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## City, unions continue talks

■ Officials are guarded in comments as negotiations with unions continue.

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**DOWNEY** – The city's official line on the current contract negotiations with the different city employee associations comes from human services director Irma Youssefieh.

Because the talks are conducted in closed session, she would only confirm, "The City is currently in contract negotiations with the following recognized employees' associations (with their contract periods): 1) the Downey City Employees' Association – Miscellaneous Unit (11/1/09-10/31/10); 2) the Downey City Employees' Association – Maintenance Unit (11/1/09-10/31/10); the Downey Public Safety Auxiliary Association (11/1/09-10/31/10); the Downey Fire Management Association (7/1/06-6/30/10); and the Downey Firemen's Association (7/1/06-6/30/10)."

She then goes on to say, "Generally, the items of negotiations include all mandatory subjects of bargaining, including, but not limited to, wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment."

That's it. No mention of any details about what concerns the employees most at this point in time, about adjustments to their wages/salaries, about their medical and retirement benefits, or about cost-of-living adjustments, if any – topics that are usually bandied about in contract talks.

If we can take a cue, though, from past collective bargaining agreements, we see that the Maintenance Unit's latest contract (which is now under negotiation), provided for a reported "4 percent pay increase, a 100 percent unused sick leave payoff at retirement, increases to their life insurance programs," etc. (the unit consists of employees representing the maintenance, transit, water utility and housing divisions).

The Miscellaneous Unit (representing general city employees) got practically the same package. The Downey Public Safety Auxiliary Association (code enforcement officers, forensics specialists, 9-1-1 dispatchers and records specialists) got a better deal, in particular a 5 percent pay raise. (Further details may be found on the city's website at [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org), click on City Departments, Human Resources, MOUs)

So it would be a safe guess to say the same issues will be part of the associations' negotiating strategies.

The best hints, though (translated 'read between the lines'), about the situation may be gleaned from equally-guarded comments made by assistant city manager Gilbert Livas, Mayor Luis Marquez and

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Mayor Luis Marquez, flanked by Police Chief Rick Esteves and Fire Chief Lonnie Croom, said the city's priority will continue to be public safety.

## City leaders reaffirm commitment to public safety

■ Mayor Luis Marquez hosts first in a series of "Mayor Presents" town hall forums.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Surrounded by a small group of community members, Mayor Luis Marquez, Police Chief Rick Esteves and Fire Chief Lonnie Croom reassured residents last Thursday night that public safety will remain the city's number one priority despite stark economic conditions.

"The public safety of our residents is a commitment we've made on the Council...this is a priority of ours," Marquez said. "You get what you pay for. That's why 70 percent of our budget goes towards our police and fire departments."

Following a brief introduction, Marquez, aided by a visual presentation, gave a succinct overview of both departments, sharing several public safety updates before inviting Esteves and Croom to speak.

Moderated by Marquez, the town hall meeting, held at the Columbia Memorial Space Center, was the first in a series of public forums the mayor will host this year.

Esteves began his segment by thanking residents for their support, promising that the police department will work hard to respect the community it serves.

"We sit down at the beginning of the shift and talk about ethics, core principles, respect and dignity," said Esteves who was promoted to police chief in 2009. "We train folks how to treat people with respect...it's important that we treat people like human beings."

From speeding traffic and school violence to the department's \$15,000 drug-sniffing dog, Duke, Esteves covered a range of topics, but highlighted the need for the Downey police to keep up with high-tech predators.

"Every single day technology exponentially gets more sophisticated and criminals keep up with that," he said. "Identity theft is a



huge, huge problem. Before we didn't have the knowledge to deal with it, but in this era of policing, you have to stay educated."

Esteves believes new technology like the automatic license plate reading system, which is now functional on five police vehicles, will keep the police one step ahead.

"The camera reads every license plate that passes by," said Esteves. "In the first 21 days with five units, we recovered three stolen cars. It's an incredible tool that we hope to expand."

Similarly, Croom also highlighted the new technologies the fire department now utilizes to keep Downey residents safe.

"In the 50s and 60s, we fought fire and we're still using hoses, water and ladders," he said with a laugh. "By and large that's what we're known for, but fire services have changed a lot over the last 30 to 40 years. We're now an all-risk department."

Croom said the fire department, which now has nearly 70 firefighters and 16 paramedics, has steadily grown through the decades and now serves as a center for emergency preparedness.

"At this point we have a real safe city," said Croom, who grew

## Ecstasy growing in popularity among teens

■ Police are averaging one ecstasy-related arrest per week. Pills sell for as little as \$5.

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DOWNEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department would like to make the public aware of a recent trend indicating that use of the drug ecstasy is on the rise with teenage children.

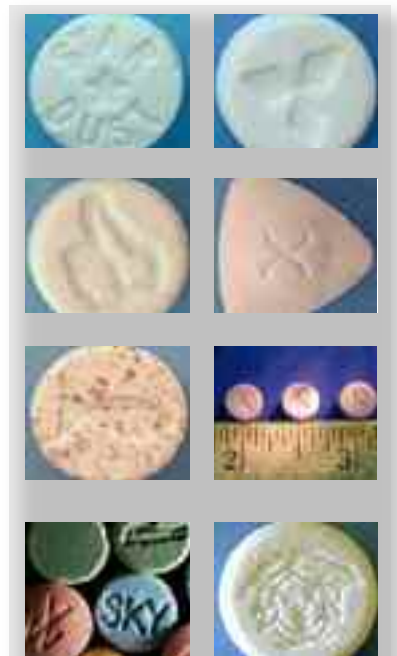
The Downey Police Narcotics Unit has seen a significant increase in ecstasy usage and trafficking within the last year. Narcotics detectives seized over 5,000 ecstasy pills from suspects selling within the city of Downey. The suspects arrested for selling Ecstasy pills ranged in age from 18 to 25, most residing in the city of Downey.

Interviews with several suspects revealed that teenagers are their biggest ecstasy clients, including high school students. Downey Police arrest an average of one juvenile a week for possession of ecstasy.

Ecstasy first gained popularity among adolescents and young adults in the nightclub scene or dance parties known as "raves." However, the profile of the typical ecstasy user has been changing. The drug is now used by all demographic groups because so many young people believe that ecstasy is a safe drug. A person may experience feelings of mental stimulation, emotional warmth, empathy towards others, a general sense of well-being and decreased anxiety.

Young adults are not aware that ecstasy can produce a variety of adverse health effects, including nausea, chills, sweating, involuntary teeth clenching, muscle cramping, blurred vision and, in some cases, death due to overdose. Ecstasy can affect the brain by altering the activity of chemical messengers, or neurotransmitters with symptoms such as high blood pressure, faintness, panic attacks, and in severe cases, a loss of consciousness and seizures.

Ecstasy causes potential dan-



gers in performing skilled activities such as driving a car. Moderate use of the drug causes young adults to feel a range of emotions, including anxiety, restlessness, irritability and sadness that in some individuals can be as severe as clinical depression.

According to research by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, ecstasy has risen in abuse among eighth through tenth graders. The drug is taken orally, usually as a capsule or tablet. Ecstasy can be purchased for as little as \$5 for one tablet.

As concerned parents and members of the community, we must constantly be aware of the potential dangers of ecstasy. Parents have tremendous influence on a teen's decision not to use drugs. Be a good role model and educate yourselves about drug abuse. Talk to your kids about drug abuse, establish rules, and be vigilant on their behavior patterns. Be aware of whom their friends are, and the type of activities in which they are involved.

Web sites such as [www.clubdrugs.gov](http://www.clubdrugs.gov) and [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov) provide useful information on illegal drugs and trends. Additionally, the California Youth Crisis Line at 1-800-843-5200 is a valuable resource.

## Downey's CIF champs to face faculty

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School's wrestling team and girls' volleyball squad will compete against teachers and staff in the second annual Faculty VS. CIF Champions match March 24 at 6 p.m.

The volleyball and wrestling teams both won CIF titles in their respective divisions this year.

This year's faculty volleyball team will include social studies teachers Bernie Glasser, Aaron Hobbensiefken, Ryan Johnson and Stephen Judy; physical education instructor Marvin Manzanares; business teacher Greg Born; math teachers Richere Barbeau and Aaron Whitt (math); English instructors Josette Bean, Rachel Godfrey, Micah Karzen, Sybil Shetler and Zachary Zakour; and security supervisor Barry Baldwin.

The faculty wrestling team has not been announced. Principal Tom Houts participated last year.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from members of the volleyball or wrestling teams, or from an ASB member.

Tickets will also be sold at the door. The public is invited.

Proceeds will help pay for athletes' CIF rings.

-- Rebekah Jin, intern



## Mayor wants to name street after Sen. Dianne Feinstein

HENRY VENERACION

**DOWNEY** – We have of late been witness to, in addition to large crowds at Porto's Bakery and frantic efforts to repair potholed city streets, a surge in naming unnamed roadways and little side streets. The activity seems harmless enough, and it really doesn't cost that much, so it gets our endorsement.

Although the naming of the by now familiar little artery happened in 2009, the appellation of the 4-lane roadway stretching from Bellflower Boulevard to Imperial Highway and roughly bisecting the southern section of the former 160-acre NASA site while skirting the new Kaiser Permanente building as 'Congr. Steve Horn Way', to honor the recently deceased congressman who played a major role in the city's acquisition from the federal government of the 160-acre former NASA property, brooks no argument.

Just recently, to further promote the ethic of Character Counts, "Caring Way" – a little stretch of road between Kaiser and the Columbia Memorial Space Center – was inaugurated, as part of the city's efforts to "make the 'Six Pillars of Character' more visible throughout the community." (Even before this, the city last year named a driveway behind City Hall "Responsibility Row").

And because of the laudable contributions of California Sen. Dianne Feinstein through her championing in the pivotal years (early to mid-1990s) of an amendment that finally facilitated the conveyance of the former NASA property to the city of Downey at favorable terms, and in view of her continued backing to the present day of Downey's interests in the halls of the Capitol, a movement spearheaded by Mayor Luis Marquez has been initiated, to name the street fronted by the Columbia Memorial



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF DOWNEY

From left: former councilmembers Keith McCarthy, Joyce Lawrence and Barbara Riley, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, and then-mayor Gary McCaughan.

Space Center and joining up with Congr. Steve Horn Way in the center "Sen. Dianne Feinstein Way".

The meeting of the roadways will symbolize, says Marquez, the fruitful partnership on behalf of Downey of the U.S. senator from California and the rookie congressman from Long Beach. It comes at a time when the sprawling former NASA site is slowly but surely springing into life and, barring any unforeseen setbacks, reclaim at least a good portion of its former glory.

After Downey's well-documented glory days, there was a distinct letdown when Rockwell left, then NASA shuttled the facility in 1999, and saw its fortunes dwindle down to little more than a huge parking lot. Then by dint of farseeing planning and patience by a succession of city councils and city staff, it began to experience a turnaround.

First, Downey Studios, then Downey Landing, then Kaiser Permanente, then the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Next, in the city's sights, is the much-studied, much-hoped for, ambitious Tierra Luna project. These, plus the other

planned developments downtown and elsewhere, carry the seeds of well-founded hope for the city's future.

There are many figures of note to thank, of course, in this connection, including such names as councilmen Gary McCaughan, Keith McCarthy, Meredith Perkins, and others too numerous to mention. The name of city manager Gerald Caton also comes up, so do those of Sen. Barbara Boxer and Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and, almost surely, that of Don Knabe.

To be sure, more opportunities for roadway-naming will open down the road (pardon the pun), with pillars of character to match. It will be interesting to see which pillar is picked next.

"It's time to recognize the senator for her contributions to the city of Downey," said Marquez. "I'm hopeful but very optimistic that my colleagues will support my recommendation that we name the indicated segment of road Sen. Dianne Feinstein Way in recognition of her significant contributions to the acquisition of the NASA property."

## Arc Walk matriarch leads by example

Final preparations underway for Arc Walk for Independence on March 26.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Raising money for the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County is nothing new for Wanda Reyes. In fact, if the 79-year-old mother and grandmother could find a way to raise more, she would.

"Some people say, 'I wouldn't think about asking my family and neighbors for money,' but you've got to," said Reyes. "I don't know what I'd do without Arc. Between Robin and the Arc – I'm alive."

It was nearly 30 years ago when Reyes first brought her daughter Robin Terry to Arc, the 55-year-old organization, which provides vital services and training for over 400 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Today, Reyes and Robin, now 51, can be found weekly at Arc; however, next Saturday during the annual Arc Walk for Independence they will represent just one of the many families that rely upon the organization to help teach, train, employ and encourage their loved ones.

"The Walk is really important. We're thankful for Arc. I go to people and ask them to sponsor me," said Reyes, who turns 80 this May. "Give – hey, I'll take a dollar. But most people give me 10 or 15 dollars. Think about Robin, think about these kids. Come down and look around, you'll feel in your heart that you did something good."

Kevin MacDonald, executive director of the Arc, believes that it's the families of Arc consumers that make all the difference.

"Our service has to be for the whole family," said MacDonald. "We know a little bit of what they do, but we don't know what it takes for them to get to the Walk. Our families continue to fight and the Arc Walk growth is spurred by every one of these family members."

Since 1997, the Arc Walk for Independence has raised funds and awareness for Arc's many programs by inviting community members to travel either a one or three-mile walking course around Stonewood Center. Starting at 8 a.m. on March 26, registered walkers who donated \$10 to the Arc will set out on the course, walking for independence.



PHOTO BY KEVIN MACDONALD

Wanda Reyes, with her daughter, Robin, are fervent supporters of Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County. The Arc Walk for Independence is March 26.

"Come and share a morning of hope," said MacDonald. "We're going full-steam ahead. We've received tremendous support from our sponsors, Supervisor [Don] Knabe and a number of corporations who are giving. We encourage everyone to bring someone new, help us celebrate."

Starting at Acapulco Restaurant and Cantina, the 3-mile walk travels west on Firestone Boulevard to Lakewood Boulevard, up to Florence Avenue, around to Woodruff Avenue and back to Firestone. The Arc has seen its annual event grow from just 250 walkers in 1997 to more than 3,300 last year. MacDonald expects the Walk to inch closer to 4,000 walkers this year.

In addition to host sponsor Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Laker Girls will also be in attendance, along with Master of Ceremonies Phillip Palmer of KABC Los Angeles and the

Norwalk All Star Marching Band. Acapulco Restaurant will serve breakfast burritos to all paid participants.

Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, Coca-Cola, Wescom Credit Union, Century 21 My Real Estate Co., Sempra Energy and Stonewood Center are just some of the dozens of companies banding together to support the annual fundraiser.

Although Reyes admits that she can't do as much as she used to do, she hopes that others will pick up the mantle and help keep the doors of Arc open.

"If it wasn't for Robin – I wouldn't get up in the morning. She's the light of my life," said Reyes, who's still soliciting friends for donations. "I just think that if you want to feel good about yourself, you'll come out and walk. Think about the families that are out there to celebrate their kids...show compassion for their families."

## Students get up close with animals

**DOWNEY** – Approximately 300 elementary school students saw live animals from the Brazilian rain forest at an assembly coordinated by Downey Federal Credit Union.

The Wildlife Learning Center, based in Sylmar, visited Ward Elementary School last month at the request of credit union representative Kari Johnson.

