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Opinion

A time to cool the rhetoric

By Zev Yaroslavsky,
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On Saturday morning, before she was shot, Gabrielle Giffords was performing one of her most vital duties as a public servant. She was meeting with the public.

The Arizona congresswoman knew there were risks; last March, the windows of her office were shattered after her vote for health care reform. During her hotly contested campaign for reelection, gun gimmicks and imagery abounded.

On a map on Sarah Palin's political action committee's website, Giffords' district was among a number that had been depicted with cross hairs. Her election opponent, meanwhile, held a campaign event in which participants were offered the opportunity to fire a fully loaded M-16 with him, a symbol of his assault on Giffords' seat.

But none of this deterred Giffords from convening another of her "Congress on Your Corner" events. For she, like virtually every public official, understands the imperative of direct interaction with constituents.

During my 35 years in elected office in Los Angeles, I've been to hundreds of neighborhood meetings and town halls. Only when I'm in the community can I hear—and feel—the aspirations and frustrations of my constituents. Without this kind of relationship, I'd be left with middlemen of pundits and pollsters to help me gauge the public pulse—a very poor substitute for face-to-face encounters.

I feel certain that this weekend's horrific shooting spree will not deter most public officials from meeting with large, sometimes unruly gatherings of constituents. Indeed, should our leaders become reluctant or fearful to engage the public they represent, our political system itself will be put at risk.

To be sure, it's clear from all accounts that Giffords' alleged assailant, who killed 6 people in a matter of seconds, was disturbed long before the bloodshed. He was rejected for military service, and he was expelled from community college for his bizarre behaviors. His disjointed and paranoid screeds against the government speak for themselves. (The fact that he was able to easily and legally buy an automatic handgun is a topic for another day soon.)

But I also believe that troubled individuals teetering on the edge of mayhem can be pushed into action by incendiary language mostly intended to win elections or amass TV ratings, words that create a climate of hostility, aggression and violence.

Congresswoman Giffords, who remains in critical condition, may have put it best last spring when she was asked about her district being targeted with cross hairs on Palin's election map.

"When people do that," Giffords said, "they've got to realize there's consequences to that."

For the time being, I'd suggest that politicians and media personalities who exploit public fears and advance their careers through the use of vitriol ratchet down the rhetoric and discipline themselves as we all reflect on the events that led to this national tragedy.

Zev Yaroslavsky is a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, representing the third district of Los Angeles County.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Improv group Caged Comedy, above, will join veteran comedians at a Jan. 21 show at the Downey Theatre. Tickets start at \$25.

Comedy night at the Downey Theatre

■ New brand of entertainment at Downey Theatre begins with a comedy show Jan. 21.

By CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – After years of debate, discussion and anticipation, the Downey Theatre will soon begin the next chapter in its nearly 40-year history when six nationally-recognized comedians bring both their humor and notoriety to Downey next Friday night.

Presented by H & E Entertainment, the live show, entitled "A Comedy Night," will be the first event held in the Downey Theatre this year since the city approved a 5-year contract with the theatre management company VenueTech last November.

Gary Head, 57, vice-president of H & E Entertainment, hopes the Jan. 21 show serves as a new beginning for the dated, 738-seat theatre, which has been draining nearly \$400,000 in city funds annually for several years.

"We're the guinea pig show," he said optimistically. "We've got HBO comics coming and we want it packed. It's geared towards everyone – G-rated comedy for ages 5 to 90. Come out and have a real great evening. Support the arts in Downey, support the Downey Theatre."

The nearly 2-hour show, which starts at 7 p.m., will feature comedians Lamont Bonman, Jimmy Burns and Gilbert Esquivel, ventriloquist act Willie Brown and Woody, impressionist Scott Wood and actor/comedian Mark Christopher Lawrence, who currently stars in NBC's "Chuck."

Caged Comedy, a local improv group founded by Gary's son, Jared, will also perform during the show.

Just two years ago, the 22-year-old expressed concern after his former improv comedy group utilized the theatre for a show, making only a \$42 profit after paying almost \$5,000 to host the event.

However, Head now believes the theatre is in good hands since VenueTech took over daily operations of the venue.

"Once VenueTech is set up, it's going to benefit the theatre...this is their industry," Head said. "Since 2009, it's been a lot of talk. Now,

this is the first step forward for Downey and its arts community."

"We are very, very excited about what will happen at the theatre," said John Lind, president of VenueTech. "We want to get in and be good stewards and make sure that the events already scheduled are successful. We're already developing a business plan and planning a workshop to meet with the theatre's patrons to get their ideas."

Lind said he hopes the comedy show does well. He acknowledged that the show could ultimately turn into an annual event for the community.

With theatre options becoming a rarity in the surrounding area, Jared Head maintains that Downey still has an opportunity to attract people throughout the Greater Los Angeles area once the Downey Theatre is fully utilized.

"It's not a gamble; it's not really a roll of the dice. It's more of an assurance," he said. "It's a prime market – all it needs is a theatre. Whoever runs it wins all the marbles. But you got to start somewhere...this show is going to get people talking."

Tickets are \$40 for adults, \$30 for children under 12 and \$25 for balcony seating. The ticket price includes food, which will be provided by Porto's Bakery following the show.

"It's entertainment on the cheap, but it's not cheap on the quality," said Head. "It's not going to be amateur hour, this is live theatre. Hopefully, we'll have a couple of people falling out of their seats."

"If you're against having a good time and laughing your head off – don't come," said Head with a chuckle.

The January comedy show is just the first of many events that H & E Entertainment will host at the Downey Theatre this year. Next month, the company will showcase a gospel music concert, followed by an oldies show in March and a magic show in April featuring Curtis Lovell II, one of the top illusionists and escape artists in the world.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit heentertainment.com or call (562) 760-9880.



Scott Wood
As seen on: Comedy Central, Tower of Power, the "Rick Dees Show" & at the Ice House.



Gilbert Esquivel
As seen on: BET's "Comicview," Galavision's "Que Locos" & ABC's "Laughing Out Loud."



Lamont Bonman
As seen on: "Martin Lawrence Presents," BET's "Comicview."



Mark Christopher Lawrence
As seen on: "Chuck," "Seinfeld," "The Pursuit of Happyness" & "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."



PHOTO BY PAUL HEIDECKER

The Downey High School boys' basketball team is off to its best start in recent memory thanks in large part to (from left) NeDami Adefeso, Dakari Archer and Garrett Neilan.

Downey's 'Big 3' is doing big things on the court

■ NeDami Adefeso, Garrett Neilan and Dakari Archer are leading Downey High's basketball program.

By JOSEPH APODACA

DOWNEY – Not in the last 32 years has the Downey High School boys' basketball program enjoyed as much success as they have this season, thanks to a talented threesome surrounded by great role players.

With a 15-2 record and San Gabriel Valley League games on the horizon, the Vikings continue to dominate their competition and are poised to maintain that strength into the upcoming CIF rounds. After a mind-blowing summer showing, many consecutive wins and only one loss so far, the boys, along with head coach Larry Shelton, could not be more pleased with their achievements.

"I'm very happy and excited and we know we can keep going if we come with the same intensity as we have been," said junior guard Garrett Neilan, one of Downey's big three. "We have been playing together since we were young. We also all play because we love the game and we wouldn't want to be doing anything else."

Neilan, a first-year varsity starter, enjoyed success in basketball prior to joining the varsity ranks. He was awarded the junior varsity MVP award last season and is regarded by Shelton as the best all-around player with an ability to shoot, handle the ball and pass.

And at 6-foot-5, he adds great length to the game.

Neilan was one of Shelton's hidden farmhands that he didn't want to rush to the varsity level. He was one of the players Shelton was excited to have on the team this season, as Shelton gushed about him after last year.

In addition to several other varsity newcomers, sophomore guard Dakari Archer, who last season won the freshman MVP award, joins Neilan. Archer is known to be quick on the court and has unlimited potential, according to Shelton. For Archer, getting to this point in the game has been something he has been working for all his life.

"I've been playing basketball since I was five years old," said Archer. "I think our team is doing good this year. We have a lot of talent and we plan to go far. I really love the sport and I would like to go to college and maybe get a scholarship for basketball."

Shelton said earlier this season that Archer could have easily played varsity last year but he didn't want to rush him. Instead, he allowed Archer to build his confidence and get a feel for high school basketball before giving him the ultimate responsibility in taking care of the ball. The sophomore point guard is regarded as one of the top, if not the top, point guard in the SGVL.

While Neilan and Archer are already in good company with the rest of their teammates, the soul-

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Temple hosting concert, raffle

DOWNEY – The Downey High School Jazz Quartet and local soprano Julie Simpson are some of the local talent to be featured in "An Evening at Our Cabaret," hosted by Temple Ner Tamid on Feb. 5.

Local dancer Marco Sarinana will also participate in the concert, which will feature favorite musical compositions from today and the recent past.

During the event's intermission, three high-value prizes will be raffled, including a week's vacation in a fully-equipped condo in Hawaii, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or the Fiji Islands; a flat-screen HD television; and a laptop computer.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 12. Only 2,500 tickets will be sold.

General admission tickets are \$20; reserved seats are \$40. A no-host wine, beer and soft drink bar will be available throughout the night.

For more information, or to purchase admission or raffle tickets, call (562) 861-9276.

Tutoring at Downey church

DOWNEY – First Presbyterian Church of Downey is offering tutoring and homework assistance for students in grades 1-8.

For more information, call the church office at (562) 861-6752.

Don't rely on landline phones

MARK SAUTER

DOWNEY – Living in Southern California, some of us take certain things for granted.

For many of us, the weather is something we don't spend too much time worrying about. It is generally cool in the winter and warm in the summer. Another thing we sometimes take for granted is the delivery of our utilities. Most of us count on clean drinking water, natural gas, electricity and phone service delivered to our homes 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We also count on our appliances working properly at all times.

Earlier this week a resident called to advise they were having phone problems in their neighborhood. Shortly before receiving the call, I read a news report about some families in the LA area who suffered greatly because of home heater malfunctions.

The two utility problems are the subject matter for this week's article on emergency preparedness. I am sorry some of our community members already know, first-hand, about the phone line problem.

The community member who called earlier this week reported she had lost her landline dial-tone in December after the rain storms. The service provider advised her it

may take as long as several weeks to remedy the problem due to the many storm-related service requests. The community member also expressed concern regarding her neighbors. She knew they relied on their landline phones, as many people do, for their primary connection with the rest of the world. When a landline phone malfunctions, it can create problems for home alarm systems, emergency reporting systems and most importantly for the 911 system.

When I contacted the service provider I expressed the above mentioned concerns. They advised a service request order would be re-submitted. Hopefully, persistent follow up on this problem will speed the repair work along.

However, the important thing to remember here is to have a back-up plan for our communications. Thankfully, the caller had a cell phone to report the problem. However, not everyone has a cell phone (but it sure seems like they do, sometimes). Relying on a single means of communication can be problematic. One disrupted connection can cause a delay in reporting an emergency.

Community members should have a back up plan to notify others of emergency situations. In some cases a cell phone is the obvious choice. But what if the coverage is poor? I work in a building that gives some cell phone users 'fits'. They have to go outside to talk on their phones.

In some families sending someone to alert a neighbor to call for help is another option. Please keep in mind, the Downey police and fire departments receive nearly all of their requests for service from a phone (landline or cell). But what if someone lives alone and is without a phone? Perhaps a neighbor could be alerted to this

situation before a problem occurred and could then check-in occasionally. Neighbors helping neighbors and being vigilant about neighborhood matters is the foundation of a good block.

When problems of any kind occur in our neighborhood, let's think of our families first and get things remedied. But immediately after we settle things at home, let's consider how the problem impacted the rest of those who live near us. Often times it takes very little effort to really help someone who needs a hand.

Tragedies occur each year due to poorly performing heating units, inadequate venting, the misuse of household appliances like kitchen ovens or improperly used heating equipment. Unfortunately, people have also made the mistake of using a barbecue for a heating unit. In these types of situations there are often serious consequences. Fires, carbon monoxide gas and low oxygen levels are all lethal results of the above mentioned heating problems.

To avoid a potential tragedy, please consider using a free resource to check out your home heating system, the Southern California Gas Company. Residents can also contact a licensed, qualified professional to ensure their appliances and heating equipment are operating properly.

The Gas Company can be contacted at (800) 427-2200 or (800) 342-4545 (Spanish). The Gas Company can also be found at www.socalgas.com/service.

If you have comments or questions about this column, please send them to ready@downeyca.org. *Mark Sauter is a deputy city manager with the city of Downey. He is in charge of emergency preparedness.*



Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings will be presented by the Downey Symphony in a concert Jan. 29 at the Downey Theatre.

Mozart, Tchaikovsky on program

■ Tickets now on sale starting at \$10 for students, \$25 general admission.

By JOYCE SHERWIN, DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – Already in this young new year, performing arts seem to be on a roll in Downey, beginning quite literally on Jan. 1 with that breathtaking float in the Rose Parade.

The community is so proud of Downey's Rose Float Association for bringing to life an integrated design of beauty and harmony that garnered a prestigious award.

There are many other examples of excellence blooming in the city. Marsha Moode's Civic Light Opera, going strong, delights audiences year after year. Downey and Warren high school students, hundreds of them, present astonishing, enthusiastic performances that demand of these busy young people discipline, talent, and lots and lots of rehearsals.

And this is now the time when

our Symphony Orchestra opens another season with a lovely concert scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 29, in the Civic Theatre. Featuring Mozart's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra with a rising soloist, Francesco Camuglia, the program includes Gustav Holst's St. Paul's Suite and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, under the baton of Music Director Sharon Lavery.

Downey's theater is at 8435 Firestone Blvd., concert time is 8 p.m. and tickets priced at \$30 and \$25, \$10 for students, may be reserved by calling the Symphony office at (562) 403-2944.

We also invite you to check us out at www.downeyorchestra.org where, admittedly, we brag about our accomplishments, but the orchestra is in its 54th consecutive year, providing a rich experience for residents of this community, so we couldn't resist. Besides, we are part of the parade of accomplishments rolling through Downey, and it feels good.

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Space center to mark anniversary of Challenger disaster

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster when it hosts Dr. Carl McNair, brother of lost astronaut Ronald McNair, on Jan. 25.

McNair's visit will cap a day-long remembrance, beginning with a 9 a.m. event at McNair Elementary School in Compton.

The grade school, at 1450 W. El Segundo Blvd., was the first public school named in Ronald McNair's memory.

Carl McNair will be at the school where he is expected to be joined by local politicians and Air Force officials to mark the disaster that took place Jan. 28, 1986 when the space shuttle broke apart over the Atlantic Ocean, off the central coast of Florida.

All seven space shuttle crew members died.

Following the event in Compton, McNair will be at the Columbia Memorial Space Center at 5 p.m. Copies of his book, "In the Spirit of Ronald E. McNair, Astronaut -- An American Hero," will be available for purchase and signing.

Both events in Compton and Downey are free to attend and open to the public.

Recently-found home videos to be screened

DOWNEY – Home videos recently discovered by three former Downey residents will be screened by the Downey Historical Society on Jan. 28 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The videos, taken by James Smith, Carrol and Ann Taylor, and Marie Green, had apparently been abandoned by the original families that made them and have shown up at garage sales, swap meets and other places.

The videos depict Downey from the mid 1950s to the late 1970s.

Residents are invited to the screening, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who may have additional information on the videos or the residents who taped the films are also invited.

