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City considers increasing water rate

■ Typical homeowner would pay about \$4.50 more per month; city says rates would still be among lowest in the area.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The City Council has passed a resolution adopting the city's water system master plan, a product of the thinking of outside consultants and city staff. The action was at Tuesday's council meeting.

Its chief recommendation is a re-structuring of water rates if the city is, in the words of its chief architect, public works director John Oskoui, to "continue providing reliable, high quality, cost-effective water service to its current and future customers."

Two-and-a-half years in the making, the master plan takes a comprehensive and close hard look at the city's water system, its future potential demand and associated anticipated costs, and otherwise re-establish the water fund's original status as a self-sustaining fund.

The proposed rate increase will be spread out over five years, Oskoui said, to ease the impact on pocketbooks, and will feature new tiered rates. As the system is funded through these water rates and fees, not taxes, the typical single-family residential customer under the new rates would, for instance, see a water bill increase of about \$4.50 a month in 2011-12.

The effects on an individual customer's bill will depend on the amount of water used by the customer. Thus the less water a customer uses, the lower the rate that will be charged.

A public hearing on the proposed water rate is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on June 28 in the council chambers at Downey City Hall. Each property owner and rate payer has the right to submit a written protest against the proposed rate by mail or in person to the city clerk no later than the conclusion of the public hearing on the above date.

Protests against the proposed rates will be considered by the city at the public hearing.

In any case, the master plan makes clear that for 2011-12, in comparison with the water rates other neighboring cities such as Cerritos, Lakewood, Paramount, Long Beach, South Gate, Montebello, Signal Hill, etc., charge its consumers, Downey's rates register the lowest; even with the proposed rate adjustment, the worst future projections place the city in the middle range of the rate spectrum. This is because the other cities are forced to import most of their water even as their other operational and maintenance costs continue to escalate, he explained.

This is the city's first water rate adjustment proposal in 16 years, Oskoui said. Over the same period, the cost of maintaining and operating the water system has increased significantly. The charges from outside agencies (power, insurance,

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PHOTO BY GREG WASKUL

Rita Assoian, who almost died in a traffic collision in 2009, is now setting personal bests as a member of the Glendale Community College track team.

Rancho miracle puts Rita Assoian back on track

■ Rita Assoian was in a coma for 22 days after an auto accident almost killed her.

BY GREG WASKUL AND
AMY GONZALEZ,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – As Rita Assoian drove home after closing the restaurant where she worked on the morning of September 12, 2009, all she could think about was getting some sleep. It was well past midnight, and she was almost home, just a few minutes away from the comfort of her bed.

Everything was right with her life. She was a first-year college student and track star at Glendale Community College with an apparently limitless future. Then in an instant, everything changed.

"As I exited the freeway, my car was rear-ended," Rita says. "I remember getting out to call for help. And then there was a tremendous crash." A car speeding at more than 90 miles an hour plowed into her car, which then hit Rita and tossed her high into the air. She flew through the night like a rag doll. When she landed more than 15 feet away, her body was devastated.

The accident left Rita with 14 separate broken bones, a lacerated lung and liver, internal bleeding, the threat of paralysis from the breaks in her neck and spine, and possible brain damage from bruising and blood on the brain. As she lay lifeless, the odds that Rita could survive were not in her favor. Paramedics arrived at the accident scene within five minutes and immediately summoned a helicopter to airlift her to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center, one of the nation's premier trauma centers. She was in a deep coma, and her brain was swelling. Rita was fighting for her life.

The accident left her in a coma for 22 days. Doctors can't say for sure what saved her, although they agree that she got the best possible medical care. "Perhaps it was also the extraordinary fitness that came with being a track star," says Dr. Luis Montes, Chief of Pediatrics at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. "Perhaps it was her fierce determination. Perhaps it was her family and friends, who were by her side 24 hours a day. Or maybe it was just her incredible heart." But although



PHOTO BY JULIE HELGREN

Rita Assoian learns to walk using the Halo device at Rancho.

she should have died, Rita survived.

"The three breaks in my neck and upper spine needed to fuse, to eliminate the danger of paralysis," Rita says. "My family decided that I would wear a Halo device to immobilize my head, neck and spine for two months, instead of having a risky surgery." Innovated at Rancho in the 1950's, the Halo is now used throughout the world and has a better success rate than surgery.

"The doctors told my parents I would possibly never walk again, and I certainly was done competing in track," Rita says. "I was lucky that I was unconscious so that I never knew about that prognosis." After she was fitted with the Halo, Rita was sent to Rancho, where the fight to rebuild her life would begin. Healing from the physical wounds was the easy part. "When she was transferred to Rancho, Rita couldn't walk or talk, and had a tracheotomy to help her breathing," says Dr. Montes. "She was fed through her stomach and

she was also wearing the 20 lb. Halo."

"I was out of the coma, and my body was healing, but I was still in a fog," Rita says. "My family and friends could tell I was getting better, but I still wasn't the same girl they knew." She didn't have the same spunk or spirited independent streak that characterized her personality prior to the accident. Often, she just stared with a glazed look at the world, seemingly seeing and feeling nothing.

Her therapy began in earnest. "She worked with physical therapists to help with balance because she was very wobbly on her feet," Dr. Montes says. "An occupational therapist helped with self-care skills and her speech therapist helped her to talk again and identify her cognitive damage."

"Her first few weeks at Rancho she was easily confused and her thought process was very slow," Dr. Montes added.

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DUSD to lay off 71 instructional assistants

■ Elimination of part-time workers came at the request of schools, administrators say.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – At the request of more than a dozen Downey Unified School District campuses, the Board of Education voted on Tuesday to eliminate more than 70 part-time instructional aide positions throughout the school system, attributing the layoffs to a shortage in funding.

The Board decision, which takes effect this summer, calls for broad cuts to teacher's aide positions at almost every school in the district, including all 13 elementary schools.

According to Kenneth Kato, director of Classified Human Resources, 17 school site councils, made up of parents, teachers and administrators, asked that the positions be eliminated as a cost-saving measure, resulting in the abolishment of 71 instructional assistant positions and one computer applications assistant position.

After years of district budget cuts, Superintendent Wendy Doty maintained these new layoffs were initiated by the schools themselves, not the district. However, Doty conveyed remorse over the reluctant decision.

"We are very sad we had to do this. We've made every cut we can over the last four years – there's just not a lot left to cut," Doty said. "These are our regular instructional assistants who help aide our teachers in the classroom. There were 100 of them in our system, now only 29 remain."

Doty said the staff cuts came as

a result of reductions to state and federal education funding utilized by school site councils who develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets.

"The councils invested money in different ways based on the needs of the students," said Doty. "Many schools, especially the elementary schools, hired instructional assistants, but that money got cut back."

Subsequently, teacher's aide positions will be eliminated at every elementary school site: Alameda (6 aides), Carpenter (2), Gallatin (3), Gaudin (10), Imperial (5), Lewis (6), Old River (3), Price (4), Rio Hondo (9), Rio San Gabriel (2), Unsworth (3), Ward (8) and Williams (6).

In addition, East Middle School (1), Griffiths Middle School (1), West Middle School (2) and Downey High School (1) will also lose instructional assistant positions.

Following this academic year, the layoffs will begin with those aides who hold the least seniority in the merit system. Those newest to the district will be bumped out first, but Doty hopes that most of the laid off workers will find other positions within the school system.

"We had a meeting on Monday explaining to everyone why we had to do this," said Doty. "A lot of them will find jobs in our system. We have a 39-month rehire list. We're going to try to fill other senior instructional assistant positions. Once a position opens, we'll call the next person on the list."

The cuts officially take effect on July 1, allowing time to process incumbents while providing the mandatory 45-day notice period.

Fr. Greg Boyle preaches hope, love at luncheon

DOWNEY – Father Greg Boyle, founder of the largest gang rehabilitation and reintegration organization in the nation, offered words of hope and inspiration when he served as keynote speaker at Wednesday's Gangs Out of Downey fundraiser luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

An ordained priest, Boyle is the creator of Los Angeles-based Homeboy Industries, which has been providing jobs to former gang members since 1992.

Boyle spoke briefly about Homeboy Industries' history on Wednesday, but mostly he preached a message of cohesiveness between communities and the young people "pushed" into gangs.

"No hopeful kid joins a gang," Boyle said. "No one is lured - they are pushed. Misery loves company."

Boyle said most gang members are "stuck in a lethal absence of hope, and the only antidote are the people in this room."

"We're all in this together," Boyle said. "It's not us and them. Just us." Boyle, who quoted from Mother Theresa and used the personal stories of reformed gang members throughout his speech, received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his 30-minute talk.

The annual luncheon is the chief fundraising event of Gangs Out of Downey, which works to prevent gang activity among youths.

Thad Phillips, community services director for Downey, is the organization's current president.

–Eric Pierce, city editor



Spring Worship Guide

Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church



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Saturday, Mar. 23 at 11:00AM

Bragging on the Cross
with Pastor Mitch

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www.downeychurch.org

Celebrate Easter With Us

7:00 am Sunrise Service
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
8:30 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am Festival Worship

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
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Downey
(562) 803-4459



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8348 3rd Street, Downey, CA 90241
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April 17 & 24
8 a.m. & 11 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 24
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(Disciples of Christ)



Worship at 10:30 am

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10544 Downey Ave. (& 7th Street)
(562) 861-6752



EASTER: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Good Friday Bilingual Service: April 22, 7:30pm
Early Morning Easter Special Gathering: April 24, 6:30am
Easter Egg-stravaganza: April 24, 9am (Egg Hunt & Lite Breakfast)
Easter Sunday Worship: April 24, 10am

Encouraging Kids ~ Empowering Youth
Enriching Lives ~ Engaging Missions

Holy Week
Messiah Lutheran Church
10711 Paramount Boulevard • Downey • CA

Maundy Thursday - April 21
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 22
4:00 p.m. - The Passion of the Christ
6:15 p.m. - Dinner
7:00 p.m. - Service


Easter Sunday Servies - April 24

9:00 a.m. - Communion Service
10:30 a.m. - Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Egg Hunt for children 12 & younger

For more information call
(562) 923-1215



Downey United Methodist Church
10801 S. Downey Ave. in Downey
Senior Pastor Lui Tran



Good Friday Service 6:30 pm
Easter Sunday Service April 24th
6:00 am Sunrise Service
10:30 am Main Service
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
after worship service

A place to connect ... to God, to people and to faith.

Holy Week

April 17—Palm Sunday at 10:00 am
Procession of Palms
April 21—Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm
April 22—Good Friday at 1:00 pm
April 23—Easter Vigil at Our Savior
in Long Beach at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of Our Lord!
April 24, 2011
10:00 Worship Service



Christ Lutheran Church
7707 Florence Ave - Downey 90240
562.927.4421

St. Raymond Catholic Church
12348 Paramount Blvd., Downey CA 90242
Phone: 562-923-4509 • Fax: 562-869-3359
Website: www.st-raymond-downey.org • E-mail: straydny@aol.com

Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 21 7:30 p.m.
with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10 pm following in the MGH



Good Friday April 22

12 noon - 7 Last Words (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (English)
6:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (English)
7:00 p.m. - Outdoor Stations / (Spanish)
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy of the Passion (Spanish)



Easter Vigil Mass, Holy Saturday, April 23 7:30 p.m.

Which starts in front of the Convent after nightfall, approximately at 7:30 p.m. with the lighting of the Paschal Fire and Candle.



Easter Sunday April 24

Mass Times: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. (English) 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) (No 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass)

On Easter Sunday, for the 11 am and the 12:30 pm masses we will have overflow seating in the hall with a video feed of the mass going on in the church.

GOOD FRIDAY EXPERIENCE

Friday April 22, Experience the story of Christ and the Cross as told through scripture, music and art. One hour journeys begin every 10 minutes from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.



Downey First Christian Church
www.downeyfirst.com ~ www.iglesia-christiana.org
(562) 862-2438 (562) 862-7118

Easter Services

Paramount	New	Downey	Florence	5
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Firestone				

Sunday, April 24
10:00 am - English Free Breakfast
8:45 am - 9:45 am
12:30 pm - Spanish Free Brunch
11:15 am - 12:15 pm

10909 New St., Downey, CA 90241

Encouraging message ~ Uplifting music ~ Outstanding childcare
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Easter 2011

"Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it." Acts 2:23-24

Good Friday - Communion
Friday, April 22nd at 12:00pm (Narthex)
Special Message and Communion by Pastor Jeff Johnson
Music by CCD Worship Band
Nursery Care 0-2 yrs available - Habrá traducción en Español

Servicio De Viernes Santo (en Español)
Friday, April 22nd at 7:00pm (Main Sanctuary)
Message by Pastor Manny Lopez
Music by Maureen, Karolin, and a Special Video Presentation
Children Welcome

He's Alive Jubilation - For Kids
Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00am (Main Sanctuary)
A celebration just for Kids! (2yrs - 6th grade)
Special Guests: The Bear Hug Band, Straight Up Puppet Team, 5th Degree Backbeat, Joaquin Arzu, & More

Easter Morning Services

He Is Risen - Easter "Sunrise" Service
Sunday, April 24th at 5:45am
at Coritos College Stadium
Message by Pastor Jeff Johnson and Music by CCD Worship Band
Habrá traducción en Español. Solo trabajo para partir 88.9 FM
(If it rains, meet at the church)

Sunday Services
Sunday, April 24th at 8:30am & 10:30am
at Calvary Chapel Downey, Main Sanctuary
Message by Pastor Jeff Johnson
Music by CCD Worship Band and a Special Drama Presentation
Sunday School for Nursery through High School
Habrá traducción en Español

For More Information Call (562) 803-5638 or visit our website at www.calvarydowney.org

calvarychapel downey
12808 Woodruff Ave., Downey, CA 90242



City kicks in \$3,500 for Street Faire

DOWNEY – The city of Downey agreed Tuesday to cover a \$3,500 shortfall the Downey Chamber of Commerce was facing to finance next month's Street Faire.

The chamber had budgeted \$4,000 to cover city services for the May 7 event but the true cost, when factoring in police, administration and public works crews, is \$7,500, city officials said.

"The city received a letter from the chamber stating their budget shortfall and are requesting financial assistance...to help fund the additional costs," Brian Saeki, community development director for Downey, wrote in a staff report to the City Council.

The council, sitting as the Community Development Commission, unanimously approved the expenditure. The \$3,500 will be drawn from a redevelopment fund.

The city has provided financial assistance to the chamber in the past to promote "industrial and commercial development, stimulation of local buying, and community public information," Saeki said.

Last August, the City Council approved \$24,500 in payments to the chamber.

Farmers market to stay at least 3 more years

DOWNEY – A deal to keep the Downey Farmers Market in operation for at least three more years was approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

The contract, which can be terminated by the city at any time with 30 days' notice, also allows the market to stay open until 2 p.m. (instead of 1 p.m. now) each Saturday.

According to terms of the deal, Raw Inspiration Inc. will continue to operate the Downey Farmers Market free of charge to the city, with the exception of a waiver of street closure permit fees. Raw Inspiration, however, will raise its insurance coverage to \$2 million.

The contract allows the city to move the farmers market from its current location on Second Street, between New Street and La Reina Avenue, to Downey Avenue. Council members last year proposed the relocation but the move never happened after complaints from business owners.

In a staff report this week, city officials said "discussions are underway to address the concerns of businesses affected by the proposed move."

■ Club was at its height in late 50s and early 60s, with nearly 500 members.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Women have always played a pivotal role in Downey's development.