Students viewed several animals from Central and South America, including a red-footed tortoise, macaw, squirrel monkey, kinkajou (honey bear), white-nosed coati, Burmese python and a rainbow boa constrictor.

Biologists explained how the animals eat and live during the interactive assembly, and students were allowed to ask questions. The

biologists emphasized the need for conservation awareness and the maintenance of our environment.

"Educational opportunities are available to students both in and out of the classroom. By bringing this assembly to the school, [the credit union] had the opportunity to strengthen a student's appreciation of the natural world in which we live and bring awareness of our environment," said Barbara Lamberth, president and CEO of Downey Federal Credit Union. "The students had a new adventure in learning, while enjoying animals from other parts of the world."

# Downey Community Survey

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What do you like about Downey?  
 What do you want to see in Downey?  
 What makes Downey unique?  
 Where is Downey headed in the future?

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## Raytheon to give preview of Tech Center

**DOWNEY** – Officials from Raytheon will be at City Hall on Tuesday to offer details on their new Public Safety Regional Technology Center.

Raytheon announced last week they would build the facility in Downey, creating about 150 jobs here.

Raytheon will have a demonstration trailer parked outside City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The general public is invited to attend for a tour.

Company officials will also address the City Council at its general meeting at 7:30 p.m.

## Casino night fundraiser for Soroptimist

**DOWNEY** – Soroptimist International of Downey will hold a casino night fundraiser April 1 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The resort-themed event will include food, music, silent auctions, raffles and more.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:30 p.m. and the casino opens at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40 each and can be purchased by contacting Mia Vasquez at (562) 806-3217 or [misvaswell@verizon.net](mailto:misvaswell@verizon.net).

## Seniors staying active in club

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Senior Recreational Club, a group of seniors that enjoys dancing, entertainment and socializing, will hold its anniversary luncheon April 18 at Los Amigos Country Club.

Cost is \$7 for members and \$13.50 for non-members. The public is invited.

The Downey Senior Recreational Club meets every Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. The club dances to a live three-piece combo playing familiar tunes.

Besides line dancing (no partner required), they also play cards and hold brief meetings.

Yearly membership dues are \$3 if paid between January and March, and \$4 thereafter. Weekly admission is \$2 for members and \$3 for guests.

The club plans an open house May 17 where first-time guests can attend free.

For more information, call club president Nadine Morris at (562) 923-9422.

## Songfest concert to feature local gospel talents

**DOWNEY** – The 19th annual interfaith, multi-cultural Songfest, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be held March 19 at the church's south Downey facility at 12425 Orizaba Ave.

The eight-act program of music will begin at 7 p.m. Prelude music starts at 6:45 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Songfest will feature choral and gospel singing, and solo performances performed by talent from Downey and neighboring communities.

Scheduled to perform are the New City Parish Choir, led by Mark Coates; the Voices of Inspiration and Immanuel Gospel Choir, led by Alexander Hamilton; Tapestry from Santa Monica; the Children's Choir of Bell Gardens (Spanish) and the Samoan Choir of Lynwood (100 voices).

Soloists scheduled are Beverly Taylor and Larry Larsen, local leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Moravian Trombone Choir will provide an instrumental musical interlude. Founded in 1965, the choir has received worldwide acclaim and consists of John Cather, soprano trombone; James Winchell, alto trombone; Greg Pate, tenor trombone; and Steven Humenski, bass trombone.

The choir is directed by Doug Shabe.

"It is our pleasure to again offer an evening of music and togetherness to the people of Downey and neighboring communities," said Lois Buchanan, community relations director for the Downey stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, coordinator of the event. "It is also a great opportunity to meet as friends from various religions and from different cultures to promote understanding and friendship. May we continue to build upon the love and respect for one another throughout our communities. Everyone is invited to this free evening of musical harmony."

## E-waste event at Warren

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School will collect unwanted electronic items April 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in its campus parking lot.

The school will collect TVs, computers, monitors, printers, fax machines, DVD players, radios, cell phones, telephones and more.

The event is in support of Girls League.

## Looking back on...

# Downey Family YMCA

■ Early community leaders played key role in YMCA's development.

By **CHRISTIAN BROWN**, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – It was the late 1930s when Harold Wagner made a persuasive pitch to Hubert C. Noble – bring the YMCA to Downey.

Howbeit a simple suggestion, the act would alter Downey history, further defining the emerging city, which would soon welcome an expanding community organization with the modest goal of helping local families develop positive values while striving for peak physical fitness.

Hoping to help enlarge the breadth of the Young Men's Christian Association, Wagner, an influential executive of the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, approached Noble, a former Occidental College classmate, with his idea.

Convinced that the young boys of Downey could benefit from such club activities, Noble, a college instructor and early pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Downey, opened up the church basement and invited the community, as well as several church members, to help establish what would eventually become the Downey Family YMCA.

With just two small basement rooms at its disposal, the Downey YMCA, first incorporated as an extension of the Y branch in Huntington Park, began establishing clubs for grade school boys around town.

By April 29, 1941, plans for a permanent facility were initiated after a group of 29 men and women met in the church basement to discuss the future of the Y in Downey. Their expansion plan estimated that a Downey branch would cost nearly \$5000 a year to operate, but nonetheless, the founding members, many of whom were parents, banded together and began the development process.

The Y's first office was in the old Downey Paint Center. Later, the small office was moved to the second floor of the Masonic Temple at Third Street and Downey Avenue. By 1947, the new board members had acquired a make-shift office and club room building on the corner of Second and Myrtle streets purchased from Downey's first mayor, James L.



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Downey YMCA as it appeared in 1964. Its original home, purchased by Downey's first mayor Jim Stamps, can be seen in the background.

Stamps.

Pat Kearns, 77, remembers visiting the Y almost every other night as a kid growing up in Downey.

"The organization was different then – it was organized for sports. You'd stop by and pick up a basketball or football with guys you knew would be there," said Kearns who now lives in Seal Beach. "It was very social. Everybody I ran around with then was in the Y and there were sub groups of the Y for separate ages. There were girl clubs too."

With only a half basketball court and limited space outside for games and recreation, board members soon realized that the small location would not be able to accommodate the growing club much longer. Concerned that prime downtown real estate would soon be developed, several members, lead by Stamps himself, began scouting out potential sites with enough acreage to allow for future development.

In the summer of 1955, board

members settled on a 2.2 acre plot on the 11500 block of Downey Avenue. The site, which is the present location of the Downey Y, was purchased that August for nearly \$67,000 from Dr. W. Ward Altig, a local family practitioner who had lived in the home for six years before the sale.

Dick Altig, son of Dr. Altig, remembers living in the home, which he believes his father sold for a considerable discount to help Stamps establish a permanent home for the YMCA.

"The house was of colonial architecture, three stories high, painted white with green shutters," recalled Altig. "The property had a lighted tennis court, an in-ground swimming pool, horse stables, a well for irrigation...the grounds were manicured by a resident professional and it was considered the showplace of Downey homes at that time."

Soon after the purchase, the Y moved its offices from Second and

Myrtle to the Altig mansion, which underwent some minor alterations in order to provide meeting rooms for the expanding Y clubs. Following the transition, Stamps donated the old YMCA property to the Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County to help establish its first office in 1956.

For 20 years, the old home served as the operating center for the YMCA, but as more families began moving into Downey neighborhoods, the demand for more space began pressuring Y leadership to replace the aging residence with modern facilities.

By February 1962, a well-prepared and organized building campaign had finally launched and a goal of \$262,000 was set by board members, who entrusted E.H. Clark Jr. with the task of leading the effort. Along with Board Chairman J. Donald Fisher and an

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## March 26, 2011



of Southeast Los Angeles County

### Walk for Independence



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### Stonewood Center – Downey

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**Register online at [www.arcwalk.org](http://www.arcwalk.org)**

## Donations for Japan relief to be collected Saturday

Motorists invited to "fill the boot" as volunteers collect donations Saturday at Stonewood Center.

By MARK SAUTER, CITY OF DOWNEY

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department and volunteers from a number of city groups, will host a 'fill-the-bucket' fundraiser for the American Red Cross relief efforts in Japan on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Stonewood Center.

The event will go on, rain or shine.

All of the donations will be directed to the American Red Cross for disaster relief efforts in Japan. Monetary donations are the best form of assistance for the Japan disaster and will be forwarded immediately. The fill-the-bucket staff members will only accept monetary donations. Food and clothing for the Japanese disaster will not be accepted at this event. Mayor Luis Marquez and the entire Downey City Council support this event and have great concern for all of those who have been so adversely impacted by the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami.

All of those who visit the volunteers will be given emergency preparedness information (English or Spanish). Japan devoted a considerable amount of resources and training time preparing for emer-

gencies. Fortunately, some of the Japanese were able to live through the disasters.

However, thousands are now suffering, despite their best efforts. Fresh water, food, fuel and shelter from the weather are now in short supply in the Japanese disaster area. Many of the disaster survivors are now waiting for precious supplies, in long lines, in cold weather conditions.

Experts are predicting a major earthquake will occur in Southern California sometime in the next several years, so now is the time for all members of the Downey community to firm up their emergency plans, to assemble emergency kits and supplies and to improve their awareness of the hazards of living in earthquake country.

Experts predict a major earthquake will likely result in the loss of utilities and food supplies for much of the Southern California area. All transit routes are also expected to be heavily impacted by a severe earthquake. Everyone should have emergency supplies (water, food, communications, tools, first aid materials and shelter) to last seven days and a plan to live through the immediate aftermath of a disastrous earthquake.

The fill-the-bucket event will be similar to other fundraisers held in the Stonewood Center parking lots. Volunteers will be easy to identify and will stand at the four major entry points to the mall. They will be collecting cash, check

## Japanese band in Downey next week

DOWNEY – The Takigawa Daini High School band from Kobe, Japan will be in Downey all next week, hosted by Warren High School.

The schools will present a joint concert Wednesday at the Downey Theatre titled "Spring Songs from Japan," starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and will sold at the box office.

The band from Takigawa Daini High School will also provide an exhibition marching performance in the Warren High stadium March 25 at 2:45 p.m. Admission is free.

or change donations using special Red Cross buckets. For the safety of everyone involved in this event, please drive extra cautiously when in 'fill-the-bucket' areas.

The volunteer groups committed to the fundraiser (so far) are the Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Emergency Preparedness Committee members, members of the Downey Fire and Police Explorer Posts and the Warren Red Cross club.

Questions or comments about this fundraising event or emergency preparedness can be directed to [ready@downeyca.org](mailto:ready@downeyca.org).

## YMCA: Nearly 15,000 members.

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army of 463 campaign volunteers, Clark, who went on to serve as Chairman of the Board of the YMCA of the USA, witnessed firsthand the generosity of the Downey community.

A new 20,000-square-foot facility was dedicated in September 1963, built next door to the Altig residence at a cost of \$432,000.

Following the addition of the new office space, members of the community began to voice their desire for comprehensive health and physical education programs for the entire family at the YMCA. In June 1970, Board Chairman Jim Ply appointed a study committee to assess the Y's role in serving the Downey community going forward.

With the help of Clark, the YMCA Board conducted an in-depth study of the feasibility of the Downey Y expanding to a full-service branch with complete physical education facilities for boys, girls, men and women. The results of the study were conclusive and favorable towards further expansion.

From the fall of 1973 to spring 1974, a new fundraising campaign was introduced with the goal of raising no less than \$2,250,000. Led by Clark and Campaign Chairman Fred Simpson, the campaign would become one of the most successful fundraising efforts in Downey's early history.

In 1975, the Altig home was razed and in January 1976, construction began on the YMCA's nearly 44,000-square-foot physical education building. At its conclusion, Downey had one of the largest and most complete YMCA



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Downey High alum Lash Stevenson, seen here in 1956, serves as a YMCA youth leader during a summer camp in Little Green Valley.

facilities in the western United States.

Today, the Downey Family YMCA has nearly 15,000 members, serves more than 2,400 family units and offers dozens of programs for all ages. With a city-wide childcare program, youth sports teams, summer camps, and physical education classes, the Y cur-

rently employs 110 staff members and utilizes a large force of nearly 600 volunteers every year.

Moreover, the Downey YMCA demonstrates just how vital community organizations can be during the development of a city. Determined to help provide positive extracurricular activities for kids, those 29 founding members of the Y not only created programs to help their own children, but they paved the way for future Downey families who can now depend on the same essential amenities.

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## Letters to the Editor:

### Glorifying graffiti

Dear Editor:

As a Downey resident I was appalled that such a responsible newspaper would print a story glorify the act of graffiti ("Meet Bumblebee," 3/10/11).

This "Bumblebee" person, who wants to remain anonymous should be held accountable for his actions of defacing private property.

If I were to go out and start painting on, let's say, the now vacant and forgotten Downey Ford dealership building, I am quite sure I would be arrested, as I should be. It's called trespassing and vandalism.

But I think I could do a great job with a little paint and stencil. Any other artists out there? I hear the old Von's building on Paramount Boulevard is up for grabs.

-- Diana Borzi,  
Downey

### Speed problems

Dear Editor:

I have lived on Finevale Drive for 57 years – and before we were a city, two men put two potholes and installed two stop signs. I told them they put them on the wrong corner but they were already installed.

When Councilman David Gafin was elected, I told him about the blunder. He said he would look into seeing what could be done. Within two days two idiot speed control units were placed on Horley Avenue.

They stayed one week and within a week I received a printout of the results. It stated there were a few cars traveling 35-40 miles per hour, most 25 miles per hour or less. No big problem.

Some time later a stop sign was placed on Guatemala and Lubec. I noticed two motorcycle police officers for a while to catch the offenders. Another one was placed on Guatemala and north of Suva to slow the traffic. It helps but drivers still speed on Horley.

I am sure the city has a long way to go before it solves its speeding problem.

-- Kenneth Drake,  
Downey

### Well-mannered students

Dear Editor:

I would like to give a big applause to all of the students who attended Downey High's "Best Dance Crew Competition" last Friday night. I can not say enough good things about the young audience.

The bleachers were filled with mostly classmates of the contestants, and these young people were so polite and considerate to all of the performers. There was always warm applause, even if the dancers weren't crowd favorites. There was no booing or jeering.

I am so encouraged by the public manners and civility of these students. They are the future of this country. And I commend their parents and teachers who have set such a good example for them. Downey can be very proud of its children.

We no longer have a student in high school, and we only went because I am a fan of the show "So You Think You Can Dance," and I saw a notice in *The Downey Patriot* that the finalist, "Legacy," would be at this event.

We weren't sure what to expect, but thought it would at least be fun to see what the kids were doing. Thank you, *Downey Patriot*, for printing the notice. We are lucky to have this local paper which does so much for our community.

-- Carol Kearns,  
Downey

## Budget woes bring new ideas to Detroit

By Rebekah Rast

States are beginning to connect the dots between necessary spending and needless spending. As they work to come up with sustainable budgets the status quo is no longer affordable.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker tackled his state's budget problem by discontinuing collective bargaining rights for the state's public union employees. His bill also requires that these employees start contributing to their own pensions and health-care coverage.

The whole nation was aware of the battle, Gov. Walker vs. public union employees, and many other states began jumping on the "it's time to fix our budgets" bandwagon.