For more information, call the historical society at (562) 862-2777.

Reserve seats to Pechanga now

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey is accepting reservations for its upcoming bus trips to the Pechanga casino.

Bus trips are on the first Monday of each month, except July and September when trips will be held July 6 and Sept. 5 due to holidays.

Proceeds from the bus trips will be used to fund the Woman's Club's Scholarship Foundation benefiting the local community.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

FBI buys billboard to help capture fugitive

FBI is hoping to catch Joe Luis Saenz, a suspected gang member named to the national 10 Most Wanted list.

LOS ANGELES – The FBI has purchased a Los Angeles billboard as part of its ongoing publicity campaign to find and capture Joe Luis Saenz, a fugitive on the FBI's national list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives," FBI officials said Wednesday.

As of Tuesday, the billboard was visible to vehicles traveling near the intersection of Cesar Chavez and Soto avenues in the city of Los Angeles.

The billboard, which will be posted for approximately 30 days, displays three photographs of Saenz and contact numbers for the FBI in Los Angeles, including (888) CANT-HIDE, a special number established by the FBI's Fugitive Task Force to directly respond to tips.

This is the fourth publicity campaign launched by the FBI in Los Angeles utilizing a billboard. Previous campaigns proved to be successful and led to arrests based on tips from drivers who had seen or heard about the billboards. Nationally, several tips leading to FBI fugitive captures were generated by billboard publicity.

Joe Luis Saenz first came to the attention of law enforcement when LAPD detectives identified him as the suspect in the 1998 murder of two men in the Hollenbeck area of Los Angeles. Less than two weeks later, Saenz is believed to have kidnapped, raped and murdered his girlfriend, who was also the mother of his child.

Saenz was charged with three counts of murder, kidnapping and rape for the 1998 alleged crimes, and an arrest warrant was issued by the Los Angeles County Court on Aug. 12, 1998. When LAPD detectives determined Saenz had fled California, the FBI joined the investigation and obtained a federal arrest warrant on Jan. 23, 2002.

Saenz was charged in a criminal complaint filed in United States District Court in Los Angeles with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. Investigators believe Saenz travels to Mexico frequently and may be residing there currently.

The latest murder for which Saenz is wanted occurred in October 2008 when Oscar Torres was killed in his Whittier home. Detectives with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department believe Saenz murdered Torres in connection with a drug debt. Saenz is also wanted for shooting and wounding a second man on the same evening.



The Torres murder was captured on the victim's home surveillance system and Saenz was identified as the killer. This video and the wanted poster for Saenz can be viewed at www.fbi.gov/wanted.

Saenz has been described by gang associates and others as a major enforcer and hit-man for a Mexican drug cartel who is believed to be involved with importing cocaine into Los Angeles. In addition to the murders for which Saenz is currently charged, he's wanted for questioning about additional crimes, including kidnapping and murder.

Saenz is considered a career criminal and is a known repeat offender. Saenz is also wanted for violation of his parole for a 1995 narcotics possession conviction. In addition, he has an extensive criminal history, including motor vehicle theft, assault with a deadly weapon, vandalism, and possession of narcotics.

Saenz should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. According to individuals interviewed throughout the investigation, Saenz has expressed a willingness to kill law enforcement officers if confronted with arrest.

Saenz is known by several aliases, to include the following: Jose Luis Saenz, Gabriel Saenz, Joe Louis Saenz, Louie Saenz, Toro, Smiley, Giovanni Torres, Giovanni Vasquez, Giovanni Gonzalez, Giovanni Velasquez and Mark Hunnicut.

Saenz is described as a white or Hispanic male, born on 8/4/75 in Los Angeles. Saenz has brown hair and brown eyes, is approximately 5 foot 11 to 6 feet tall and, when last seen, weighed approximately 180 lbs. Saenz is believed to be a member of a Los Angeles area criminal street gang.

Financial classes aimed at women

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a series of free financial education workshops exclusively for women, starting Feb. 2.

The workshop series, called Preserving, Earning and Acquiring Real Life Skills (PEARLS), are in conjunction with the city of Downey and Springboard, a credit management organization.

The purpose of the workshops is to "enable participants to manage their own finances to better their life." Workshops will be presented in English but take-home reference materials will be available in English or Spanish.

The workshop series includes:
Feb. 2 -The Power of Paycheck Planning - Learn how to budget your paycheck before you spend it.

Feb. 9 - Understanding Your Credit Report - Learn what is on your credit report and how a credit score is calculated.

Feb. 16 -The Wise Use of Credit -Tips on how to build a

solid foundation for your financial future.

Feb. 23 - Road Map to Financial Freedom - Shows you how to build a debt management plan to consolidate and pay back debt.

March 2 - Identity Theft and Awareness - Learn how to protect yourself from this growing problem and what to do if you are a victim.

Women can attend any or all workshops at no charge. All classes will be held at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

"Providing financial education

Saenz is known for having tattoos of the words "Natalie" and "Cuatro" on his left arm, "Flats" on his right arm, and "In Memory Serelone Flew" and "Flats4" on his chest, although he may have removed tattoos with a laser. Saenz is also known to have a pierced ear.

Despite being featured by media outlets locally and internationally, as well as on the Internet, Saenz has eluded capture.

Saenz is an American citizen and was born in Los Angeles.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$100,000 for information leading directly to the capture of Joe Luis Saenz. All information will be kept confidential. Saenz was added to the FBI's list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives in October 2009 and is the 492nd person to be added to the historic list, now in existence for over 60 years.

"We're hopeful the billboard publicity will bring the right person forward with information that leads us to Joe Saenz," said Steven Martinez, assistant director in charge of the FBI in Los Angeles. "Those providing information can do so confidentially and their identity will be protected."

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Joe Saenz is urged to contact their local FBI office or police department. Internationally, citizens with information about Saenz are asked to contact the nearest United States Embassy.

The FBI's fugitive task force in Los Angeles, comprised of agents with the FBI and detectives with the Los Angeles Police Department and the California State Department of Parole, Division of Adult Parole Operations, is conducting the fugitive investigation of Saenz.

Placing an emphasis on subjects of homicide investigations, this task force combines the resources of local and federal law enforcement to track fugitives. The task force pursues fugitives of local crimes who flee the state and apprehends fugitives from other districts, including foreign countries, who surface in the Los Angeles area.

The Southern California region, due to its diverse ethnic make-up and geographic territory, is an attractive destination for individuals evading capture.

Crime Report

Friday, Jan. 7

At about 9:00 p.m., officers responded to the 9200 block of Elm Vista concerning a report of three subjects attempting to set a Christmas tree on fire. One suspect was arrested and charged with arson.

At 9:35 p.m., a robbery occurred in the area of Lakewood and 5th Street. The victim was approached from behind by two suspects armed with a lead pipe who demanded his property. The victim complied and the suspects fled in their vehicle.

At 11:00 p.m., officers responded to an assault that had just occurred in the 11900 block of Adenmoor. Witnesses saw two people struggling before one of them pulled out an unknown object and stabbed the other. The victim was treated at the scene. The suspect fled prior to police arrival.

Saturday, Jan. 8

Just after 1:40 a.m., officers went the 9800 block of Priscilla where a fight broke out between party guests, resulting in the victim being stabbed. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Sunday, Jan. 9

At 11:00 a.m., while jogging at Furman Park, an off-duty officer detained a man for indecent exposure. The suspect was arrested and charged with lewd conduct.

At 6:30 p.m., a street robbery occurred at 2nd Street and La Reina. The victim had just made a withdrawal from an automated teller machine when a man ran up and took a wallet out of her hand. The suspect fled westbound on 2nd Street and out of sight.

At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to an apartment complex located in the 12500 block of Brookshire concerning a possible structure fire. Officers discovered a Christmas tree was set on fire and the flames had subsequently spread to an adjacent carport area.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

At 4:05 p.m., three suspects attempted to steal the victim's property as he was walking in the area of Alameda and Downey. The victim refused to give up his property and the suspects assaulted him with brass knuckles. The suspects fled the scene and the victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

At 3:55 p.m., a female victim was pushed off her bike in the area of Lakewood and Florence. The suspect rode away with the victim's bicycle. The victim was not injured during this incident.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.



Ernest Garcia with former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Garcia named to Planning Commission

DOWNEY – Newly-elected councilman Fernando Vasquez selected resident Ernest "Ernie" Garcia to serve on the Planning Commission, where he will replace Terry Lambros in representing District 4 northeast Downey.

The appointment was ratified by the City Council on Tuesday.

Although Garcia has avoided the limelight locally he is no stranger to politics. He served as a delegate at the Democratic National Convention in 2008, and this past June he co-hosted a fundraiser for former Los Angeles city attorney Rocky Delgadillo when he was running for attorney general.

Garcia, the owner of a metal finishing company, also contributed \$2,000 to Mayor Luis Marquez's

campaign for City Council three years ago.

Marquez, meanwhile, is expected to soon make his own appointment to the Planning Commission to replace Vasquez, who vacated his seat when elected to City Council.

Vasquez made other appointments on Tuesday, including Connie Wetzstein to the Downey City Hospital Commission; Diana Carbaja and Lee Ann Sears to the Emergency Preparedness Committee; Karol Morrison to the Library Advisory Board; Carmen Vasquez and Augustin Duran to the Public Works Committee; James Veloff to the Recreation and Community Services Commission; and Jose Magana and Jonathan Cousimano to the Green Task Force.

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City begins budget preparations

City Council tentatively scheduled to vote on final budget June 28.

By HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The Downey Municipal Code mandates that the city adopt its budget for fiscal year 2011-12 before June 30, 2012. The fiscal year begins on July 1, 2011 and ends on June 30, 2012.

Towards this end, staff has prepared a budget preparation calendar which was approved by the City Council on Tuesday. By the following morning, the distribution of budget worksheets to the various pertinent departments had begun.

According to finance director John Michicoff, the calendar establishes various deadlines to accomplish the completion of the budget "in a timely manner."

The budget phases include a budget review and training this Jan.

25, the submission of capital projects estimates by public works on Feb. 11, budget worksheets input by department on Feb. 25, submission of revenue estimates to Michicoff on March 1, city manager review of department requests from March 28 through April 8, review by the council budget subcommittee in April, and the compilation and printing of the preliminary budget from May 2 to May 20.

May 23 through June 28 is tentatively scheduled for city council review of the preliminary budget. During this time, city council may set specific dates and times for staff to present and discuss the document.

The final phase will be a public hearing on the budget, also tentatively scheduled for June 28, 2011. At this time the city council is expected to adopt the 2011-12 budget.

Church to screen 'Taos'

DOWNEY – "Taos," a movie about a fast-track lawyer in his prime who reviews his life after a car breakdown in Taos, New Mexico, will be screened at the Downey Church for Spiritual Living on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.

The movie night is free and refreshments will be served on the patio during an intermission.

The church is at 10000 Paramount Blvd., north of Florence Avenue. For more information, call (562) 928-6469.

Open mic night at church

DOWNEY – Local artists of all varieties are invited to an open mic night at the Moravian Church of Downey on Jan. 14 from 7-9 p.m.

The event will be held in the Back Alley gathering room. Sign-ups start at 6:45 p.m.

New insurance office to open

DOWNEY – A new State Farm Insurance office at 8651 Florence Ave. will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 26 at 4 p.m.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce will assist with the ceremony.

The new insurance office is located just west of Lakewood Boulevard.

Teacher open house at space center

DOWNEY – All teachers are invited to attend an open house at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Feb. 5 from 12-4 p.m.

Teachers can tour the interactive center and obtain information on field trips.

Family and friends of teachers are also welcome but must pay the admission fee. Admission is \$5 and children under 3 are free.

Teachers must show a photo ID to receive free admission.

A second open house is scheduled for April 9.

For more information, call (562) 231-1200.

Lunch, fashion show at Elks Lodge

DOWNEY – A country brunch picnic and fashion show, a fundraiser for Downey Emblem Club No. 309, will be held Feb. 5 at the Downey Elks Lodge.

The event begins with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon and the show at 1 p.m.

Clothes featured in the fashion show will be available for purchase.

Admission tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003.

Author Francis French signing books

DOWNEY – Author Francis French will sign copies of his books, "Into that Silent Sea" and "In the Shadow of the Moon," at a book-signing event March 12 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Admission is \$5 and books will be sold in the first floor gift shop.

French will speak from 1-2 p.m. and sign books from 2-3 p.m.

RSVPs are required by calling the space center at (562) 231-1200.

Enchiladas for sale at church

DOWNEY – The women of the Moravian Church of Downey will hold their annual enchilada sale Feb. 5.

Enchiladas come two in a pan and are suitable for freezing.

Meat and cheese combination enchiladas are \$4.50 a pan, and cheese-only enchiladas are \$4.75 a pan.

Enchiladas may be picked up at the church between 12-5 p.m. on Feb. 5.

To place an order, call the church office at (562) 927-0718.

The Moravian Church of Downey is located on Old River School Road, south of Florence Avenue.

The enchilada sales are an annual fundraiser.

Lakewood keeps city manager

LAKEWOOD – Howard Chambers will remain with the city of Lakewood as city manager but on an interim basis after the City Council approved a new contract with its highest-ranking employee last week.

Chambers, 66, was set to retire Feb. 11 but will instead take a four-month reprieve before returning in June on a part-time basis.

Chambers will be paid \$8,000 per month as interim city manager, a pay cut from the \$240,600 he was earning as a full-time employee. Lakewood officials said the city will save more than \$200,000 over the next two fiscal years.

Greek church collecting e-waste

DOWNEY – St. George Greek Orthodox Church will collect e-waste for recycling Jan. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All electronic waste can be dropped off for proper recycling at no charge.

Eligible electronic waste includes computer monitors, televisions, telephones, copiers, stereo equipment, digital cameras, microwaves, toasters and small household electric appliances.

For more information, call Georgia Covell at (818) 523-8396.

Money and Taxes 2011

State has \$15 million in undelivered tax refunds

SACRAMENTO -- The Franchise Tax Board is holding more than \$15 million in returned state income tax refunds.

Refunds are typically returned because the taxpayer changed addresses after filing a tax return.

This year nearly 49,000 refunds, ranging from \$1 to \$218,000, were returned to the state by the U.S. Postal Service.

Taxpayers can update their home address online at www.ftb.ca.gov. The tax board automatically reissues returned refunds once a new address is received.

Taxpayers expecting a state refund, or unsure if they received their refund, can also check the status of their refund on the website. The service is available in English and Spanish.

The tax board encourages taxpayers to use direct deposit when filing their tax returns. Taxpayers who use direct deposit often receive their refund within days rather than weeks.

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The pitfalls of 'realignment'

By Zev Yaroslavsky and Gloria Molina

The budget proposals Gov. Jerry Brown was expected to unveil Monday have had those of us in local government in California holding our breath. Why? Because a key component in his plan to solve the state's structural deficit will rely on a strategy known as "realignment," in which state and local governments swap various funding streams and service responsibilities.

The stated aim is to restore local administrative control and stabilize unpredictable revenues. An earlier realignment scheme approved in 1991 by then-Gov. Pete Wilson and the Legislature shifted \$1.7 billion in program costs from the state to the counties, and replaced annual state appropriations for local governments with dedicated funding composed of a portion of increased sales tax and revenue from the vehicle license fee. In addition, it tweaked the state and local cost-sharing formulas and eliminated two block grants, all in the name of simplifying and stabilizing the revenue structure.