While pioneering men were hard at work building roads, managing mercantile businesses, establishing busy schoolhouses, and ministering in growing churches, Downey wives, mothers, and daughters used their time, talents and influence to help cultivate something just as important to any society: culture.

Clad in lacy blouses with cameo brooches, long, stiff petticoats, and daintily buttoned high-heeled boots, the early female citizens of Downey who migrated to the Los Nietos Valley during the late 19th century didn't cover when faced with the new frontier.

Conversely, a quorum of women banded together, pledging to enrich the new developing community of Downey by promoting "the social, moral and intellectual interests of the community."

This small group of seven women initially known as the Friday Afternoon Club would eventually transform into one of the most influential non-profit organizations in Downey's nearly 140-year history: the Woman's Club of Downey.

Founded in December of 1898, the Friday Afternoon Club was the first Downey organization established that was not affiliated with a church or men's group.

State federated in 1900, and incorporated by 1909, the club highly valued education, starting out in 1898 for the discussion and study of the literature, philosophy and history of ancient Egypt, Rome and Greece.

According to an original agenda, the first meeting, held inside the Firestone Boulevard home of Mrs. J.W. McKellar, included a lesson on the geography of Egypt.

During that initial meeting, McKellar hosted her daughter Miss Judith McKellar, H.A. Scott, Josie McKellar-Magee, Jessie McCoy, Elma Smith and D.D. DeNure, who was elected as the club's first president.

In addition to the study of the ancient sages, typical meetings also included the exchange of family recipes, commentary on prevailing education theories, renditions of music by classical composers such as Brahms and Handel, fundraisers for a future clubhouse and public library, and long before women could vote, the club hosted sessions on politics and legislative reform.

By 1901 the club's first goal started to become a reality when a "good-sized" library was opened and small rental fees/donations were used to purchase additional

books. The early library was established in a room of the J.W. McKellar home. People were asked to come on Saturdays so the lady of the house, schoolteacher Josie McKellar, could be home to greet every reader.

Soon the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors agreed to contribute \$10 a month to help establish a Los Angeles County Free Library at the club. Downey businessmen gave \$15 per month toward the cause.

With the influence and scope of the Friday Afternoon Club quickly expanding, a request eventually came from town teachers, and the club became the Saturday Afternoon Club. However, by 1912, meetings were held Wednesdays, twice a month. There was a limit of 25 members.

In 1908, fees and donations had accumulated to cover the \$1,752 needed for the construction of the Saturday Afternoon Club's first home. In 1910, the club purchased a lot on the corner of New Street and Firestone Boulevard where a new clubhouse was built. The structure became a popular meeting and social place for other community organizations as well. The Downey Rotary Club held meetings there in early years.

Hoping to further influence and shape Downey culture, the women soon tackled their next project: a Downey entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

With the help of the Downey Board of Trade, now the Chamber of Commerce, the Saturday Afternoon Club entered "Butterfly Float," Downey's first Rose Parade entry, and won Banner and Silver Cup in 1920.

It wasn't until 1924 that the club changed its name to the Woman's Club of Downey, almost 25 years after it became affiliated with the California Federation of Women's Clubs.

Just two years later, the library outgrew the Woman's Club and was moved to the Masonic building on Downey Avenue.

The library moved several times as it got larger, until the collection became an official county library and moved into its own building. Although this Downey branch was ultimately replaced in 1959 by the present Downey City Library on Brookshire Avenue, the women continued their yearly support for the library they helped establish.

In 1928, the county health department decided to help improve child welfare. They turned to the Woman's Club who added on to its Firestone building to provide one of the earliest day care centers staffed by county doctors and nurses.



Looking back on... Woman's Club of Downey



PHOTO COURTESY DOWNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rotary Club of Downey poses in front of the Woman's Club clubhouse, where they met often for meetings, in this photo from 1930.

Additional funds for the project came from the Woman's Club, Kiwanis and Rotary.

During World War II, as in World War I, the women did their part, serving in the Red Cross, providing first aid equipment and home nursing services for the returning injured, as well as selling and buying war bonds, serving as air raid wardens and staffing canteens and USO centers.

After WWII, many Downey women, some coming out of the war time workforce and others, having acquired the volunteer habit during the war, joined the Woman's Club, hoping to continue their service.

By 1947, the Firestone clubhouse became insufficient, too small to house the growing membership. The building was sold for \$28,000 and two years later a corner lot at the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and Lubec Street was purchased for \$11,000.

Construction of the new clubhouse was completed in the fall of 1950. The resulting 7,000-square-foot facility featured an auditorium, dining room, lounge, kitchen and caretaker's cottage.

Today, the clubhouse, located at 9813 Paramount Blvd., still serves the membership and helps sustain the 113-year-old organization, which leases out the property every week for weddings, anniversaries,

luncheons, meetings and special occasions.

The Woman's Club of Downey hit its height with close to 500 members and a long waiting list in the late 50s and early 60s. However, as more women began entering the workforce and two-earner families became a reality, the number of new members started to decline sharply as many working women had less time to devote to club activities.

Today, though the membership has dropped significantly, the Woman's Club of Downey still donates money to the city's local charities and non-profit organizations just as the club did decades ago.

The club not only contributed to

the city library, but since the early 1900s, the Woman's Club has also supported Rancho Los Amigos, Downey Community Hospital, now Downey Regional Medical Center, Downey Theatre, and the Downey Family YMCA.

Moreover, much credit is often given to the early male pioneers who excelled in agriculture, the dairy industry and aerospace, but Downey also had its fair share of strong women who used their gifts and influence to help nurture this community. Due to the vision of leadership of these women, Downey can be proud of its common culture, which continues to promote education, service and goodwill.

Police search for missing man

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department is asking the public's help to locate a missing resident who could be depressed and suicidal.

Richard Prisbrey, 55, was last seen leaving his job in El Monte on Wednesday, authorities said.

Detectives believe Prisbrey, a husband and father of three adult children, is suffering from depression, could be suicidal, and is possibly armed with a handgun.

Prisbrey is thought to be driving a gold 1999 Toyota Camry with California license plate 6CMX614.

Anyone with information on Prisbrey's whereabouts, or has seen him since he went missing, is asked to call the Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2308 or their local law enforcement agency.



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Demolition to clear way for housing complex

DOWNEY – The former Verizon building at 8314 2nd St. will soon be cleared for a 50-unit affordable housing development after the City Council agreed Tuesday to begin soliciting bids for its demolition.

The city expects to pay \$520,000 for the demolition work, to be paid with state and federal grants.

Before demolition can begin, however, the city will work to solve an "unanticipated challenge." The building formerly used by Verizon was built over an underground Edison electrical supply vault, which served as a distribution point for electrical service to adjacent properties.

The vault must be deactivated and electrical supply lines rerouted before demolition can occur, said Brian Saeki, community development director for Downey.

The city will hire a contractor to complete the work at an estimated cost of \$165,000, also using state and federal grants.

Downtown plan earns award

DOWNEY – The city of Downey's Downtown Specific Plan, a 208-page document outlining the city's vision for the downtown area, has been selected to receive the Compass Blueprint Recognition Award for Achievement in Livability, city officials announced Friday.

The award is from the Southern California Association of Governments.

Housing is a major component of the Specific Plan, which also recommends an increase in "eating, retail, arts and recreation opportunities." The plan, approved by the City Council in September, emphasizes pedestrian-friendly walkways to decrease the reliance on automobiles.

In a press release, city officials called the plan "groundbreaking." "We feel we are heading in the right direction on many great things in Downey but this just affirms what we have been doing," Guerra, in an e-mail, said of the award. "Great week for Downey and our community."

City officials will receive the award at a conference next month.

Law firm expands services with city

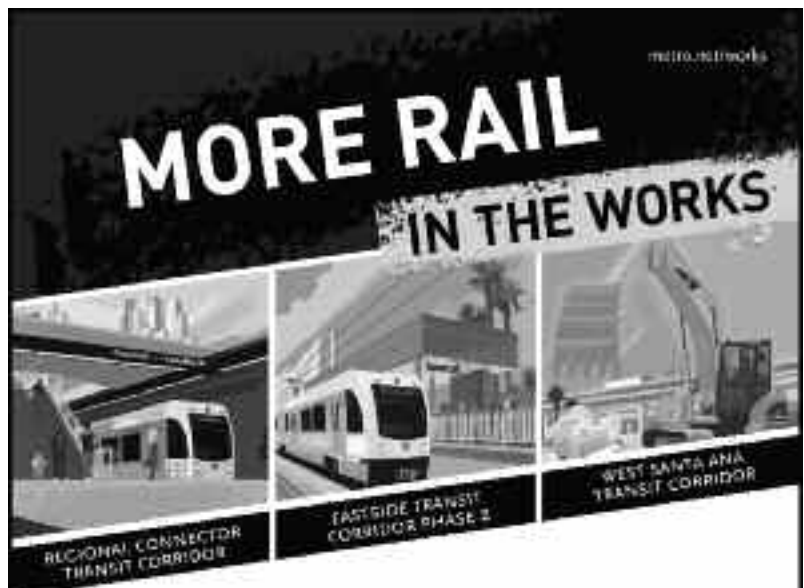
DOWNEY – The city of Downey has hired the law firm of Rutan & Tucker LLP to represent the city as it negotiates a real estate deal for a Fiat dealership on Firestone Boulevard.

The deal with Rutan & Tucker, approved by the City Council on Tuesday, also calls for the firm to offer legal services related to the potential elimination of redevelopment agencies as part of state budget cuts and "wind down" services associated with The View affordable housing development downtown.

Rutan & Tucker will be paid an hourly rate of \$260. The total contract cost was not available but city officials said "it is expected that the cost of legal services will not exceed the amounts budgeted in the current...legal budgets."

The deal was approved 4-0 with Councilman Fernando Vasquez abstaining.

Rutan & Tucker was already representing Downey in a lawsuit against Los Angeles County and the County Flood Control District.



Metro's 30/10 initiative has now gone national as America Fast Forward. The proposal would leverage federal assistance to accelerate construction of local transportation projects.

- Here are updates on a few of the projects:
- Regional Connector Transit Corridor**
 - > The Federal Transit Administration gave formal approval for preliminary engineering work to begin on the Regional Connector, bringing it a step closer to actual construction.
 - > A two-mile, fully underground light rail line has been approved for the route of the Regional Connector Transit Corridor connecting the Metro Gold Line, Metro Blue Line and future Expo Line through Downtown LA.
 - > The route would connect with the Metro Blue and Expo lines at 7th Street/Metro Center Station and with the Metro Gold Line at Alameda Street.
 - Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2**
 - > Public update meetings were held recently on the environmental study evaluating alternatives extending the Metro Gold Line farther east from East LA.
 - > Two routes being explored are from Atlantic Boulevard east along either the Pomona Freeway or Washington Boulevard.
 - West Santa Ana Transit Corridor**
 - > A series of community meetings are being held over the next 20 months to explore transportation alternatives for an abandoned 20-mile rail right-of-way between the cities of Paramount and Santa Ana.
 - > Alternatives to be evaluated include bus rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail and high-speed rail.



Educators receive awards at board meeting

■ Local Masonic lodge honors its Downey teachers of the year.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Tuesday turned out to be more of an awards afternoon than a regular DUSD meeting, as several individuals were cited for their accomplishments and/or noteworthy contributions benefiting others.

Warren High School principal John Harris presented multi-entertained senior Fabian Chavez who recently received recognition as a 2011 Friends of Arts education scholarship winner in instrumental music. Adept with the flute, clarinet and saxophone, Chavez, who gave a sample of his skill with the sax, is bound for Cal State Northridge on his jazz studies scholarship.

Masonic 'teacher of the year' awards went to longtime Ward Elementary teacher Leslie Neill, West Middle School teacher Tracy Knibb and Downey High's Josette Bean.

Neill, a teacher at Ward for more than 25 years and among other things is known for her "love of data," was lauded for her effectiveness in the classroom and for being a personification of a model teacher. She recently "seamlessly" transitioned from the classroom into the Title I resource teacher, according to her principal.

Joining West eight years ago, Knibb, according to her principal Craig Bertsch, has "gotten a lot of things done" as an English teacher, an ASB advisor, a SIOP coach, and a co-Title I coordinator. A Cal State Long Beach graduate (BA in English and MA in curriculum and instruction), she will serve as a summer school principal for the district.

Downey High principal Tom Houts had fun presenting Bean, a native of Wasilla, Alaska and who once played basketball with Sarah Palin in high school. She has taught at the Hebrew Academy in Westminster and Marina High School, along the way waitressing at Antonucci's Italiano in Newport Beach and taking creative writing classes at Orange Coast College. She was an English Lit major at Arizona State University and has received multiple awards and recognitions. She currently teaches AP English, Sophomore English and intermediate ELD.

Downey High junior Genesis



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Teachers of the Year included (from left, holding plaques): Tracy Knibb (West Middle School), Leslie Neill (Ward) and Josette Bean (Downey).

Anguiano, 16, was also recognized for her speech and debating prowess, in addition to achieving a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.9. Among other things she has been a Miss Downey Princess and has qualified for the California state speech and debate tournament.

Downey Council PTA president Karin Kirkpatrick meanwhile recognized Mathew Johnson for his recent participation in the PTA Sacramento Safari.

In a surprise, DUSD board president Martha Sodemani received a public service award from the local branch of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national educational sorority organization.

In other action, the Board: *Acknowledged with thanks the many cash and in-kind contributions the district received for the period from various donors, a few worth \$10,000 and above;

*Ratified all routine district business (including convention and conference expenditures, as well as special education placements, purchase orders, completed assorted construction projects, agreements with other educational/instructional institutions, etc.) detailed more fully in the agenda packet for April 12, 2011;

*Adopted a resolution calling for the election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011, of four members to the governing board of the Downey Unified School District;

*Adopted a resolution urging the California state legislature to support and adopt Senate constitutional amendment (SCA) 5, which will reduce the two-thirds



Fabian Chavez, a senior at Warren High, will attend Cal State Northridge with a scholarship in instrumental music.



School board president Martha Sodemani, left, received the public service award from Delta Kappa Gamma.

vote requirement to 55 percent on parcel taxes, which can be used to address the needs of the schools;

*Received the proposed 2011-12 course of study for the middle and high schools for review, which will be voted on at the next board meeting;

*Reviewed the slightly revised Downey Adult School course of study for 2011-12;

*Established the assignments, a few tentatively, for participation in the upcoming class of 2011 graduation ceremonies; and

*Endorsed the actions of the superintendent on student cases.

The next meeting of the Board will be on Tuesday, May 10, at the Gallegos Administrative Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

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Protecting our air and public health

By Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34)

Californians, like all Americans, love breathing clean, healthy air. We relish that picture perfect moment: a clear view of the mountains or ocean, kids playing soccer or baseball, enjoying a picnic in the park on a warm day, or just a brisk walk with the dog.



There are also the moments we'd like to forget -- missed school or missed work due to bad air days, asthma and bronchial attacks and the associated costs to families, business and the economy.

The EPA and Clean Air Act have delivered much good for us over the past 40 years -- everything from reducing lead levels in the air by 92 percent to preventing hundreds of thousands of premature deaths, millions of asthma attacks and more. A recent EPA report revealed that in 2010 alone, the Clean Air Act reductions in fine particle and ozone pollution have prevented more than 160,000 cases of premature mortality, 130,000 heart attacks, 1.7 million asthma attacks and 13 million lost work days.

But though our air is cleaner, it's not nearly clean enough. Bad air is still the reality for many Americans -- just ask the millions of Latinos who live where air quality violates federal safety levels -- many right here in Southern California. In 2006, it was estimated that almost half of Latinos lived with unsafe ozone levels and more than a quarter with unsafe fine particulate levels. Air pollution is still a public health problem that hits Latinos particularly hard since so many of us live in communities near sources of harmful emissions and over 30% of us have no health insurance.