States like Michigan are taking it even a step further with the city of Detroit. Why not kill two birds with one stone? The city is in economic disarray and its public education system is failing. State leaders are finding a link between the cost of education and the need to cut back spending.

The solution: school choice.

The current plan in Detroit is to convert nearly a third of its public schools into privately run charter schools. These 41 schools under consideration enroll about 16,000 of the city's 73,000 students and would operate as public school academies starting as soon as this fall.

Not only does this proposal have a good chance of improving student's academic performance, it would also save the district millions of dollars and possibly prevent schools from closing in the city.

Michigan is already home to 250 charter schools serving more than 94,000 of its students. Academic success at these schools has so far been very favorable.

The Center for Education Reform states that Michigan students that attend charter schools have slightly higher proficiency rates than the 17 urban host districts from which they enrolled students. The data goes on to point out that in

### Impound policy

Dear Editor:

I recently saw on Channel 7 news that the LAPD has changed its policy in regards from impounding vehicles from those who come through a DUI checkpoint and are determined to be unlicensed drivers. Now, instead of having their car being towed and the driver given a citation, each driver will have the opportunity to call a licensed driver to come get their car and the driver originally stopped will only be given a citation.

LAPD states in substance, the prior policy of the LAPD was changed because: "Latino groups have protested that legal and illegal immigrants are particularly hard-hit by such policies, because they cannot afford to reclaim their transport."

So that I completely understand, if an unlicensed driver happens to be caught up in a DUI checkpoint, they are given the opportunity to call a licensed friend to come get their car so the unlicensed driver doesn't have to pay for a storage bill, however, the unlicensed driver is given a citation for being unlicensed?

What this means to me is if a driver is unlicensed, it means the driver cannot obtain vehicle insurance. So if this driver hits your car, your insurance company is going to have to go it alone which eventually results in higher premiums to all licensed drivers? Right? Or worse yet, the unlicensed driver that was allowed to have a friend drive the vehicle away (I'm sure this will stop the unlicensed driver from continuing to drive – yeah right) and this same unlicensed driver hits your vehicle and kills a family member, the LAPD had the driver and the car and let the driver go because of the change. That will bring real solace to the family whose family member was killed by the unlicensed driver.

Since the liberalization of immigration policy in 1965, the number of first-generation immigrants living in the United States has quadrupled, from 9.6 million in 1970 to about 38 million in 2007; 1,046,539 persons were naturalized as U.S. citizens in 2008. The leading emigrating countries to the United States were Mexico, India, and the Philippines, and China.

It makes no difference to me what county a person comes from but it does concern me some of these people come here illegally and expect the same services and benefits as U.S. citizens. The only rights an illegal alien should be afforded is human rights, period. Anything beyond that is reserved for legal citizens.

I have never understood why these illegal aliens are entitled to the same benefits as the American citizen and the 1,046,539 persons that came to this county and were later naturalized. Expense? According to what I hear and read, many illegals pay thousands of dollars to mules to get them here but these same people can't afford to become naturalized citizens? Yeah right.

I have heard more time than I care to count the statement to the effect, these illegals come here for a better life. Great! Why don't they stay where they are at and help create a government that caters to the needs of its citizens? Another great statement I have heard for years, is the illegals don't cost the taxpayers. They pay their own way. Really? Look around at your local hospitals, schools, police departments and other services and you'll soon learn, a great majority of them don't pay their own way. The tax payer foots the bill.

The FAA requires all pilots flying into and from the US to speak English, the basic language of this county at one time was English. Why does it have to change? To accommodate whom? I don't care if a person is bilingual, trilingual or even quadrilingual, English is this county's language. Learn it. Become a citizen or go home to your country of origin.

-- David Abney,  
Downey

math, for example, "52 percent of African American students at charters scored proficient or advanced, while only 47.3 percent of non-charter students from the host districts achieved at this level."

One of the most significant perks of charter schools are they give students and parents a choice.

"Charter schools give parents more options of where to send their child," says Americans for Limited Government's (ALG) Rick Manning. "Also, charter schools have more freedom from the many regulations of public schools. Charter schools allow students and teachers more authority to make decisions. Instead of being accountable to rules and regulations like public schools, charter schools are focused on the students and academic achievement and upholding their charter."

Another big difference between a charter and public school, most charter schools are not subject to a teachers union.

"About 95 percent of charter schools are non-union," says Mike Antonucci, director of the Education Intelligence Agency (EIA). This causes a lot of opposition from teachers unions. "Unions lose members," he says whenever a new charter school opens. "Every teacher in a charter school means one less union member and unions want more money. This can put a dent in union's bottom line."

And this will be the battle Michigan will have to fight.

The Wall Street Journal reports, "In Detroit, teachers in the new charter schools wouldn't be covered under the current union contract, according to officials. But Keith Johnson, president of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, said any removal of teachers from the union's current contract wouldn't be legal under state law and 'would not happen under my watch.'"

The plan for additional charter schools is currently left in the hands of the Detroit School Board, though Michigan state legislation is attempting to hand this authority over to the emergency financial managers in the state.

If Detroit is able to adopt this plan it is expected to save the district more than \$99 million.

As a possible battle between Detroit's teachers unions and the school district and possibly even the state gets underway, it is important to note that one reason this charter school plan is being closely evaluated is due to pension costs.

District spokesman Steve Wasko wrote in an email to the Wall Street Journal that pension costs were a major financial reason for the proposal.

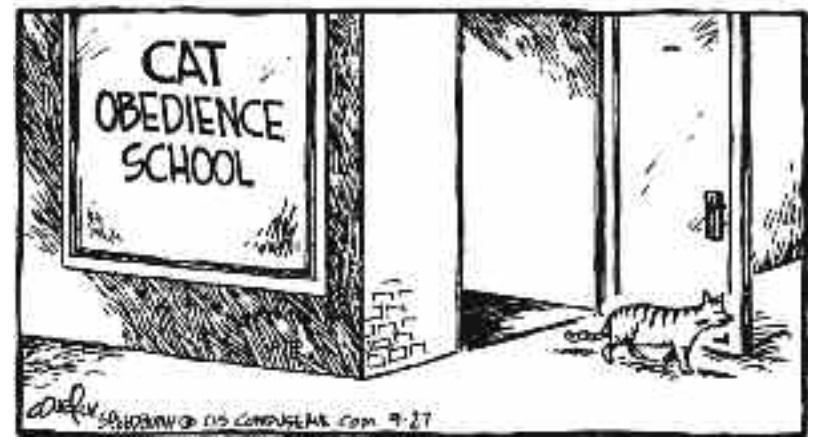
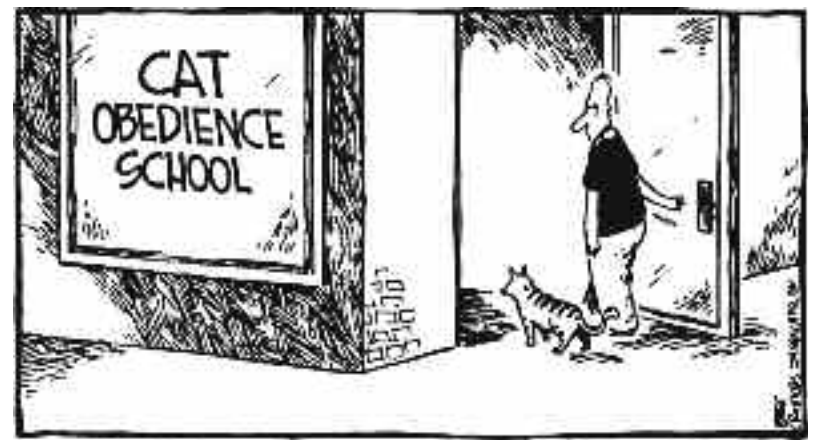
Like Wisconsin, Michigan faces a similar battle with its public union employees. State budgets simply cannot support their pension systems.

If this proposal is not adopted and these schools in Detroit are not converted to charter schools it is likely they will close altogether in order to help eliminate the state's deficit, costing teacher's jobs and student's educational opportunity.

Will unionized public teachers put the students first and be willing to forego their union membership and teach at a charter school, or will they fight tooth and nail like they did in Wisconsin and force these schools to close leaving students without a school or teacher?

The teachers should do what they were hired to do, and that is to teach and put the children first.

Rebekah Rast is a contributing editor at Americans for Limited Government (ALG) News Bureau. You can follow her on Twitter at @RebekahRast.



## Roybal-Allard fights for Pell grants

During an Appropriations subcommittee hearing Wednesday about federal education funding in the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) stood up for Pell grant funding and other federal assistance to low-and-middle income college students.

Roybal-Allard gave the following statement to her congressional colleagues on the panel and to Education Under Secretary Martha Kanter who testified at the hearing:

"Pell grants are the cornerstone of federal financial aid and make the dream of college a reality for more than 9 million low-and-middle income students across the country. Cutting this critical aid not only will deny college access to our talented young people, but will deprive our workforce of their contributions and threaten our long-term economic recovery.

If we are going to stay competitive, we must increase the number of students that attend college and gain the skills necessary to compete in the world economy. Cutting Pell Grants as we try to increase college graduation rates is short sighted and counterproductive to our nation's interests.

Reducing the maximum Pell Grant award would jeopardize college access for millions of students. This is unconscionable, especially when our nation's economic health depends on educating and training America's workforce.

Now is not the time to decrease the Pell Grant. Maintaining the maximum award at \$5,550 should be the top priority of this committee."

## Re-thinking Italian American studies at CSULB

LONG BEACH – "Re-Thinking Italian American Studies in the Third Millennium: Where Have We Been? Where Can We Go?" will be the focus of the inaugural address of the Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) Frank J. De Santis Lecture Series, beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, in the university's Karl Anatol Center.

Established under the aegis of CSULB's George L. Graziadio Center for Italian Studies, the lecture series is being named after De Santis, past national president for the Order Sons of Italy in America who played a key role in establishing the university's Italian studies center back in 1994.

Delivering the series' first-ever lecture will be Anthony Julian Tamburri, dean of the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute at Queens College, CUNY, and professor of Italian and comparative literature. Tamburri will address the future of Italian Americans and programs addressing their heritage in educational institutions throughout the United States. He also will outline how the community can work in consort with universities such as CSULB to meet the needs of students.

"This presentation is very timely in view of the renewed interest in Italian studies throughout the United States and the commitment of the Italian Government to support efforts to promote Italian language and culture at this time," said De Santis, who noted that CSULB is the only university in California where students can obtain a credential to teach Italian in California schools.

The aim of the De Santis Lecture Series is to bring the community together once a year on a topic of Italian American interest. The center is in the process of establishing a \$250,000 endowment to guarantee that the lecture will be conducted annually as a permanent enhancement to CSULB's Italian Studies Program.

CSULB is also celebrating the appointment of Professor Clorinda Donato as the new George L. Graziadio Chair of Italian Studies, the first community-funded chair in the United States. Her appointment follows the retirement of former chair Carlo Chiarenza, the first academic to occupy this post.

The George L. Graziadio Center for Italian Studies is also being recognized by the Italian community for its work in creating academic programs in Italian studies. To date, a bachelor's of arts degree has been created as well as the credential program. Efforts are also underway to establish a master's degree in Italian studies.

Among the invited guests for the inaugural De Santis Lecture are The Honorable Nicola Fanganello, Consul General of Italy, Los Angeles; Alberto Di Mauro, director of the Italian Cultural Institute, Los Angeles; the Graziadio family; members of the original community committee that collaborated to establish the Graziadio chair; and leaders of the Italian and Italian American communities.

Seating is limited. Those interested in attending the De Santis Lecture should RSVP by calling (562) 985-4318 or e-mail cmccarty@csulb.edu.

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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For March

- Sat. March 19: **Donations for Japanese relief**, Stonewood Center, 10 a.m.
- Sat. March 19: **Miss Downey pageant**, Downey Theatre, 5:30 p.m.
- Sat. March 19: **Songfest**, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints south campus, 7 p.m.
- Tues. March 22: **Raytheon tours**, outside City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. March 23: **Business mixer**, Downey Nissan, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed. March 23: **Japanese high school band concert**, Downey Theatre, 7 p.m.

### City Meetings

- 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Ingrid Martin at 413-4001.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

#### Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
- 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at The Palms, for information call 803-4048.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
- 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...

**March 17, 461:** According to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul. Some sources list the year as 461, others say 493.

**1905:** Franklin D. Roosevelt married his distant cousin, Eleanor Roosevelt, in New York City. The wedding was attended by President Theodore Roosevelt, FDR's fifth cousin, who gave his niece away.

**2005:** Baseball players Rafael Palmeiro and Sammy Sosa testified before Congress that they hadn't used steroids while Mark McGwire refused to say whether he had.

**Birthdays:** Rock musician John Sebastian (67), actor Patrick Duffy (62), actor Kurt Russell (60), retired basketball player Danny Ainge (52), retired basketball player Sam Bowie (50), actor Rob Lowe (47), musician Billy Corgan (44), retired soccer player Mia Hamm (39) and reality TV star Rob Kardashian (24).

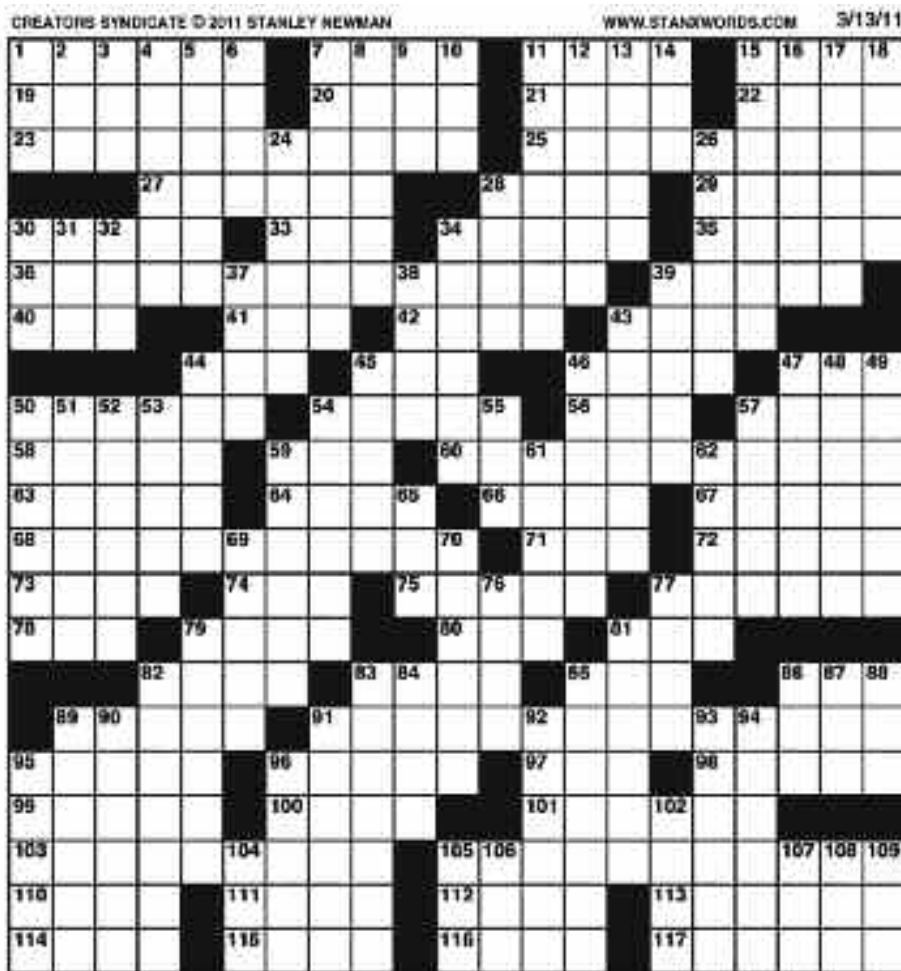
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## Warren raises more than \$41K for leukemia society

■ Race to raise most money gets competitive, with students, teacher and staff all involved.