The net result, at least initially, seemed to benefit local governments. But over time, as subsequent Legislatures reduced the license fee rate and the worst recession in years decimated sales tax revenues, counties found themselves again stretched to the breaking point.

It should come as no surprise, then, that renewed talk of realignment makes those of us in local government very nervous.

We understand that the governor has a tiger by the tail in the \$28-billion deficit he's trying to close. He has been refreshingly candid and transparent about the magnitude of the problem and what it will take to solve it. In recent days, he has reached out to local government — including the county of Los Angeles — and we look forward to working with him and his administration, because we're all in this together.

However, while realignment sounds great in theory, the devil is in the details. If the state proposes to save itself money by shifting both program responsibilities and the funding for them to local governments, where will the savings be? Can it really be that local governments are so much more efficient that citizens will receive the same or higher levels of public services at substantially reduced cost?

This is why local governments remain wary. Facing a monstrous deficit, the state has every incentive to dump new burdens onto local governments while shorting our ability to pay for them. Plainly put, if the state can't provide these services without running up \$28 billion in red ink, what makes anyone think local governments will be able to without running up huge deficits as well? Indeed, any realignment plan must protect local government against becoming a net revenue loser. Otherwise, it runs the risk of breaking the financial backs of already strapped counties and cities. We must also beware of the law of unintended consequences. Take two examples:

It is widely expected that the governor will propose massive cuts in human services such as healthcare, CalWORKS and child welfare. It is also likely that the state will shift its responsibility to provide some of these services to the counties. But if the state nearly went broke providing these very services, there is no reason to think that we too won't go broke trying to do the same. Unless, that is, the Legislature relieves counties of their legal obligation to provide basic services to the most vulnerable among us, a Pandora's box that no one wants to open.

The proposed state budget is also rumored to assume that county jails will absorb state parolees who violate their parole terms. Historically, those violators would be sent back to state prison, but the state apparently now would have them report to local jails, saving the state money and easing pressure on overcrowded state prisons.

But Los Angeles County jails have a severe overcrowding problem currently monitored closely by a federal judge. Even if the state proposed to fully reimburse the county for housing these parolees (which remains to be seen), we have nowhere to put them without releasing criminals already serving their sentences in our jails.

Proponents of realignment argue that it will restore power, flexibility and discretion to local governments over their own finances. They assert that local governments and their constituencies will be free to choose whether to fund existing programs. But this too strains credulity. Most human service programs and their funding levels are already set by federal and state law for local governments to administer with little or no discretion.

Moreover, Proposition 13 severely limited local governments' ability to generate revenue by rolling back and capping local property assessments and tax rates. The problem has grown more acute in the ensuing years as the Legislature and voters have imposed new constraints and restrictions, most recently in adopting Proposition 26, which sharply limits local fees.

Any suggestion that realignment would give local governments the tools to pay for these new responsibilities is plainly false.

Where does this leave us? We are anxious to partner with the governor and the Legislature in crafting a realignment proposal that is financially sustainable for local government while allowing the state to work its way through its fiscal crisis. However, we can't, and won't, willingly agree to a realignment proposal that threatens to bankrupt local government.

Zev Yaroslavsky and Gloria Molina are members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, representing the 3rd and 1st Districts, respectively.



Letters to the Editor:

Donations for ER

Dear Editor:

After reading the two letters of complaint about the Downey Regional Medical Center emergency room, I am wondering if they, like me, received a letter asking for a donation.

The letter said these donations would be used to purchase more up-to-date equipment. Isn't that the responsibility of the hospital? I guess they used the names of people who have used the emergency room services at some point.

I had my second child at the old Downey Community Hospital and I have spent time in the new hospital. With my husband's health problems, I have spent more time that I would like to count in the emergency room.

I am really sad to see this once great hospital going down the drain. I do not believe donating to the emergency room will help save the hospital.

-- Doris Hannon,
Downey

Gifted students

Dear Editor,

In reference to Jorge Montero's letter ("Support for Talented Students," 1/6/11), I wholeheartedly agree that not enough resources are provided to our gifted and talented students here in DUSD, however, this is not unique to this district.

Let's be realistic. Parents of students in Special Education have the federal law supporting them. If they feel their children's needs are not being adequately met, they hire lawyers or advocates to represent them in due process cases. Districts tend to give in to the demands of these advocates to limit the overall cost.

If parents of gifted students were thus represented, I wonder if your dream Improving Talented Children's Education (ITCE) program would be implemented?

But to give credit where it's due, DUSD does a respectable job on a limited GATE budget. My son is an eighth grader at West Middle School and is currently in a pilot program called Project Lead the Way run by Mr. Tansopalucks (or Mr. T as his students refer to him). These students are guaranteed admission into the engineering program at Cal Poly Pomona.

My son is very enthusiastic about this technology course. Additionally, the GATE teachers at West have a multidisciplinary method of teaching these children that ensures they will retain the material for future use. No teaching to the test going on here! And even on this limited budget, my son has had the opportunity to visit various universities in the last three years chaperoned by the GATE teachers who consistently support us parents in providing the college-bound mindset in our kids.

While I wish there were more funds for our exceptional children, I am realistic about our current economy and where our children stand on the education fund hierarchy of importance. I, for one, am thankful that DUSD is using its limited GATE funds wisely.

--Maria Clark,
Downey

No more handouts

Dear Editor:

I have been working as a volunteer with several dog and cat rescues plus one animal shelter for 40 years. In the early 90s, it looked like we were making some progress. Now we are going backwards with spay and neuter programs.

Most free puppies or kittens from a neighbor or friend don't get shots or altered. More animals are being put to sleep, just a nice phrase for being killed because people will not take proper responsibility for them.

When doing any adoption I believe people need to pay money for whatever they adopt because people don't treat free things with respect.

We also have so many people having babies that they can't take care of. My kids didn't have the best of things but no one else was responsible for their food, medical or dental, except my husband and me.

That's right; no free breakfast or lunch, no dental plan for the family for \$25 a month (while most of the food is trashed because the kids don't want it). No standing in line at the grocery store wearing a \$300 shirt after a two-week vacation in Florida and using food stamps.

There is something very wrong with the way our tax dollars are being spent for sure. Free this and free that means no respect for what you are given. People would not have so many kids if everything wasn't free to them.

Anyone can make a mistake, but should know right from wrong after the first mistake. There should be no money paid for kids after the first one. All the people that cry, "We don't have anything for our kids!" should stop having them. If there is no change in the system we will soon be like China and India with so many poor people that we will be crushed. We are moving in that direction now.

We have all seen on TV a person standing in line for something free, holding a \$200 to \$400 cell phone. My phone cost \$59 and works just fine.

Time for some drastic changes. Free is never a good thing.

-- Helen Burns,
Downey

Letters to the Editor:

Words have consequences

Dear Editor:

Now that six people are dead, 12 wounded and Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords (a moderate Democrat in the House of Representatives) is in critical condition in a Tucson, Ariz., hospital, shot through the brain, I can only say we could see it coming.

I believe this is a result of all the inflammatory talk which is expressed on the radio, on TV, and in print by extremists, especially on the right. In letters to the editor in newspapers and on the Internet spouting hatred. By Tea Party extremists and conservative commentators, such as Fox hosts Glenn Beck and Sean Hannity and ex-governor Sarah Palin. By frequent references to guns in political ads designed to intimidate, sending a message to those who are less table that we consider our political opponents not just people we disagree with, but actually our enemies.

Gifford's opponent in the past election, Jesse Kelly, who lost to Gifford by just 4,000 votes, showed frequent images of guns in his campaign. In June, Kelly invited supporters to join him in firing an automatic weapon to "Get on Target for Victory" and to "Help remove Gabrielle Giffords from office." Also Sarah Palin listed Gifford's district among those to be targeted in the election, showing it in the crosshairs of a gun sight. One of the slogans she used was, "Never retreat -- Reload."

This is also the result of the insane plicies on sales of guns, allowing semi-automatic weapons to be sold to the mentally unbalanced. The shooter was on drugs and crazy, but a crazy person is likely to do crazy things when he gets a weapon and hears a steady dose of 'hate government' talk. Was he motivated to action by this violent political rhetoric that we hear around us so much of the time? I think so. Is this what it takes to bring some sanity to our political discourse?

As Bob Schieffer on "Face the Nation" said, "We must change the atmosphere in which this happened. We can begin by remembering that words have consequences. Like all powerful things, they must be used carefully."

-- Anita Rivero,
Downey

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Goodbye from Gourmet Cafe

Dear Editor:

This letter is specifically to thank the friends and patrons of the Gourmet Cafe, which sadly closed its doors at the beginning of the New Year after many years of service to the citizens of Downey.

We have been honored to have you as friends and customers, but must make way for the city's redevelopment plans at the corner of Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

As proprietors, we enjoyed our relationship with Downey and its citizens and hope the future finds room for us to reopen our business after the completion of redevelopment.

Again, a heartfelt thank-you to our hundreds of customers that came to bid us farewell over this past weekend, and are continuing to stop by. Our gratitude for your past business and friendship will be forever. We are hoping to serve you again as Gourmet Cafe.

-- Frank and Rita Arias,
Owners, Gourmet Cafe

New year

Dear Editor:

I have learned that friendships can fill voids when family brings disappointments.

I have learned that grandchildren are God's gift of a second chance.

I have learned from myself that change is necessary.

I have learned from the events of September eleventh 2001, that tomorrow is not a given.

I have learned from my husband that love brings comfort.

I have learned from my cat to nap when the tasks at hand are too trying.

I have learned from my homemaking that I don't have excuses to be bored.

I have learned from my addiction to chocolate that some things are out of my control.

I have learned through my writing that I have something to say.

These are the life lessons that I hope to keep present in my mind as the New Year comes in with its new adventures and challenges.

I wish all my sisters and friends in my Memoir Group, Live Wires, and Writer's West Workshop a New Year full of rewarding discoveries.

-- Yolanda Adele,
Downey

Hidden danger

Dear Editor:

I just read "One Change" on page 2 of "One Person's Trash" issued by the city of Downey regarding the use of CFL) fluorescent bulbs, referred to as "twisty bulbs." There are a few facts that were left out of the article. The initial cost of \$20 to \$40 isn't bad enough, which they say we will make up in lower electricity use.

What they didn't tell us is how dangerous it is if you break one. The instructions are to evacuate the room immediately, open all windows and don't go back in for 15 minutes or so. Then put on rubber gloves, sweep any mercury on a card and place it in an air-tight glass jar. Any small amount of mercury remaining should be picked up by putting tape face down to pick up small pieces and place those in the jar also.

Then, if on carpet, cut out the contaminated area and place in the jar. Take this to a place (who knows where) that accepts it and remain out of the house for a couple of hours.

Doesn't that make you excited about this new light bulb? Of course, they have closed the business that made the incandescent bulbs and the "twisty lights" are made in China — not the U.S. Just what we need: more of our jobs outsourced. I would rather replace an incandescent bulb that cut a hole in my carpet and deal with the danger.

-- Elsa Van Leuven,
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

- Sat. Jan. 15: **Color guard fundraiser**, Rubio's, 11 a.m.
- Sat. Jan. 15: **Masonic Lodge installation**, Downey Masonic Lodge, 3 p.m.
- Sun. Jan. 16: **Bingo luncheon**, Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- Wed. Jan. 19: **Father Greg Boyle speaking engagement**, OLPH, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Jan. 20: **Volunteer workshop for Clothes The Deal**, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. Jan. 20: **Screening of "Taos"**, Downey Church for Spiritual Living, 6 p.m.

City Meetings

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cornack 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.

On This Day...

- Jan. 13, 1794:** President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union.
- 1964:** Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, was appointed archbishop of Krakow, Poland.
- 1968:** Country musician Johnny Cash recorded a live concert at Folsom Prison in California.
- 1990:** Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor.
- 2000:** Microsoft chairman Bill Gates stepped aside as chief executive.
- Birthdays:** Comedian Rip Taylor (77), actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus (50), country singer Trace Adkins (49), actor Patrick Dempsey (45), actress Nicole Eggert (39) and actor Orlando Bloom (34).

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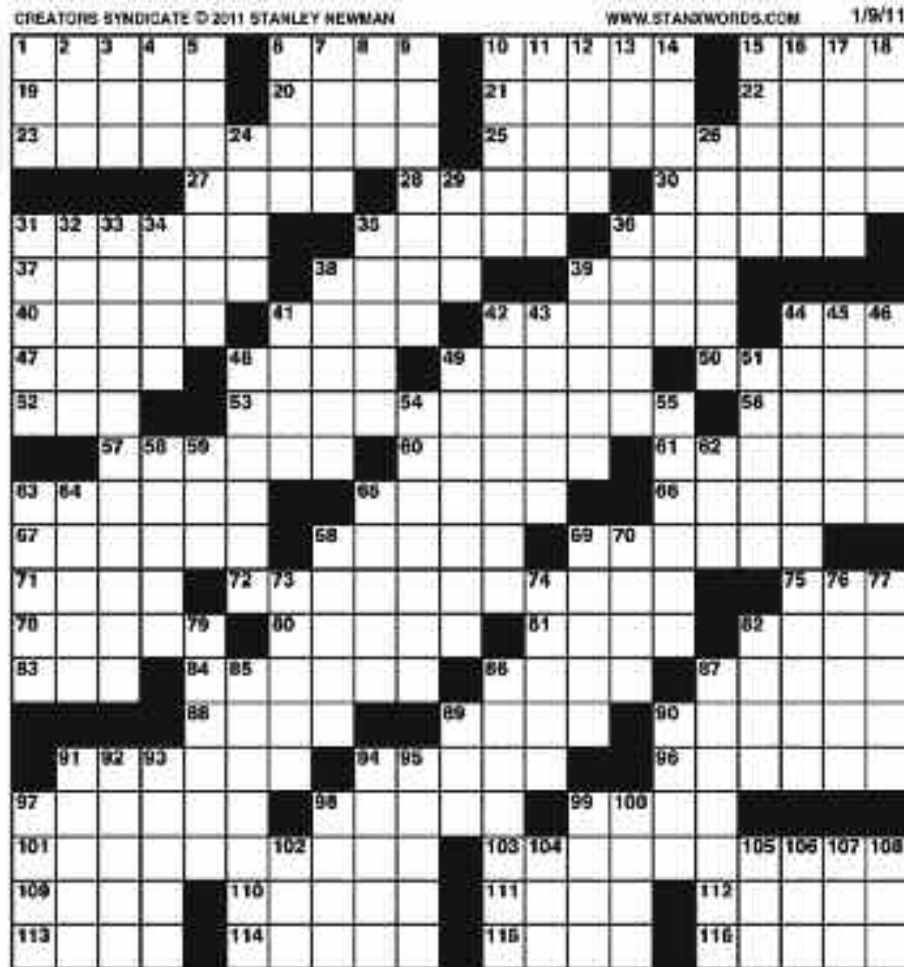
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by Gail Grabowski

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Every one of us has the opportunity have our organs donated upon our death. How do we make that decision? What factors should we consider? There is a clear need, but bioethical concerns cloud the issue. Interestingly, organized religion poses few obstacles. Let's explore together.

Organ transplants save lives every day. If a transplant is not possible due to organ condition or match failure, the organ can still be used for research or education. Researchers use normal as well as diseased organs and tissues for study, and vast numbers of people benefit from the resulting medical advancements.