Californians understand the critical importance of clean air laws and the need for regulating polluting industries. That was made clear last November when we overwhelmingly voted down Prop 23, which would

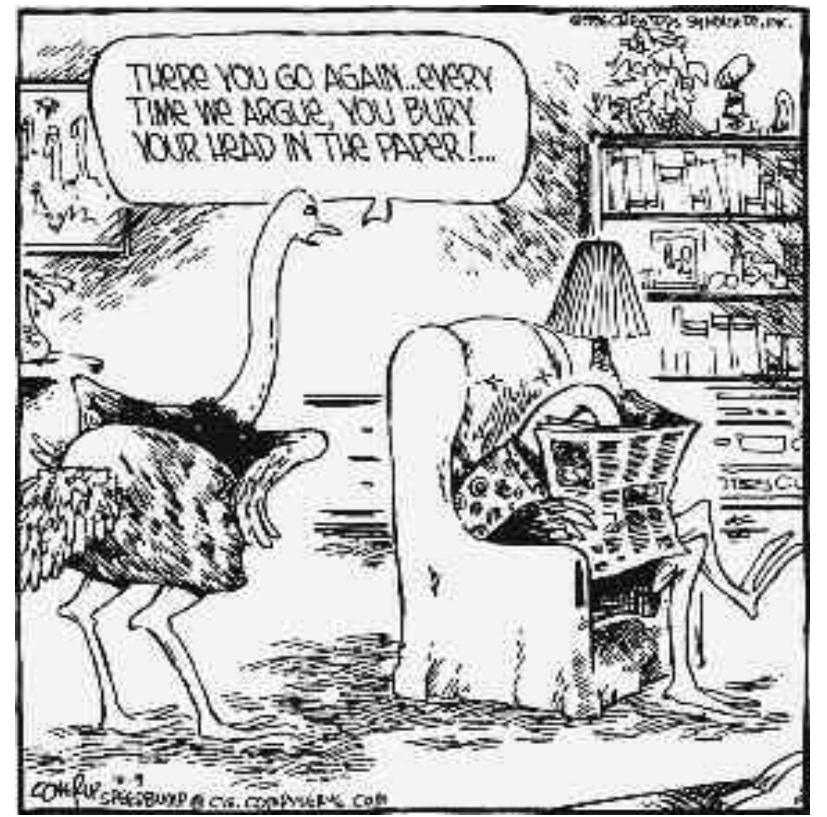
have rolled back California's law to reduce air pollution. But that battle was just the beginning of an effort now brewing at the federal level to restrict the tools at government's disposal to protect the public's health.

Many in the new Congress are trying to block the Environmental Protection Agency from implementing the Clean Air Act. The Republican spending plan that would fund the federal government for the rest of the year drastically cuts funding to enforce the law and protect public health. The proposal cuts the EPA's budget by 30 percent, the largest cut of any agency. Under the guise of deficit reduction, opponents of clean air regulations are seeking to gut EPA's power to enforce the law.

The proposed reductions in EPA funding mirror an effort in both the House and Senate to block the agency from regulating toxic greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and other sources. This attempt to disarm the EPA is taking place despite the fact that the Supreme Court held that the EPA has the authority to control these sources of pollution.

The EPA must be allowed to continue cleaning up air pollution and ensuring that safeguards keep up with modern-day scientific findings -- findings that show we should add carbon dioxide to the list of pollutants regulated and monitored by the federal government. The EPA relied on the best science available to begin setting carbon dioxide standards, just as it has in updating standards on mercury and arsenic, other power plant emissions that pose serious health risks.

Californians and all Americans should call on Congress to follow the science and renew our national commitment to clean air. This is a public health issue of profound importance, not only for heavily impacted Latino families and children in my Los Angeles communities, but for kids all across the country who deserve to grow up breathing clean, healthy air. Let the EPA do its job.



Letters to the Editor:

Changing street names

Dear Editor:

I am completely in agreement with Bonnie West's letter dated March 31. ("No to Feinstein," Letters to the Editor) I cannot see the benefit of naming a street after a politician who's only achievement is funneling money -- not her own -- to various areas in order to gain votes.

I know there will probably be some city politicians telling us again how all the affected people who live on the street whose name is to be changed are in favor and looking forward to the time and trouble it takes to change their addresses on all the credit cards, checks, driver's licenses and all other correspondence, such as we were all told with a straight face when Clark Avenue was recently changed.

So if we are going to change street names, let us name streets after those who have actually had an impact on Downey through their own deed or those who have elevated mankind other than for publicity or the distribution of money.

-- Ed Romero,
Downey

Rethink strategy

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter that Richard Spencer sent to *The Downey Patriot* on April 7, 2011, regarding bike lanes throughout the city of Downey. ("Bikers Ignored," Letters to the Editor).

I am not a bicyclist on a regular basis but I do respect the rights and wishes of casual bicyclists or those who do choose bicycles as their primary mode of transportation. What I don't agree with is Mr. Spencer's ridiculous assertion that bicyclists have somehow suffered the same unjust and unfair discrimination and rights violations that other groups of our society have had to endure in our history. To compare the plight of a bicyclist who may have to go without their own designated bike lane to that of a particular group of people who have suffered significant injustices based on their race, gender or sexual orientation is nothing short of ignorant and arrogant.

While I agree that the traffic volume in Downey, as in many other cities in the southeast area, is such that many bicyclists are at risk when they travel the major arteries, I have not seen the increased amount of bicycle traffic in the city that would justify the additional expense or space needed to construct bike lanes on every major road as Mr. Spencer wishes.

It is the opinion of Mr. Spencer that bicyclists are currently ignored, considered a nuisance by the public and picked on by ill-informed officers. I don't agree with this assessment, however, if part of his plan to combat these so-called atrocities is holding protests and bike rides that will clog roadways and highways in the city rather than inform and educate the public and the policy makers, he will do more harm than good to the legitimate concerns of bicycle enthusiasts.

-- Randy Davis,
Downey

Latino voices critical in budget talks

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), the largest and oldest membership-based Hispanic organization in the country, held a press conference Thursday in Chicago regarding the proposed federal budget cuts.

LULAC urges the Latino community to alert Congress that budget cuts are necessary but sacrifices cannot be made on the backs of hardworking middle-class families. As the largest and fastest growing segment of the U.S. population, now is the time for all Latinos to speak up for the needs of our families, our neighborhoods, and our future.

"We stand with President Obama in ensuring that key investments in education, innovation, infrastructure development and government reform are protected," said Margaret Moran, LULAC national president, "but Congress needs to compromise in order to eliminate wasteful spending, close corporate loopholes, and save essential federal programs. We are the largest group among the uninsured, with 38.9% going without coverage in 2010, and we comprise 14% of all Pell Grant recipients. Now is not the time to roll back funding that is crucial to the advancement of our students, our families or our most vulnerable community members."

"If budget negotiations aren't reached by midnight on April 8th, the government will shut down and many critical services would likely cease," explained Brent Wilkes, LULAC national executive director. "Congress can and must come to a compromise for the sake of the Latino community and other minority populations. The effects of the proposed budgets cuts are far-reaching and endanger crucial programs, such as Head Start, WIC, resources for students striving towards attaining higher education, and Hispanic health services."

"We cannot afford to sacrifice the needs of women and children at a time when they need us to speak up for them the most," added Regla Gonzalez, LULAC national vice president for women. "The Hispanic community must realize that their voices are crucial in this fight to save programs and services that empower our community. This is the only beginning and we must start pushing back now."

Time for more restrictions on teen driving

By Leigh Ann Pusey

Car accidents are the number one killer of teenagers in the United States.

Government data show that each day, more than 10 teens are killed nationwide in a motor vehicle crash. Due to inexperience and bad habits, young drivers are more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than any other age group, and the risk is highest during their first years of driving.

Now, a new teen driving act introduced in the U.S. Congress seeks to slow this dangerous trend and spare thousands of families the heartbreaking loss of a teenage child.

The Safe Teen and Novice Driver Uniform Protection (STAND UP) Act would set national standards for graduated driver licensing (GDL) programs, which have been proven to reduce deaths and injuries among the least experienced drivers.

GDL programs work by gradually easing restrictions on teen drivers as they gain more experience behind the wheel. Drivers must complete a three-step licensing process in which they spend a minimum of six months at the learner's permit stage, followed by another six months with an intermediate license. Once drivers turn 18, they are awarded full driving privileges.

Research shows that states with strong GDL laws have seen as much as a 40 percent decrease in teen crashes, and the longer licensure is delayed, the better. If every state had strong GDL laws, 175 deaths and about 350,000 injuries could be prevented each year, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

GDL programs save lives because they target the key behaviors that raise crash risk among teenage drivers -- speeding, nighttime driving, and distractions from peer passengers and cell phones.

While teens are still mastering the complexities of driving, GDL laws limit unsupervised driving hours and ban teens from using electronic devices such as cell phones or iPods when driving. And since young teens are the most vulnerable, GDL laws would raise the age at which drivers can get a learner's permit from 14 or 15 in most states to 16.

The idea behind GDL laws is simple: Minimize risk while maximizing experience. With GDL programs, teens gain driving privileges commensurate with their developing skills and good judgment.

Although 49 states have some form of GDL, only a handful have comprehensive licensing systems -- including appropriate nighttime and passenger restrictions -- in place. The STAND UP Act would strengthen and improve existing laws -- the same way earlier federal mandates increased seat-belt use and reduced drunken driving.

GDL proponents recognize that parents want to keep to their children safe on the road, but they also need flexibility to manage family schedules. That's why the STAND UP Act makes exceptions for teens driving with an immediate family member under age 21 and for traveling to workplaces or school-sanctioned events -- instances where teens are already less likely to engage in risky driving. The bill would also exempt most teens who work on family farms.

Thanks to the flexibility and protection GDL laws provide, numerous surveys show that parents strongly endorse the system. What's surprising is that nearly 75 percent of teenagers support a comprehensive GDL law, according to a recent survey by the AllState Foundation. Even wider majorities of teens favor bans on texting (93 percent) and cell phone use (85 percent). Much like their elders, teens recognize the importance of sharing the road with responsible and experienced drivers.

We all know that teen crashes -- and the tragic losses that result -- are preventable. GDL laws are a proven, effective strategy for reducing risk to teens, their passengers, and others who share the road with them. Parents, teens, and lawmakers should "stand up" for national graduated driver licensing standards and ensure that the next generation of drivers is well-prepared for the serious responsibility of driving.

Leigh Ann Pusey is President and CEO of the American Insurance Association. This piece was originally published in *PropertyCasualty360.com*.

A charitable way to shore up the bottom line

By Laura McKnight

For decades, many corporate leaders have subscribed to Milton Friedman's dictum that the one social responsibility of a business is to increase its profits. But for today's businesses, it appears that the reverse is true -- increasing profits is impossible without adopting a strong dose of social responsibility.

A recent Edelman survey of nearly 5,000 members of the "informed public" -- which the research firm defined as college-educated folks with incomes in the top quartile for their age -- found as much. No longer are corporate social responsibility and corporate profits mutually exclusive. Instead, doing good can help companies do well.

When asked what was most important for a company's reputation, nearly two-thirds of those Edelman interviewed cited "transparent and honest business practices." Half said that a highly regarded company needed to be a "good corporate citizen." Meanwhile, only 39 percent mentioned financial returns to investors as important to a firm's reputation.

Improving society is not just the lot of the dedicated humanitarian -- it's also the charge of the wise CEO. "Business must align profit and purpose for social benefit," the Edelman report concluded.

But corporate social responsibility doesn't just generate public goodwill. CSR can also shore up the bottom line. A 2010 study published in *Texas A&M-Corpus Christi's SAM Advanced Management Journal* found a "statistically significant positive relationship" between companies that do good and those that do well.

Three economists examined 120 U.S. corporations which were members of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) between 1999 and 2007. To constitute the Index Dow Jones assesses the opportunities and risks companies face in the economic, environmental, and social realms.

The authors compared the firms' financial performances with those of 120 companies that were not members of the DJSI. They found that firms that had embraced corporate social responsibility had higher gross profit margins and higher return on assets than those that didn't.

To explain the socially conscious businesses' economic success, the economists cited elevated levels of loyalty and trust among their customer bases, especially those deemed "morally conscious."

Companies are increasingly reaching out to these influential consumers, who reward responsible companies with their business. Consider the case of Starbucks, for instance.

Its coffeehouses are adorned with pictures of Central and South American farmers with their hands in bags of coffee beans. The captions next to the prints tout the chain's ethical practices -- like fair-trade-certified ingredients, community-based development projects, and charitable contributions.

Starbucks also trumpets the many benefits it gives its employees -- like health care, tuition reimbursement, access to stock options, and retirement savings accounts.

As a result, consumers feel like they're making a positive impact on the world with their daily coffee purchases. That sort of personal connection to purchases defines Starbucks' business. As the company's CEO Howard Schulz has written, consumers "will embrace only the companies and brands they trust and with which they identify. . . The approach Starbucks is committed to is the only one that will enable us to deliver long term value to shareholders, partners and customers."

He's proven right, as Starbucks took in more than \$2.5 billion in revenue last year, thanks in no small part to those positive consumer vibes.

Of course, realizing the benefits of corporate social responsibility requires more than simply giving money away haphazardly. As the authors of the *Texas A&M* study wrote, "corporate responsibility must pass more than the 'feel-good' evaluation: it must pass prudent financial value and produce positive economic impact," if it is to have maximum impact.

A simple inventory of a company's existing charitable activities can help ensure that businesses are reaping returns on their CSR investments. And for executives facing pressure to trim costs, such a tally can also identify potential opportunities for savings without straining a company's reputation.

Profits are as important to American business as they were 40 years ago, when Friedman offered his famous maxim. But in today's marketplace, business leaders will not be able to increase profits, as Friedman exhorted, unless they embrace a program of corporate social responsibility.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For April

Sun. April 17: **Film series**, Downey High School, 2:30 p.m.
Wed. April 20: **History lecturer Douglas Westfall**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 6 p.m.
Thurs. April 21: **Screening of 'The Robe'**, Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment, 6 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...

April 14, 1828: The first edition of Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.
1865: President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth.
1902: J.C. Penney opened his first store, in Kemmerer, Wyo.
1912: The Titanic cruise ship collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began to sink.
1956: Ampex Corp. demonstrated its first commercial videotape recorder.
Birthdays: Retired baseball player Pete Rose (70), actor Brad Garrett (51), actor Adrien Brody (38), mixed martial artist Anderson Silva (36) and actress Abigail Breslin (15).