BY DEANNA KIM, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Fighting for the title of number one fundraising high school in the nation, to beat Downey High School, and to help a good cause, Warren has raised more than \$41,000 (and counting) for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

According to schoolandyouth.org, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. Its goal is to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

This year, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Girl of the Year is Eva Hooten, who was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of four. Warren's proceeds will be made in her honor and in senior Gus Vasquez, Jr.'s name.

"(I donated money) because if I had a little girl like Eva, I would want the help," said sophomore Jose Quinones. Quinones is in Cari White's class who won the March Madness competition.

Last year, Warren brought in over \$37,000 and would need a lot of help to beat that number. To create more awareness and motivation to the school, ASB created new events such as "Fear Factor: Teacher Edition," a class competition, and a scavenger hunt. In addition, the same events as previous years, "Black Out Leukemia," where paper pennies covered the word "Leukemia" for a dollar each, March Madness, where the top 64 teachers competed to bring in the most money, and "Warren's Most Caring Couple," where a senior couple that raised the most money won free prom tickets, were occurring at the same time.

The top caring couple was



PHOTO BY DEANNA KIM

Warren High School is still counting the money students and teachers raised in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Top row: Danny Chan, Uriel Garcia, Cejay Anderson, James Bettencourt, Sean Cook, Alec Dominguez, Cynthia Cordova, Alfredo Robles, Lorus Hendricks, Danielle Rodriguez, Audrey Delgado, Ashley Hahn and Katie Guzman. Second row: Jane Kim, Shayenne Prasad, Jessica Obando, Evelyn Parada, Bridget Vargas, Adriana Ramos, Tori Arnau, Sara Ceja, Chelsea Vinas, Melissa Nunez, Victoria Serrano and Brandon Herrerias. Last row: Tiffany De La Riva, Belinda Gomez, Crystal Ponce and Raquel Caballero

Victoria Serrano and friend Melissa Bueno who brought in \$1,877.

"We dedicated our whole lives during those three weeks, but we had a lot of help and a great support system. We sold churros, chocolates, and worked with South Gate Police Department's Explorers program. We couldn't have done it without our teachers, friends, and community," said senior Victoria Serrano. "When Mr. Harris announced it on the overhead about how proud of us he was, it felt so good to help others. After awhile, it wasn't about winning the prom tickets."

In "Fear Factor: Teacher Edition," two teachers needed to raise a certain amount of money each lunch period to have the other teacher eat a blended McDonald's happy meal or a cricket burrito. The class competition had two classes each lunch compete in various games and the winning class had some money added to their account total. The

scavenger hunt had administrators sing songs, classes spell out "Penny" on the football field, and search for certain serial codes on \$5 bills.

"The students are so excited and dedicated about Pennies for Patients. I always said that if I was a teacher, I would get involved, not only in my classroom, but also in all aspects of the school," said English teacher Aly Davis, who drank the McDonald's surprise shake. "Anything that teaches the kids to think beyond themselves is something I'm willing to support."

The top three donating teachers were Nanette Johnson with \$5,371, Cari White with \$4,543 and Eugenia Barbeau with \$2,707. These classes raised money through fundraising, online donations, letters to the community, winning competitions, class participation and more.

"It was all the students who brought in the money... I was overwhelmed by how generous

the students were with either their money or their time," said top donating teacher Nanette Johnson.

"Mrs. White and Coach Palmer motivated me to donate. They always told us 'Sometimes little beats big and crazy beats better,'" said senior Armando Rodriguez, who was very active in Cari White's and Rachel Palmer's class, who called themselves "Team Crazy: 5150".

For three weeks, the campus was abuzz with posters, announcements and fierce competitions.

"I brought in my piggy bank thinking their was only some change but little did I know I had \$75," said senior Ximena Panayfo, "but it felt good to help!"

"It comes from the heart," added photography teacher George Redfox.

## Most students plan to relax this spring break

■ With more students juggling work and school, spring break is a time to unwind.

BY NICHOLE HAMILTON, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – While students spend their time during school hustling to make grades and money, whether they plan or leave it to spontaneity, spring break seems to be a time to relax and let all of that go.

Students today have a lot to juggle, and with the rising prices of tuition and gas, working is something that many students find necessary. Balancing grades, work and a social life can be difficult, and many students are forced to sacrifice social time for more adult responsibilities.

That said, spring break is a time away from all of that – temporarily. While pushing through the school year can be a difficult and stressful task, spring break allows students to refuel, however they choose, before the downhill slope of the rest of the semester. Whether students plan out their vacations or prefer a more spontaneous route, many students plan to take the time off.

"I'm not much of a planner, and I probably won't choose something until a couple of days before," said Warren High School alum Ashley Long-Labaar. "I am really looking forward to time off from school though. This semester especially has been super stressful, so I am going to try to make the most of my short break. If I did have a plan for break, it would be to get as far away from my house as possible; I'm thinking maybe San Diego, Vegas or Palm Springs – I'm not sure yet."

Others have more concrete plans.

"I definitely have a camping trip planned with a few friends," said Downey High School alum and Downey resident David Simpson. "I'm still debating whether to go to Joshua Tree or a spot my friend knows about that's a bit closer. Along with that, I have a plan to visit Nor Cal for two days to visit Berkeley and a couple other schools up there. I want to take the time to scope it out, see what they have to offer."

So while students are making at least preliminary plans, what is motivating them to choose the activities they choose?

"I'm taking some time off because I work full time to pay for school expenses and gas," said Warren alum and Downey resident Christian Perez. "I really want to go to Venice Beach, because I feel like my spring break should actually be spent relaxing. I also want to catch up on reading because I don't have as much time during school."

Simpson feels similarly. "Camping is a trip for pleasure," said Simpson. "Just kickin' it and escaping the hustle and bustle of the city life. The trip to visit the school on the other hand is a motivational thing. I'm just about ready to transfer, and see the schools that I believe will get me pumped for the next step...I need some motivation!"

So, the results seem to be an even mix. Some students enjoy catching up with work and having a more planned vacation, while others enjoy a more spontaneous and relaxed break – but it seems that most students could agree on one thing.

"Spring breaks should be longer than one week!" said Perez.

## Juniors realize their time left in high school is short

■ Excitement, apprehension expressed by juniors nearing final year in high school.

BY REBEKAH JIN, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – As news of college acceptances arrive for high school seniors, class of 2012 juniors are becoming more aware of the fact that their final year of high school will soon be upon them.

Downey junior Safa Garawi is an active member of Normaneers, an all-girls service club that participates in activities such as Susan G. Komen breast cancer walks. Despite the popular opinion that the college application process is stressful, Garawi takes on a positive attitude.

"I have taken the SAT in December and I'm planning to take it once again in June," said Garawi. "What I'm most excited about in senior year is a break from all of the hard studying. I also look forward to college applications and getting accepted to a university, then finally having a break and being able to talk to friends about random stuff other than how hard the history or

physics test was."

Warren junior Gabriela Kochanowski has played clarinet for the marching band since freshman year, and she is also involved with the animation class that began in 2009. The animation class will participate in a state competition held by SkillsUSA, a nationwide organization that prepares students for career skills.

"I'm excited to be taking a psychology class in senior year," said Kochanowski. "I've been really interested in the human mind and why we do the things we do. I will also be taking the next level of animation at Warren. I want to go into Pixar and make movies for young kids and teens. I think that would be the best thing in the world!"

Downey junior Jabari Ruffin recently committed to USC as a linebacker and will be the first Viking to play on the USC football team since Randy Meadows in the 1950s. This accomplishment would not have been possible without hard work and dedication.

"It makes me feel very excited to know that I am putting Downey High on the map for sports," said Ruffin. "I chose USC because of the things I can do with the kind

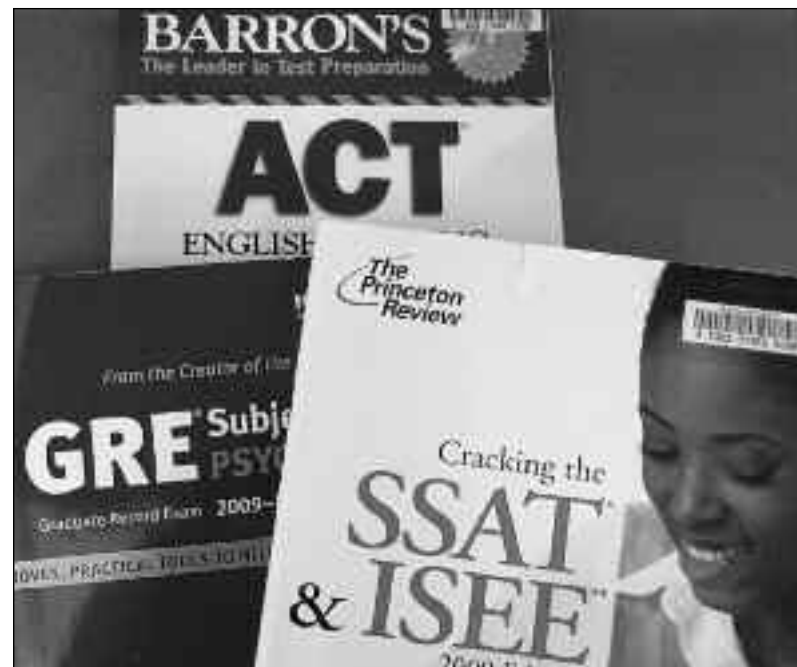


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For many juniors, now is the time for college testing.

of degree that I can get from the university. Also, USC has a wonderful football program with a tradition of back-to-back winning seasons."

Although Ruffin's future is set one year in advance, he has no plans to underperform in his senior year. Rather, the thrill of doing his best motivates him to be a better player.

"I love the game and I don't even know how it feels to slack off," said Ruffin.

"It will be my senior year and my last season playing in my Viking uniform. I will always play hard for my team."

Regardless of where their interests lie, juniors have one more year ahead of them to enjoy their high school lifestyles.



## Downey edges St. Joseph, 9-8

■ **SOFTBALL:** Veteran team off to 5-1-1 start; play Lakewood on Friday.

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Downey softball finished the Downey Classic Tournament this Monday with a third place finish, sliding past St. Joseph with a close 9-8 victory.

With a strong lineup of returning players, Downey has a good shot at avenging last year's second place league finish to Warren after a 2-1 loss to the Bears. University of Florida-bound shortstop Katie Medina and New Mexico State University-bound center fielder Staci Rodriguez will be leading this year's team, and so far have led Downey to a solid 5-1-1 pre-season record.

Last season, the Lady Vikings extended their post-season run to CIF before a second round exit. This year, Downey is counting on first baseman

Andrea Arellano and pitcher Daphne Gaspar, both of whom were named to the Downey Classic Tournament All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Vikings won 9-8 in a season opener against Redondo Union on March 5. Jazmyne Cortinas hit a .500 average, with four at bats, two hits, an RBI and a double. Rodriguez hit a .500 average, with four at bats, two runs, two hits and a double. Medina had a .500 average, two at bats, two runs, a hit and two RBIs. Arellano hit a .333 average, three at bats, a run, hit, three RBIs and a double. Ale Guillen pitched a complete game for the Lady Vikings in their first victory of the season.

On March 5, Downey had a blowout 12-0 win against Santa Clara. Arellano went 3 for 3 with two singles, a double, two runs and five RBIs.

In a double header against St. Joseph, Downey won the first match 11-1 and tied 3-3 because of darkness. For the first game, Rachel Rodriguez batted a 1.000 average, two at bats,

three runs and two hits. Arellano had a 1.000 average, 3 at bats, 2 runs, 3 hits, 3 RBIs, 1 double and 1 home run. Medina hit a .667 average, three at bats, two runs, two hits, three RBIs, and a double and triple apiece.

Continuing their streak in the tournament, Downey clinched an 8-5 victory against Calvary Chapel on March 12 but fell to Carson 6-0 on the same morning. Rodriguez hit a 1.000 average against Calvary Chapel, with three at bats, three runs, three hits and a pair of doubles.

Medina had a 1.000 average against St. Joseph this week, with two at bats, two runs, two hits, a pair of RBIs and a home run. Cortinas had a .667 average against the Jesters, with three at bats, two runs, two hits, two RBIs and a home run. Rodriguez batted a .500 average, four at bats, two runs, two hits, an RBI and a home run.

The Lady Vikings will travel to Mayfair Park to play Lakewood in a pre-season match up Friday. Game times are 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

## No lack of talent at Downey

BY JENNIFER CHO, INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Downey varsity softball has quite a lot to boast these days, with two seniors bound to play college softball for out-of-state universities and one recently named to the Downey Classic Tournament's All-Tournament Team.

Seniors Katie Medina, Staci Rodriguez, and Andrea Arellano are leading a strong Viking lineup this season. The Lady Vikings have an impressive pre-season 5-1-1 record and brought home a third place trophy from the Downey Classic Tournament, which ended this Monday. Head coach Micah Karzen said Medina, Rodriguez, and Arellano are some of his best players.

"Katie and Staci have been my best two players for the past two sea-

sons, and while they continue to remain consistently good this year, Andrea has been the star so far," he said.

Arellano batted over .700 with 6 extra base hits and 13 runs batted in over 7 games. She is currently being recruited by the University of San Diego for softball.

"Andrea hits the ball as hard as any player I have ever coached," Karzen said.

Medina has signed a letter of intent to play softball at the University of Florida, one of the strongest college softball programs in the nation. A talented athlete, Medina was also on Downey's varsity tennis team and cruised to a San Gabriel Valley League doubles championship title and advanced to CIF with doubles partner and softball teammate Janette Rico.

Karzen said Medina is one of the top players in California at her position as shortstop.

"I like to call her Sports Center because of the highlight plays she makes on a daily basis," he said.

Rodriguez signed a letter of intent to play softball at New Mexico State University. Like Medina, Rodriguez plays for Downey outside the field on the volleyball court. Karzen praised her consistency as a softball player.

"Staci has not made an error in over 3 seasons and makes plays in the outfield that other players only wish they could make," Karzen said.

Capping their fourth and final season with Downey before parting their separate ways, Medina, Rodriguez, and Arellano are prepared to make big plays on the softball field.

## Vikings drop both games of double-header

■ **BASEBALL:** Pair of losses drops Downey's season record to 1-6.

BY SCOTT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Mental mistakes are starting to make Downey manager Jess Gonzalez a little batty with his Vikings dropping both games of a double header against Long Beach Poly, 5-3 and 5-2 respectively, at home Tuesday night.

While Downey had a chance to win the first game of the double header, they were not in striking distance the entire second game with mental mistakes continuing to plague the team. Gonzalez said his team is very close to being a good team, but at the same time is very close to being a bad team and says it's all mental.

