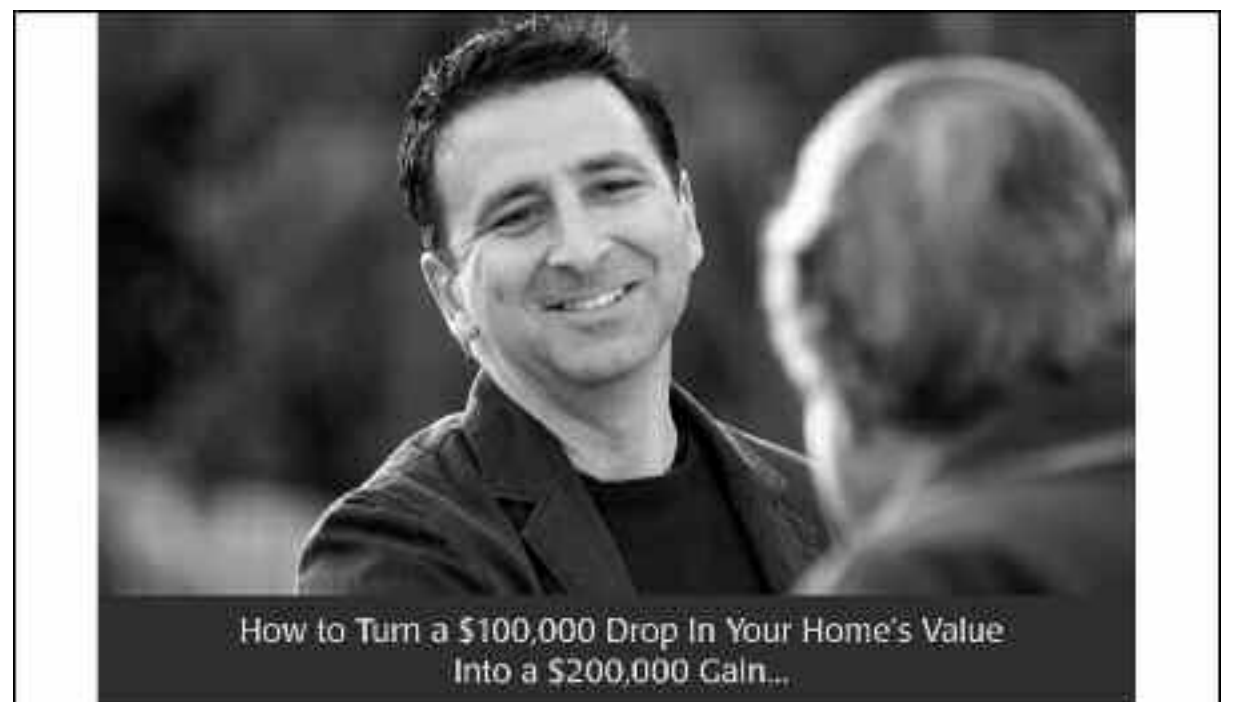
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