The world's major religions accept the concept of organ donation in at least some form. Most religions, including the Catholic Church, support organ donation on the grounds that it constitutes an act of charity and provides a means of saving a life. Some religions impose restrictions on the types of organs that may be donated, or on the means by which organs are to be harvested or transplanted.

For example, due to their prohibition of blood transfusions, Jehovah's Witnesses require that organ be drained of blood prior to transplant. Muslims require that the donor provide written consent in advance. Orthodox Judaism considers organ donation obligatory if it will save a life, as long as the donor is considered dead as defined by Jewish law.

A few groups do oppose organ transplantation or donation, including many who follow Shinto practices, and Gypsies.

There is an enormous shortage of donor organs. This could not be truer than with the increasing need for kidneys. Kidney failure is brought on by rising age, diabetes and hypertension, and all three of these categories are growing in size. Spain boasts the highest organ donation rate in the world, with 35.1 donors per million people. This rate compares to 24.8 donors per million in Austria, and 22.2 donors per million in France. The Spanish transplant system is one of the most successful in the world, but it still can't meet the demand, and 10% of those needing a transplant die while still on the transplant list. Under Spanish law, every death can provide organs unless the donor expressly specified otherwise (while still living!).

Organ donation is becoming an important bioethical issue. For example, prisoners here in the United States are not discriminated against as organ recipients and are equally eligible for organ transplant as the general population. In 1976, the Supreme Court ruled that withholding health care from prisoners constituted "cruel and unusual punishment." Of course, many are uncomfortable that an organ transplant and follow-up care can cost the prison system up to \$1 million, and that an organ transplant to a prisoner may well deprive another citizen of that organ and a possibly life-saving surgery.

Another ethical issue involves whether to give liver transplants to alcoholics who may be in danger of relapse. Should organ transplants be allowed for drug abusers, those with reckless lifestyles, older patients, etc.? With a limited supply of organs to transplant, these become complicated and difficult bioethical social issues.

Because demand for organs far outpaces supply, a black market, often referred to as transplant tourism, exists. Black markets are,

by their nature, unregulated, and not surprisingly the rich take advantage of the poor. Those who support a black market argue that the poor are in desperate need of the money. Follow-up studies have actually been conducted on those donors who sold a kidney in countries where organ sales are legal. These studies show that a majority of donors have extreme regret, and if given the chance to repeat the procedure, they would not.

In addition, many study participants reported an actual decline in economic status following the procedure, despite income from the donated organ.

Even more frightening black market cases have involved suspected cases of organ theft, including murder. Supporters of a legal organ market claim that the black-market system encourages such tragedies, and that regulation could prevent them. Opponents claim that such a market could encourage criminals by making it easier to claim that a stolen organ was legal. Needless to say, this issue is far from resolved.

In 1999, eBay was involved in an organ scandal. An auction for "one functional human kidney" reached a bid of \$5.7 million before it was blocked by eBay. In the United States, the sale of human organs is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

An exciting but hugely controversial new field has arisen with great potential for providing organ supplies: cloning. A cloned organ would run no risk of rejection, since it would be a perfect match. However, the use of cloning to produce organs with an identical genotype to the recipient has issues all its own.

Consider the ethics of cloning an entire person for the express purpose of being destroyed for organ procurement! Currently, stem cell research is investigating using cloned stem cells to grow into a new organ. This research shows enormous promise, despite the bioethical and religious issues still unresolved.

There is simply no replacement for having available a real human body when it comes to teaching and research. I would urge all of us to give organ or full body donation serious consideration. It will truly help in the discovery of cures for many debilitating conditions such as cancer and Alzheimer's disease, in the development of new medicines, in the study of human anatomy, and in perfecting new surgical procedures.

As a medical student, one of my most important classes was Human Anatomy and Dissection, and I clearly recall that each donation was highly valued, and treated with the utmost humanity, compassion and respect. Many years have passed, and my oldest daughter just finished the very same human anatomy course in her own medical school. She describes a ceremony held before the course began, attended by both medical students and donor families, where the donor families were personally thanked for their amazing and precious gift.

Here are some steps you can take to become an organ donor:

- Register with your state donor registry: www.DonateLifeCalifornia.org/register/

- Sign a donor card and carry it with you until you renew your driver's license, at which time your decision can be designated on your driver's license.

- Talk to your family now about your decision to donate. Help them to understand your wish to be an organ and tissue donor, before a crisis occurs.

I wish you and future generations the gift of a long and healthy life!

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State proposes to lower perchlorate in drinking water

■ Environmental groups claim perchlorate poses threat to pregnant women.

SACRAMENTO — On Monday, California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) proposed revising its current 6 parts per billion (ppb) Public Health Goal (PHG) for the drinking water contaminant perchlorate to 1 ppb.

Their recommendation is the result of a five-year reevaluation of the current PHG, required under state law, based on new scientific studies on the potential health effects of perchlorate.

"The science is clear that perchlorate poses a serious public health threat, especially to fetuses, infants, and pregnant women, despite attempts to downplay the danger by polluters over the years," said Andria Ventura, Program Manager for Clean Water Action, an environmental group working on perchlorate contamination. "We support revising the PHG to reflect this threat and call on the Department of Public Health to set a new drinking water standard that will protect those communities that are consuming perchlorate now."

A reduced PHG leaves the door open to a more stringent, and protective standard, holding responsible parties accountable for cleaning up sites that are below the current standard. Perhaps more importantly, it could influence the rest of the country. Thanks to efforts, particularly by the Department of Defense, there is currently no national drinking water standard for perchlorate.

The Office of Management and Budget is currently reviewing a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "regulatory determination" on whether to undertake a drinking water standard-setting process. "We believe EPA should set a federal drinking water standard for perchlorate and that California's action should inform

that process," said Clean Water Action's National Campaign Director Lynn Thorp. "The state should be applauded for rising above political wrangling and letting the science determine a public health goal that protects children and other vulnerable populations."

A PHG is the daily exposure level that is considered, through scientific analysis, to be safe in drinking water throughout a person's lifetime. It takes into consideration the impacts on the total population, including those most vulnerable, such as fetuses, infants, pregnant women, and the elderly. Once it is established, the Department of Public Health (DPH) is tasked with developing a legal standard, as close to the PHG as is technologically and economically feasible. Currently, California, which has the most widespread perchlorate problem in the nation, is only one of two states to regulate the contaminant in drinking water. California's standard matches the current PHG at 6 ppb; Massachusetts' standard is more stringent at 2 ppb.

Perchlorate can interfere with the thyroid's ability to take up iodide, thus disrupting its ability to produce thyroid hormone. Even a small drop in thyroid hormone for a short period of time in a developing fetus, infant, or small child can cause irreparable damage to brain development. The problem is exacerbated by scientific findings that approximately 36 percent of US women are iodide deficient, meaning that over 2 million of those of child bearing age would require medical treatment when pregnant to protect their unborn child. The health impacts can range from problems such as learning disabilities, weakened vision and hearing, and impaired motor skills, to mental retardation.

While perchlorate does exist in nature, the vast majority of it is man made. It is used primarily as a component in solid rocket fuel, though it has other applications,

such as highway flares, fireworks, and even as a boutique fertilizer. Major polluters include military facilities, government contractors, and the aerospace industry, all of whom have worked diligently both in California and nationally to stop regulation of perchlorate in drinking water that would hold them accountable for cleanup.

In California, tens of thousands of residents are impacted by perchlorate in their wells. Particular hot spots include Los Angeles, which gets drinking water from the Columbia River that was contaminated by Kerr McGee Corporation operating out of Henderson Nevada, Rancho Cordova whose wells are contaminated by a local Aerojet site, and communities such as Santa Clarita and Rialto.

In the South Bay communities of Morgan Hill and San Martin, an 8-mile groundwater plume of perchlorate originating from Olin Corporation's former highway flare manufacturing site has resulted in the contamination of over 800 private and public wells. Olin is being held responsible by the Central Valley Regional Water Board for cleaning up the contamination and providing bottled water to residents whose levels still exceed the drinking water standard. It is unclear if the change in the PHG will require them to expand the number of households that will receive alternative water however.

"Our major concern is that there is a backlog at DPH in setting drinking water standards," says Ventura. "That could result in inaction on perchlorate, meaning that the people of California will continue to drink it at unsafe levels. That is simply not acceptable."

Reluctance on the part of DPH is not the only problem, as strong opposition is expected from polluters and some drinking water providers to the proposed change in the PHG. Clearly the stakes are high.

Clean Water Action is the nation's largest grassroots group focused on water, energy and environmental health. Clean Water Action's 1 million members, participate in Clean Water Action's programs for clean, safe and affordable water, prevention of health-threatening pollution, and creation of environmentally-safe jobs and businesses. Clean Water Action's nonpartisan campaigns empower people to make democracy work. www.cleanwateraction.org



Home remedies with candy canes

BY RITA SHERTICK, SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

DOWNEY — Christmas is over, maybe your tree and most of your decorations are packed away. The chocolate goes quickly, but what about all those candy canes and peppermint stars? Easy answer: keep them in the medicine cabinet and/or next to the coffee pot.

Why the coffee pot? Why not? Drop one into the next pot for your own peppermint coffee instead of buying one at the coffee shop.

You can also add one to the tea pot. Peppermint tea has been known for years to calm upset stomachs. Check the tea aisle and you'll find several varieties. Some sources also recommend it to soothe a throbbing headache.

Most cough drops have menthol as their main medicinal ingredient. Well, that's mainly what they use to make candy canes. Menthol is an approved FDA decongestant used in such formulas as Vicks Vaporub.

So next time you have an upset stomach, maybe you can't keep your food down, or even have a drippy nose, reach for the candy canes. Add it to the hot tea or let it dissolve in your quart of water and sip.

At the after-Christmas sales now, most are 75% off, so go fill your medicine cabinet.

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Sam's Club to sell health services

LONG BEACH — Sam's Club announced this week that it will begin offering a \$99 per month healthcare prevention plan to its customers.

The plan is not health insurance but rather a personalized health program that provides customers tools to monitor their own health.

Customers also receive access to a 24/7 nurse line, two health coaching sessions and health alerts based on age, gender and risks.

Sam's Club, a division of WalMart, will begin selling the program in stores by May. It is already available for purchase online.

"The aim of the prevention plan is to keep individuals healthy, identify illness early rather than wait for symptoms to develop and assist in chronic care management such as for diabetes or heart disease," Christopher Fey, CEO of U.S. Preventive Medicine, which administers the program, told CNN. "Think of it as what a financial planner does. He takes all the information you provide, assesses the risk and gives you a plan on how to improve your financial health. The prevention plan does a similar thing, but for your [personal] health."

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HOOPS: Vikings off to fast start.

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returning player, senior forward Dami Adefeso, has the most experience on the court. Adefeso, referred to fondly as "the warrior" by Shelton, has tallied the most points per game among his teammates, averaging 17.7 points per contest. There is no question that without Adefeso's previous experience and talent, the outcome of the season would be completely different.

"I feel that this team is very special compared to other teams in the past," said Adefeso. "Playing with these guys is an honor. I wouldn't ask for any other group guys. They know when to be serious and play hard. No one needs to tell them that we are capable of being good if we work hard because day in and day out we work hard as a team and play hard as a team."

Adefeso, while sometimes not awarded style points, has a nose for scoring around the basket. Not afraid of contact, Adefeso scores at will against many low post players making him a threat every night of the week. It's not uncommon to see him go to the line for a 3-point play either.

Looking forward to the coming weeks, the Vikings said they hope to continue the success they have achieved and are taking each game "one-day at a time." Their main focus is to continue to defeat their toughest rivals before thinking about league championships and CIF.

With the resurgence into the team's energy this year, there's no doubt they have the ability to maintain this momentum and continue their success into league, CIF and beyond.

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PHOTO BY PAUL HEIDECKER

Dami Adefeso tries to get a shot off during the Vikings' 47-46 loss to Gahr on Wednesday.

It's heartbreak as Downey loses in final seconds

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Vikings lose second game of the season to Gahr.

BY SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Cold from behind the arc all night long, Gahr's Michael Alvarez hit a 3-point shot with seconds left in the game to beat Downey in their San Gabriel Valley League opener at Downey 47-46, Wednesday night.

The night was supposed to be celebrated with Downey guard Garrett Neilan's return to the starting lineup after missing a couple games with a leg injury. Instead, Gahr rudely stabbed Downey with a dagger in the form of a 3-pointer with 10 seconds to go.

The Vikings were up 46-44 with the clock winding down when Gahr's Davon Potts drove to the basket from atop the key. Potts penetrated enough to force defensive help from the Vikings, leaving Alvarez wide open to hit his only shot of the game after a pass from Potts.

After a Downey timeout with five seconds left, Dallas Lopez tried to get the ball to Neilan streaking down the sideline but under threw him allowing Gahr to tip the ball up in the air and the clock to read zeroes.

"We didn't play very smart," Vikings head coach Larry Shelton said about the final minutes of the game. "[We were] trying long passes with the lead. We could've gotten the ball in, instead we throw the ball down the court. Twice we fouled 75 feet away from the basket after we miss the shot so no time comes off the clock and they go to the free throw line.

"We over run the ball on the last play trying to make the play, letting [Potts] get penetration forcing help and giving up the three. You cannot do that and win championships. [We are a] very inexperienced team. We have not played that many close games and it came back to bite us today."

Downey did everything in its power to fend off Gahr's surges but four straight made 3-point shots by Potts, Anthony Martinez, Javonte Sales, and Brian Nebo in the final two minutes of the game all but set up Alvarez's heroics. The Vikings were able to clamp down Gahr's 3-point shooting up to the final minutes of the game then the flood gates opened for Gahr from 3-point territory.

"Young mistakes," Shelton said about the defense in the final two minutes. "[Lopez] had done a great job all night long with Potts. He decides to go under the screen one time and he makes him pay with a three. That's the problem with a great player like that. He hits one and they get the feel. He's won a lot of games for them. They've played in a log of big games. I think what you saw down the stretch was the experience between the two teams."

Trailing by a single point after one quarter, 9-8, the Vikings began the second quarter with taking the

lead then dictating the pace all the way up to the final minutes of the game. Downey played air tight defense most of the game, contesting everything. The Vikings only turned the ball over nine times in the game, something Shelton said was crucial.

"Big emphasis all week because if you turn the ball over to Gahr, it results in run-outs and threes in transition," he said. "They feed on it. You got a little taste of it in the fourth quarter in how explosive they can be shooting the three. We contained them until the last few minutes. Taking care of the ball was priority No. 1 tonight."

Downey for more than three quarters outclassed Gahr in every way. They were more aggressive in hustle plays, they crashed the boards better, locked down Gahr defensively, and forced turnovers. Neilan was a huge part of that, scoring 14 points and pulling down eight rebounds. Neilan also forced many turnovers and gave Gahr fits with his length.

"Garrett was Garrett," Shelton said. "He's our leader. He's the kid that's not afraid to take the big shot. He's a complete player. I thought he played well."

While Neilan played well, Downey's leading scorer Dami Adefeso had a pedestrian game by his standards with 14 points and nine rebounds. Adefeso had trouble all night in the paint with Gahr's center John Benson.

"When you play a team that's long and athletic, you're not going to shoot as well," Shelton said. "That's part of what happened to Dami tonight. I know he didn't shoot his normal percentage. I know when you got a 6-foot-6 inch kid in there, you have to shoot over him. It makes it tough."

The loss is Downey's second of the season, putting them at 15-2 overall and 0-1 in league. Traveling to Paramount is next up for the Vikings in SGVL play. Game time is 7 p.m.