"I know it is," he said. "You'd be amazed at the amount of mistakes we've made in the last four or five games that we've played. In one game alone, from signs to, you know, it's just a lot. It's a lot."

In the first game of the double header, the Vikings trailed early 3-0 until scratching on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning off a Steve Pascual leadoff walk. Pascual proceeded to second and third base before Jonathan Grana struck out.

Josh Guerra then was hit by a pitch, giving Downey runners on first and third with only one out. Yamel Delgado then came up and hit a fly ball to center field.

The fly ball was plenty deep enough to score Pascual, but tagging up from first base was Guerra who took too big of a turn and was thrown out by Long Beach Poly's Henry Severson who ran up on the throw from center fielder Tyler Maxwell and back picked Guerra for the third out.

After the mental mistake by Guerra, Downey pitcher David Espindola was able to keep Long Beach Poly's bats quiet, allowing the Vikings to continue chipping away at the lead.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Downey got one more run closer to tying up the game after designated hitter Randy Rubio lead off the inning with a double on a 2-2 count. Right fielder Juan Gonzalez then bunted over Rubio allowing for Eric Parra to hit a groundball to first base, scoring Rubio from third.

Downey was able to tie the ball game in the bottom of the sixth inning after Rubio again lead the inning off with a double.

Juan Gonzalez immediately followed up Rubio's double with a

single, scoring him from second base to tie the game up. After a Parra lineout to right field, Kristian Delatorre came in to pinch hit for Franz Jacinto and hit a routine grounder to third base.

But Poly's Thomas Walker bobbled the ball and threw the ball away, allowing Gonzalez to move to third, putting runners at the corners and the go-ahead run 90 feet away.

Anthony Cortez came up and ended the threat and the inning, flying out weakly to right field.

Going in to the top of the seventh inning, it was interesting to see Espindola go out for another inning as he looked like he was starting to tire a little in the fifth inning and also with the top of Poly's order coming up.

With Jess Gonzalez keeping him in the game, Espindola got the first two batters out before Walker hit a single and was then followed up by a Severson double. Espindola then walked Daniel Cook to load the bases.

Poly's James Harvey came in to pinch hit for Chris Castellanos and lined a ball to right fielder Juan Gonzalez. Gonzalez had a bead on the sinking liner the entire way, but the ball hit his glove and popped out, allowing Walker and Severson to score what would be the eventual winning runs. Downey went in order in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"We had to make sure we're ready to go on Friday and [Espindola's] not going on Friday," Jess Gonzalez said. "Either [Jared Gibson] or Cortez are going on Friday. I wanted him to go seven."

"We just dropped a fly ball. He was fine. I had never thought of pulling him out. If he had gotten in trouble I would've earlier, but at that point he pitched a good game."

Espindola in the complete game gave up 10 hits, five runs, and struck out one. The Vikings had six hits but left an eye sore six runners stranded on base. The only player to have multiple hits was Rubio with his pair of doubles.

With the mental mistakes that loomed in the game, a good example being Guerra's mistake on the base paths earlier on, Jess Gonzalez was able to pull a couple positives from the first game.

"They came out with some good at bats," he said. "We didn't give up. We came all the way back and tied it 3-3 and we gave it away in the seventh inning. To [Poly's] credit, they took it from us."

It seemed as if the bullpen was unloaded in the second game with Downey throwing four pitchers at Poly, two of them being potential starters when league opens up

Friday against Gahr.

Parra started the game and seemed to be in pretty good control, skating through the first inning unscathed although giving up a double to Walker. But the wheels came off in the second inning when he lost all control of his pitches.

He walked Cook to start the inning. Harvey followed with a single and both were moved into scoring position after a Castellanos bunt. Hayden Hunt was then walked, loading the bases with only one out.

Like Houdini, Parra was able to escape the jam by getting Rios to fly out to first base, then getting Jeff Turley to fly out to third.

But Parra wasn't able to fool anyone with the same tricks in the third, again loading the bases but this time only allowing Walker to score on a Harvey single. The last two outs of the inning were strike-out victims.

After three innings, Parra was done, striking out three, walking four and giving up a run. Everything fell apart in the next inning when Gibson came in to pitch, allowing Rios a leadoff single, with Turley following with a walk, then Maxwell singling to load the bases for Walker.

Walker deposited the first pitch into the left-center gap for a double, clearing the bases and giving him three RBIs. Severson and Cook then struck out and Harvey grounded out to third base, but the damage was already done, and the Vikings were not able to claw their way back.

"Second game, they beat us and didn't have a chance to win that game," said Jess Gonzalez. "We had a chance [to score], runners on first and second, and we don't get a bunt down. They get their bunt down and they capitalize and that was the difference right there, early on. It was a 1-0 game after that situation."

But a huge concern was the amount of walks given up by the Vikings pitchers in the second game. Combined, Downey pitching allowed eight free passes, two of them scoring in the game, and the others putting pressure on the defense to make plays.

"We're okay, but we can't be walking that many guys and on defense, mentally, gosh, we have a lot of work to do," Jess Gonzalez said.

Although it's pre-season, the Vikings' manager is still concerned about his team's 1-6 start out of the gates, refusing to call the seven games they've played before San Gabriel Valley League play a tune up.

"Tune up?" he said. "We're 1-6. We're trying to win ball games. We're making too many mistakes mentally. In the first game, in the second game, I mean the whole year We're 1-6 for a reason. It's because mentally we make way too many mistakes."

He also said that he doesn't believe they're ready for league right now and hopes with the days that had passed, they'll be ready to go Friday when they host Gahr.

"We've got two days to get them ready and hopefully we'll be ready Friday, but right now, no way."



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## Jabari Ruffin commits to USC

■ **FOOTBALL:** Calling USC his "dream school," Downey High junior commits to Trojans.

By **JAMES WILLIAMS,**  
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School athlete Jabari Ruffin (6'3" 230 lbs), verbally committed to USC on March 2 after a unofficial campus visit while still only being a junior in high school.

Ruffin did not plan to commit to any school just yet, but said he felt right at home after just one visit to the USC campus.

"I'm strongly committed to the Trojans, they have such a great tradition and I grew up rooting for them and now that I am going to be one of them. I am really honored for the opportunity," Ruffin said.

Ruffin said he still may visit the other schools that have offered him a scholarship but still feels USC is the right place for him.

"You really only get one opportunity like this so I plan to enjoy the experience and make the most of it," Ruffin explained.

Ruffin rushed for five touchdowns and 174 rushing yards on 22 carries in his junior season.

He also led his team in receiving yards with 593 yards and receptions with 35 as he averaged nearly 17 yards per reception. He had four touchdowns through the air last season.

Despite his statistics on offense, Ruffin plans to play on the defensive side of the ball for the Trojans, since that is what most teams are recruiting him for.

The future Trojan linebacker also was among Downey's leaders

in tackles with 87 total tackles.

Ruffin had offers from such schools as Arizona State, Arizona, Boise State, UCLA, Washington, Oregon, Oregon State, Norte Dame, Michigan and USC.

Ruffin said he had strongly considered on committing last October, during the 2010 season, when Washington had sent him his first offer, and where his good friend Jesse Callier is a part of the team.

He decided to wait to make a decision and hold off on Washington's offer.

Ruffin said he is glad he waited because he never thought he was going to get any other offers, let alone USC, which is his dream school.

"Downey Head Coach Jack Williams really was the heart of this whole thing, he really looks

after me when it comes to grades and its because of him I got some of the offers that I did, and I plan not to let him or any of my peers down," Ruffin said.

Ruffin is going to spend the rest of his time as a Downey Viking focusing on his grades and preparing for his upcoming senior season.

"I plan to get bigger, faster and stronger this year in the weight room and just enjoy my last season here as a Viking with my teammates before I move forward to USC and help put Downey on the map!" Ruffin added.

*James Williams is a Downey resident currently studying journalism at Cerritos College. He graduated from Downey High School last year.*

## Karzen creating a legacy at Downey

■ **SOFTBALL:** Now in his eighth year as softball coach, Micah Karzen has the trust of his players.

By **JOSEPH APODACA,**  
INTERN

**DOWNEY** – Every sports team has that one coach that keeps players coming back every season and makes the game much more than just a sport, but something enjoyable for all.

Downey High School softball coach Micah Karzen is that coach for the Vikings, who is now entering into his eighth season as a softball coach. Karzen received the position upon it being open his first year of teaching and coached the JV team successfully for three years until taking over the varsity team for the last five years, where the girls have come in second place in league for the last four years running. This year, the team is changing things up drastically but despite the big changes, Karzen is confident the girls will do big things this year.

"We have a young team this year, with four freshman and two sophomores playing big roles on the team, which is very different from last year's team which had five senior and four junior players," said Karzen. "Despite that our goal here at Downey is always the same, to play as well as we can and compete every game, to strive for a league title and deep run in the CIF playoffs, and to have a team that is close, has fun, and does all they can to win on the field and in the classroom."

An 8-year veteran, Karzen is no stranger to the coaching game

and is highly regarded in the Downey coaching community. Three years ago, Karzen was named the Press Telegram's Dream Team coach of the year for getting his team into the CIF semifinals that season. His girls are regular league and CIF contenders and last year, the team won the Loara Tournament championship among various other successful tournaments. With all these accomplishments, some coaches would choose to end their coaching career while they're ahead. Karzen, however, keeps coming back for more.

"What keeps me coming back are the relationships I develop with my players and their families, the thrill of competition that comes with being involved in sports, the lifetime friendship and camaraderie I share with other coaches, and the chance to stay involved with sports as long as I can," said Karzen.

Karzen is one of many coaches on the Downey campus who not only wants his team to accomplish great things on the field, but also in the classroom. A member of the English department, Karzen expects all of his team members to do well in the classroom to maintain eligibility. His guidance on and off the field is something that has kept Karzen a main fixture in the softball game.

"I think what separates me from other coaches is my ability to develop strong relationships with my players, which helps them have confidence to succeed on the field as well as not feel pressure when they don't," said Karzen.

## Is it illegal to trap and relocate raccoons?

By **CARRIE WILSON,**  
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

**Q:** Is it illegal to trap and relocate raccoons? I live at the base of Tauquitz Canyon Mountain in Palm Springs and we have a population of raccoons. One of the residents is determined to trap any and all animals that venture onto his property.

The problem is he is not trained to trap and he often keeps the animal for three to five days with no food or water until he feels like getting rid of them. I've even released a cat from one of his traps in 110 degree heat!

Most of the other residents have been educated on how to keep raccoons from doing any damage and how to keep them out of the trash. They are wild and beautiful and I don't want anything more to happen to them. Can something be done?

**A:** The situation described is illegal, cruel and inhumane. When trapping wildlife, traps must be checked every 24 hours and the animals either dispatched or released in the immediate area.

According to Nicole Carion, the Department of Fish and Games (DFG) statewide coordinator for wildlife rehabilitation and restricted species, raccoons that have caused property damage can be trapped by legal means.

The raccoon can either be humanely euthanized or released in the immediate area. Immediate is not defined in regulations but the immediate area means near and most importantly within the normal home range of the animal.

The home range of a raccoon varies depending on habitat and other factors, but an example would be as follows: A person wishes to remove a raccoon from their attic and traps the offending

raccoon. The person could then release the raccoon outside of the house or structure, and repair the area or hole where the raccoon enters so it cannot re-enter

Raccoons should not be relocated long distances from where they were trapped for many reasons, the most important being to prevent the spread of disease.

People should be very cautious about trapping in the springtime because this is when wild animals have offspring. Trapped nuisance wildlife cannot be taken to wildlife rehabilitation facilities. Although rehabilitation facilities can take in orphaned wildlife, the orphaned animals will have a much higher chance of survival if they are raised by their wild mothers.

Often wild animals seeking shelter during the springtime are only there temporarily. There are many humane options available for keeping out animals seeking shelter in homes and structures on private property.

**Q:** What are the rules and regulations for shooting firearms at sea? I have seen TV footage of people shooting clay pigeons at sea and so would like to know where along the California coast we can shoot, and what forms of firearms and ammunition can be used?

**A:** Target shooting in the ocean is not addressed in the Fish and Game Code, but littering in waters of the state is and may be an issue.

It is unlawful to deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high

water mark of the waters of the state, any cans, bottles, garbage, motor vehicle or parts thereof, rubbish, litter, refuse, waste, debris, or the viscera or carcass of any dead mammal, or the carcass of any dead bird. Depending on the location, there may also be local, state and federal laws prohibiting the discharge of firearms.

**Q:** Is it legal to use a rod and reel as a retrieval device for a hoop net? For instance, I would connect an 18-inch hoop net to the line of my rod and reel (without hooks) and this would allow me to cast the net in order to better fish for lobsters from a jetty. Is this OK?

**A:** Yes, you may use a rod and reel as a retrieval device for your hoop net. You are not required to pull your net by hand, nor are you prohibited from pulling it using a rod and reel.

**Q:** My dogs keep running into skunks. I always hear about using tomato juice to cut the smell. Do you have any suggestions for a natural method of de-stinking my dogs should this happen again?

**A:** There are many recipes that people use, but here's one from Assistant Chief Doug Huckins:

Take one quart of 3 percent hydrogen peroxide (from a pharmacy), a quarter cup of baking

soda and one teaspoon of liquid soap (I use Dawn).

Mix together and wash sprayed animal for five minutes, keeping mixture out of eyes, nose and mouth. Rinse with tap water.

Based on feedback from users, this recipe as listed is a suitable quantity for a small dog. Double it for medium-size dog, and triple it for large dogs.

**Q:** Is it legal to take a starfish off the rocks in the ocean? If it is, do you need a license?

**A:** Sea stars (starfish) may not be taken off the nearshore rocks in California if they are within 1,000 feet of the mean high tide line. Outside of this zone you may take 35 sea stars, and yes, you'll need a valid fishing license. And if you do still choose to venture out past the 1,000 ft. zone for them, and you're north of Yankee Point, you can only take them while free diving.

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

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## Symphony closes concert season April 2

**DOWNEY** – So what's in a name? Several things, occasionally. Take the title of the Downey Symphony's concert coming up on Saturday evening, April 2, "A Russian Finnish." (Nope, no typo in there.) Russian: that would be Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6.

Finnish: that would be Finnish composer Jean Sibelius's "Finlandia." And now we are Rushin' to the Finish with this final concert of the orchestra's 54th season in the Downey Theatre, under Music Director Sharon Lavery. Sorry, but somebody had to say it.

Sandwiched in between those venerable, deeply-appreciated works of Tchaikovsky and Sibelius is something brand new, a Concerto for Percussion and Orchestra, composed and performed by Eric Guinivan, behind a five-octave marimba and a multi-percussion set of drums and bells.

Traditionally, the spring program offered by our orchestra gets under way with a whammo of a work in the hands of a delighted amateur conductor, winner of the previous year's Baton Auction. We do not tinker with successful traditions, so the evening opens with the tremendous closing portion of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, led by Bruce Rose. And winds down with a post-concert reception in the theater patio, everyone invited.

Details: tickets \$30, \$25; \$10 for students. Call (562) 403-2944 to reserve, or purchase at the box office Wednesday, March 30, between 12-4 p.m., or on the night of the concert.