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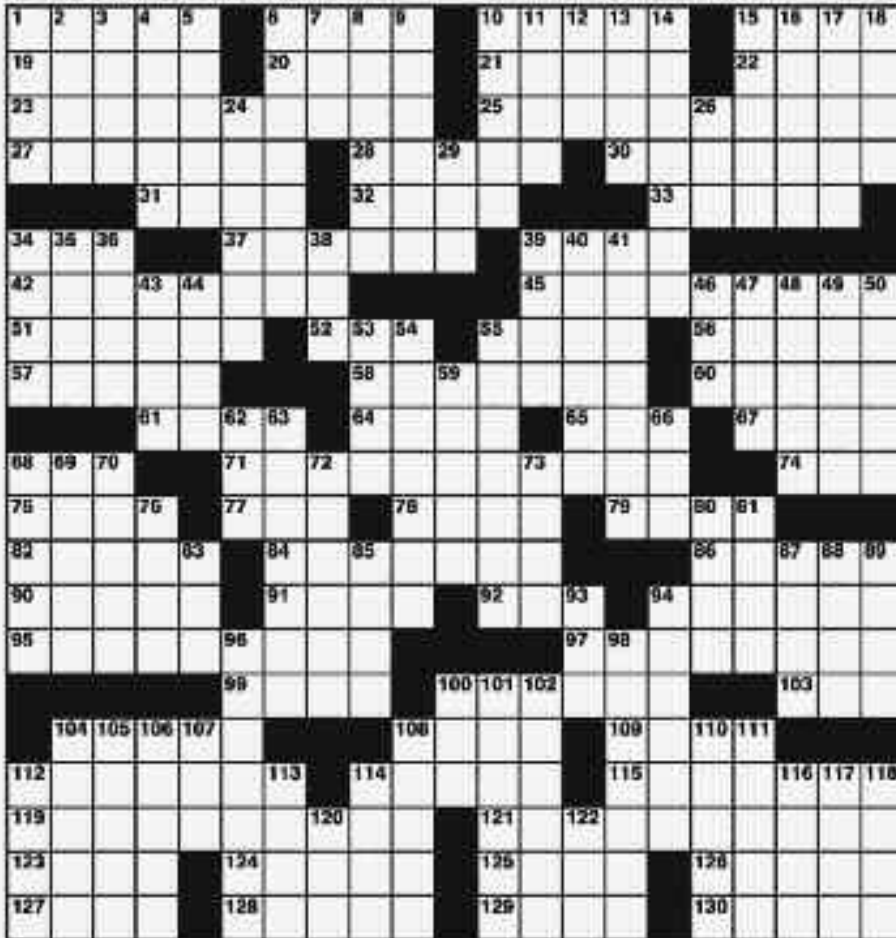
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Do you get an overwhelming urge to move your legs - especially at night - accompanied by an uncomfortable sensation? Does moving your legs release that discomfort? Does the feeling only get worse when you try to relax or lie still? Does this (understandably!) keep you awake? You may be suffering from a condition known as Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS).

Restless Leg Syndrome affects up to 10% of the population, including about a million children. Women are twice as likely to get it, and while symptoms can begin at any age, the more severe form of the disease occurs in middle-aged or older people.

More than 80% of people with RLS also experience a condition known as periodic limb movement of sleep (PLMS). PLMS is characterized by involuntary leg twitching or jerking movements, occurring every 15 to 40 seconds, and leading to repeated awakenings.

Symptoms vary from day to day in severity and frequency, and only by keeping in constant motion might the sensations be prevented. The arms, trunk and head are much less often involved. Classically, it's worse at night, and symptoms usually subside first thing in the morning. Common triggers include times of inactivity like a long car trip, sitting in a movie theater, a plane flight, immobilization in a cast, or relaxation exercises. In the long term, there may be periods of remission for days or months before a new relapse occurs. Symptoms tend to become more severe over time for most, and yet may disappear for some.

The causes of Restless Leg Syndrome are puzzling. The medical literature first mentioned it in 1683. More than 60% of cases are felt to have a genetic component, as it is found clustered in families when the disease begins before age 40. RLS can also be related to iron-deficiency, which seems to account for 20% of all cases, but 75% percent of cases show elevated levels of iron in the blood! Other conditions that often occur in those suffering from RLS include varicose veins, folate deficiency, magnesium deficiency, fibromyalgia, sleep apnea, kidney failure, diabetes, thyroid disease, Parkinson's disease, certain autoimmune disorders, celiac disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and peripheral neuropathy. Finally, in a study just released by the Mayo Clinic, it appears that RLS could be a sign of hidden heart problems. The study showed that people with very frequent leg movements were more likely to have thick hearts, a condition that makes them more prone to cardiac problems, stroke and death. A cause-and-effect relationship has not been proven to date, but the association of the two has definitely been observed.

Some medications aggravate RLS symptoms, including anti-nausea meds, anti-psychotic drugs, certain over-the-counter antihistamines, and some anti-depressants. Other factors that can make it worse are being in the last trimester of pregnancy, detoxing from opioids, alcohol use, sleep deprivation, and undergoing any surgery.

Diagnosis of RLS is made clinically, not through a lab test. Your doctor will focus on your description of symptoms, triggers, what gives relief, and the pattern it follows throughout the day and night. While laboratory tests can be run to rule out other conditions such as vitamin deficiencies or other movement disorders, and sleep studies can rule out sleep apnea, there is as of yet no diagnostic test to establish a diagnosis of RLS.

The goal of treatment is to reduce symptoms, including decreasing the number of nights with symptoms, and the severity of symptoms, and the frequency of nighttime awakenings.

- When RLS is a result of an underlying medical condition, it may be cured when the underlying condition is taken care of.

- For the 20% of cases associated with iron deficiency, iron replacement may eliminate or reduce RLS symptoms.

- Stretching exercises of the leg muscles can bring relief lasting from seconds to days. Walking may give some relief.

- For some, dopamine agonist medications, such as Ropinirole (Ropinirole) and Mirapex (Pramipexole), have helped.

- Lifestyle changes may make a real difference, including reducing caffeine, alcohol and tobacco; taking iron, folate, and magnesium supplements; maintaining regular sleep patterns; and getting exercise, massages, and baths.

Unfortunately, RLS is a chronic condition with no cure. There may be hope in the many research projects that are currently underway, which promise to give new insights into the causes and cures for this debilitating condition.

I wish you good health and sound sleep!

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Autism walk at Rose Bowl

PASADENA – The ninth annual Los Angeles Walk Now for Autism Speaks takes place April 23 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

More than 20,000 people attended last year's walk, helping raise \$1.3 million for autism research, awareness and family services.

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disorder, with 1% of the population affected, organizers said.

Celebrities expected to participate include Holly Robinson Peete, Michael B. Jordan and Max Burkholder.

The walk begins with an opening ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Deaths due to stroke, heart disease drop

■ County health officials say heart disease mortality rate dropped 41% between '97-07.

LOS ANGELES – Mortality rates from heart disease and stroke decreased sharply in Los Angeles County over the past decade, according to a report released this week by the Department of Public Health.

Between 1997 and 2007, the heart disease mortality rate decreased by 41 percent and stroke mortality rate decreased by 39 percent, translating to approximately 9,000 lives saved annually from heart disease and approximately 2,000 lives saved from stroke.

"These declines in heart disease and stroke mortality represent great improvements in the public's health, and they will become more important still as the population ages," said Jonathan E. Fielding, MD, MPH, Director of Public Health and Health Officer. "However, a great deal of progress remains to be made. Many individuals may still experience preventable heart attacks or strokes. Progress has been made both in reducing risk factors such as smoking, but the prevalence of other risk

factors for heart disease and stroke, including obesity, lack of physical activity, Type II diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and tobacco use, remain very high."

Information on heart attack and stroke mortality was compiled from Los Angeles County death certificate data and compared to data published in the American Heart Association journal *Circulation* ("Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics 2011 Update: A Report from the American Heart Association," published December 15, 2010). The report compares trends in heart disease and stroke mortality in Los Angeles County with those of the rest of the nation.

"The American Heart Association is pleased with the progress Los Angeles County has made against heart disease and stroke," said Kathy Magliato, MD, board president, American Heart Association Greater Los Angeles Division. "As encouraging as this news is, it is important to recognize that there is so much more to do. Heart disease and stroke remain the No. 1 and No. 3 killers in the country and several major risk factors for these diseases have not seen the same decline as death rates - in fact, several are on the rise and are appearing at earlier ages than

ever before. If this trend continues, death rates could begin to rise again in the years ahead and we will see our children developing heart disease at a young age, dying early or requiring medical care sooner. The financial and emotional toll will be detrimental to Los Angeles."

Heart Disease:

- In 1996, Los Angeles County experienced approximately 239 deaths per 100,000 people due to heart disease. (Nationally, there were 170 deaths per 100,000 people.)

- In 2007, Los Angeles County experienced approximately 141 deaths per 100,000 people due to heart disease (a 41 percent decrease from 1996).

- Despite these encouraging numbers, heart disease mortality remains 12 percent higher in LA County than for the U.S. as a whole. Nationwide, there were approximately 126 deaths per 100,000 people.

Stroke:

- In 1996, Los Angeles County experienced approximately 59 deaths per 100,000 people due to stroke. (Nationally, there were approximately 64 deaths per 100,000 people.)

- By 2007 in Los Angeles County, there were approximately 36 deaths per 100,000 people due to stroke (a 39 percent decrease from 1996).

- The stroke mortality rate in Los Angeles County in 2007 was 14 percent lower than the rate nationwide (42 deaths per 100,000 for the nation).

Reasons for the decrease:

There are a number of factors that are likely contributing to the decrease in heart disease and stroke

mortality in the county. These include more effective medical treatment of high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol, public education on heart attack and stroke warning signs so that individuals seek care more quickly, and improvements in medical and surgical treatment of heart attack, stroke, and their complications.

In addition, the county has seen a continued decline in smoking among adults (from 18.2 percent in 1997 to 14.3 percent in 2007) as a result of very effective public health campaigns.

Next steps:

To sustain the impressive progress in reducing heart disease and stroke mortality, efforts are needed to ensure access to health care for all county residents so they can benefit from recommended preventive services (including treatment of elevated blood pressure and cholesterol) and emergency and follow-up care for heart disease and stroke and their complications.

Continued efforts are also needed to educate the public on the warning signs of heart disease and stroke. Increasing focus must be placed on prevention by addressing the underlying risk factors for heart disease and stroke, including tobacco use, lack of physical activity, poor nutrition, and obesity.

These efforts must include not only intensive public education but also a focus on policies that create healthier environments, where the healthy choice becomes the easy choice - for example, communities where there is ready access to affordable, healthy foods and abundant opportunities for physical activity, and where smoking is discouraged.

Avoid sabotaging a healthy meal

Not all "healthy" restaurant meals are created equal. When dining out, protect yourself from being deceived by incorporating these tips from Beth LaCoste, nutritional expert for TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the nonprofit weight-loss support organization.

Investigate, ask your server how items are prepared and look at the restaurant menu's nutrition information online in advance, if available. With a bit of planning, your diet doesn't have to be derailed.

Salad – A plate packed with dark, leafy greens, vegetables and even fruit can be very nutritious. Avoid salads featuring heavy dressing and cheese, which easily adds on extra calories and fat.

Fish – Baked or grilled fish with lemon is an ideal choice but a fried fish platter can quickly top 2,000 calories. Also steer clear of fish with butter or cream sauces.

Smoothies – A blend of low-fat yogurt and fresh or frozen fruit that you prepare yourself in a blender can be a healthy way to start your day. Smoothies found in the mall food court are a quick way to tack on calories due to the added sugar - aside from the sugars that occur naturally in fruit - the use of full-fat milk and commonly-found super sizes.

Wraps – Depending on the type of sauce and amount of cheese used, these wraps can top upwards of 1,000 calories. For a healthy wrap, stick with one containing lean meats, plenty of veggies, small amounts of cheese and no mayo or creamy sauces.

Coffee drinks – A regular cup of coffee with no "add-ins" has zero calories and fat. However, many flavored coffee drinks contain more calories than a large burger due to the cream and flavored syrups added to them. Aim for skim milk,

ask for sugar-free syrups and withhold the whipped cream for a lighter pick-me-up.

Muffins – Many muffins found in bakeries and cafes are equivalent to a piece of cake in fat and calories. Think of these muffins as oversized cupcakes and avoid indulging.

Fried veggies – How do you make vegetables unhealthy? Be it sweet potatoes or broccoli, this growing, trendy menu option of frying veggies is a "don't."

Multi-grain breads/buns – "Multi-grain" can often be misinterpreted as being whole-grain. Multi-grained breads contain a variety of grains but they are often refined, stripped of protein, nutrients and antioxidants. Breads that are 100% whole-grain are higher in nutrients and fiber and are a more well-balanced choice.

Chicken – A grilled chicken breast is a great option until condiments like cheese, mayo and bacon are added. Top your sandwich with lettuce, onion, tomato and other veggies, plus a low-calorie sauce or mustard for added flavor.

Salad bar – Just because a food item is included on the salad bar doesn't necessarily mean it's healthy. Avoid creamy, macaroni-and-pea-type salads, and watch the amount of shredded cheese you add. To build a healthy salad, stick to a variety of veggies and lean protein, like meats or hard-boiled eggs, and use light dressing or oil and vinegar.

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Fewer Teeth Raises Heart Disease Risk
 As scientists are coming to understand the interplay between various organs and systems of the human body, we are learning that no part of the body really functions alone. The latest example of this interdependency involves the finding that cardiovascular disease (and coronary heart disease, in particular) is closely related to the number of teeth that a person has left. According to recent research, a person with fewer than ten of his or her own teeth has a seven times higher mortality risk by coronary disease than a person of the same age and of the same sex with more than 25 teeth left. The common denominator between fewer teeth and heart disease is thought to be chronic inflammation. I invite you to ask for more details by calling (562) 923-3714, or Email me at SAZERDDS@aol.com

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Gahr wins despite Downey offense

DOWNEY – Hoping to salvage a victory in the season series, Downey High School baseball lost 11-7 against Gahr at home last Friday.

With the loss, Gahr sweeps the season series against the Vikings and further hurts Downey's playoff chances.

Downey's bats finally came alive in San Gabriel Valley League play and both teams were tied going into the fifth inning, but the Vikings were unable to hold on for the victory.

Warren girls put up 22 runs

DOWNEY – Warren High School softball started off league play right by taking care of business against Dominguez in a 22-0 win last Friday.

The Bears are expected to be one of the top teams along side Downey in the San Gabriel Valley League this year.

Warren routes Dons again

DOWNEY – In another rout, Warren High School again crushed Dominguez in the second of a two game set on Tuesday, this time beating them 17-0.

The Bears are now 11-3 overall and 2-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

They will face Lynwood on Thursday and will have completed a game against Paramount on Wednesday. Scores were not available at press time.

—Scott Cobos, staff writer

Bears pull away to beat Dons

■ **BASEBALL:** Warren led 6-3 going into the fourth before pulling away.

By **SCOTT COBOS,**
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – It was a rout, no doubt about it, but after Warren's 14-3 thrashing of Dominguez last Friday, it felt more like a 1-run game with mental mistakes starting to plague the Bears more and more.

Although the score would indicate otherwise, the game had a 1-run feel to it with Dominguez always seeming to fight back little by little. But this feel could also be attributed to the lack of focus by the Bears, a rut they've fallen into that has bothered manager Paul Alvarez for a while now.

"I think sometimes kids are guilty of playing to the level of their opponent," he said. "I'm not knocking Dominguez or anything, but I think they had a chip on their shoulder, our kids had a chip on their shoulder that they're going to win. They were expecting to win."

Matthew Barela and Juan Avena both had a pair of runs and hits apiece, and Hugo Rodriguez had three hits and scored a run. But surprisingly enough, the scoring outburst didn't come until the bottom of the sixth inning.

In fact, it was a 6-3 game going into the top of the fourth inning with Dominguez threatening because of an error, a hit batter, and a walk. The Bears shouldn't have even been in the position with a tailor-made double play grounder botched, and a stolen base that was picked clean off by pitcher Anthony Altamirano.

Although Altamirano pitched five innings for the victory, it was



Warren catcher Matthew Caswell prepares for a pitch from Anthony Altamirano. The Bears beat Dominguez, 14-3.

a struggle. He struggled with his command up in the zone and was rather wild and pitching around Dominguez instead of going right at Dons hitters and challenging them to put the ball in play.