An ugly win, but Warren will take it

■ **BOYS BASKETBALL:** Warren, Bellflower combine for only 15 points in first quarter.

BY SCOTT COBOS,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – In a low-scoring game that turned a little street ball, the Warren Bears boys' basketball team managed to grind out a victory over Bellflower at home last Wednesday, 46-35.

The game started very slowly and sloppy as both teams scored a combined 15 points in the first quarter. The entire first half really wasn't pretty with a lot of missed layups and sloppy passing by both teams. It got to the point where players were being called for carrying the ball in a street ball video fashion.

"I thought the urgency and energy was lacking in the first half," said Warren head coach Ryan Hart.

The Bears were down 19-16 at halftime, but were able to pick up the intensity albeit a slow start to the second half. Again, the Bears were missing a lot of easy buckets, sometimes botching uncontested layups in the open court.

The offense struggled in the third quarter again, but it was the defensive intensity that gave the Bears a 29-25 lead going into the fourth quarter. Whether or not the rust was from winter vacation, Hart dismissed it as an excuse.

"You could always say that," he said. "But when I buy in to that, it's time for me to go. We're not in the NBA. We're not in college. We play 26 games. If you can't get up for that, there's no excuse."

Warren's defense allowed only 6 points in the quarter with Bellflower's first field goal not coming until 2:58 was left in the

quarter. Shots started dropping for the Bears near the bucket, and the Bears were starting to cleanup their defensive glass.

Led by senior CeeJay Anderson, the Bears were able to clamp down Bellflower's offense and go into the fourth quarter with a chance to close out the game.

Anderson led all scorers with 12 points and 12 rebounds on the night. Joseph Campos had 9 points, and John Elam, James Reyes, and Chad Corapi all had 6 points a piece.

In the fourth quarter, the Bears stumbled a little out of the gate, giving up a 7-0 run to Bellflower to allow them to over take the lead with 5:00 left in the quarter. Warren responded with a 6-0 run to regain the lead 37-33.

After that, the Bears never relinquished the lead again, closing the game on a 15-2 run, with many of those points coming in the paint. Warren on the night did most of their damage under the glass, and cleaning up the turnovers in the second half.

"We finally got the ball inside," Hart said. "CeeJay took advantage of his size down there. We also got to the free throw line. We got them into foul trouble in the third and we took advantage of that. But we handled the pressure better."

Although it was a messy game, Hart said that he wish it got a little bit more rugged and down in the dirt saying that his team needs to learn to get on the floor.

"I wish it would get a little bit more [street ball]," he said. "That's one thing I think we're lacking. We call it dirty work. We're just not willing it at every point in the game, to sacrifice our body. We have to be able to take more charges. We have to be more physical."

Coach not happy after blowout win

■ **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Warren coach Rachel Palmer sees room for improvement.

BY JENNIFER CHO,
INTERN

DOWNEY – Despite a 36-point difference between the victorious Warren girls' basketball team and the visiting Dominguez Dons on Wednesday night, head coach Rachel Palmer was not completely satisfied.

"Honestly, we didn't play very well," she said. "We weren't consistent."

While most coaches would be thrilled after winning 62-26,

Palmer said she wasn't satisfied with her team's performance. In the first league match-up of the season, the Lady Bears struggled with their offense in the second half and instead of shooting the ball, the girls made sloppy passes that resulted in several turnovers for the Bears.

Danielle Rodriguez led in scoring with 22 points, Frances Vaalu with 17 points and Tahja Matthews with 10 points. Julie Deleon had 6 points on the game.

Wednesday's game acted as a warm-up match to Friday's anticipated game at Lynwood, the undefeated league champion last year.

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'Hair' opens at Pantages Theatre

HOLLYWOOD – The 2009 Tony Award-winning musical revival of "Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical," is now playing at the Pantages Theatre for a limited engagement through Jan. 23. "Hair" won the 2009 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival as well as the Drama Desk, Drama League and Outer Critics Circle award for Outstanding Revival of a Musical.

The "Hair" cast recording was also nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album.

With a score including such musical numbers as "Let the Sun Shine In," "Aquarius," "Hair" and "Good Morning Starshine," "Hair" depicts the birth of a cultural movement in the 60s and 70s that changed America forever.

The musical follows a group of hopeful, free-spirited young people who advocate a lifestyle of pacifism and free-love in a society riddled with intolerance and brutality during the Vietnam War.

As they explore sexual identity, challenge racism, experiment with drugs and burn draft cards, the show "resonates with an irresistible message of hope more than 40 years after it first opened on Broadway."

Originally produced off-Broadway at Joseph Papp's Public Theatre in October 1967, "Hair" became an almost immediate sensation, a lightning rod for the New York's hippie subculture, who embraced the show's progressive themes. It also was the target of significant controversy because of its depiction of sexuality and drug use, and the presence of explicit nudity and profanity.

The show moved uptown, and in April 1968, opened on Broadway, where it went on to run for 1,750 performances, spawning numerous productions throughout the U.S. and Europe.

"Hair" has roots to Hollywood dating back to 1968, when the West Coast premiere production opened on Sunset Boulevard, just two blocks from the Pantages, about six months following the production's Broadway opening. The newly-christened Aquarius Theatre, re-

named in honor of one of the show's hit songs, would be "Hair's" home for two years.

More than a decade after the show became an international sensation, United Artists released a screen adaptation of the story that featured John Savage, Treat Williams and Beverly D'Angelo.

Directed by Milos Forman, who had won an Academy Award for his direction of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," the big screen adaptation of "Hair" substantially changed the plot of the stage version. And while "Hair" creators were credited on the film, they were vocal in their displeasure with the changes implemented to their story.

Tickets for "Hair" start at \$25 and can be purchased online at www.broadwayla.org or by calling (800) 982-2787.

The show is suitable for young adults ages 13 and older, but parental discretion is advised. There is a dimly-lit 20-second scene with nudity that is non-sexual in nature.

College marks Black History Month

NORWALK – Cerritos College's Black Student Union is planning an event next month to honor Black History Month.

"Black Expressions through Black Art" will take place Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cerritos College Student Center.

The event will feature guest speakers including Mandla Kayise, founder and CEO of New World Education; and songwriter and pianist Howlett "Smitty" Smith.

There will also be a fashion show, talent show, entertainment, vendor booths and prizes.

Screenwriter shares tips to succeed

Pen Densham is a true Hollywood survivor.

Having quit school at age 15, he spent his formative years doing everything he could to conjure himself a career in film and television. Since then, he has written, produced, consulted and directed movies and television shows for the last 20-plus years.

He has worked with talents like Ron Howard, Robin Wright, Kevin Costner, Jeff Bridges, Morgan Freeman and his projects have received multiple Academy Award nominations. And just for irony, the high school dropout now teaches a course to graduating MFA students at USC's film school.

So, how did a kid with relatively little education and nothing but a dream become one of the more successful auteurs working in the business today? He sums it up with one word: passion.

"It seems like such a cliché," said Densham, author of "Riding the Alligator: Strategies for a Career in Screenplay Writing...and not getting Eaten." (www.ridingthealligator.com)

"I consider passion as the most powerful energizer for your journey as a creative professional. If you truly believe in your work, you will take more risks, bounce back from Hollywood's humiliating rejections more frequently, and fight harder and longer for your projects.

"My greatest successes in the industry have been from thinking outside the Studio box. They are the result of ideas that despite being rejected when I pitched them, I went ahead and wrote anyway. Were it not for passion, I would have doubted myself out of my career today."

Densham's chief tips for those engaging in the creative process include:

Life Scripts -- I firmly believe that we are happiest and most productive when we are working from our true nature and not trying to fake what someone else wants. The stories that are written with a powerful sense of your inner vision are somehow more creative, complex and rich. I call these "life scripts." They contain something more profound that derives from your personal

experiences, your unconscious, maybe even your DNA. You will instinctively fight harder to make them work. Actors see them as deeper and more significant. For me, "life scripts" seem to get produced more frequently than the scripts that are less personally inspired.

Eliminating Writer's Block -- Perfectionism is the evil villain here. The biggest mistake writers make is mixing the creative process with the guilt of the critical process. They wind up worrying too much about how good or bad their writing is going to be and they freeze. In my research I found an acting coach, a writer and even a computer code creator all suggesting the same unique trick to free the mind. Bear with me here. They all said act or write crappy. Start out by telling yourself to write any old crap you can think of on your chosen subject. Urge any old crap to pour out. If it's crap your critic has no work to do. This lets your brain give itself to the creative process. And strangely, when you read your words later, you'll discover that most of it isn't crap at all.

Rewrite -- Great writing is all about rewriting. I call a first draft a Lewis and Clark. No one should blame themselves for a couple of missteps on a route through unknown territory. But once you uncritically laid out your completed story, it is easy to see what you have discovered. Now is the fun part. Put the freeway through. Make your story flow, cut out any unnecessary side trips and make sure your reader can't get lost on the way.

"I have my share of unmade treasures sitting on the shelf, but remember, even if what you write doesn't sell, it was not an empty effort," Densham adds. "Most scripts don't sell just as most actors don't get jobs from every audition. But, frequently, something good comes to gift the effort. People may love the work and invite you to write for a project the envisage, or ask to read other scripts you have. And with each script you become a stronger story teller. Effort brings opportunity."

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Legislation seeks approval for health insurance rate hikes

■ Legislation would require health insurers to receive approval before rate increases.

SACRAMENTO — Blue Shield of California has made the decision to raise individual policy rates as much as 59%, underscoring the need for Assembly Bill 52, legislation introduced in December 2010 by Assemblyman Mike Feuer (D-Los Angeles), proponents said. The bill requires health plans and insurers to receive approval from the state for such rate increases.

"In this economic climate, staggering rate hikes like those proposed by Blue Shield will make healthcare unaffordable for many Californians," Feuer said. "Health insurers should be required to justify their reasons for raising rates that could cause even more families to lose their coverage. If insurers can't sufficiently justify increases, then state regulators should have the authority to reject them."

According to published reports, Blue Shield plans to cumulatively increase the rates of 193,000 of its

individual plan members by 30%-30% on average. Feuer's legislation would ensure that such increases would have to be reviewed and approved by the state before being imposed upon subscribers.

Specifically, the measure would require health care service plans and health insurers to seek approval from the Department of Managed Health Care or the Department of Insurance prior to raising health care premiums, copayments or deductibles. The measure would also require that insurers provide justification in the rate review process for such rate increases. It would build upon newly-implemented federal and state law improving the health insurance rate filing and review process.

"I find it stunning that Blue Shield would seek to impose such massive rate hikes on policyholders during these troubling economic times," said insurance commissioner Dave Jones. "These rate hikes will impose significant financial burdens on struggling families

and, in some cases, will lead to the loss of health care coverage. I urge Blue Shield to reconsider its decision."

In 2010, Feuer and then-Assemblyman Dave Jones jointly introduced a far-reaching plan to establish a permanent rate review and approval process after a similar proposed rate increase by Anthem Blue Cross. That measure was ultimately defeated in the Senate.

"These huge rate hikes would be shocking if we had not seen them year after year, New federal and state laws now make these rate hikes public, but we need to take the next step with health reform, to give state regulators the authority to deny unjustified rate increases," said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, the statewide health care consumer advocacy coalition. "Blue Shield blames medical costs, but medical inflation, as high as it is, is nowhere near 59 percent. That's why state regulators need more tools to scrutinize these rates and deny them if need be."

Blue Shield rate hike draws Democratic ire

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. John Garamendi (D-Walnut Creek), who served for eight years as California's insurance commissioner, denounced Blue Shield health insurance this week for its plan to hike rates by as much as 59% for individuals on private plans.

"[The] egregious rate hike by Blue Shield of California is further proof that we can't trust the insurance industry to stand with customers," Garamendi said. "As we climb out of a deep recession, the insurance companies are kicking us back down. Fortunately, for rate increases over 10%, the 2010 health care reform allows the federal government to review, question and disclose facts to the public

about the increase."

"When Congress passed the Patients' Bill of Rights last year, we instituted important reforms that are helping to rein in the worse abuses of the insurance industry," Garamendi continued, adding that Republicans are attempting to repeal health care reform. "Even with the strong consumer protections found in the Patients' Bill of Rights, insurers like Blue Shield are still exploiting patients for financial gain. This is an argument for more consumer protections, not less. House Republicans want to replace the Patients' Bill of Rights with the insurance industry's Right to Discriminate. Let's not start the New Year by exposing consumers to new risks."

Garamendi said that repealing health care reform would hurt children, younger and older adults and seniors.

"After a century of struggle, Americans now have a Patients' Bill of Rights," Garamendi said. "Now that they control the House, Congressional Republicans are trying to shred the Patients' Bill of Rights. My district residents and Americans across the country would suffer immensely if this were to happen. This would take us back to the days when insurance companies completely controlled your health care. Instead of moving backwards, we should move forward with implementing health care reform, which will empower and protect the American people."

A cancer patient's worst nightmare

By Sally C. Pipes

In December, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) made a decision that could cause thousands of breast cancer patients to lose their last hope. That day, FDA officials voted to revoke approval for Avastin for the treatment of late-stage breast cancer.

This move was a disgrace. Avastin reduces blood flow to tumors, allowing it to halt the spread of breast cancer in some patients. In one clinical trial, 52 percent of Avastin users saw their tumors stop growing or spreading to other parts of their bodies. In most other breast cancer patients, Avastin acts as a pause button, temporarily sparing women from deteriorating further. On average, Avastin extends life by a few months. However, some "super responders" react especially well and enjoy additional years.

FDA bureaucrats know this but ignored the evidence. The FDA stated last month that Avastin does not offer "a sufficient benefit in slowing disease progression to outweigh the significant risk to patients."

How could the FDA come to such a conclusion? The agency was likely influenced by Avastin's cost. Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers typically pick up a substantial slice of the tab for Avastin, and an annual regimen costs upwards of \$90,000.

But for many of the 17,500 American women prescribed Avastin every year, those dollars translate into a substantial amount of extra life - days and months they wouldn't have had to spend with their friends and families.

Even among patients that don't experience a substantial increase in lifespan, Avastin can still significantly improve their quality of life, enabling them to better enjoy the time they have left and meet death with grace and dignity.

Ironically, the exact same day the FDA revoked Avastin's approval, its counterpart across the Atlantic did the opposite. The European Union's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use had conducted a similar investigation into Avastin in breast cancer treatment. Officials found that the drug, when used in combination with another treatment called paclitaxel, substantially prolonged progression-free survival, and they ruled to retain its approval.

There was a time when U.S. regulators appreciated these miracles. Back in 2008, the FDA granted the drug temporary approval for breast

cancer treatment after considering research showing that women on a pharmaceutical cocktail including Avastin lived a median of two to three months longer than patients on a regimen without it.

Last summer, however, the FDA's Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee revisited that decision and recommend it be reversed. On Dec. 16, the general body made that recommendation official.

Public insurance programs could use the decision as justification to stop covering Avastin for breast cancer. Private insurers are likely to follow suit. In fact, several national insurers - including Regence and HSCS - have already started restricting reimbursements for Avastin for breast cancer.

So most women are going to be stuck trying to pay for Avastin out-of-pocket. Effectively, the FDA has decided that many late-stage breast cancer patients can get extra time

with their loved ones only if they have enough zeros on their bank statement.