Downey's Civic Theatre is at 8435 Firestone Blvd., parking is free. A discussion of the music begins at 7:15 p.m., downbeat is at 8.

– Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony

## Cirque du Soleil show in Long Beach

**LONG BEACH** – Cirque du Soleil's newest arena show, "Quidam," will perform at the Long Beach Convention Center for eight performances, April 20-24.

"Quidam" had its world premiere in Montreal under the Big Top in 1996. Since that time, the show has toured on five continents and been viewed by more than 10 million people.

"Quidam," with a cast featuring 52 acrobats, musicians, singers and characters, began a tour of North American arenas last December.

The production tells the story of a young girl named Zoe, whose parents, distant and apathetic, ignore her. Seeking to fill the void of her existence, she slides into an imaginary world – the world of Quidam – where she meets characters who encourage her to free her soul.

Tickets to see "Quidam" are \$45 to \$95 for adults; \$32 to \$77 for children 12 and younger; and \$36 to \$81 for military, seniors and students.

Tickets can be purchased online at [cirquedusoleil.com/quidam](http://cirquedusoleil.com/quidam) or by calling (800) 745-3000.

## Play offers Iraqi women's perspectives

**LONG BEACH** – University Players at Cal State Long Beach will present "9 Parts of Desire" March 18 through April 9.

The play is co-directed by Ann Justine D'Zmura and Trevor Bishop and deals with nine Iraqi women's perspectives on love and courage in a war-torn world.

"Considering everything that is happening in the world today...it is very timely," said D'Zmura. "These are women's stories, yet they give a larger picture of society in general. It is a celebration of human courage, fortitude, perseverance, suffering, pain and triumph despite horrific times, events."

Performances will be given daily, Tuesday through Saturday, at 8 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. It will be presented in the Players Theater on the CSULB south campus, accessible via both East and West Campus Drive.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$12 for seniors and students.

For tickets and information, call (562) 985-5526 or visit [csulb.edu/depts/theatre](http://csulb.edu/depts/theatre).

## Still time to run in L.A. Marathon

**LOS ANGELES** – Runners wishing to register for the L.A. Marathon taking place Sunday can still register in-person Friday and Saturday at the L.A. Marathon Expo at Dodger Stadium.

Online registration closed last weekend.

"We'll have about 1,000 spots available for registration at this week's Expo on a first-come, first-served basis," said Nick Curl, chief operating officer of the L.A. Marathon.

Admission to the expo is free. There will be live entertainment and more than 100 fitness and running exhibitors showcasing the latest products and technologies.

## Symphony treating fifth graders to free concert

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Symphony will treat approximately 1,700 Downey Unified School District fifth graders to a free performance at the Downey Theatre on March 30.

The concert is made possible through a donation from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation.

During the concert, music director Sharon Lavery and orchestra members will explain musical terms and concepts before playing the pieces of music. Band members from Downey and Warren high schools will join the orchestra during one of the pieces.

"This will be a thrilling experience for all of Downey Unified's fifth grade students," a DUSD official said. "We know there may be future symphony musicians in the audience who will be very inspired by such an enriching opportunity."

## Ballroom dance show coming to Pantages

**HOLLYWOOD** – On the heels of its successful Broadway run, the Latin and ballroom dance spectacular, "Burn the Floor," will play the Pantages Theatre for a strictly-limited two-week engagement April 26 – May 8.

The production will feature "So You Think You Can Dance" alumni Anya Garnis, Pasha Kovalev, Robbie Kmetoni, Janette Manrara and Karen Hauer.

Vonzell Solomon, second runner-up in season four of "American Idol," is the female vocalist.

"Burn the Floor" has entertained audiences in more than 30 countries with the passion of live ballroom dance. Featuring 20 champion dancers, "Burn the Floor" has received raves from critics worldwide, including the New York Times which called the show "dazzling" and The Times (London), which called it "the summer's hottest ticket."

Tickets for "Burn the Floor" start at \$25 and can be purchased online at [broadwayLA.org](http://broadwayLA.org) or by calling (800) 982-2787, and at all Ticketmaster outlets.

## Thailand dance troupe to perform

**DOWNEY** – A team of dancers from Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, will perform at First Presbyterian Church of Downey on March 25 at 7 p.m.

The 1 1/2-hour program will feature dances from the various regions of Thailand, as well as a traditional Thai melodrama with English translation.

The performance is produced by the university's Christian Communications Institute, whose is to "communicate Christian truths through the use of Thai cultural expressions."

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## Services set for Ramona Shanks

**DOWNEY** – Ramona Wall Shanks, a longtime special needs teacher, passed away March 12 at age 98.

She was born Sept. 7, 1912, in Findlay, Ill., and was the last surviving among eight siblings.

She was a graduate of Eureka College and began teaching in 1933. In 1941, she moved to California and became a longtime resident of Downey, where she and her husband owned a number of small businesses. She continued to teach, focusing on children with special needs.

In retirement, she traveled the country to see her family. In 2002, she moved to The Place at Merritt Island, Fla., where she spent her final years reaching out to fellow

residents and sharing stories of her life.

She was a longtime member of Downey Memorial Christian Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Donald H. Shanks, who died in 1999, and her son, Dr. Ronald D. Shanks, who died in 2006.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lynn Shanks; five grandchildren, Sean Shanks, Thea Yates, Ryan Shanks, Alex Shanks and Todd Shanks; eight great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

A graveside service will be held March 19 at 2 p.m. prior to interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

## Funeral held for Samuel O'Dell

**DOWNEY** – Samuel Bernard O'Dell, a U.S. Navy veteran and mechanical engineer, died March 8. He was 89.

He was born two months premature on Dec. 23, 1921, in Kansas City, Mo., to Margaret (Waldeck) O'Dell Frampton and Samuel C. O'Dell. His parents brought him home from the hospital in a shoebox and placed him in the oven with the pilot light on and the door ajar to keep him warm.

At age 13, he, his mother and younger sister, Marjorie Ann, moved to Los Angeles where he graduated from Fremont High School. In 1943 he enlisted in the Navy and, as a young sailor, he married Roberta Winter. They would remain married until Roberta's death in 2007.

After receiving his honorable discharge papers from the Navy, O'Dell attended USC under the GI Bill and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1951.

Over the years, as his family grew, he worked in the die-casting industry at McCulloch Corporation, Preco, X-Cello and Pioneer Die Casters, as well as occasional freelance drafting jobs.

He was a lifetime member of the Society of Die Casters, an active member of St. Raymond's Catholic Church and was involved for many years in his sons' Boy Scout troop activities, all three of whom achieve the rank of Eagle Scout under his guidance.

He was predeceased by his parents, Sam and Margaret; sister, Margie; stepfather, Bill Frampton; wife, Roberta; and grandson,



Joseph.

He is survived by his son, Michael, daughter-in-law, Bette, and their children, Linda, Nancy (Hiram) Trillo, Daniel and David; daughter, Donna Dittus, son-in-law, John Henry, and daughter, Becky (Paul) Durniok; son, James, daughter-in-law, Peggy, and daughter, Devon; son, John, daughter-in-law, Gail, and their children, Desire'e and Dana; daughter, Teresa Traversi, son-in-law, Daniel, and their children, Jessica, Samantha, Victoria and Prescott; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Emma Durniok; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held March 13 at Miller-Mies Mortuary. A funeral Mass took place March 14 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, followed by interment at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Culver City.

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## Master baker Ralph Englund mourned

**DOWNEY** – Ralph Lewis Englund, an accomplished baker who grew up during the Great Depression, died peacefully Nov. 20 at Downey Community Health Center.

He was born in Polk, Neb., on May 20, 1913, the middle child of five to Emil and Anna Englund.

After graduating in 1931 from Chappell High School, he went to Scottsbluff Junior College to study and play collegiate football.

Because of the hardships of the Great Depression, Englund left Nebraska and hitchhiked to California and stayed with relatives. He managed to find part-time jobs in bakers and eventually became a master baker.

He met Emma Byrd in 1934 and as a working couple they saved and opened their own bakery in 1940, Mrs. Englund's Home Bakery, on Manchester and Broadway avenues in South Los Angeles.

Emma was a partner in all

### Mixer at Downey Nissan

**DOWNEY** – Downey Nissan will host a business mixer event Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The event will include appetizers, refreshments, raffles and entertainment.

Visitors should bring business cards.

Downey Nissan will also be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to valedictorians and salutatorians from Downey and Warren high schools.

aspects of the business and won many Gold Cup awards for her cake decorating. Ralph was elected to the position of president of the Master Bakers Association of California from 1945-46, and served for five years on the board of the California Youth Authority Institute for Men in Chino.

After selling the bakery, Englund continued to work in the bakery industry another 10 years before becoming a salesman for Karpis, Snyder and finally Coast Novelty. He retired at age 89.

Englund traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe. He was also active with

the local Masonic Order and earlier with the Shriners.

He was predeceased by his wife in 1986.

He is survived by his daughter and two sons, Jenise Englund Javaher, Robert Englund (wife Lynn) and James Englund; and five grandchildren, Yvette and Troy Javaher, and Alicia, Kristin and Michael Englund.

A celebration of life in Ralph Englund's honor will take place March 20 at 1 p.m. at Rossmoor Pastries, 2325 Redondo Ave., in Signal Hill.



## NEGOTIATIONS: Mum's the word.

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Councilman Mario Guerra.

Livas says, "Right now we're in the process of carefully reviewing the contracts. If we find anything that needs discussing, we'll do so. The important thing is that we work together. These are difficult times, and the associations understand that. We hope we can come up with a solution that will be fair."

Guerra: "While we need to uphold the promises we've made in the past to our employees, the current levels of pension and retirement benefits are simply not sustainable. To go forward, the levels need to change. We have to consider short- and long-term scenarios. The city of Downey is not alone in this. All cities throughout the state

are forced to look at this, too, especially in these times of budget deficits and drops in property and sales tax revenues, among other things. At the same time, we don't want to hurt our fine employees and great staff. But note: we have avoided laying off people or resorted to furloughs. In this sense we have been blessed."

He goes on: "Having said all this, the city is committed to providing quality services to our citizens. Without belaboring the obvious, we face tough choices. Do we cut services? Do we have to resort to furlough days? Or what? We are looking at everything. Revenue streams, costs (can we afford 'it'?), our reserves, everything is being reviewed in the light of benefits to the city as well as services to the community. But we should empha-

size that we are negotiating with our employee associations in good faith. I don't have all the answers myself. All we can do is try our best."

In the meantime, Guerra warns, "The more time passes, the worse things will get."

Marquez adds this perspective, "Everything is on the table. We're looking at budget details, the financial situation, and so on. We're having discussions and negotiations on everything."

Guerra says that, at this stage, negotiations are now being conducted once every fortnight (before, the sessions were oftener), with the city council advising city staff (with the legal counsel in the forefront) in its interface with negotiating experts representing the employee associations.

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Twenty-one of the top prep football players from the Southern California area took part in a Nike-sponsored camp Sunday at the Discovery Sports Complex.

## Football players take part in camp

**DOWNEY** – The Discovery Sports Complex hosted the Area 21 Invitational Defensive Back Football Camp on Sunday, featuring several former professional football players and Nike SPARQ fitness trainer Ellis White Jr.

The camp is a showcase for the top 21 high school defensive backs in the Southern California area, and several players from Downey and Warren high schools received invitations to participate.

Representing Warren High School were Robert Quinones, David Summerville, Jonathan Argueta, Ryan McFaddin, Thomas Faskorino, Allan Pollarca, Albert Ruiz, James Bettencourt and Anthony Cifuentes.

Downey players included Anthony Gonzalez, Bobby Couso, Hyekyo Cortez, Elliott Johnson, Brian Cortez and Nate Galindo.

The camp served as a kick-off event for the Super 7 Spring Football Program, a city-run 7-on-7 development football program that allows for aspiring high school football players to be combine tested, receive professional training and conditioning using the Nike SPARQ system.

The new program begins March 21 at Discovery Sports Complex at 5:30 p.m. Sign-ups are now being accepted at Apollo Park.

For more information, contact recreation supervisor Kevin Ellis at kelis@downeyca.org or (562) 904-7128.

## Police officers plead guilty to insurance fraud

**LOS ANGELES** – An LAPD officer accused of making arrangements for his vehicle to be set on fire pleaded guilty last Friday to insurance fraud.

Anthony Robert Villanueva, 24, was immediately sentenced to three years probation and 400 hours of community service.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge David Horwitz dismissed two counts against Villanueva – one count each of arson of one's own property and filing a false police report – under the terms of a negotiated settlement.

Another LAPD officer, Ricardo

Rebolledo, 27, also pleaded guilty to insurance fraud. He received three years probation and 200 hours of community service.

The charges stemmed from an investigation conducted by the California Department of Insurance.

In April 2010, Villanueva arranged for his 2001 Lexus sedan to be taken to the desert and set on fire, resulting in a total loss. Villanueva then filed a stolen vehicle report with the Los Angeles Police Department and submitted a claim for damages to his insurance company.

Rebolledo provided a false statement to Villanueva's insurance company in support of the claim, vouching for Villanueva's whereabouts on the day of the supposed theft.

## Local pastor named 'Church Leader of the Year'

**DOWNEY** – Dr. Dennis Short, interim pastor at Downey Memorial Christian Church, will be honored as "Church Leader of the Year" at Chapman University in Orange on Sunday.

Short grew up in San Dimas, where his family was active in the First Christian Church. During his senior year in High School, the family moved their membership to the First Christian Church in Pomona, California.

In 1959, he graduated from Bonita High School, located in LaVerne, California, and that fall he entered Chapman College with an athletic scholarship that paid one-half his tuition. He met Linda Hanson at a gathering in the Orange First Christian Church sanctuary on the first day of her freshman year in 1961. They were married the following June 10, 1962.

They have two sons, Mark and Steve Short (both Chapman grads), two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.

Short graduated from Chapman in 1964 and entered Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana, where he received his M. Div. in 1968.

Called to be a half-time Associate Pastor of the Pacific Southwest Regional Church as Minister of Urban Life and Director of the Reconciliation Program in the summer of 1968, Short also served as half-time Associate Minister of United Christian Church in Los Angeles. In 1969, he became a full-time member of the Pacific Southwest Regional Church Staff.

Chapman College called Short to be Chaplain/Campus Minister in 1975. In the late 1970's he was one of the founders of the Peace Studies Program. Dennis earned his M.A. in Counseling Psychology in 1985.

During his tenure at Chapman,

Dennis always had a staff of two to seven student assistants. Over 20 of those students have gone into the ministry. He served as pastor to campus administration, faculty, staff and students until 1991, and upon his retirement from Chapman, the faculty voted to give him an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Short remains active in regional concerns including the Social Concerns Committee and the Pro-Reconciliation Anti-Racism Committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Denomination. He has served as chair or co-chair of each of these important regional committees.

Short has also served as Interim Minister for the Garden Grove First Christian Church, the Community Church Congregational (United Church of Christ) in Corona del Mar, California, and a 15-year pastorate at Harbor Christian Church in Newport Beach, California. In December 2010, he completed a four-year term as Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Pacific Southwest Region.

He is currently the Interim Transitional Minister at Downey Memorial Christian Church.