"He had a little bit of trouble locating his pitches," Alvarez said. "I was calling pitches and he wasn't hitting his spots. Like any pitcher, he's going to have trouble hitting his spots on any given day."

But this goes back to the lack of focus Alvarez believes his team continues to battle, even against lesser opponents such as Dominguez, a team that the Bears have dominated for more than a decade.

"[The game was] a little bit sloppy on our part," he said. "Actually, sloppy all around. 14-3 ballgames are usually not a clean

game. There were mistakes made on both sides and definitely things on our side that need to be worked on."

When asked what he and his coaching staff are doing to get the team to refocus and recapture their 2010 swagger that got the Bears to the playoffs and their first playoff victory in years, Alvarez said they're starting to try an almost Phil Jackson, Zen approach to their struggles.

"We're trying a couple mental things," he said. "We have a book that we're going through to see if that could help us out. We're trying to work on the mental aspect of the game."

"We just barely started it. We just got a hold of a particular book that I think is going to help out. We're trying everything we can to put a couple W's on the board and get us back to the playoffs."

While he and his coaching staff are trying to reconstruct the Bears' mental approach, Alvarez said he feels like he's starting to zero in a little on what the main issue is with a team that while winning are making it harder on themselves.

"I think we need to improve our baseball IQ," he said. "I think the fundamental issues we have are because of lack of baseball IQ, not because of our lack of ability. It's because we make the wrong decisions on the field."

But he continues to preach to this kids that they still need to take it from game to game, although he's worried that's another issue.

"We're different from game to game," he said. "Sometimes we have a great mindset, sometimes we need a little more focus. It all depends on how the kids come out on a particular game."

Warren will look to win the rubber match against Lynwood on Friday on the road. Game time is 3:15 p.m.



PHOTO BY DEANNA KIM

Downey pitcher Jared Gibson gave up five runs in seven innings Tuesday. The Vikings lost, 5-1.

Frustration mounts for 4-11 Downey

■ **BASEBALL:** Offense is stagnant as Downey loses to Paramount, 5-1.

By **SCOTT COBOS,**
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Frustration is starting to set in and you can hear it in Downey manager Jess Gonzalez's voice after a 5-1 loss to Paramount at home under the lights on Tuesday after his team put up little offense.

"We've been frustrated all year," he said poker faced after the game. "When you're losing, you're going to be frustrated."

Downey's only run came in the second inning after catcher Yamel Delgado led off the inning with a single. Paramount pitcher Alex Navarette tried to pick off Delgado, but instead threw the ball behind him, allowing for him to advance to second.

Randy Rubio would strike out to record the first out of the inning, but Jonathan Grana singled to right field, scoring Delgado. After that, the bats went quiet and the base paths were virtually untouched with the Vikings not getting another runner into scoring position.

"We're limited offensively," Gonzalez said. "We need to be able to not make mistakes. We make mistakes all the time. We do something every game. That's what kills me. I know we're not going to score 10 runs a game, eight runs a game, or even seven like we did the other day [against Gahr]. Hey, that was good, but we didn't take advantage of that."

Falling behind early on in games has plagued the Vikings since the beginning of the season. Tuesday was no different with

Downey pitcher Jared Gibson allowing two runs in the first inning, and another in the second.

Gibson struggled with his fast-ball command in the early innings, often finding himself up in the zone. Paramount hitters took advantage and squared up a few pitches to take an early lead.

With two outs and no runners on base in the first inning, Paramount's Jaime Valle singled then advanced to second base on a wild pitch in the dirt. Gabriel Aguilar who was at bat walked to put runners on first and second.

Steven Espinoza then came up and singled in Valle with Aguilar moving up to third base on a throwing error from the outfield. Fernando Rios then singled in Aguilar, but Espinoza was thrown out at home, trying to score.

The damage was already done, and with the way the Vikings have been swinging the bat, two runs was all that Paramount needed.

Navarette was masterful beside the second inning blip, pitching a complete game, allowing one run, four hits, and striking out nine Vikings, getting the last three outs of the game on punch outs. The more amazing thing about the outing was that he only allowed four fly balls, a big sign that he was pitching to contact.

"They played a good game, their guy pitched well," Gonzalez said. "Right now, we just have to figure out a way to get a win."

Although he gave up five runs, Gibson did adjust and kept the Vikings in the game for six innings, putting up goose eggs on the scoreboard for innings three through six, hoping that there would be some signs of life offensively.

But in the seventh, looking like he ran out of gas, Gibson allowed two more runs to score, all but silencing any comeback the Vikings may have had in them.

"He made good pitches when he had to," Gonzalez said. "Our catcher threw out a few guys. Four of their runs scored with two outs and no one on."

The Vikings look to salvage the series with a win Friday on the road against the Pirates. Game time is 7 p.m.



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Abalone diving with spare air for safety

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BY CARRIE WILSON,
FISH & GAME

Q: While abalone diving, I would like to keep a very small, emergency supply of air on my person as a safety precaution. The device would be shrink-wrapped to indicate evidence of use. The idea being that if the seal is intact, there would be no evidence of "use" and I would be in compliance with the law.

Would I be in violation of any of the regulations if I were to wear such a device while taking abalone, assuming I did not use the device and had sufficient evidence to prove such a claim?

A: The law prohibits the "use of SCUBA gear or surface-supplied air to take abalone." According to DFG Lt. Dennis McKiver, this includes having it in your possession, even if you are not actually breathing off of it.

The law also states that abalone may not be taken or possessed aboard any boat, vessel, or floating

device in the water containing SCUBA or surface-supplied air. Since you are not allowed to have SCUBA gear in your possession on a boat while taking abalone (even if the SCUBA gear is not being used), to be consistent with the law, this spare air product would also not be allowed as the same principles apply.

Q: Spring turkey season is one of my favorite times of the year and I'm heading out for a gobble next weekend. I do a lot of my hunting in prime hog country and like to combine my options when I'm there. I usually hunt with a bow but am considering carrying my .44 revolver for hogs, and a shotgun for turkeys. Could this cause a conflict if I'm stopped because the .44 is not legal for turkey hunting? If all lead-restrictions are observed, would it be legal to carry the handgun while turkey hunting with a shotgun? What about carrying the handgun and the bow at the same time?

A: There are no restrictions against carrying a shotgun for turkeys and a handgun for pigs at the same time. And since you're not

hunting during the deer archery only season, should you decide to bow hunt for turkeys, there are also no restrictions against carrying both a bow and a firearm on the same trip.

Q: Do I need a hunting license to shoot gophers on private land?

A: Yes. Gophers are non-game mammals and may be taken by licensed hunters. In addition, gophers that are damaging growing crops or other property may be taken without a hunting license by the owner or the owners agent.

Q: We live near a reservoir where people do a lot of duck hunting on. Our houses sit right above the reservoir and they sometimes get hit with buck shot. Does the 150 yard distance apply on reservoirs the same as it does on land? And can we post signs along the reservoir to warn people about no shooting?

A: Yes, the same prohibition against shooting within 150 yards from an occupied dwelling exists for people shooting from the water the same as when on land (Fish and Game Code, section 3004). And yes, you can post your property to

warn unaware hunters/shooters.

Q: I am a lifetime hunting license holder with the additional big game package. Last time I hiked in the Cleveland National Forest, I saw a wild ox (my son said it was a buffalo, but it had smooth skin without fur and long thin pointed horns). Could you tell me if I can take it? It is not listed anywhere on your website for a tag requirement.

A: It is not uncommon for domestic livestock to be found on Forest Service lands. In fact, many ranchers have long-term contracts with the Forest Service allowing that use. In addition, National Forest property is commonly adjacent to private ranches and the livestock frequently stray onto the public land.

According to retired DFG Capt. Phil Nelms, a truly feral cow or similar domestic stock (except a burro) is considered to be a non-game mammal in the Fish and Game regulations and can be taken. A hunting license is required but there are no prescribed seasons or bag limits.

Beware though ... if you kill one of these animals and it is not feral, you could be prosecuted for a felony. Stick to deer!!

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.

Downey on a roll after big wins

■ **SOFTBALL:** Vikings beat Santa Monica and Gahr; weekend tournament looms.

BY JENNIFER CHO,
INTERNS

DOWNEY – With two blowout wins against Santa Monica, 15-4, and Gahr, 12-2, Downey High School softball improved its season record to 10-2-1.

In the game against Santa Monica last Thursday, Rachel Rodriguez went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and a double. Anissa Urtez went 2-for-5 and had three RBIs and a double on the game. Andrea Arellano went 2-for-4 with five RBIs and a double for Downey.

Head coach Micah Karzen said Arellano went "above and beyond" in the game.

"Right now she is the tenth leading RBI producer in the CIF Southern Section."

On Tuesday against Gahr, Urtez went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a triple. Katie Medina went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a double. Jazmyne Cortinas had two RBIs and hit a home run.

Karzen said he was pleased with his team's performance so far this season.

"Things are going real well this season," he said. "The last two games were big wins, 10-0 over Sonora and 16-1 over Dominguez

to open league. Anissa Urtez and Andrea Arellano are leading the way with the bats. Seniors Katie Medina and Staci Rodriguez continue to be two of the best players at their positions in the area, and freshmen Alexis Zavala and Rachel Rodriguez are looking like they are going to be great players for the next three years."

Karzen said he is looking forward to league play and expects tough competition against Warren.

"League should be a serious battle between us and Warren, but neither team should overlook Paramount, who is much improved," he said. "In terms of league, we are really looking forward to the games. We think we have a great shot to win, but we have to go through Warren to get there, and Paramount looks much improved and we can't overlook them. Warren is the favorite to win league. They returned eight starters from a CIF finalist from last year, so they deserve much respect, but that doesn't mean we will just give them the league. We are going to fight all the way to take the title from them."

Downey plays at Paramount on Thursday at 3:15 p.m. The Lady Vikings will play against Royal High School and Port of Los Angeles in the Loara Tournament at Loara High School this Saturday. Game times for Saturday are 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Lakers will face N.O. in playoffs

■ **NBA:** With Andrew Bynum expected to play, Lakers should beat New Orleans.

BY JAMES WILLIAMS,
CONTRIBUTOR

The Los Angeles Lakers had to overcome some adversity right before the playoff season began.

The Lakers defeated the Sacramento Kings, 116-108, in overtime Wednesday in what may be one of those games to remember.

After the Lakers had given up a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter, they had almost given up the game too.

But yet another clutch performance from Kobe Bryant, who hit a late 3-point shot with 4.8 seconds left in the 4th quarter to tie the game, helped the Lakers avoid a possible loss.

The Lakers carried this spark of momentum into overtime against the Kings which led to the victory.

The Lakers not only defeated the Kings in what may have been their final game in Sacramento, but they also locked up the number two seed in the Western Conference going into the playoffs.

The Lakers will take on the New Orleans Hornets in the first round of the playoffs. The Lakers swept the regular season series against the Hornets by an average of 10 points.

The Lakers do have the size

advantage in this match up especially when the Hornets have lost their 6 foot 9 inch power forward, David West, for the season with a torn ACL, who was also the team's leading scorer.

Luckily for the Lakers, Andrew Bynum's injury is not as serious as they thought after he was diagnosed with nothing more than a bone bruise and was expected to only miss Wednesday's game against the Kings.

The Lakers have a strong chance to win this series 4-1.

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Civil rights figure to speak on experiences

CARSON – Dr. Terrence Roberts, whose attempts to enroll in an all-white school in segregated Little Rock, Ark., with eight other African-American students sparked controversy and debate nationwide in 1957, will give a guest lecture April 28 at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Roberts' talk will take place from 4-5 p.m. in the ballroom of the Loker Student Union on campus. The event is open to the public.

Despite the 1954 Brown vs. the Board of Education Supreme Court ruling that school segregation was unconstitutional, much of the schools in the South, including in Little Rock, remained segregated in 1957 when Roberts, then 15, and eight other African American students made history as the "Little Rock Nine."

Roberts went on to earn a doctorate and lead a successful career as a professor and practicing clinical psychologist and social worker. Throughout his adult life, he also has continued to be a voice for diversity and social justice as CEO of a management consulting firm that offers diversity training, and a frequent keynote speaker on his role in one of the seminal events of the Civil Rights Movement.

"We are honored to host Dr. Roberts as a speaker as his life and career embodies the social transformation that we teach in our MSW program," said Dr. Larry Ortiz, acting dean of the College of Professional Studies.

CSU Dominguez Hills is located at 1000 E. Victoria St. in Carson. Parking permits for campus lots cost \$4 and are sold at kiosks stationed in each lot.

For more information on the lecture, call (310) 243-3170.

OC Fair adds concerts

COSTA MESA – The OC Fair announced three additional concerts for its summer concert series at the Pacific Amphitheatre.

The Fab Four and Jumping Jack Flash will perform July 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$12.50.

Three Dog Night will play Aug. 12 and Steel Pulse performs Aug. 13. Tickets to each of those shows are \$19.50.

Tickets go on sale Saturday morning at all Ticketmaster outlets.

A chance to explore Cerritos Library

■ Bus trip on May 11 limited to only 30 people; proceeds benefit Downey Symphony.

By ROSALIE SCIORTINO, DOWNEY SYMPHONY GUILD

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Guild will sponsor a bus trip for 30 people to tour the magnificent Cerritos Library on Wednesday, May 11.

The bus departs promptly at 9:30 a.m. from the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

This outreach program for members and the community, as always, is to benefit Music in the Schools and the Downey Symphony Orchestra. The Guild was proud to present a donation of \$14,000 to the Symphonic Society at the last concert April 2.

Because only 30 bus seats are available for this outing, it is advised to confirm reservations of \$18 per person as soon as possible. The fee includes a Porto's Bakery box lunch.

A docent will show our group through this remarkable building which is considered to be the most ambitious municipal library project ever attempted in the United States.

A spectacular 10x21-foot salt-water aquarium is seen as we enter the building. The opposite side can be viewed from the charming children's area.

Themed spaces in the building include a corridor named "Main Street" which captures the concept of honoring the past and imagining the future.

An Old World reading room in dark, rich colors and a fireplace with a realistic hologram of a fire adds to the room's peaceful appeal.

A Great Room features arts- and crafts-style furnishings and the Art Deco room houses the young adult section with designs of that period.

Museum quality artwork is seen throughout the building. Of particular note is the 6-part blown glass installation by Dale Chihuly, the internationally known glass artist. It is composed of 400 individual glass elements.

Reservations on a first-come, first-served basis can be made by sending payment to: The Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey CA 90240.

Payments must reach the guild by May 5. Questions? Call (562) 861-8507.

Fifth graders enjoy an afternoon to remember

■ More than 1,700 students bused to Downey Theatre for intimate concert.

By JOYCE SHERWIN, DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – Had you been there, you certainly would remember a morning spent indoors, in one space, in the company of 1,702 fifth graders.

Recently all those students were delivered by school buses in three separate batches, each an hour apart, to the Downey Theatre, where the kids were about to get an earful.

A first-time observer would expect chaos, lots of noise, everything running late. But this is an annual event, a project of the Downey Symphony's Music in the Schools program when the students get to hear a live orchestra in concert. It's been going on for 11 years, in collaboration with the Downey Unified School District, and everyone's got their act down.

Leslie Jones directs the district's Instructional Support Programs. She conferred with her staff for weeks to ensure another faultless, ultra-smooth operation. Bus drivers knew which city streets were under repair. Teachers and volunteers stood in place, holding posters high to direct schools to their sections in the theater. Kellie Bernd from the district shepherded enormous lines of students to their seats, row after row, with all the economy and confidence of a really good border collie.