Worse still, this decision could smother future pharmaceutical development. Genentech, Avastin's developer, spent some \$2.3 billion creating this treatment. In reaction to this decision, other drug firms will be less likely to make the investments required for research into advanced drugs.

Every year, 40,000 American women die of breast cancer. It's true that Avastin can't save most of them. But for a select group, the drug improves life dramatically. It shouldn't be put on the chopping block.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO and Taube Fellow in Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book, The Truth About Obamacare (Regnery 2010), was just released.

Jean Palmer, 88, passes away at home

DOWNEY — Jean Saxton Palmer, a former Army nurse and longtime school teacher, passed away peacefully Jan. 3 at home after a long struggle with cancer. She was 88.

She was born Sept. 12, 1922 in Boise, Idaho.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; daughter, Eileen Martin; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

After serving as an Army nurse during World War II, she worked for 30 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District as a school nurse and teacher. She was an active member of the Women's Overseas League and served several years in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held at her former residence in Downey on March 18 at 1 p.m.

Services planned for Gary Harrison

DOWNEY — Gary Gene Harrison, born Oct. 28, 1939 in South Gate, has died.

He grew up in Bell Gardens and graduated from Bell Gardens High School in 1957. After some college he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served two years.

He joined the special forces and was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne. After being honorably discharged he became a machinist, a career he had for more than 40 years.

He was married to his wife, Carolyn, for 40 years.

He is survived by a daughter, Rhonda Daughlsh; son, Eric Harrison; and grandchildren, Brittany Daughlsh, Amanda Harrison and Ethan Harrison.

Memorial services will be held Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey.



Wilma Ruby Harrison

April 9, 1928 - January 7, 2011



Wilma Ruby Harrison, 82, known to all her loved ones as Ruby, passed away on January 7 2011 in Huntington Beach after a long struggle with dementia. Ruby was an indomitable spirit whose generosity, humor and passion for cooking created many lifelong friendships and a catering client-list that extended into every ethnic neighborhood in Los Angeles and Orange County.

Born in Oaks, Oklahoma on April 9, 1928, Ruby was the oldest daughter of Lena and Ernest Raymond. The Raymond Family lived on Cherokee land, and then moved from farm to farm as sharecroppers to pick cotton for much of Ruby's childhood. At age 13, she took money from her Mom's purse and boarded a bus to Los Angeles. After obtaining false ID to state she was 17, she started work as a line-worker at Nabisco Foods packaging cookies. She quit and became a waitress shortly thereafter once she learned she would receive a meal in addition to her wages working in a restaurant. A local electrician, Terry Harrison, came in for lunch on a regular basis. Ruby was smitten because she said Terry respected her and didn't pressure her to get married right away.

Ruby and Terry were married in 1947, settled in Downey CA, and lived in the same home for 53 years. Ruby was ahead of her time, and a true independent woman. She had two children, Terry Darlene and Robert, and began working as a seamstress, babysitter and cake baker. After providing hundreds of wedding cakes to many clients, Ruby realized she could probably cook and cater for large parties.

An unstructured, but exceptionally creative lady, she formed Ruby's Catering Company and thrived for over twenty years. One of her fondest memories was when Governor Pete Wilson came into the kitchen at the Hyatt Regency and thanked her and all the staff for a wonderful meal during one of his campaign stops. Ruby particularly enjoyed learning how to prepare meals for all ethnicities to meet the special requests of her clients throughout Los Angeles and Orange County.

Ruby's heart was filled with compassion for anyone disadvantaged. Because of her own poverty as a child, she was determined to help others as she continued to be blessed with opportunity. She took food to the homeless in Los Angeles; she purchased books for young girls so they could continue to study; she paid for car repairs of friends who were down on their luck and paid for other people's children to go to any Museum as part of their educational experience. In her older years, Ruby drove friends to their doctor's appointments and helped anyone who was sick or lonely. As long as she was physically capable, Ruby was there to help. Ruby and Terry's life was fulfilled because of the meaningful, close bonds they shared with a close-knit set of friends: Shirley and George Wagner, Ruth and Eli Hobson, Dob and Lil Durkin, Beryle and Swede Cleveland and Millie and Fay Miner.

The most important part of her life was her children and grandchildren. Ruby was always happiest and comforted knowing her children were independent, strong and caring. Although we will deeply miss our mother, she left an indelible print on our hearts and gave us the fondest of memories and eternal love. We will always be exceptionally grateful for all she has given.

Ruby is survived by her children, Terry Darlene and her husband Terry Herbeck of Huntington Beach, Bob and his wife Anne of San Diego, her grandchildren, Daniel, James and Megan and her sister Norma of Las Vegas. A private interment is planned at the Riverside National Cemetery, and a celebration of her life is by invitation on January 23. In lieu of flowers, you may send a donation to the Union Rescue Mission, 555 S San Pedro Street, LA CA 90013 in Ruby's name.

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Greg Boyle to speak at OLPH

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Founded in 1986, Homeboy Industries has helped more than 8,000 former gang members from 700 different gangs rebuild their lives by providing them jobs and counseling.

The event is free and open to the public.

CHP officer charged in death

COMPTON – A California Highway Patrol officer from Compton was arrested Tuesday and charged in the shooting death of her husband nearly two years earlier.

Tomieka Johnson fatally shot Marcus Lemons as the couple was exiting the 91 Freeway in Compton in February 2009.

Johnson claimed she shot Lemons in self-defense after he began beating her during a violent argument.

After shooting her husband, Johnson allegedly drove to her parents' home less than a mile away. Her parents called 911.

Lemons's co-workers and family expressed doubt in Johnson's story, describing him as a "peaceful man who would never hit his wife."

Prosecutors said it took two years to file charges against Johnson due to an extensive investigation.

Johnson was charged with murder Tuesday. She is being held on \$2 million bail.

Basketball league at SFS church

SANTA FE SPRINGS – A youth basketball league for children in 1st-6th grade begins Feb. 5 at Florence Avenue Foursquare Church in Santa Fe Springs.

The league encourages fun with "positive coaching, sportsmanship, playing time and spiritual values."

The league is 10 weeks long and features separate divisions for boys and girls. Registration is \$55 and includes uniform, trophy and pictures.

Registration forms are available online at www.fafc.org or by calling (562) 868-2234.

Space center hosting teacher workshops

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host a NASA/JPL teacher workshop Feb. 5 where the topic will be the history of climate change and its effects on NASA missions.

The workshop is free and meets 2nd-5th grade science standards.

Another workshop, "Physics of Sound," will be held April 9. Staff members will explain why there is no sound in space, and how elephants and whales communicate using similar low frequencies.

This workshop meets 2nd-3rd grade science standards.

Both workshops are free for teachers and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. RSVP is required by calling (562) 231-1200.

Trojan Club meets Jan. 25

LONG BEACH – The Long Beach Trojan Club will discuss the 2010 football season and recruitment for 2011 when it meets Jan. 25 the Long Beach Yacht Club.

Guest speaker will be publicist Loel Schrader.

Cost is \$45 to attend and includes dinner and cocktails. The event begins at 7 p.m.

Reservations should be sent to Barbara Cotler, 6024 Avenida de Castillo, Long Beach, CA 90803.

Alleged drunk driver faces 50 years to life

ALHAMBRA – An alleged drunk driver who lost control of his vehicle and plowed into an excavating machine in a construction area on the San Bernardino Freeway, killing a woman and injuring several others, was arraigned Monday.

Jacob Garcia Jr., 47, was charged with murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and DUI. He faces 50 years to life in prison.

On Dec. 16, Garcia was allegedly driving drunk with six passengers in his sedan when he collided with a piece of excavating equipment on the 10 Freeway in Alhambra.

Maria Faith Soloman died in the crash and the other passengers were injured.

Bail for Garcia was recommended at \$1.3 million.

Rubio's fundraiser for color guard

DOWNEY – Rubio's restaurant at Downey Landing will host a fundraiser Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the Downey High School Color Guard.

Customers who present a flier when ordering will have 20% of their proceeds donated to the color guard.

Funds will be used to purchase uniforms and pay for upcoming competitions.

Color guard members will be on-site with fliers. The public is welcome.

Chamber to honor members

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its 108th anniversary with a luncheon Jan. 28 at the Embassy Suites.

Longtime chamber members will speak and past presidents, along with new members, will be recognized.

Plaques and certificates will also be issued to longtime chamber members.

The luncheon begins at noon and costs \$25 to attend. Reservation deadline is Jan. 25.

To reserve a seat, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.

Sales coach to offer tips

DOWNEY – Brian Willingham, president of BMW Coaching, a sales training and business consulting firm, will speak Jan. 25 at Rise 'N Shine Networking at Bob's Big Boy.

Willingham's topic will be "Street Tactics for Wild Success."

The meeting begins at 7:30 a.m. and is open to the public. Cost to attend is an order from the menu.

For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

Are you a talented senior?

DOWNEY – Talented senior citizens are wanted for the eighth annual Downey Senior Follies, a talent show taking place June 24-26 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Citizens over age 50 are invited to share their talents in singing, dancing, musical instruments, comedy or other skills.

For more information, call Colette Fowler at (562) 904-7226.



Cpl. Mike Pope, president of the Downey Police Officers' Association, was joined by fellow officers in delivering new toys and gift cards to needy families last Dec. 23. They were assisted by Downey police explorers and members of the Miss Downey court. Many of the toys were donated by local businesses and residents, and police officers held a toy drive softball tournament. Titan Transportation also donated toys and helped deliver them using their tow trucks. "All of the kids' faces lit up when they saw the police cars and the tow truck coming down the street with all of the toys," Pope said. "It was a great feeling to be able to help people out and get to see the excitement on the children's faces."

DUSD open enrollment next month

DOWNEY – Parents who reside within DUSD boundaries and wish for their child to attend a Downey school outside their attendance area should fill out an application in February during the school district's open enrollment period.

Applications will be available at Downey schools beginning Feb. 1. Completed applications should be turned in by Feb. 28.

Applications will not be processed on a first-come, first-served basis; instead, a random drawing will be held to place students on a waiting list for the 2011-12 school year. Schools may accept students from the waiting list according to priority, but only if space is available.

For more information, call the DUSD Office of Student Services at (562) 469-6554.

Vendor space at Street Faire

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce is now selling booth space for the Downey Street Faire on May 7.

Vendors selling antiques, collectibles and business services can secure a 10-foot by 10-foot space for \$120. The price is \$135 for food vendors.

For more information, call the Chamber at (562) 923-2191.

Miss Downey applications available

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association is now accepting applications for the Miss Downey Pageant taking place March 19 at the Downey Theatre.

Contestants must live, work or go to school in Downey to be eligible for the pageant.

Age groups include Jr. Miss Downey (10-12), Miss Teen Downey (13-15) and Miss Downey (16-23).

Contestants compete in interviews, sportswear, business wear and evening gown categories and will perform in a group opening number choreographed by Liz Vega-Gomez, owner of OnStage Dance Center.

Pageant applications are available at Downey middle schools and high schools, the Downey Chamber of Commerce and various restaurants and businesses throughout the city.

Applications are also available online at www.downeyrose.org and www.missdowney.com.

Community center has new classes

DOWNEY – The Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center is offering new classes this year for residents of all ages.

The Lil Newtons, Lil Scientists and Lil Traveler classes offer a 4-week, one-hour adventure for preschoolers ages 3-5. Cost is \$45 per session.

The California Highway Patrol is offering "Teen Drivers: Drive Smart to Stay Safe," for teens ages 15-19. The classes are free and will be held Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon, and Jan. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. RSVP by calling Officer Perez at (562) 868-0503.

A beginning art class for adults ages 50 and older is a new 5-week, one hour course teaching drawing fundamentals, including contour drawing, perspectives and still life rendering. Cost is \$25 and the class starts Jan. 21.

All classes are held at the community and senior center. For more information or to register for a class, call (562) 904-7223.

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Business Watch meeting set Jan. 25

DOWNEY – Business Watch, a program between the city of Downey and Downey Chamber of Commerce, will meet Jan. 25 at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall and feature a presentation by the Code Enforcement department.

Code Enforcement officers will discuss topics such as property maintenance, distressed and abandoned property, and building code and environmental violations.

The Downey Police Department will also be present to discuss local crime trends in the business community.

The meeting is open to all Downey business owners. For more information, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191 or the city at (562) 904-1895.

Mission opportunities with church

CYPRESS – Cypress Church will hold Missions Week Jan. 23-30, where visitors can learn about mission opportunities both locally and around the world.

The event will also include special speakers and testimonies, as well as prayer meetings.

Cypress Church is located at 6143 Ball Rd. in Cypress.

To learn more about missions with Cypress Church, e-mail Takeshi Takazawa at takeshi@cypresschurch.net.

Author to sign copies of memoir

LOS ANGELES – Author Ralph E. Gipson will be signing copies of his memoir, "Coming Full Circle," at Hope Lutheran Church in Los Angeles on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Gipson's life took him to the depths of racism, sexism, agnosticism, drug abuse, violence and sexual promiscuity. "Coming Full Circle" follows Gipson on his tumultuous quest to achieve "a life of freedom and love."

Determined to be a role model for his children, Gipson chose to become an outspoken writer and speaker on issues of parenthood in the black community. Eventually, he heard the call to ministry and entered the seminary.

Hope Lutheran Church is at 6720 Melrose Ave.

Trio of armed robbers sentenced

POMONA – A 19-year-old man who pleaded guilty last fall to participating in more than two dozen armed robberies with his mother and her boyfriend was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Monday.

Pomona Superior Court Judge Charles Horan sentenced Joshua Oosterhoff after he pleaded guilty to 34 robbery counts last September.

Oosterhoff's mother, Paulene Mendoza Oosterhoff, 39, was the getaway driver while her son and boyfriend were the gunmen, prosecutors said.

The mother and her boyfriend, Joseph Ostos, 28, pleaded and were sentenced on Sept. 15.

Paulene Oosterhoff pleaded guilty and received 10 years in prison. Ostos pleaded no contest and was sentenced to 28 years.

The trio were accused of at least 25 armed robberies at liquor stores, gas stations and mini-marts throughout the southland, including robberies in Norwalk.

The defendants made away with at least \$15,000 during the course of the crime spree between April and June 2010, court officials said.



PHOTOS BY GREG WASKUL

Jamielyn Munoz, 5, celebrated her birthday at Rancho Los Amigos recently with a princess-themed party. She is pictured above opening her new iPad.

Young Rancho patient has a dream birthday

■ Rancho treats Jamielyn Munoz to the birthday of her dreams.

BY GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – Fairy tales do come true.

It happened to Jamielyn Munoz, a beautiful girl who celebrated her fifth birthday with the Ultimate Princess Birthday Party at the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Pediatrics Unit on December 30.

Jamielyn has been hospitalized since last March as she fought a brain tumor that has challenged her with physical deficits. She breathes with the aid of a ventilator. She was bedridden when she was transferred from Children's Hospital-Los Angeles to Rancho on November 1. Following months of rehabilitation therapy, she is now able to sit up in a power wheelchair, which has given her the mobility that the tumor had taken away. She can also use her right hand and arm.

Just like any other little girl, Jamielyn dreams of being a princess. Sleeping Beauty is her favorite. So as her fifth birthday approached, she asked her Rancho treatment team if she could have a princess birthday party. The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation was able to use funds generated from several "Fund a Miracle" appeals to create special birthday celebrations for Rancho's pediatric patients like Jamielyn.

So her physical, occupational, recreation and speech therapists planned a fabulous party to make Jamielyn's birthday wish come true.