Throughout his life, Dennis has "walked the walk" as well as "talked the talk." During his freshman year at Chapman, he picketed the Woolworth store in Santa Ana that would not serve African Americans.

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke at Chapman College, and Short had the honor of driving Dr. King to the Los Angeles airport.

In 1965, Short joined fellow students, faculty and National Disciple Peace Fellowship members on a bus from Indianapolis to Montgomery, Alabama, where they joined Dr. King for the last five

miles of the march he led from Selma, Alabama to the courthouse steps in Montgomery.

Short and his long-time friend, Rev. Larry Hixon, created the Regional Unity Walk in 1970. The first walk was from Eastmont Community Center in East Los Angeles to Santa Monica State Beach. One of the later walk routes was from Chapman College to Corona del Mar Beach.

Over the last 30 years, the Unity Walk has raised around \$500,000 for All Peoples Center and Eastmont Community Center. Later in the '70s Short helped organize the Orange Crop Walk which continued for several years.

In 1983, Short and seven others knelt in front of a bus carrying nuclear-weapons-dealers from a South Coast Plaza Hotel to an Arms Bazaar at the Anaheim Convention Center across from Disneyland. In the late 1980's he helped organize a group of 50 Chapman students and staff who participated in one of the largest anti-nuclear demonstrations in U.S. history, and more than 500 individuals who committed civil disobedience were arrested.

After his call to the Community Church in Corona del Mar in 1993, Short joined the coordinating committee of the Newport Beach Hunger Walk, and continued to be an active participant until 2010.

He has also been committed to Interfaith activities for years. He co-founded the Orange County Interfaith Peace Ministry in 1980, and currently serves as its president. He has been an active member of the Newport Mesa Irvine Interfaith Council for 18 years, and served as president for six of those years.



## Event to raise funds for Su Casa

**DOWNEY** – Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse, a fundraiser to benefit the Su Casa domestic violence shelter, will be held April 9 in the Downey Memorial Christian Church parking lot from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event will include a bake-off, with local bakers encouraged to submit their best pies and cakes for judging. All donated baked goods – whether judged or not – will be sold to raise money.

There will also be a pie-eating contest and food for sale, including tamales, frozen enchiladas and items from Porto's Bakery, organizers said.

The Warren High School jazz band will provide entertainment. The event will also include an antique car show and 50-50 raffle.

For more information, or to sign-up as a volunteer, call event chair Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

## CIPAC meeting March 24

**DOWNEY** – The Downey chapter of CIPAC (Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign) will hold a public meeting March 24 at 6 p.m. at Xela Coffee House, 12012 Paramount Blvd., in Downey.

According to its website, CIPAC "works to address the Government on behalf of a strong U.S.- Israel relationship united against present-day terrorism."

## Plant and tamale sale

**DOWNEY** – The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild will host its first annual plant and tamale sale April 2 in OLPH School's north parking lot.

Plants will be sold pennies on the dollar. Buyers should come prepared to haul the plants home.

Homemade tamales will be sold at \$1.25 each or \$12 a dozen. Flavors include beef, pork, chicken, pineapple or strawberry.

The sale begins at 9 a.m. and will continue until 2 p.m. or sold out, whichever comes first.

## Fail-Safe hosting dinner

**DOWNEY** – Fail-Safe 4 Felines, a no-kill cat rescue organization, will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser March 28 at the Downey Elks Lodge.

The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.

For reservations, or for information on volunteering with Fail-Safe, call (562) 708-2672.

## Authentic Passover Seder

**DOWNEY** – Temple Ner Tamid is hosting a Second Night Passover kosher-style Seder and dinner on April 19 at 6 p.m.

Tickets ordered before April 1 are \$36 for temple members, affiliated guests and family. After April 1, and until the deadline of April 12, tickets are \$45.

The same dates and deadlines apply to non-affiliated guests; tickets are \$45 and \$50, respectively. All children 12 and younger are \$25.

All reservations must be paid in full in advance.

For more information, call the temple office at (562) 861-9276.

## Aviation group travels to space museum

**NORWALK** – Members of the Norwalk-based Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138 recently toured the San Diego Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park.

Planned by Erick Castillo, the squadron's aerospace education officer, the trip supplements the group's on-going aerospace education program for its members.

First stop for the cadet and adult members of Civil Air Patrol was "Space: A Journey to Our Future," a special temporary exhibit. They were able to explore the past, present and future of space exploration through dozens of exhibits and interactive displays.

Then it was on to explore scores of original aircraft, models, interactive displays and simulators representing more than 100 years of aviation development.

"The San Diego Air and Space Museum was an interesting trip. There were a lot of activities and readings that were very interesting," said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Nicole Franklin, the unit's cadet commander. "I liked the videos and hands-on activities. We watched a 3D movie, 'Fly Me to the Moon,' which was fun and exciting."

Cadet Nicole Franklin, a student at Downey High School who

will attend the National Youth Leadership Forum at UCLA this summer, said she also enjoyed the trip.

"I also enjoyed the special tour we got," she said. "It was a very interesting way how they get and restore all their aircrafts there."

Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138 meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Norwalk. Every week, Squadron 138 "provides a quality training program that enhances our members' leadership skills through an interest in aviation."

The training program includes leadership, aerospace education, character development and physical fitness. A varied schedule of extracurricular field trips supplements the weekly program.

Outstanding cadets have trav-



The Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138 traveled to the San Diego Air and Space Museum recently. The squadron operates a leadership training program for young people interested in aviation.

eled throughout the United States to attend Civil Air Patrol activities, and through the annual International Air Cadet Exchange, have even visited Europe and Asia.

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For more information on Squadron 138, contact squadron commander Lt. Col. Charles Wiest at (714) 379-8528 or cwiest@verizon.net.

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DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. 15000 Surveyor Boulevard, Suite 500 Addison, Texas 75001-9013 Telephone: (866) 795-1852 Telecopier: (972) 661-7800 ASAP# 3925380 03/03/2011, 03/10/2011, 03/17/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # : CA-09-262036-ED Order #: 090191723-CA-DCI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/9/2007. 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.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20090134006756 Title Order No.: 126498 FHAA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/17/2006. 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.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # : CA-09-309592-AL Order #: 196228 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/2/2007. 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.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0158837 Title Order No. 10-8-565421 Investor/Insurer No. 4005007746 APN No. 8019-022-024 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/01/2006. 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICES CONT.

SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. as duly appointed trustee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by ROBERTO E ROJAS, A SINGLE MAN, dated 10/19/2005 and recorded 10/26/05, as Instrument No. 05 2574197, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 04/14/2011 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: 8542 PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD, 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 \$458,382.47. 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: 02/14/2010 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# 3942089 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-22452-2 Order #: 090074938 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/15/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by 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, as more fully described below, 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): SHIRAZI, CARSTRO, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 8/22/2006 as Instrument No. 06-1871089 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/28/2011 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: \$1,265,962.40 The purported property address is: 10247 NEWWELLE AVE DOWNEY, CA 90241 Assessor's Parcel No. 6287-003-006 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 OneWest Bank, FSB 2900 Esperanza Crossing Austin TX 78758 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 2923.52 that is current and valid on the date of this notice of sale as 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 against the Mortgagor, 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.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: (877) 908-4357 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 holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED 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 reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms, your credit obligations. P#05233 3/3, 3/10, 03/17/2011

### The Downey Patriot #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

T.S. No.: 10-40126 TSG Order No. 33-80159496 APN 6254-006-006 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/10/2006. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/24/2011 at 10:30 AM, Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust, Recorded 10/17/2006 as Instrument No. 2006-2302357 in book ---, page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Adrian Mondaca and Leticia Mondaca, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, or 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). At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA 91768. 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 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$614,215.83. (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.5(a) was fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded on 9/19/2010 Date: 3/2/2011 Old Republic Default Management Services, A Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as Trustee 500 City Parkway West Suite 200, Orange, CA 92668-2913 (866) 263-5802 For Sale Information Contact: Priority Posting and Publishing (714) 573-1965 Tony Delgado, Trustee Sale Officer "We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." P#07407 3/3, 3/10, 03/17/2011

### The Downey Patriot #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-406705-VF Order #: 100725562 CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a 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 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): JACQUELINE D. HUGHES-ROLAND , A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 10/2/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2185322, in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/28/2011 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: \$388,566.25 The purported property address is: 4770 PIONEER BOULEVARD, NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No.

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

TS #: CA-10-387947-AB Order #: 4544093 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/15/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of

Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): Ramiro Chavez and Arcelesia Ochoa, as joint tenants, recorded 12/20/2007 as Instrument No. 20072799463 in book xxx, page xxx 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 front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$439,605.25 The purported property address is: 13037 Leahy Avenue Downey, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6281-006-016 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 CitMortgage, Inc. 1111 Northpoint Drive Coppell TX 75019 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 2923.52 that is current and valid on the date of this notice of sale as 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 against the Mortgagor, 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.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: (877) 908-4357 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 holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED 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 reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P#05233 3/3, 3/10, 03/17/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

Trustee Sale No. 246044CA Loan No. 5303862238 Title Order No. 645826 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/30/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/24/2011 at 10:30 AM California Reconveyance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 07/14/2006, Book , Page , Instrument 06-1556634 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Maggie B. O'Neil, Trustee, and the undersigned Trustee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), Solely As Nominee For Lender, United Financial Mortgage Corp., it's successors and assigns., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the Trustor, the purchaser, and any other property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust, plus fees, charges and other charges: \$669,857.57 (estimated). Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9612 Birchdale Avenue, Downey, CA 90240 APN Number: 6363-003-024 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 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$614,215.83. (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.5(a) was fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded on 9/19/2010 Date: 3/2/2011 Old Republic Default Management Services, A Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as Trustee 500 City Parkway West Suite 200, Orange, CA 92668-2913 (866) 263-5802 For Sale Information Contact: Priority Posting and Publishing (714) 573-1965 Tony Delgado, Trustee Sale Officer "We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." P#07407 3/3, 3/10, 03/17/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

Trustee Sale No. 446778CA Loan No. 306275624 Title Order No. 663693 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/4/2006. 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 3/24/2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 08/17/2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 06 1830791, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Ivan A. Montoya, a single man, as Trustor, Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a 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 held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the Trustor, the purchaser, and any other property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CARLOS RODRIGUEZ A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 11/9/2007 as Instrument No. 20072519992 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/28/2011 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 Assessor's Parcel No.

3073-031-044 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 of the notice of sale as 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, 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.fidelityasp.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 holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED 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 reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3905852 03/03/2011, 03/10/2011, 03/17/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

Trustee Sale No. 246044CA Loan No. 5303862238 Title Order No. 645826 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/30/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/24/2011 at 10:30 AM CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 07/14/2006, Book , Page , Instrument 06-1556634 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Maggie B. O'Neil, Trustee, and the undersigned Trustee, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), Solely As Nominee For Lender, United Financial Mortgage Corp., it's successors and assigns., as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the Trustor, the purchaser, and any other property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale is located in the County where the real property is located. 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, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Trustee. The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporations a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date of the Notice of Sale and/or the timeframe for giving 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: 03/02/11, **First American Trustee Insurance Company First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC, as Trustee** 3 First American Trustee Insurance Company, 92700 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, **Chet Sconyers** - FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 939-0772. First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC, as Trustee May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained may be used for that purpose. ASAP# 3933937 03/17/2011, 03/03/11, 03/10/11, 03/17/11

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. NO. 1310486-02 APN: 8025-006-004 TR. 5295 Loan No. Xxxxxx939 REF: Colton James IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 11, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On **March 30, 2011**, at 10:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 22, 2005, as Inst. No. 05 0648814 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by: James Patrick Hollister, the Unmarried Man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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: 02/22/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 39340230 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

Trustee Sale No. 446778CA Loan No. 306275624 Title Order No. 663693 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 08/4/2006. 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 3/24/2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 08/17/2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 06 1830791, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Ivan A. Montoya, a single man, as Trustor, Washington Mutual Bank, F.A. as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a 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 held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the Trustor, the purchaser, and any other property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CARLOS RODRIGUEZ A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 11/9/2007 as Instrument No. 20072519992 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 3/28/2011 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 Assessor's Parcel No.

incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure, or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. Date: 03/9/2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee Casimir Nunez, Assistant Secretary CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CAZ-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com P#08732 3/10, 3/17, 03/24/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/10/11, 3/17/11, 3/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG NO.: 4750880 TS No.: CA100219574 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: **6258 015 047** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/26/07. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On **March 23, 2011 at 11:30 AM**, **First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC, as Trustee** as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/05/07, as Instrument No. 20070247559, in book page, of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California. Executed by: **ROGELIO PELAYO AND ADRIANA PELAYO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS**, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT, OR OTHER FORM OF PAYMENT AUTHORIZED BY 2924(b), in compliance with law of the State of California (United States) **At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA.** All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: 12130 MARBEL AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 CitMortgage, Inc. 1111 Northpoint Drive Coppell TX 75019 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 of the notice of sale as 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 against the Mortgagor, 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.fidelityasp.com Reinstatement Line: (877) 908-4357 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 holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED 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 reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 3905852 03/03/2011, 03/10/2011, 03/17/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/31/11, 3/10/11, 3/17/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS NO. 09-0104674 Title Order No. 09-8-297118 Investor/Insurer No. 1700613217 APN No. 8082-016-018 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/17/2006. 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 FABIAN POJAY, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 01/17/2006 and recorded 01/27/06, as Instrument No. 06 0201927, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 04/14/2011 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 and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15718 MADRIS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 906506760. 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 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 \$471,398.19. 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: 02/22/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 39340230 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

### The Downey Patriot, #BS124251 3/10/11, 3/17/11, 3/24/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG Title No. 431621CA Loan No. 0697258465 Title Order No. 60212507







## CLASSIFIEDS

### ANIMALS

#### LOST DOG

3 month M. Cocker, white w/brown ears & patch over left eye, blue collar. Last seen 3-11, Bellman & Florence.  
**(562) 822-2250**

### APPLIANCES

#### BIG SALE ON

Pre owned appliances washers, dryers, warranty. Free local delivery.  
**Johnnie's Maytag**  
**12018 Paramount Blvd., Dwy**  
**(562) 927-7433**

### EMPLOYMENT

#### \*\*\*DOWNEY P/T\*\*\* IMMEDIATE NEED

Must have experience w/in home elder companion care & possible light cooking, flexible hrs., occasional laundry, own car/supply current ins. Fluent English, non smoking, checkable references.  
**Fax info. (310) 574-0096**

### FOR RENT

#### CHARMING

**DOWNEY HOUSE**  
2 + den, 1 bath, good credit 700's, no pets, cul-de-sac, lrg. yd., appliances like new.  
\$1,500 + sec  
**(626) 282-7482**

#### NORTH DOWNEY APT

1 BR/new bath \$925 Good credit and lease special. Stove/oven, A/C, verticals, small storage, gated. No Sec 8, No Pets  
**10526 La Reina**  
**(562) 862-7071**

#### BROOKSHIRE MANOR DOWNEY

Senior 55+ view condo \$975 mo. + dep., gated comm, lounge rec rm, pool, spa, courtyard, new paint, carpet, vinyl & appliances. Show apt only.  
Ask for Gordon  
**Cell (650) 722-2116**

#### DOWNEY APT.

2 bed, 1 bath, \$1,050  
**(562) 881-5635**

### FOR RENT

#### STEP-DOWN DEN

3 Bdrm, 1-3/4 Baths. Freshly painted and new carpet in all bdrms. In nice Downey tract. Freeway & Metro station close. Section 8 OK. \$1,900/mo.