On stage, members of the Downey Symphony wore kid-friendly colors. Symphony Board President Larry Lewis welcomed everyone and thanked the Kiwanis Foundation for funding these three performances – to the tune of \$17,000.

Then, once everyone was settled in, Conductor Sharon Lavery introduced the instruments in each section of the orchestra. These youngsters already know a lot about music from yearly visits to their schools by the symphony's Quintet. They had seen and heard, up close, the violin, string bass, clarinet, trombone and percussion instruments. But today the kids grasp at the length of a bassoon, the enormous convoluted mass

of a tuba.

Lavery opens the concert with the famous 4-note theme from a Beethoven symphony. "What's the number of that symphony?" she asks. Beating out everyone else, Matthew and Xavier from Maude Price yell out, "FIVE!" "Yesssss!"

Moussorgsky's great work, "Pictures at an Exhibition," describes in music a series of paintings on view in an art gallery. The audience giggles at the ballet of gawky chickens, shudders deliciously as menacing music from that bassoon depicts an evil witch prowling the town, deep in the night, searching out naughty children.

Erika, seated with her Carpenter Elementary classmates, grins and conducts expressively with a pencil, then hands her "baton" to Suzanna next to her. "We're best friends," Erika confides.

Then it's time for our distinguished music director to do a quick morph job, right on the podium. Now in striped pirate hose, eye patch and swooshy hat, Lavery turns to her audience.

"Raise your hands if you'd like to see me conduct with my sword." A thousand hands shoot up. "I was afraid of that..." and the kids eat up music from "Pirates of the Caribbean." Next hour the baton of choice will be a giant hook. Hook or sword, either one makes for a pretty commanding downbeat.

For a terrific finale, wind and brass players from Warren and Downey high schools join the orchestra in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" to exuberant applause, and a happy audience files out to waiting buses, even as the next long lines of fifth graders file in to hear their special performance.

Quite a morning. Quite an experience. It would not have been possible without the far-sighted generosity of Downey's Kiwanis Foundation, which underwrote this educational outreach program. We all hope many of these young students will be inspired to explore instrumental music next year when they go to middle school. There's bound to be a budding bassoonist or two in the bunch!

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Jessica Aguirre, of Downey, won the Dream Girls USA California Hi-Point pageant earlier this month in Ventura. She will next compete at a national competition in St. Louis.

Downey girl wins state pageant

DOWNEY – Downey resident Jessica Aguirre was named Dream Girls USA California Hi-Point Champion at a pageant April 3 at the Crown Plaza Resort in Ventura.

Aguirre, who represented Downey as she competed against young women from across the state, captured awards for best runway model, best dressed, most photogenic, prettiest hair and cover girl.

Aguirre will compete in the national pageant July 14-17 in St. Louis, where 50 girls will try to win scholarships, including the grand prize of \$10,000.

In the meantime, she will attend charity events, parades and fundraisers in her role as Dream Girls USA California.

Aguirre previously received the community service award from the Downey Rose Float Association. She is also involved with Cal State Fullerton's National Philanthropy program, where she is a third-year student majoring in communications with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in history.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Teresa Aguirre, of Downey.

James McClain was WWII veteran

TORRANCE – James Wilson McClain, born Dec. 20, 1918 in Dubuque, Iowa, and a resident of Torrance for nearly 60 years, passed away on April 8.

He graduated from Columbia Academy in 1936 and attended Loras College prior to his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He married his hometown sweetheart, Katy Ryan, at Dow Field in Bangor, Maine, in 1944 and, after a brief time living in Dubuque, they moved to Torrance to raise their five children.

He was an active member of Nativity Catholic Church, serving as an officer of the St. Vincent de Paul Society which assisted the area's poor and needy. In the 1960s he was instrumental in helping to settle hundreds of Cuban refugees to new homes in the Torrance area.

He worked for 30 years as a mechanical engineer for Midland Rubber and Shell Chemical and Oil until his retirement in 1982.

An avid golfer, he started as a teenaged caddy and played until he was 89. He also enjoyed traveling, especially road and camping trips.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathleen R. McClain; brother, Leonard McClain of Dubuque; sons, Pat, Mike and Dan McClain; daughters, Susan Wells and Ann Guerra; sons- and daughters-in-law, Claudia McClain, Kathleen Quinn, Leonard Wells, Felicia McClain and Mario Guerra; and grandchildren, Tim and Caitlin McClain, Sean and Anthony Wells, Megan and Monica McClain, and Mario, Lynne, Matt, Haley and Ryan Guerra.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at Halverson, Stone & Myers Mortuary, 1223 Cravens Ave. in Torrance, on April 15 at 4 p.m., with a Rosary service commencing at 7 p.m.

The funeral Mass will be held April 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Nativity Catholic Church, 1447 Engracia Ave. in Torrance. Burial will follow at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Visit the mortuary's website at halversonstonemyers.com to send the family messages, share memories or to obtain directions to funeral services.



Gus Valdez Jr. passes away at 17

DOWNEY – Gus Adolfo Valdez Jr., born on Aug. 12, 1993 in East Los Angeles, passed away April 9. He was 17.

A celebration of life will be held April 16 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey.

He was a senior at Warren High School, where he was a member of the wrestling team. He also enjoyed playing football and spending time with family and friends, and belonged to La Vina Church Youth Group in Downey.

He is survived by his parents, Gus Sr. and Naomi Valdez; brother, Joshua; sisters, Priscilla and Irene; grandparents; a great-grandparent; and other family.

The family has established the Gus Valdez Jr. Fund at Chase Bank, P.O. Box 41002, Downey, CA 90239.

The account number is 881276893.



Family mourns Laurita Kaczmarek

DOWNEY – Laurita Fern (Homer) Kaczmarek was born Aug. 10, 1952 and passed away peacefully April 1 after a five-year battle against colon cancer.

A proud "Downey girl," she attended Spencer Williams Elementary, West Middle School and Warren High School. The majority of her years of employment were also in Downey, the last being with the city of Downey for 17 years.

She is survived by her parents, Earl and Laura Homer; brother, Denny Homer; sister, Janette Hallmark; and longtime friend, Sean Meehan.

Graveside service will be private at the Downey Cemetery.



Seniors urged to stay 'fit' to drive

DOWNEY – Senior drivers are invited to attend a free 15-minute assessment April 21 to stay "fit" to drive safely.

The assessment is part of the Automobile Club's CarFit program and will be offered at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

The program consists of a 12-point checklist on the driver and car, which includes reviewing seat-belt adjustment, foot pedals, vision and mirrors, and more to ensure that senior drivers are "correctly fitted" to their vehicles.

An occupational therapist who specializes in driver rehabilitation will offer advice on ways drivers can maintain and strengthen their driving health, including community resources where seniors can go for further evaluation regarding exercise, nutrition and adaptive devices.

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Warren High's animal rights club wins award

DOWNEY – For its work on behalf of animals, Warren High School's Animal Rights Club will receive a Star Student Group Award from peta2, the world's largest youth animal rights organization.

"School is about learning, and the Warren High Animal Rights Club is helping their peers learn the importance of treating animals with respect," said peta2 director Dan Shannon. "These compassionate students are sticking up for animals – from mice to elephants – and they are setting a great example that can be followed by other groups across the country."

Some of the club's recent activities include:

- Hosting an event in which students signed "Have a Heart for Lucy" cards in support of peta2's campaign to get Lucy – the lone, ailing elephant at Edmonton's Valley Zoo – moved to a sanctuary.
 - Urging peers to buy only cruelty-free products.
 - Holding a vegan bake sale event in which the group handed out free animal rights literature and collected signatures for PETA's "KFC Cruelty" petition.
 - Holding a donation drive to gather treats and toys for animals at a local shelter.
 - Collecting student signatures pledging never to buy fur from "bunny butchers."
- The club will receive a framed certificate from peta2 and be featured on the organization's website.

Spring break at Downey parks

DOWNEY – Elementary-age children can spend their spring breaks next week participating in outdoor activities at Downey parks.

The city-sponsored program, "Spring Break Fun at the Parks," is free and runs from 12-5 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks.

Brookshire Park will host the program from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Outdoor activities include games, sports, crafts and lunch with camp leaders (children should bring their own lunch).

The program is open to kids ages 6-12 and children are free to come and go at any time. The program does not operate during inclement weather.

Registration is required and can be completed at any participating park Monday at noon. Registration will be accepted until the program is filled.

For more information, call the city of Downey's Community Services department at (562) 904-7238.



Students in the ASPIRE after-school program took part in the Teen Adventure Challenge last week. The competition tested students' teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Griffiths team wins teen challenge

DOWNEY – A team of Griffiths Middle School students won the Teen Adventure Challenge held last Saturday at Frank Boneli Park in San Dimas.

The students, part of Downey's ASPIRE after-school program, beat out other schools in a competition that included running, rock wall-climbing, kayaking, mountain biking and a ropes course.

Students were also tested on their teamwork and brain power, with challenges that included a guided blindfold maze, swing rope, puzzles, water chute and more.

The Griffiths team included students Ariel Pacheco (sixth grade), Anthony Balbuena (eighth) and Luis Vina (eighth), and site director Albert Perez.

They received engraved trophies, \$100 prize money and \$100 to be donated to the charity of their choice.

The competition was similar to TV's "The Amazing Race," in which participants work as a team to complete challenges, receiving a stamp in their passport once the task is completed.

Four ASPIRE teams participated from Griffiths, two from West Middle School and two from Sussman.

The teams prepped for the competition by participating in teamwork games after school. ASPIRE also arranged for a trainer to come in and work with students and staff by practicing similar activities.

RANCHO: Recovery did not come easy.

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When her fog began to lift she had lots of questions about where she was and what had happened. "When I woke up... I was scared about everything," says Rita. "I was like a scared child, and little by little, I slowly began to heal."

When speech therapist B.J. Sena first began working with Rita, she could communicate 'yes' or 'no' only with hand movements. Her responses were flat and devoid of any emotion. A few weeks later B.J. and Rita's family were cheered when she smiled and began to laugh. "They felt that their girl was coming back to them," B.J. says. "Over time she became more alert and then her determination and sweet personality came out. Soon everyone fell in love with her."

One day she had a breakthrough in speech therapy and began to talk. "I don't remember my first words, but I do remember my mom and aunt arriving for their daily visit," Rita says. When her mother walked through the door, Rita looked up and said "Hi Mommy!" as if she had been talking all along. Her mother started to cry – it had been weeks since she had heard her daughter talk.

Throughout Rita's stay, she participated in many events and outings funded by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and Rancho's community partners. "I remember going bowling with my Halo on," Rita says. "My therapists helped me so I could participate with the other kids...it was just amazing."

"I also went to the mall several times, and I even went to Disneyland," Rita says. "Of course, I was the only one at Disneyland wearing a Halo that day!"

Events such as these are designed by Rancho recreation therapist Julie Helgren to break the monotony of a lengthy hospital stay. "These outings boost self-esteem and provide hope for patients," Julie said. "But Rita's goal was a big one...she wanted to get back on the track. After seeing the miracles that have happened at Rancho over the nearly 30 years I have been working there, I have learned that almost anything is possible. So we helped Rita fight harder and harder each day to reach her goal."

"My Rancho team encouraged me to go back to school, to running and everything else I had been involved in, and amazingly I was back at home just two months after my accident," Rita says. "I continued with outpatient therapy and regular check-ups at Rancho and I was getting stronger day by day."

Soon Rita was back at college. She was also back on the track, but not as a competitor during the 2010 season. "My coaches and teammates at Glendale Community College wanted me to stay close to the team, so I sat out a year of competition and became an assistant coach for the track and field team."

Last summer, Rita signed up to volunteer at Rancho. "I loved my stay there," Rita says. "I wanted to return the favor and be there to help."

Like with most patients who come to Rancho, rosy outcomes are not quick or easy. Outstanding



outcomes require hard work and tremendous expertise by a dedicated treatment team like the one at Rancho. This is a major reason why Rancho is the only hospital accredited in Pediatric Rehabilitation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

"In an era where the healthcare industry is being asked to do more with less funding, Rancho continues to innovate so that we can help patients like Rita," says Rancho Chief Executive Officer Jorge Orozco. "Rancho makes it possible for our patients with major strokes, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, birth defects and other disabling conditions to build bridges to independence so they may return to their family, work or school."

Against all odds, Rita has returned to the world of competitive track and field. "It was a long, hard road back, but I finally started running again," she says. "And this year, I am not only back on the team, I am a team captain." In fact, she plays a pivotal role on the team, because she competes in the 200 meters, 400 meters, 4x100 meter relay, 4x400 meter relay and the long jump.

"Rita is an inspiration to every member of our team, and every student, teacher and administrator at our school, says Glendale Community College Track Coach Eddie Lopez. "Nobody is more dedicated or trains harder than Rita. She is like an angel who everyone loves and respects. What she has overcome is unbelievable. It just shows you how powerful the human spirit can be."

"I have approached or surpassed my personal bests in every event I'm competing in," Rita says. "This season I have already cut my 400 meter time by almost five seconds and long jumped over 17 feet. I know that none of this would have been possible without the incredible care I got at Rancho. My doctors, therapists and nurses hung in there with me each day until I started to believe I could get back on the track. Now I am running faster than ever."

Rita's story will be featured in a special video tribute at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation's upcoming Amistad Gala, which will be held Saturday, May 7 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel.

Despite all she has accomplished, Rita believes she's only just begun. "Now my dream is to come back to Rancho not as a patient, but as doctor," Rita says. "I want to help others like me find hope and a pathway to a better life, just as Rancho has done for me."

Dr. Montes believes she will succeed. "I know that when she reaches her goal, she will have special healing powers because of what she's learned from her own journey," Dr. Montes says. "The sky's the limit for Rita!"

For more information, please call the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at (562) 401-7053 or visit www.rancho.org.

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Lewis students raise \$1,000 for quake victims

DOWNEY – Lewis Elementary School in Downey participated in a wonderful activity on March 24, 2011. It was called "Jammies for Japan" and any student that wanted to come to school in their pajamas donated \$1 to help out the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan.

A lot of kids came in pajamas and some teachers did too. We raised \$1,073.63 to go to the Red Cross. It was very exciting to see how much money we raised.

The student council participated to collect the money and so many people brought even more than \$1.

I think that everyone who brought money showed the Character Pillar of Caring. The special thing about it is that it came from the heart.

–By Mercy Varela, fifth grade student at Lewis Elementary.

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Police speak to students about Internet safety

DOWNEY – Members of the Downey Police Department's Hi-Tech Crimes Unit on Wednesday gave a 45-minute presentation on Internet safety to more than 2,000 students at Downey High School.

The program, created specifically for school-aged children, was the first of its kind conducted by the department since establishing the Hi-Tech Unit last year.

Detectives Ron Gee and Tim Lau spoke to students about the safe use of social networking, including Facebook and MySpace, along with the possible consequences of cyber bullying and sexting.

The police department plans to give similar presentations in the coming months at Warren High School and the four middle schools in Downey.

Anyone with questions regarding Internet safety is encouraged to contact Det. Ron Gee at (562) 904-2331 or Det. Tim Lau at (562) 904-4017.

Film series ends Sunday

DOWNEY – Tickets are on sale for the final installment of the 2011 Travel Film Series at Downey High School, a 1 1/2-hour presentation of "East African Safari," on Sunday.

The film features unique footage of gorillas and elephants and other wildlife trekking through jungles along the Rwanda-Congo border. The wilds of Nairobi are also explored.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include the in-person narrated film and light refreshments during intermission.