"Jamielyn was originally going to be transferred from Children's Hospital to a skilled nursing facility," said Dr. Melanie Sarino of Rancho's Pediatrics Department. "But because her family had such a strong desire to have her home, and because our colleagues at Children's Hospital were so caring, she came to Rancho to gain the mobility and strength necessary to be home."

Rancho got her a power wheelchair for mobility. And even though she has been on chemotherapy, she has steadily gained strength. At the same time, Rancho therapists have trained her mom so that she can manage Jamielyn's ventilator and provide her the special care she will need when she returns home.

Rancho also helped Jamielyn integrate back into the community. She has been on many outings to places kids love, such as the movies, to Chuck E. Cheese, and even to Disneyland.

"Jamielyn has a very strong will to live, a very deep love for life, and a very big heart," Dr. Sarino said. "The chemotherapy gives her nausea and makes her weak, but she never gives up. She has regained so much strength it is truly amazing."

When it came time to prepare for her princess party, Jamielyn worked with her therapists to make cupcakes for her guests. She also made invitations and passed them out to her fellow pediatric patients and Rancho staff members. Rancho volunteers blew up giant mylar princess balloons to fill the room with color. There were streamers, confetti, and presents...all fit for a princess.

Rancho staff members dressed up as various Disney princes and

princesses. Jamielyn wore the gown of Sleeping Beauty, her favorite princess. She had a birthday cake and a piñata, and then who should appear but Sleeping Beauty herself! The princess played games, told stories, sang songs and painted the faces of all the kids in attendance.

Then it was time to open her gifts from the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and her clinical team. The greatest gift of all was an iPad. Her therapists had been working with her so that she could learn, read, play games and improve her finger strength by using the Pediatric Department's iPad. She hoped that one day she might have one of her own, but her family could not possibly afford it. Then suddenly, she had one of her own! Jamielyn's joyous smile and shining eyes lit up the room.

"The birthday party was perfect," her mom said. "We love her so much, but it is good to know that she also has the love of everyone at Rancho. She is so happy!"

Next Wednesday, Jamielyn will be returning home to her family, and the Munoz family dream of having their daughter back home will have come true.

"We are delighted that Jamielyn has progressed enough to rejoin her family," said Occupational Therapist Jennifer Bashar. "We want to thank everyone who helped make her Rancho birthday a beautiful memory that will last forever."

The Rancho team filled a binder with pictures so Jamielyn would never forget her magical princess birthday, held at Rancho in a room filled with love all around her. It was truly a day when she was Rancho's princess...once upon a dream.



Biology student gets \$2500 scholarship

LONG BEACH – Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) sophomore Kristin Johnson has been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship by the Marine Aquarium Societies of North America (MASNA), a nonprofit group that gives the annual award to a graduate or undergraduate student seeking a degree in the marine sciences field.

Working toward a B.S. in marine biology and a B.A. in geography (as well as a minor in environmental science and policy), Johnson was recognized as the winner of this year's MASNA Student Scholarship at the Marine Aquarium Conference of North America (MACNA) in Orlando.

"I received a phone call while I was out to breakfast with my family. I didn't recognize the area code and I just had a feeling that it was regarding the scholarship," Johnson recalled. "I answered calmly and it was indeed the vice president of MASNA. So, I started flailing my arms around to let my family know that it was 'the call.' My favorite part of the whole scene was the glistering in my father's eyes; I know I truly made him proud that day."

Johnson said the scholarship was very generous at \$2,500, and it allowed her to put a significant dent in her spring tuition.

"However, what I believe truly assisted me in achieving my future education and career goals was being flown to Orlando to attend MACNA as an additional gift from MASNA," she pointed out. "I was able to network with numerous influential scientists in the marine biology and various other fields and attend many intriguing lectures that weekend."

At CSULB, she is president of the Marine Biology Student Association, and she is interested in

the proliferation and successful management of the sustainable fishery industry. However, Johnson's interest in the ocean is more than just academic. She also keeps two saltwater aquariums and is a certified scuba diver.

"My interest in the marine sciences was sparked back in my junior year of high school when I attended a school field trip to the Catalina Island Marine Institute," Johnson recalled. "That trip served as a catalyst and inspired me to become a docent at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and an education volunteer at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach."

Johnson is interested in a several different of career opportunities, including employment with the California Department of Fish and Game as a warden or other related law enforcement positions that protect the environment; a career in the private sector working with the management of fisheries; or a career in an aquarium, museum or zoo, participating in the design, development and maintenance of aquatic and marine habitats.

MASNA is an organization composed of marine aquarium clubs and individual hobbyists from North America and abroad, totaling several thousand individuals. Its goals are to educate its members with online and published materials, the MACNA conference and other sanctioned events.

It also assists in forming and promoting the growth of clubs within the hobby while ensuring a sustainable future for the marine environment, and it supports the efforts to eliminate abuses in collecting and transporting marine organisms through education, assistance and encouragement.

Can golf carts be driven on the sidewalk?

BY GEORGE VALVERDE,
CALIFORNIA DMV

Q: Is it permissible to drive a golf cart on the sidewalk?

A: A golf cart is a motor vehicle and pursuant to Vehicle Code Section 21663, motor vehicles cannot be operated on sidewalks except to enter and exit adjacent property.

Golf carts can only be operated on highways with speed limits of no more than 25 MPH.

Q: My mother and 17-year-old brother are coming to visit from New York next month for three weeks, but I'm worried that they won't be able to drive themselves around when I am at work. She has a valid New York driver's license and my brother has a valid New York instruction permit. Will this be enough for them to drive in California?

A: In your mother's case, visitors over age 18 with a valid driver's license from their home state or country will be allowed to drive without getting a California driver's license.

In your brother's case, he will only be allowed to drive for the first 10 days of his visit using his New York instruction permit. After the 10-day period, he will need to get either a California's driver's license or a nonresident minor's certificate. This certificate is issued by the DMV to a minor who has provided proof of financial responsibility.

Q: Can I make payments to the DMV through my bank?

A: Yes. The DMV has the capability to accept fees for its online services, such as registration and driver's license renewal fees, through online checking as long as you provide your bank with the

license plate number of your vehicle.

Contact your bank for details regarding your account allowances and limitations or visit www.dmv.ca.gov/faq.

Q: Are there restrictions that minors must follow when they hold a provisional license?

A: The law makes the following exceptions when reasonable transportation is not available and it is necessary for a minor to drive. For all exceptions, a signed note must be kept in the minor's possession at all times explaining the necessity and the date it will end:

- Medical necessity when there are no other reasonable forms of transportation. A note must be signed by a physician and explain the diagnosis and the probable date of recovery.

- Schooling or school-authorized activity. A note must be signed by the school principal, dean or his/her designee.

- Employment necessity. If a vehicle must be operated as part of employment, the note must be signed by the employer verifying employment.

- Your necessity or the necessity of an immediate family member. The note must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

If you are an emancipated minor, no documentation is needed. However, emancipation must have already been declared and proof of financial responsibility must have been provided to the DMV in lieu of guarantors' signatures.

Do you have questions about general driving-related requirements like registration and car insurance? Are you unclear about laws and restrictions related to driving? The California Department of Motor Vehicles has answers at www.dmv.ca.gov.

Are you stuck in job jail?

■ New book offers tips on how to escape your job rut and free yourself from “underemployment.”

Audrey LeGrand is worried less about the unemployed than she is about the underemployed.

The phenomenon of underemployment affects nearly twice as many Americans as unemployment, and the underemployment rate for Americans has leapt from just under 10 percent in 2007 to nearly 18 percent in 2010.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, underemployment is a category that includes, but is not limited to, people who are unemployed, or who have a job but still cannot make ends meet.

LeGrand, author of “How To Get Out of Job Jail: Eight Ways To Have The Career You’ve Always Wanted” (audreylegrand.com), believes that your resume is your first line of defense for preventing being incarcerated in the “job jail” of underemployment.

“Your resume could be landing in the recycle bin across corporate America because it was not thought out, laid-out or carried out

correctly,” she said. “Job Jail is a particularly sneaky trap, because many of us land in it without ever realizing it. Whether our hours have been shaved from full time to part time, or we’ve struggled just to get two low-paying jobs to replace the one higher-paying job we once had, it can be almost impossible to escape once you’ve been locked in that cell.

The first thing we should all do in the new year is to take a new look at our resumes, because they represent the first time a potential employer considers us for a new job.”

LeGrand’s tips for resume health include:

Appearance – Check for typos, grammatical errors. Use spell check and ask someone else to read it. Human resources professionals will many times summarily dismiss a qualified candidate because their resumes were rife with simple grammar and spelling errors. Don’t wind up in the reject bin just because you aren’t perfect with the written word. Take extra care to be articulate and informative with your resume.

Size – Don’t use such a small

font that your resume is difficult to read. If your background is so extensive that it will take 2 full pages to lay it out, use the spread wisely.

Ethics – Don’t fudge dates of employments, degrees earned or career accomplishments. If a prospective employer conducts a background check, you’ll lose that opportunity to work for them.

Target your audience – Don’t just email your resume to every electronically posted position. Narrow your search for exactly what you want and what you’re qualified for. Don’t waste your time or the recruiter’s.

Tell us why you are the best choice – Don’t just copy your current job description. Show what you have accomplished in your previous position and why you are more qualified than the competition for the positions you are seeking.


“Cheating on professional resumes has become a commonplace activity, but that does not make it right,” LeGrand advised. “When job candidates are deceptive or less than honest it simply makes it more difficult for job



seekers who have been honest and forthcoming about their qualifications. Perpetrators are almost always caught.”

Audrey began her career as a human resource generalist with a major financial institution. In 1987, Audrey left the corporate arena and formed Innovators & Motivators, Inc., a human resources consulting firm dedicated to helping organizations create tomorrow's opportunities out of today's challenges, while saving big money. Audrey's past clients include Bellsouth, IBM, SunTrust Bank and many others.

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(2) Sandra Montoya, 12051 Paramount Blvd., Apt. 25, Downey, CA 90242 This business is conducted by a General Partnership

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The Downey Patriot, # BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11, 2/3/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

S/Julio Martin Puma, Owner/CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/05/11

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S/Jim Lauder, President, J.K.B.B.D. Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/23/10

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S/Anthony J. Curato Jr, Director, Blackgold Development, Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 11/12/11

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 20101699880
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **Bob's Big Boy #1071, 7447 Firestone Boulevard, Downey, CA 90241, County of Los Angeles** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) J.K.B.B.D. Inc., 3 Williamsburg Ln, Rolling Hills, CA 90274, A California Corporation

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/23/10

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

S/Julio Martin Puma, Owner/CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 01/05/11

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

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CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES ADOPTED

On January 11, 2011, the City Council adopted the following Ordinances:

Seven Ordinances (Nos. 11-1272 – 1278) for adopting by reference, with amendments, the 2010 California Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Green Building Standards, Energy, and Residential Codes.

Ordinance No. 11-1279, an Ordinance relating to the speed limits on Seventh Street, between Rives Avenue and Downey Avenue.

Copies of the full texts are available at the City Clerk Department.

Kathleen L. Midkotte, City Clerk

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VALDES L. ROWE aka VALDEZ L. ROWE aka VICTOR ROWE aka V. LOPEZ ROWE Case No. BP126294

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VALDES L. ROWE aka VALDEZ L. ROWE aka VICTOR ROWE aka V. LOPEZ ROWE

Feb. 2, 2011 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

Attorney for petitioner: LAWRENCE A WIDDIS ESQ SBN 106477 LAURA WIDDIS ESQ SBN 240008 630 E COLBARD ST GLENDALE CA 91205-1710

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0129860 Title Order No. 10-8-468691 Investor/Insurer No. 1700587979 APN No. 6266-020-039 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/02/2006. 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 ISAJ CECILLIOS, A SINGLE MAN AND ROSA DELCID, A SINGLE WOMAN AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 01/09/2006 and recorded 01/18/06, as Instrument No. 06 0113027, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/10/2011 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: 13440 DEMPSTER AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of 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 \$385,471.10. 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: 01/08/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA-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. DEBORAH BRIGNAC, VICE PRESIDENT 9100 OKADALE AVE MAILSTOP N110620 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311 ASAP# 3871957 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0128856 Title Order No. 10-8-466349 Investor/Insurer No. 4005791907 APN No. 8074-017-035 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/12/2007. 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 MARIA ISABEL FIGUEROA, dated 12/12/2007 and recorded 12/20/07, as Instrument No. 20072799118, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/03/2011 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: 11618 BENARES STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 \$418,846.51. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/02/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA-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# FNMA385175 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/6/11, 1/13/11, 1/20/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0128856 Title Order No. 10-8-466349 Investor/Insurer No. 4005791907 APN No. 8074-017-035 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/12/2007. 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 MARIA ISABEL FIGUEROA, dated 12/12/2007 and recorded 12/20/07, as Instrument No. 20072799118, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/03/2011 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: 11618 BENARES STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 \$418,846.51. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/02/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA-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# FNMA3847793 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/6/11, 1/13/11, 1/20/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0128856 Title Order No. 10-8-466349 Investor/Insurer No. 137616997 APN No. 6231-017-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/25/2006. 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 MICHAEL GARCIA, AND DENISE GARCIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 05/25/2006 and recorded 06/05/06, as Instrument No. 06 1222105, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/03/2011 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: 7168 BENARES STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 \$418,846.51. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/02/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp Canyon Rd., CA-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# FNMA3847793 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/6/11, 1/13/11, 1/20/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0128856 Title Order No. 10-8-466349 Investor/Insurer No. 4005791907 APN No. 8074-017-035 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/25/2006. 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 MICHAEL GARCIA, AND DENISE GARCIA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 05/25/2006 and recorded 06/05/06, as Instrument No. 06 1222105, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/03/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Cour

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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): CLEMENTE MARTINEZ, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 2/27/2008, as Instrument No. 20080336220 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/24/2011 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: \$422,724.98 The purported property address is: 11878 UNION ST NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8048-019-002 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 JPMorgan Chase & Co., 17300 Baymeadows Way Jacksonville FL 32256. 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 not 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 or 2923.55. 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. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, or the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp, 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 Phone: (619) 447-7711 FOR NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityyasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3835393 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

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

Recording requested by: Quality Loan Service Corp. When recorded mail to: Quality Loan Service Corp, 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE #S: CA-10-38067-0010 100586273-CA-BFI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/10/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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 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): ANTHONY G. BRAY AND HELEN M. BRAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 7/24/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1619987 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/24/2011 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: \$577,811.68 The purported property address is: 7213 VIA RIO NIDO DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6229-006-013 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 Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc. 3815 S.W. Temple Salt Lake City UT 84115-4412 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 not 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. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, or the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp, 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelityyasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to

fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3844888 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. 10-012236 Title Order No. 18-44293 Investor/Insurer No. 70300-149 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 PROCEEDINGS 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: 9067 COMART AVE., NORWALK, CA, 90607 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 this Notice of Sale is \$260,405.00. 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 Tappan Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91383 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

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

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 10090566. Loan No. 002157057 Title Order No. 451168 APN 6258013038 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 21, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On January 19, 2011, at 10:30 AM, at the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 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 May 2, 2006, as Instrument No. 06 0957554 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, CA , executed by: SAMUEL GONZALEZ, MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, in favor of METRO FINANCIAL 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 THE NOTICE OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8719 CAVEL STREET, 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) and 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 \$408,386.01 (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, 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 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: 12/20/2010 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 of the mortgagee or beneficiary, pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.52(c) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has obtained 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 time frame for giving a notice of sale specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. Date: 12/30/2010 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee 16037 Beach Blvd., Suite 110 Huntington Beach, California 92648 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 960-8299 Robin Pape, Trustee Sale Assistant