#### 2 BDRM, 2 BATH SHARP 2 STORY TOWNHOUSE

Gated community, private patio & double gar with laundry hookups, \$1,600/mo.

#### LARGE 1 BRDM APT

In 3 units, N Downey, covered parking, laundry rm, \$950/mo  
**TrustEase Prop. Mgmt.**  
**(562) 923-2300**

#### QUIET DOWNEY APT

2 BR, 2 BA, \$1,250 mo, A/C, ceiling fans, stove & carpet  
**(562) 776-5815**

#### N. DOWNEY

2 bed, 1 ba • 2 bed, 2 ba • 1 bed pool, secured bldg.  
**(562) 869-4313 mgr.**

### PERSONALS

#### LOOKING FOR JOON MI LEE

I want to find Joon Mi Lee.  
**Contact: 949-887-7053**

### SERVICES

#### PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Across the Street Property Management accepting new clients. Call Joe  
**(310) 617-3640**

#### PLANS, PERMITS CONSTRUCTION

Project Design, New Construction, Remodeling & Additions  
**Lic. #936419**  
**Call Jeff (562) 869-1421**

#### SUPERB PAINTING

Exterior, interior, senior discounts, references, dependable & reliable. Free estimates. Lic. #634063. Wayne  
**(562) 863-5478**

### SERVICES

#### FULL SERVICE PLUMBING

Licensed, bonded & insured, 24/7, senior discount  
**McKinnon & Sons**  
**Plumbing of Downey**  
**(562) 904-3616**

#### ARMAS PATCHING & RESTUCCO

Exterior & interior plaster, patching, matching all stucco textures. Very clean. 25 years exp. No patch too small. Free estimates. Ask for Ray Armas  
**Lic# 882779**  
**(562) 923-8227**

#### COMPUTER 1 SOLUTION

Senior help, upgrade, repairs, system set up, virus removal, troubleshooting. Free diagnosis.  
**Call Larry (562) 714-9876**

#### REASONABLE PRICES

Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Drain Cleans \$35 Lic 814113  
**(323) 228-4500**

### SERVICES

#### JHA FINISH CARPENTRY

Doors, Molding, Hardware, Weatherstrip, Closets, Cabinets  
Lic# 923068  
**(310) 753-7536**

#### ROSCHE'S POOLS AND SPAS

**(562) 413-6154**

#### NEED A PAINTER

Interior & exterior, ref.  
**Call Rick (562) 225-0540**

#### MIKE THE ELECTRICIAN

**(562) 861-4266**

#### THE GREEN GARDENER

ECO-FRIENDLY Lawn Service  
**562-519-1442**

Call Linda Larson to put your ad in *The Downey Patriot* Classifieds section  
Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 am  
**(562) 904-3668**

### LEGAL NOTICES CONT.

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 trustee and of said Deed of Trust. DATED: 03/17/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-91063 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# 3924157 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

**The Downey Patriot**  
**3/17/11, 3/24/11, 3/31/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0159351 Title Order No. 10-8-56683 Investor/Insurer No. 135305895 APN No. 6360-006-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/24/2006. 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 ROBERT B RICE JR., A SINGLE MAN, dated 04/24/2006 and recorded 05/12/06, as Instrument No. 06 1052424, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 04/14/2011 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: 9515 SAMOLINE AVE, DOWNEY, CA, 902403244. 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 \$324,403.09. 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, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or a 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: 03/15/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-91063 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# 3923546 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

**The Downey Patriot**  
**3/17/11, 3/24/11, 3/31/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-09-309554-AL Order #: 196214 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/12/2006. 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 state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or a 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 PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF SALE IS TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE CREDITOR. 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

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WOMAN Recorded: 10/20/2006 as Instrument No. 06-2332286 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 4/11/2011 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: \$407,333.30 The purported property address is: 8537 EVEREST ST DOWNEY, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6261-001-006 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 Bank, N.A. 7301 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 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 successful bidder shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. 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.fideliyasap.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 X3701. 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's 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# 3940152 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

**The Downey Patriot**  
**3/17/11, 3/24/11, 3/31/11**

Trustee Sale No. 446820CA Loan No. 0019575703 Title Order No. 667103 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/23/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/7/2011 at 10:30 AM CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 03/30/2007, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 20070747560 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Jose A. Calles, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, Encore Credit, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said 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 PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF SALE IS TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE CREDITOR. 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

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Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. Date: 3/10/2011 California Reconveyance Company as Trustee Casimir Nunez, Assistant Secretary California Reconveyance Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.prioritiesposting.com P809783 3/17, 3/24, 03/31/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-405899-CL Order #: 10716732-CA-1P YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/23/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or a 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 and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9515 SAMOLINE AVE, DOWNEY, CA, 90242 APN Number: 624507021 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 \$396,646.24. 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, expressed 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: 03/14/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-91063 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# FNMA3921678 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/12/2006. 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 state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or a 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 the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said 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 PURPOSE OF THE NOTICE OF SALE IS TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF THE CREDITOR. 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

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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# 3940925 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

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**3/17/11, 3/24/11, 3/31/11**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0162651 Title Order No. 10-0006654 Investor/Insurer No. 1702206433 APN No. 6251-025-008 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/26/2006. 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 DANIEL GAZLEY, AN UNMARRIED MAN, dated 09/26/2006 and recorded 10/06/06, as Instrument No. 06 2232819, in Book -, Page -, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 04/14/2011 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: 7948 HARPER AVENUE, 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 \$396,646.24. 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, expressed 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: 03/14/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-91063 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# FNMA3921678 03/17/2011, 03/24/2011, 03/31/2011

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Trustee Sale No. 738369CA Loan No. 3012497008 Title Order No. 090750788-CA-MAI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/12/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/1/2011 at 10:30AM, Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/09/2005 as Instrument No. 051347766 of official records in the Office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Laura Anderson, An Unmarried Woman as Trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA, 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: 10726-10726 1/2 Western Av, 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 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(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: \$450,073.73 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. SERVICER'S DECLARATION TO NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Date: August 20, 2010 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. By Jason Taylor Name: Jason Taylor Title: Vice President The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.5(a) was fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded on 12/9/2010 The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.54 is attached as Exhibit A Date: 3/10/2011 Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee 500 City Parkway West, Suite 200 Orange, CA 92668-2913 (866) 263-5802 For Sale Information Contact: Priority Posting and Publishing (714) 573-1965 Tony Delgado, Trustee Sale Officer "We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose." P805016 3/10, 3/17, 03/24/2011

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**3/10/11, 3/17/11, 3/24/11**

T.S. No.: 10-41166 TSG Order No. 100751786-CA-MSI APN 6253-003-014 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/19/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE

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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 4/1/2011 at 10:30AM, Old Republic Default Management Services, a Division of Old Republic National Title Insurance Company as duly appointed Trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust Recorded on 06/09/2005 as Instrument No. 051347766 of official records in the Office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Laura Anderson, An Unmarried Woman as Trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA, 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: 10726-10726 1/2 Western Av, 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 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(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: \$450,073.73 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. SERVICER'S DECLARATION TO NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE 2923.54 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Date: August 20, 2010 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. By Jason Taylor Name: Jason Taylor Title: Vice President The Declaration pursuant to California Civil Code, Section 2923.5(a) was fulfilled when the



## Crime Report

### Friday, March 11

At 9:20 p.m., two victims were walking on Imperial Highway at Ibbetson Avenue when a suspect brandishing a gun demanded their money. The victims complied and the suspect fled on foot.

Detectives are investigating a residential burglary of an unoccupied dwelling that occurred at 10:00 p.m. in the 7700 block of Florence Avenue.

### Sunday, March 13

At 10:20 p.m., two suspects brandishing a handgun demanded property from victims in the 8700 block of Stamps Road. The suspects fled on foot with the victims' property.

### Monday, March 14

At 8:50 p.m., residents returned to their home in the 10000 block of Lesterford Avenue and discovered that unknown suspect(s) had entered through a window and burglarized their residence. The suspect(s) fled with the loss in an unknown direction.

### Wednesday, March 16

While patrolling in the 7500 block of Calmcrest Drive, an officer was alerted by the License Plate Reader system that a stolen vehicle was in the area. The officer located and recovered the vehicle, which was reported stolen from the city of Santa Ana.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.



A team of sports from St. Raymond's Catholic School traveled to the Los Angeles Sports Arena to take part in the 21st Academic Junior High Decathlon.

## Students take part in academic decathlon

**DOWNEY** – St. Raymond's Catholic School participated in the 21st Academic Junior High Decathlon held March 5 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

The decathlon was the largest junior high-level academic competition in Southern California, with 104 participating schools. An estimated 5,000 people attended.

The decathlon consists of three components: Logic Quiz (a group competition where teams attempt to solve 20 logic puzzles in 50 minutes), Individual Tests (eight decathletes from each team take a test in one of eight subjects including math, science, social studies, English, literature, fine arts, religion or current events; and Super Quiz, another group event where teams are tested on science, literature, fine arts, religion and social studies. Questions are read out loud and the team must answer within 10 seconds.

The day included a Mass cele-

brated by Archbishop Jose Gomez, followed by the awards ceremony.

In the Individual Tests category, Robert Nevarez, a seventh grader at St. Raymond's, earned the sixth place medal in science, eighth grader Samantha Ishak won sixth place in fine arts, and eighth grader Guillermo Martinez earned third place in literature.

St. Raymond's won 10th place in the Super Quiz, marking the first time the school has earned a medal in the Super Quiz competition.

The St. Raymond's School decathlon team consisted of Bryan Mireles, Robert Nevarez, Yami Orihuela, Samantha Ishak, Glenn Himan, Guillermo Martinez, Ben Voigt, Vivian Ramirez, Joshua Franco and Kamilah Gonzalez.

Alternates were Andreina Hampton, Allison Palmer and Jessica Vasquez.

The team was coached by Mrs. Reynolds.

## Citizenship classes at college

**NORWALK** – Beginning next month, Cerritos College will offer two new free citizenship classes in English and Spanish.

The Spanish class will be held April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon, while the English class is April 5 from 6:30-8 p.m.

The classes are free. Daily parking is \$2.

For more information, or to RSVP, call (562) 467-5098.

## Real estate firm raises \$18K

**DOWNEY** – Century 21 My Real Estate announced this week that its total contribution to Easter Seals in 2010 totaled \$18,000.

The real estate office's participation last year marked the 33rd year My Real Estate has been affiliated with the charitable foundation.

"It is a pleasure to donate our time and resources to raise funds for our local Easter Seals chapter. Fundraising events...provides our sales associates the opportunity to give back to the local community while raising awareness of this worthy cause," said Steve Roberson, broker/owner of Century My Real Estate. "It is a great feeling to know that our contributions go directly toward helping people with disabilities in our community achieve greater independence."

The entire Century 21 system has been affiliated with Easter Seals since 1979 and has raised more than \$100 million to help children and adults with disabilities.

## Federal workers to meet

**DOWNEY** – The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet March 23 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

A stained glass angel will be raffled off as a chapter fundraiser.

Retired and active federal employees are welcome to the meeting. For more information, call Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

## Razorback sign-ups Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Downey Youth Football will hold registration for its upcoming season Saturday at Furman and Apollo parks from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration is \$180 for tackle football, \$120 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading. The registration fee includes a trophy, pictures, spirit pack, game socks and yearbook.

Payment plans are available but all fees must be paid by the first day of practice on July 25.

For more information, visit downeyrazorbacks.com or call (562) 928-6081.

## Books on auction block

**DOWNEY** – "The Science Book," a lavishly illustrated story of science featuring 250 of the most significant milestones in scientific history, is one of several books being auctioned in support of the Downey City Library.

Other auction items include "Desk Reference to Nature's Medicine" by National Geographic, a comprehensive book put together by experts in the herbal medicine field; and "The Rose Labyrinth" by Titania Hardie, a mystery set in London's early 1600's and connecting to 2000.

Bids can be placed in the Friend's Book Store located inside the library until March 26.

All proceeds will benefit the library.



Gabriel Vazquez has completed basic training for the Air Force. Vazquez graduated from Downey High School in 2007.

## Vazquez completes basic training

**SAN ANTONIO** – Air Force Airman Gabriel Vazquez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex.

Vazquez completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Vazquez graduated from Downey High School in 2007.

## St. Joseph's Table celebrated

**DOWNEY** – St. Joseph's Table, a Roman Catholic tradition that honors St. Joseph, will be celebrated by St. Raymond's Catholic Church on March 20.

The celebration will include the Viewing of the Table from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., liturgy celebration and procession at 11 a.m., blessing of the table at 12 p.m. and pasta dinner from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

The event, now in its 28th year, is sponsored by the church's Italian Catholic Federation.

For more information, call Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937 or Marguerite Ferraro at (562) 869-7024.

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This bank owned condo is a great buy. It features 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, views of the pool & pond, and newer sliding doors & windows. Take the spiral staircase up to the spacious loft and enjoy the large master suite with a private balcony. **Call today! Priced at \$419,000!**

**North Downey Treasure**  
This immaculate North Downey home is ready for you. The property features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, copper plumbing, and a newer kitchen. The backyard has several fruit trees and a shed for convenience. New paint inside and out make this home a must see! **Priced to sell at \$399,000!**

**Everything You Need**  
Live the life of luxury. This 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom condo has a balcony off the living room. Enjoy this complex that offers a pool, sauna, clubhouse lounge, sports court and a workout room. Take full advantage of the BBQ area, laundry facilities and gated underground parking. This one won't last at **\$349,000!**

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This is a well maintained, single story apartment complex has a total of 7 units. Each unit is separately metered for gas and electricity. Close to schools, freeways and public transportation. **Call today for more details!**

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Take advantage of this terrific opportunity to own a home. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 1,396 sq.ft. of living space features a master suite. With a 2 car garage, granite counter tops in the kitchen and a desirable location, you won't want to pass this one by. **Priced at \$325,000!**



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Downey resident Mikayla Minning took a copy of *The Downey Patriot* when she traveled to Washington, D.C. earlier this month. At the request of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Mikayla joined the Congressional Arthritis Caucus, representing the 300,000 American children and 46 million American adults with arthritis. Mikayla also wrote a letter to President Obama and Sec. Kathleen Sebelius of the Department of Health and Human Sciences to continue arthritis research at the National Institute of Health.



Downey Rotary Club and Warren High School's Interact Club partnered to paint a house last Saturday. More than 30 volunteers helped spruce up the home. "The outcome was beautiful and much appreciated by the family and friends," said Downey Rotary president Ingrid Martin.

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To Dale Jervis, the phrase "treating people like family" means simply that you do the best you possibly can to take care of that person. Dale's own family instilled these values in him, and as a third generation real estate professional, it's something that people have come to expect when they deal with Century 21 Jervis & Associates.

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For me, selling homes is a daily part of my life. The truth is, selling homes is my passion, and to me there's nothing more rewarding than selling someone's home, easing their worries and helping them get on with their lives.

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Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts during this challenging market and hope that you have a great 2011.

Regards,  
  
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