Films are shown in D. Mark Morris Hall; doors open at 2 p.m. and the film begins at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

City updating list of general contractors

DOWNEY – General contractors interested in being added to the city of Downey Housing Division's bidders list must attend a meeting April 21 at 9 a.m. in the Gallatin Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

The city is currently updating its list of general contractors who are interested in bidding on projects for the city's home improvement program for low- and moderate-income property owners.

A typical project may include re-roofing, kitchen and bathroom remodeling, re-stucco, plumbing re-piping, window replacement and painting.

Projects typically range from \$1,000 to \$35,000.

Contractors must have a valid California contractor's license, liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million total liability with the city of Downey listed as an additional insured, and workman's compensation insurance.

For more information, call (562) 904-7167.

Author to talk WWII history

DOWNEY – Douglas Westfall, an author, publisher and teacher, will discuss his book, "Rain of Fire – B-29s Over Japan, 1945," when he speaks April 20 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The lecture is part of the American Business Women's Association's regular meeting, which begins with networking at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$20 and includes dinner. RSVP by contacting Debbie Stuver at (562) 884-6429 or c21dstuver@aol.com.

Dr. Stauffer recuperating after surgery



HENRY VENERACION

DOWNEY – Local philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer was admitted to Downey Regional Medical Center on March 24 to remove what she described as an intestinal obstruction. She says it had been bothering her for quite some time.

After almost three weeks of rest at DRMC, she is now rehabbing at Villa Elena Healthcare Center in Norwalk. She was originally scheduled to be transferred to Downey Rehab on Paramount Boulevard, but the facility was full.

She was in mid-lunch munching on a burger when I paid her a visit on Monday. Her tray also had catsup, mayonnaise, orange sections, non-dairy cream, and coffee. It was her first "solid" meal, she said.

She also said she mostly felt less weak than tired. Her visitors so far were old familiar faces — Dr. Wendy Doty and Roger Brossmer, Martha Sodemani, Jackie Dudley, John Lacey, Ed Sussman, Mario Guerra, family — and, as I stood

up to go, Mary Jo Enyeart. Stauffer gave me the impression she wanted to go home, if that were possible. "I've missed a lot of things already: meetings, church, the Rotary Club, the Assisteens function," the still active nonagenarian said.

The rehab regimen for Stauffer is aimed, of course, at gaining her strength back. Chief of nurses Heather Conwell, also a good friend, says it usually takes a while after major surgery to achieve complete rehab.

Stauffer can be reached, for now, at (562) 868-0591.

Library volunteers

In his welcoming remarks as emcee of the 27th annual volunteer and major recognition brunch on April 9, Downey mayor Luis Marquez reminded everyone present that "Volunteerism is all about the good of the city" and that "Whatever your contribution, you are an integral part of the city's success."

Volunteers at the city library, of course, have through the years helped regular staff bind and shelve books, served as literacy mentors, put in perhaps a couple of hours a week at the Friends store, and otherwise made themselves useful in the work of the library.

Special mention was made also of the generous gifts to the library given by major donors such as the Friends of the Library themselves, the Downey Association of Realtors, the Lucy Gioga Memorial, the Peggy Hetzel



Dr. Mary Stauffer

Memorial Fund, the Margaret Mahlman Memorial, Peter & Patricia Meursing, Art & Jo Ochoa, the Rotary Club of Downey and Helen Tolle Memorial.

Also praised for their inestimable sundry contributions were the members of the Library Advisory Board as well as the Friends of the Library Board, even as Vic Robles, otherwise known as 'the Sax Guy Vic', provided unobtrusive entertainment.

Director of community services Thad Phillips, who is serving as acting city librarian with the departure of Nancy Messineo, noted that while other city libraries have cut services, "our library has managed to be open six days a week."

But it remained for Friends president Cleo Latimer to put the library's ultimate role in context in the scheme of things: "I consider the city library as the most important building in the city, for what it means."



Zelma Crowder celebrated her 104th birthday March 28.

At 104, Zelma Crowder reflects on life

DOWNEY – Speaking with Zelma Crowder means taking a trip through time that many of us could never comprehend.

On March 28, Crowder turned 104; she is currently living at Lakewood Park Manor, an assisted living facility in Downey. She spends her days relaxing in her recliner, reminiscing about a time most can only imagine.

She was born in Oklahoma on March 28, 1904, the very year Oklahoma was admitted as the 46th U.S. state. She was a daughter to Harry and Ida Myers, the second oldest of five children.

An alumni of Red Rock High School, Crowder says her fondest memories are the times she spent playing guard for the school's basketball team.

Soon after graduating high school, she opened the Zelma V. Crowder's Cafe in Oklahoma City, which she describes as a simple cafe with eight stools and a table for two. Despite the fact that the cafe has since been torn down, she fondly remembers her time as owner, server, cashier and janitor.

Married once to "the most wonderful man," she had no children but is visited regularly by her nephew, Jay, and his wife, Anne Bartels.

With enough life experience to fill an encyclopedia, she modestly says she has had a "great life" and would do it all the same if she could.

WATER: Rate hike planned.

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Central Basin water district, etc. – accounting for nearly half of the water operations budget) have in the meantime seen dramatic increases.

The current water rates, he said, do not meet the operating expenses of the system. The city has been operating at a deficit three years in a row, and "the increasing costs have become a burden on the city's general fund."

Also, he pointed out, "much of the Downey water system was constructed during the post-WWII building boom, more than 60 years ago. Some water wells are even older. Downey continues to rehabilitate these old pipes and wells. But the recent water system master plan identified projects that are essential for the safety, security, and reliability of the water system. One of these is the addition of 750 acre-ft./year to the system. These pressing improvement projects have been delayed because there are not enough funds available to pay for the projects."

"Without the rate adjustment," he went on, "the integrity of the city's water system will be seriously compromised."

Residents who have questions about the proposed water rate adjustment may call the city's public works department at (562) 904-7102.

Parks to get additional trees

DOWNEY – Amigos de los Rios, a non-profit that works to create sustainable open spaces in Southern California, will partner with the city of Downey on a tree-planting project at three local parks, Downey officials announced Wednesday.

The project is part of Amigos de los Rios' larger Emerald Necklace Greening Project, which is intended to enhance open space opportunities in the Gateway Cities area.

Native trees and shrubs will be

planted at Rio San Gabriel, Treasure Island and Wilderness parks. Caltrans is funding the project as it is expected to improve the environment adjacent to freeways and bridges.

"We are pleased to partner with local nonprofits on projects like these which make immediate improvements in our local parks and make a difference in the quality of life for our residents," said Mayor Luis Marquez.

Amigos de los Rio is working to improve the 68-mile river trail

and park network connecting new and existing parks in communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Gateway cities.

"Knowing the many benefits trees provide, including air quality improvement, storm water management, habitat and aesthetic enjoyment, we are delighted to be able to increase the tree canopy in our region with the help of this Caltrans grant," said Claire Robinson, president and managing director of Amigos de los Rios.

Earth Day celebrated locally

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is planning a series of events in commemoration of Earth Day on April 22.

Throughout the month of April, middle schools will host Recycle Clubs where students enrolled in the ASPIRE after-school program will learn about the environment and use recycled materials for crafts and projects.

Keep Downey Beautiful will host a clean-up event on April 16 at Independence Park. The clean-up begins at 9 a.m. and lasts one hour.

On April 23 at 9 a.m., CalMet Services will host a mulch giveaway event at the Discovery Sports Complex. Residents must bring their own containers to receive up to 32 gallons of mulch.

A recycling booth will also be set up, and used oil recycling containers will be distributed.

Finally, at Kids Day on May 15, an environmental fair will feature approximately 15 environmental education and outreach booths.

Crime Report

Thursday, April 7

At 5:30 p.m., officers arrested a 53-year-old woman from Bellflower after witnesses reported seeing her assault a 30-year-old dependent woman in a wheelchair inside the Ross Department Store at the Downey Landing. The suspect was identified as the victim's caretaker and was booked for abusing a dependent adult.

Friday, April 8

At around 12 a.m., an Anaheim resident was standing outside a bar in the 9300 block of Telegraph Road when he was approached by three males who physically assaulted him and stole his wallet and cell phone. The suspects then entered a dark colored vehicle and drove away. The victim was not seriously injured during the incident. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, April 9

At 5:30 p.m., officers investigating a report of narcotics activity in the 10700 block of La Reina detained a 24-year-old Downey man after he ran from them. The man was found to be in possession of cocaine and was arrested.

Sunday, April 10

At 4:15 p.m., an adult male from the City of Bell Gardens and an adult female from Downey entered Albertson's Market (7676 Firestone) and began concealing store merchandise. Both subjects then exited the store without paying for the items. Officers responded and detained the suspects outside the store. Stolen merchandise was recovered from both individuals and both were booked for burglary.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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021 Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The Trustee shall incur no liability for any good faith error in stating the proper amount of unpaid balances and charges. For sales information please contact Priority Posting and Publishing at www.priorityposting.com or (714) 573-1965 Reinstatement Line: 877-576-0472 Date: 4/7/2011 CR Title Services, Inc 1000 Technology Drive MS 314 O'Fallon, MO 63368 Kimberly Lee, Trustee Specialist Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. P819016 4/7, 4/14, 04/21/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-412197-VF Order #: 100767966-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/21/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to 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): PHILIP BRUCE FOW, ANNE FOW, TRUSTEES OF FOW FAMILY 1991 TRUST DATED MARCH 4, 2002 Recorded: 2/6/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0272588 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 5/2/2011 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: \$376,270.53 The purported property address is: 12741 COLIMA RD LA MIRADA, CA 90638 Assessor's Parcel No. 8042-004-020 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. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 . If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against 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.fidelityasap.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 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# 3942300 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011

The Downey Patriot 4/14/11, 4/21/11, 4/28/11

TS No. T10-69080-CA / A.P.N.: 6252-015-022 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/10/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property, or a portion thereof pursuant to a deed of trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [X] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed and [X] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55 Trustor: Paul Bogner and Maria Rodriguez Duly Appointed Trustee: CR Title Services Inc. C/O Pite Duncan, 4375 Jutland Drive, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92117 877-576-0472 Recorded 01/17/2003 as Instrument No. 03 0158179 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 4/21/2011 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: \$491,282.44 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10343 Brookshire Avenue Downey, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6252-015-022 Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. The Trustee shall incur no liability for any good faith error in stating the proper amount of unpaid balances and charges. For sales information please contact Priority Posting and Publishing at www.priorityposting.com or (714) 573-1965 Reinstatement Line: 877-576-0472 Date: 3/31/2011 CR Title Services, Inc 1000 Technology Drive, MS-314 O'Fallon MO 63368 Penny White, Trustee Specialist Federal Law requires us to notify you that we are acting as a debt collector. If you are currently in a bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. P817770 3/31, 4/7, 04/14/2011

The Downey Patriot 3/31/11, 4/7/11, 4/14/11

T.S. No. T10-60219-CA / APN: 6255-028-021 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/27/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed of trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer, or authorized agent, declares as follows: [X] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [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 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.fidelityasap.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 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# 3942300 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011

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: 4/13/2011 California Reconcyanve Company, as Trustee Derek Wear-Renee, Assistant Secretary California Reconcyanve Company is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. California Reconcyanve Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop CA-2-019 Chatsworth CA 91311 800-892-6092 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.pspasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com P819757 4/14, 4/21, 04/28/2011

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T.S. No.: 2010-03616 Loan No.: 70898713 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/11/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOSE R TORRES, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC Recorded: 8/12/2006 as Instrument No. 2007006363 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 4/20/2011 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West Side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, Directly Facing Norwalk Boulevard, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$512,444.97 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8511 Smallwood Avenue Downey, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6367-004-012 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the timeframe for giving Notice of Sale Specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been obtained and is current and valid on the date the requirements. Date: 3/17/2011 Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee c/o 18377 Beach Blvd., Suite 210 Huntingdon Beach, California 92648 For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 960-8299 Robin Pape, Trustee Sale Assistant

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TS #: CA-10-39778-LI Order #: 620724 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to 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): Paul K. Kent, a single man Recorded: 3/30/2007 as Instrument No. 20070745726 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 5/10/2011 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: \$328,281.41 The purported property address is: 11206 Muller Street Downey, CA 90241 Assessors Parcel No. 8019-029-009 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to Americas Servicing Company 1 Home Campus X2504-017 Customer Service Des Moines IA 50328 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against 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.fidelityasap.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 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# 3942300 04/07/2011, 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011

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TS #: CA-10-401400-AB Order #: 4727048 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/1/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee. 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: Jose Negrete, Jr and Jeanne E Negrete, Husband and Wife Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded: 12/29/2004 as Instrument No. 2006 1589515 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 05/05/2011 at 10:30 A.M. Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$271,541.51 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 4713 ARANZA DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 A.P.N.: 8064-016-021 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 4/21/2011 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7750 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85026 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727 Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE ASAP# FNMA3959628 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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. P820523 4/14, 4/21, 04/28/2011

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TS #: CA-10-401400-AB Order #: 4727048 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/1/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee. 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: Jose Negrete, Jr and Jeanne E Negrete, Husband and Wife as joint tenants Recorded: 12/7/2007 as Instrument No. 20072693412 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 4/25/2011 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: \$542,390.79 The purported property address is: 8039 Adoree St Downey, CA 90242 Assessors Parcel No. 6260-014-049 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 Citimortgage, Inc 6400 Las Colinas Blvd, Suite 200 Irving TX 75039 Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 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.priorityposting.com Reinstatement Line: 866-450-3172 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 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. P817296 3/31, 4/7, 04/14/2011

The Downey Patriot 3/31/11, 4/7/11, 4/14/11

T.S. No. T10-71697-CA / APN: 6261-002-029 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, Cashier's Check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed of trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 4/21/2011 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7750 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85026 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727 Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE ASAP# FNMA3959628 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0001742 Title Order No. 11-0001504 Investor/Insurer No. 1707972228 APN No. 8056-016-050 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/21/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by YUNJUN HEE CHANG, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 10/21/2008 and recorded 10/29/08, as Instrument No. 20081919186, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 05/12/2011 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 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: Jose Negrete, Jr and Jeanne E Negrete, Husband and Wife as joint tenants Recorded: 12/7/2007 as Instrument No. 20072693412 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 4/25/2011 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale:

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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): **DORA L. ARRIAZA, A SINGLE WOMAN** Recorded: 3/19/2008 as Instrument No. 20080469698 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, California; Date of Sale: 5/9/2011 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 90651. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$462,289.38 The purported property address is: 8737 ROSECRANS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6266-025-045 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 the Trustee. America 475 Crosspoint Parkway Getzville NY 14068. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has not obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: — Quality Loan Service Corp., 2141 5th Avenue, Santa Diego, CA 92101, 619-595-7711. For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: www.fidelitysasap.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 the letter is intended to exercise the note holders rights' against the real property only, THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THE 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# 3950991 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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Trustee Sale No. 735337CA Loan No. 5303649718 Title Order No. 3206-233440 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/22/2006. **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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 05/5/2011 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 05/02/2006, Book Page Instrument 06 0958585, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Alfonso Morales, a married man, as his sole and separate property, as Trustor, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., (MERS) solely as nominee or Lender, Alliance Bancorp, 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, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$656,345.99 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8108 Priscilla Street Downey, CA 90242 APN Number: 6260-002-054 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code Section 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: 04/12/2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee Brandon Royes, 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 (714) 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.lpsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com P823445 4/14, 4/21, 04/28/2011