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20100015009702 Title Order No. : 100578769 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/02/2005. 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 duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/09/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1349920 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: DIOMYR CAMAGONG AND ERIKA CAMPOS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States); DATE OF SALE: 01/19/2011 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: 13612 KLONDIKE AVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6265-002-025 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any , shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations 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 \$419,171.60. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 12/30/2010 NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 671-7801 ASAP# 3852617 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

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T.S. No.: 2010-05294 Loan No.: 7718570 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/6/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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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 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 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 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 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 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 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 encum

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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: 10647 LAKEFRONT DRIVE, 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 \$60,071.15. 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 on 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, and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/08/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-914-01-94 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# FWA3848811 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20100015003120 Title Order No.: 1002324297 FHA/VA/PMI No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/20/2007. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as Trustee Dated: 01/08/2011 Recorded on 09/28/2007 as Instrument No. 20072239281 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: ROY F PUTNAM AND REBECCA PUTNAM, 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 time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/02/2011 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: 12601 SPARWOOD LANE, LA MIRADA, CALIFORNIA 90638 APN#: 8038-032-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$468,910.19. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/11/2011 ASAP# 3878521 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. GM-223615-F Investor No. 662CW0094 Loan No. 0601198296 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/28/2007. 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 federal savings and loan 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:ANNIE DIVELEY, A SINGLE WOMAN Recorded: 3/29/2005 as Instrument No. 05 0717235 in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/27/2011 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: 1410 MIRADA BLVD #204 LA MIRADA, California 90638 APN #: 8064-045-177 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$197,185.00, 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; [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. Date: 12/31/2010 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3866328 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. WC-241723-C Investor No. 0045128618 Loan No. 0045128618 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/28/2007. 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 federal savings and loan association, or savings 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:RODOLFO GOMEZ AND RITA GOMEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE Recorded: 2/8/2007 as Instrument No. 20070275519 in Book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 3/29/2011 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: 12302 GARD AVE NORWALK, California 90650 APN #: 8023-010-017 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is \$438,579.00, 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; [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 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3877430 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-010093 Title Order No. 10-8-389253 Investor/Insurer No. 067594943 APN No. 8053-020-019 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/12/2004. 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 DIANE LEE SUNDY AND UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 08/12/2004 and recorded 08/27/04, as Instrument No. 04 2213599, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/03/2011 at 10:30AM, At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 a 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: 13900 STUDEBAKER ROAD #12, NORWALK, CA, 906503574. 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 \$161,825.83. 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 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, 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, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 01/08/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-914-01-94 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# 3868734 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/6/11, 1/13/11, 1/20/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20100015005703 Title Order No.: 1002324297 FHA/VA/PMI No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/27/2006. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/07/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1737965 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: ALBERTO SANCHEZ AND VERONICA ANAYA RUIZ, 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 time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/02/2011 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: 7103 DE PALMA ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6231-020-051 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$602,918.22. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/06/2011 NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/06/2011 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3874311 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20100015008823 Title Order No.: 100531526 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/28/2007. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/04/2007 as Instrument No. 20070796690 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: LEISA A WASHINGTON, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 01/26/2011 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: 12835 STAGECOACH LN, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8045-005-046 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this notice is \$238,348.41. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/05/2010 NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3858922 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/6/11, 1/13/11, 1/20/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20080134005566 Title Order No.: 3206-92097 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/19/2005. 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 duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/23/2005 as Instrument No. 05 3168943 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: INES GONZALEZ AND CLAUDIA ANDREA GONZALEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/02/2011 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: 13900 STUDEBAKER ROAD #12, NORWALK, CA, 906503574. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$624,298.98. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/06/2011 ASAP# 3878521 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20100015005703 Title Order No.: 1002324297 FHA/VA/PMI No. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/27/2006. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/07/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1737965 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: ALBERTO SANCHEZ AND VERONICA ANAYA RUIZ, 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 time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/02/2011 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: 7103 DE PALMA ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6231-020-051 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$624,298.98. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/06/2011 ASAP# 3878521 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20100015010488 Title Order No.: 100624622 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/07/2007. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/04/2007 as Instrument No. 20072550603 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: LUIS ROMERO AND MARIANA CAMPOS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/02/2011 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: 9200 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6364-014-034 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$624,906.72. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/06/2011 ASAP# 3878521 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

Undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/13/2011 ASAP# 3867696 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-392687-VF Order #: 100602687-CA-GTY YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/25/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or 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 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): RUSSELL K. BRASHER AND SONIA Y. BRASHER, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS COMMUNITY PROPERTY Recorded: 11/2/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2646369 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 2/7/2011 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: \$384,216.72 The purported property address is: 7425 IRVINGROVE DRIVE DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 092001-019 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 shown, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance, 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 or 2923.55. Date: 12/30/2010 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3866502 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 20080134005566 Title Order No.: 3206-92097 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/19/2005. 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 duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/23/2005 as Instrument No. 05 3168943 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: INES GONZALEZ AND CLAUDIA ANDREA GONZALEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/02/2011 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: 13900 STUDEBAKER ROAD #12, NORWALK, CA, 906503574. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$624,298.98. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES & POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.ipsasap.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 01/06/2011 ASAP# 3878521 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-392687-VF Order #: 100602687-CA-GTY YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/21/2007. 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 federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to 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): ISIDRO VALDERRAMA AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 8/21/2007 as Instrument No. 20072014899 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 2/7/2011 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: \$373,046.72 The purported property address is: 8235 BLANDWOOD RD DOWNEY, CA 90240 Assessor's Parcel No. 6367-020-009 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 or 2923.55. Date: 12/30/2010 ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, California 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Ileana Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3866502 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27

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other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The Trustee shall incur no liability for any good faith error in stating the proper amount of unpaid balances and charges. For Sales Information please contact AGENCY SALES AND POSTING at WWW.FIDELITYASAP.COM or 714-30-2727 REINSTATEMENT LINE: 866-702-9658 Date: 12-30-2010 CR Title Services, Inc. P.O. BOX 16128 TUCSON, AZ 85732-6128 STEPHANIE ABCDEE, TRUSTEE SPECIALIST Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. ASAP# 3861497 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. 10-0123108 Title Order No. 10-8-450036 Investor/Insurer No. 1693549359 APN No. 8037-003-001 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/23/2003, 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MAUREEN PRATTY AND RACHEL M. PRATTY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 10/23/2003 and recorded 10/31/03, as Instrument No. 03-3271341, 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: 15845 LAWNHILL 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 \$157,441.01. 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: 12/29/2010 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# FNMA3842012 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

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

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0122221 Title Order No. 10-8-447560 Investor/Insurer No. 1705172866 APN No. 6367-016-010 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/19/2007, 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by IOANNIS TSAKONAS, AND CHRISTINE TSAKONAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 10/19/2007 and recorded 10/29/07, as Instrument No. 20072439715, 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: 8247 BIRCHCREST RD, DOWNEY, CA, 902402215. 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 \$294,881.70. 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: 12/28/2010 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. 10-0133371 Title Order No. 10-8-475608 Investor/Insurer No. 1686114636 APN No. 6363-008-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/01/2003, 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by NINOSKA ANDRADE, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 02/01/2003 and recorded 02/12/03, as Instrument No. 03 0421455, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 02/10/2011 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: 9729 TRISTAN DRIVE,

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DOWNEY, CA, 90240. 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 \$250,445.78. 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: 01/09/2011 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# FNMA3858603 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011, 01/27/2011

The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 1/13/11, 1/20/11, 1/27/11

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 AND 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: 12308 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 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

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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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 10-02502-US-CA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/04/2008, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; 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 in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express 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. Trustor: ADRIAN LOPEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 03/19/2008 as Instrument No. 20080469562 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 01/27/2011 at 10:30 A.M. Place of Sale: At the west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$287,522.20 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11403 MCLAREN STREET, NORWALK, CA

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90650 A.P.N.: 8074-007-013 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code Section 2923.5. Regarding the property that is the subject of this Notice of Sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in California Civil Code Section 2923.53 (k) (3) declares that it has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this Notice of Sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a Notice of Sale specified in Subdivision (a) Section 2923.52 does not apply to this Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 01/05/2011 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE ASAP# FNMA3863558 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011, 01/20/2011

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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.

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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# FNMA3836521 12/30/2010, 01/06/2011, 01/13/2011

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If you want to fix politics, start with the voters

BY LEE H. HAMILTON,
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

We've just had three "change" elections in a row, but you don't get the sense that Americans are any happier with politics and government. In late December, a Gallup poll found just 17 percent satisfied with the way things are going in the United States — well below the average of 40 percent since Gallup started asking the question in 1979.

So it's no surprise that Congress is polling at record lows or that political leaders in general get blamed for the country's problems. After all, we elected them to govern well, and there's a broad — indeed, bipartisan — sense that their decisions have not met the nation's needs.

Yet I'd like to suggest that our attention needs re-directing. You never want to let our political leaders off the hook — not in a democracy — but if you want to make change in the political realm, you can't start with them. Their habits and responses to the pressures they face are too ingrained. Instead, change starts with you and me: the American voter.

Here's what we need to remember: While a lot of media attention goes to those on the extremes, the

voters who actually decide most elections are not the strong liberals, strong conservatives, or Democratic or Republican activists. The key voters, the ones in the middle, don't have a passionate attachment to either party, a vigorous identification with any particular ideology — or even a strong interest in politics. They're busy with their families, their community responsibilities, their jobs...or their job hunts. They don't have the time or inclination to argue the finer points of ideology or analyze the nuances of the policy debates that so entrance Washington.

But they do decide the outcome of elections. And they have a few key stances that are worth considering. They want our country to succeed, both in the world and at home, and just as important, they want it to work. They're pragmatists who don't care so much how you arrive at a solution to a given problem as that the solution produces positive results. And they want government itself to work — not to be burdened by favoritism, partisan posturing or ideological preconceptions that undercut its effectiveness.

So it shouldn't be a surprise that they've been unsatisfied with a status quo filled with too many instances of

bureaucratic fumbling, partisan gridlock, and political grandstanding. They want the United States to do better.

It can, if we exercise our responsibilities as voters. To begin, everything depends on exercising discriminating judgment. While on any given issue the voice of the average voter may appear weak, in broad measure our system moves in the direction voters want. So it matters where we as voters come down — and it matters whom we choose to represent us in Washington.

Above all, we want to make sure that the tone our representatives set accords with the best interests of the country. Cooperation and the ability to find common ground are absolutely vital skills for politicians, and we need to expect they'll use them. Our nation is too diverse for any one faction or ideology to dictate the way forward, so choosing political leaders who know how to compromise when necessary is key to changing the tone of our politics.

So is refusing to buy into the apocalyptic rhetoric that is all too common around election time these days. Political contests in this country are rarely, if ever, death-matches between good and evil; the future of

civilization is not at stake when we enter the voting booth. The country will survive — and who knows, it might even prosper — even if the other side wins the election.

Finally, voters should know how to listen — to the candidates, to party leaders, to media commentators — but also know when to stop listening. All those different points of view can inform our thinking, especially those whose perspectives are different from ours. But they can't do our thinking for us. As voters, we need to be true to our own perceptions, our values, and our judgment of what the country needs.

Which is a reminder that we need to have some sympathy for how hard it is to be a politician — because it's their job to balance all the views of people whose discriminating judgments often lead in different directions. It is extremely hard to make this country work, but as voters we can help it along by choosing political leaders who are more determined to make the country succeed than to have their personal views enshrined.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

CSULB named a 'best value' college

LONG BEACH — Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine has named California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) to its list of the 100 Best Values in Public Colleges for 2011, which ranks four-year institutions that deliver excellent academics while keeping costs to a minimum.

The annual public school rankings appear in Kiplinger's February 2011 issue and online at www.kiplinger.com/tools/colleges.

Selected from a pool of more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, schools in the Kiplinger 100 were ranked according to academic quality, including admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratios and four- and six-year graduation rates, as well as on cost and financial aid.

CSULB appears at No. 79 on the list and is one of nine California institutions to make the rankings. Two other CSU campuses were among the 100 — Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (50) and San Diego State University (92). The other seven California schools were University of California campuses.

"Being listed among Kiplinger's 100 best values in public colleges is a great way to start the new year, and it is a fitting and appropriate honor for Cal State Long Beach," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "We recognize that the ability to afford a university degree is a key issue in terms of access to higher education, and this campus has worked

diligently to hold the line on costs to students wherever possible.

"More importantly, however," he added, "this ranking illustrates to taxpayers, consumers, students and parents that the high price tag associated with many colleges and universities nationwide has nothing to do with the quality of education experience being offered."

According to the magazine, private colleges have lately run about \$36,000 a year—a sharp contrast to the public schools on Kiplinger's top 100 list, in which 20 charge the same as or less than the average annual in-state sticker price of \$16,140.

"Despite rising tuition costs, there are still many first-rate institutions providing outstanding academics at an affordable price," said Janet Bodnar, editor of Kiplinger's. "Schools like these on the Kiplinger 100 list prove graduates can enter the workforce with a great education—and without a huge cloud of debt."

City offers supplemental paramedic insurance

DOWNEY — The open enrollment period has arrived for Downey residents interested in enrolling in the city's Emergency Medical Transport program, which helps offset the costs related to paramedic services.

The program costs \$48 annually and covers out-of-pocket expenses associated with emergency medical transportation.

Without the supplemental coverage, the cost of each paramedic transport starts at \$1,413, officials with the Downey Fire Department said. Basic life support transportation fees start at \$888.

The \$48 annual fee covers all permanent household residents.

Officials said the \$48 fee helps the city offset the costs of providing two fire department paramedic

squads and a basic life support ambulance.

Residents will receive the same level of service regardless of whether or not they purchase the supplemental insurance.

Residents in single-family homes may have noticed an additional \$48 fee added to their water and trash bill. To enroll in program, include that amount in your next

water and trash payment.

Residents who do not receive water and trash bills can sign-up by seeing the cashier window at City Hall or calling (562) 904-7254.

The program is open to all residents of single-family homes, apartments and condos.

Volunteer to teach an adult to read

DOWNEY — The Downey City Library needs volunteers to teach an adult to read through its Adult Literacy program.

Training sessions for volunteer literacy tutors will be held Jan. 20 and 27 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Cormack Room.

Tutors will receive 10 hours of training on a variety of tutoring techniques and may attend ongoing literacy support meetings at the library.

"By volunteering two or more hours per week, you can give an adult the skills they need to become a successful worker, parent or citizen," said literacy coordinator Claudia Dailey. "Both tutors and students find this program rewarding; it changes their lives."

To register, call the Literacy Office at (562) 904-7360, ext. 123 or e-mail cdailey@downeyca.org.

Hearing exhibit in Lakewood

LAKESWOOD — Do you have trouble hearing on the telephone or socializing in restaurants? If so, an upcoming hearing exhibit at the Weingart Senior Center in Lakewood may help.

Visitors can participate in hands-on demonstrations of hearing devices, and learn how to purchase them. The exhibit is free and sponsored by the Hearing Loss Association of Long Beach/Lakewood.

The exhibit will take place Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon in the senior center's craft room.

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