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TS# 047-12426 Order # 30055448 Loan # 0032651176 Notice of Trustee's Sale YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 3/31/2006. **UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.** IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to 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 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust is being sold as is. AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6285 005 013. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property situated above is: 9121 RINGBROOK DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is

held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with 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. Trustor(s): CESAR A. VARGAS, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 4/11/2006 as Instrument No. 06 0785073 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 5/5/2011 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: \$1,353,440.26 The purported property address is: 9630 RAVILLER DR DOWNEY, CA 90240 Description of the property: Tract No. 25476, in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per map recorded in Book 755, Page(s) 45 and 46 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. Assessor's Parcel No.: 6391-021-007 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, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 4/7/2011 UTLS DEFAULT SERVICES, LLC Sokon Loh, Foreclosure Coordinator Post Office Box 5899 Irvine, CA 92616 (949) 885-4500 Sale Line: (714) 573-1965 Reinstatement Line: (949) 885-4500 To request reinstatement or payoff FAX: (949) 885-4500. If you are a Trustee, please contact the Trustee at (949) 885-4498 THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P822849 4/14, 4/21, 04/28/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4288226 TS No.: 20099078021024 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6245-008-029 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 May 4, 2011 at 11:30 AM, First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/01/07, as Instrument No. 200702246 in book —, page — of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, State of California. Executed by: ADRIANA AMADOR MARTINEZ, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b) (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6245-008-029. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12241 HORLEY AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/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: 04/08/11, **First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC a First American Company** First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Western Progressive, LLC Recorded 2/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20070330116 in book — page — and recorded on — as — Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 4/27/2011 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: At The West Side of The Los Angeles County Courthouse, Directly facing Norwalk Boulevard, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$641,580.48 Street Address or other common designation of the real property: 12837 Oakwood Lane, La Mirada, CA 90638, A.P.N.: 8038-004-121 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/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: 3/21/2011 **Western Progressive, LLC, a First American Company** First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Robin Pande, Trustee Sale Assistant**

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4097088 TS No.: 20099073500675 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN:6245-008-029 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/23/06. **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 May 4, 2011 at 11:30 AM, First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/01/06, as Instrument No. 06 0241723, in book , page of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: **JESSICA CONTRERAS and EMILIO CONTRERAS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the 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 the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust is being sold as is. AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6285 005 013. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property situated above is: 9121 RINGBROOK DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is

\$589,724.59. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. *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 Mortgagee, 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 the Notice of Sale is filed 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: 04/04/11. **First American Title Insurance Company** First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC **3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers — FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 939-0772.** First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED may be used for that purpose. NPP0179396 04/14/11, 04/21/11, 04/28/11

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T.S. No.: 2010-071477 Loan No.: 70852140 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/8/2007. **UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **CHOON HANG LEE AND BYUNG SOOK LEE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS** Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC** Recorded 2/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20070330116 in book — page — and recorded on — as — Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 4/27/2011 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: At The West Side of The Los Angeles County Courthouse, Directly facing Norwalk Boulevard, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$641,580.48 Street Address or other common designation of the real property: 12837 Oakwood Lane, La Mirada, CA 90638, A.P.N.: 8038-004-121 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/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: 3/21/2011 **Western Progressive, LLC, a First American Company** First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED may be used for that purpose. NPP0178619 04/07/11, 04/14/11, 04/21/11

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. Gm-273294-C Loan No 0656816772 Insurer No. 1704500042 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/24/2007. **UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: PEDRO G ONTIVEROS AND CATALINA ONTIVEROS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 08/16/2007 as Instrument No. 2007 1921009 in Book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 04/27/2011 at 10:30 A.M. Place of Sale: At The West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Property Address is purported to be: 14502 PLANTANA DRIVE LA MI RAD A, CA 90638 APN#: 8042-034-005 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice of sale includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 04/12/2011 **EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC** 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 leanna Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3963940 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1303862-10 APN: 6231-014-009 TRA: 003304 LOAN No. XXXXXX2612 REF: Razo, Maria IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 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.** On May 04, 2011, at 10:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded February 01, 2006, as Instrument No. 0291436 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Maria Lily Razo, A Single Woman, 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. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of 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: 7364 Adwen Street Downey CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance by the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$396,809.50. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: April 13, 2011. (R-375183 04/14/11, 04/21/11, 04/28/11)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 4891948 TS No.: CA100022768 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6245-014-058 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/01/07. **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.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. For sales information: Mon-Fri 9:00am to 4:00pm (619) 590-1221, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, 525 East Main Street, P.O. Box 22004, El Cajon, CA 92022-9004 Dated: April 13, 2011. (R-375183 04/14/11, 04/21/11, 04/28/11)

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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 April 27, 2011 at 11:30 AM, **First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC,** as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 06/08/07, as Instrument No. 20071389996, in book , page, of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of **LOS ANGELES** County, State of California. Executed by: **CARLOS CADENA AND MARIELANA CADENA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) 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 by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust is being sold as is. AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6245-014-058. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **7431 QUILL DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90242.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, 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 Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$**569,892.82.** The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. *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 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 the Notice of Sale is filed 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: 04/04/11. **First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Authorized Agent, Chet Sconyers — FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916) 939-0772.** First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED may be used for that purpose. NPP0178619 04/07/11, 04/14/11, 04/21/11

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. Gm-273294-C Loan No 0656816772 Insurer No. 1704500042 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/24/2007. **UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: PEDRO G ONTIVEROS AND CATALINA ONTIVEROS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded 08/16/2007 as Instrument No. 2007 1921009 in Book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 04/27/2011 at 10:30 A.M. Place of Sale: At The West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650 Property Address is purported to be: 14502 PLANTANA DRIVE LA MI RAD A, CA 90638 APN#: 8042-034-005 The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice of sale includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 04/12/2011 **EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC** 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3120 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 leanna Petersen, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER ASAP# 3963940 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 09-508140 BFB Title Order No. 090095936 APN 8051-026-048 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/28/05. **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 05/04/11 at 10:30 a.m., Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 08/10/05 in Instrument No. 05 1911775 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: Jessilno OConer and Mae OConer, Husband and Wife, as Trustor, U.S. Bank N.A., in its capacity as Trustee for the registered holders of MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2005-NC2, Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2005-NC2, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's 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 west side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 1

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in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$473,464.97 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8026 1/2 Telegraph Road Downey, CA 90240 APN Number: 6367-008-028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has 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: 03/23/2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee Derek Wear-Renee, 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.priorityposting.com P816162 3/31, 4/7, 04/14/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-FWA-105554 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/29/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE

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NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On May 5, 2011, at 10:30 AM, AT WEST SIDE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BLVD., 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by RUBEN GONZALEZ, A MARRIED MAN, as Truators, recorded on 3/24/2008, as Instrument No. 20080498453, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: TAX PARCEL NO. 6286-006-013 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 10446 CASANES AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$777,414.88. 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 or more 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 or the borrower has surrendered the property to the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent and that the compliance with Civil Code Section 2923.5 was made at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of this Notice of Sale. The mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: it has obtained a final or temporary order of exemption and said order is current and valid as of the date of the Notice and the time frame set forth in California Civil Code 2923.54 does not apply or California Civil Code 2923.54

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does not cover this loan. Dated: 4/13/2011 REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, Trustee By: MARILEE HAKKINEN, AUTHORIZED AGENT Agent for Trustee: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (714) 730-2727 or http://www.trustee.com ASAP# 3958900 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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Trustee Sale No. 446964CA Loan No. 3012039321 Title Order No. 678936 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/20/2006. 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 04/21/2011 at 10:30 AM CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 11/28/2006, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 06 2622146, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Sa An Lee and, Ouk Jun Lee husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, Washington Mutual Bank, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 W. Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA Legal Description: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$679,375.25 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 10710 Horton Ave Downey, CA

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90241 APN Number: 6249-016-024 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has 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: 03/28/2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee Brandon Royes, 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.priorityposting.com P814126 3/31, 4/7, 04/14/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0001531 Title Order No. 11-0001340 Investor/Insurer No. 138442228 APN No.

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6266-008-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/05/2006. 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 JOSE LOZANO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 06/05/2006 and recorded 06/14/06, as Instrument No. 06 1306980, in Book , Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 05/12/2011 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: 13152 VERDURA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 902425146. 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

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the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$645,480.36. 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: 04/14/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapp 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# 3954200 04/14/2011, 04/21/2011, 04/28/2011

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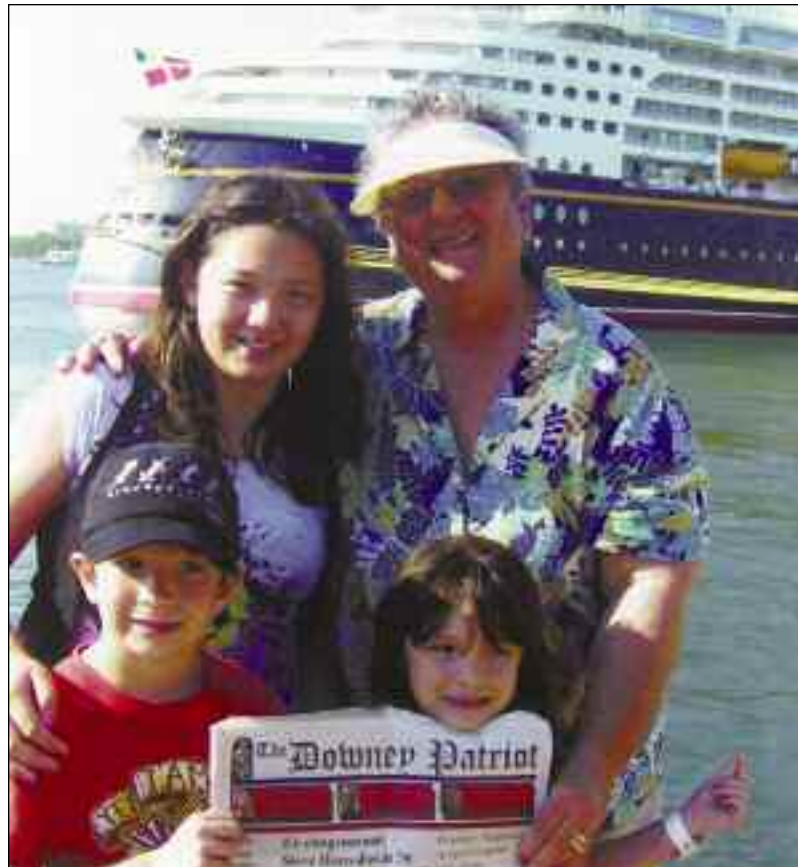
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Downey resident Robert Arana recently enjoyed *The Downey Patriot* while waiting for his plane to arrive in Saint Maarten. If you're going on vacation, take *The Downey Patriot* with you and send a photo to news@thedowneypatriot.com.



Gail McQuade, of Downey, went on a Disney Cruise recently with daughter, Mary, husband, Randy Carrillo, and grandchildren, Roni, Luke and Sami. The family took along a copy of *The Downey Patriot*.



Even at the Century 21 convention in Las Vegas, Century 21 My Real Estate broker/owner Steve Roberson kept informed of current events in his community.

Kindergarten enrollment starting

DOWNEY – Kindergarten registration for children who plan to enter a Downey Unified school in September will be held at elementary schools in April and May.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 2, 2011. Proof of age must be presented at the time of registration, along with proof of residency.

Parents must show evidence their child has received a physical examination completed after March 1, 2011. The "Report of Health Examination for School Entry" form should be taken to your private doctor, pediatrician or medical clinic.

For parents without insurance or who cannot afford a physical exam, contact the kindergarten school office for a list of health providers that provide low-cost physicals.

Parents must also bring their child's immunization record when registering.

For specific information about registration dates, times and immunization requirements, call (562) 469-6500 and ask for your local school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, call (562) 469-6553.

Street Faire coming May 7

DOWNEY – Brookshire Avenue will be filled with vendors and residents when the 18th annual Downey Street Faire takes place May 7.

The community event will have a centrally-located food court, live entertainment, a kid's zone and car show with more than 300 classic vehicles.

The Street Faire is free to attend thanks to local sponsors.

For information on participating in the Street Faire, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

Improve in-house collections

DOWNEY – Jerry Benson, of Transworld Systems collection agency, will discuss the "Top 10 Ways to Improve In-house Collections" when he speaks at Rise 'N Shine Networking at Bob's Big Boy on April 26 at 7:30 a.m.

Cost to attend is an order from the menu.

Call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191 for more information.

Film festival returns to Cal State Long Beach

■ Traveling film series screens documentaries, animation, hybrid works and more.

LONG BEACH – The Margaret Mead Traveling Film and Video Festival returns to the Karl Anatol Center at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) on Friday, April 15, from 2 to 8 p.m. for its third visit to campus. Admission is free.

Presented by the American Museum of Natural History, the Mead Film and Video Festival is the longest-running showcase for international documentaries in the United States. It screens documentaries aimed at raising national understanding of the complexity and diversity of the Earth's peoples and cultures.

Encompassing a broad spectrum of non-narrative work, the Mead Festival presents the best in documentary, experimental films, animation, hybrid works, and more. The festival debuts at the American Museum of Natural History each fall and travels with a portion of the festival to universities and museums across the country and around the world.

"This has been a pretty successful series," said Steven Rouso-Schindler, CSULB's assistant professor of anthropology and organizer of this year's Mead event. "The Mead specializes in visual anthropology, a subfield of cultural anthropology that is concerned with the study and production of ethnographic photography, film and new media. Each film will be accompanied by a faculty member's presentation about a topic related to the film."

This year's festival opens with 2008's "A Mountain Musical," a 52-minute film directed by Austrian filmmaker Eva Eckert. A man tears out his wife's hair. A young poacher is shot down by his father. A pig is butchered. For the people of the rural and industrial communities that surround the Alpine community of Erzberg, these lyrics comprise the stories of their lives. With a fine art photographer's eye for composition and the patience of a paid-by-the-hour psychiatrist, Eckert coaxes old-timers into performing these songs.

The curtain rises next on the 57-minute "Shooting with Mursi," a 2009 Ethiopian drama directed by Olisarali Olibui and Ben Young. Deep in Ethiopia's Omo Valley, the Mursi are a nomadic people ruled by consensus and elders. Uprooting seasonally in order to graze their cattle, they find themselves encircled by three national parks, none of which they are allowed to enter. Director Olibui

takes a digital camera among his tribe to capture a portrait of a people and their customs as they face the modern world.

The program also includes "There Once Was an Island: Te Henua e Noho," directed in 2010 by Briar March. The 80-minute film set in Papua, New Guinea, focuses on the Takuu, a Polynesian people of the island Nukotoa who carry on without electricity and free from ideas of private ownership. But the rising South Pacific is eroding their shores, threatening their taro crops and shoreline huts, forcing them to accept federal subsidies to survive. "There Once Was an Island" bears witness to the effects of climate change on a culture rooted to its geography.

"This series is the primary traveling showcase for ethnographic films, and it demonstrates the department's commitment to visual anthropology," Rouso-Schindler

said. "I hope this series will help to attract students to CSULB from all over the state. Plus, seeing how our students have taken a growing role in the festival's organization demonstrates that there is a real interest in programs like these."

He also noted how the festival offers hands-on experience to future visual anthropologists. "We want to help our students become more proficient with the tools that it takes to make good anthropological work. That can mean film or any multimedia project," said Rouso-Schindler. "The Mead Festival screens documentaries that increase our understanding of the complexity and diversity of the peoples and cultures that populate our planet. It has evolved with the times while growing steadily to reflect the various incarnations of storytelling while remaining steeped in the documentary tradition."

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