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Dave Lopez named grand marshal of walk

DOWNEY – Dave Lopez, a reporter for CBS2 and KCAL9, has been named grand marshal of the second annual Walk for Life taking place Sept. 10 at Stonewood Center.

The event is a fundraiser for the Amazing Day Foundation, which works to prevent suicide among college students.



Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. and the Laker Girls will lead a pre-walk stretch at 7:40 a.m. There is no fee to register but donations are encouraged.

Lopez participated in last year's inaugural walk, emceeding the closing ceremonies.

Lopez has been a pillar of the local journalism community over the last 30 years, earning eight Emmy Awards and recognition from the Radio and Television News Directors Association and an Associated Press award for his coverage of the 1988 Redondo Beach Pier fire.

A Southern California native, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Cal State Los Angeles. He worked as a sports-writer for the *Huntington Park Daily Signal* before transitioning to TV news.

"The Amazing Day Foundation is honored that the role of grand marshal has been filled by Lopez," said executive director Bob Feliciano.

All participating walkers need to register either online or on-site starting at 6:30 a.m. Donors who contribute \$50 or more receive a free T-shirt.

Following the walk, the foundation will host a second fundraiser at the Chili's restaurant at Downey Landing. The restaurant will donate 15 percent of a check to the foundation when customers present a flier, which will be available at the walk.

The Chili's fundraiser is all-day.

The Amazing Day Foundation was formed after Sean Vernon Feliciano, a lifelong Downey resident, took his life in March of 2009 while attending UC Santa Barbara.

The foundation works to provide mental health services to college students who may be contemplating suicide.

For more information regarding the walk, call Bob Feliciano at (562) 869-0660 or e-mail bob@amazingdayfoundation.org.

The Downey Patriot will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 5.

The deadline for display advertising in the Sept. 8 issue is Sept. 2.

Deadlines for classified and legal notices remain the same.

For more information, call (562) 904-3668.

Apollo astronaut inspires space center crowd

■ Astronaut signs copies of his book, "Falling to Earth," at space center.

By HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Al Worden grew up on a farm in Michigan, graduated from West Point (two years after the end of the Korean War), became an Air Force training and test pilot, and, as the command module pilot on Apollo 15, flew to the moon in 1971. Back on earth, he, along with his Apollo 15 commander Dave Scott and lunar module pilot Jim Irwin, addressed a joint session of Congress, was wined and dined by President Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew at the White House, and was honored with a New York motorcade through Manhattan.

His is an incredible story, full of fascinating twists and turns, on one side exhibiting his breathtaking mastery of the skies in his T-38 Talon jet or Hawker Hunter, and on the other showing him humbled by a case of human frailty. Then like a true West Pointer ("duty, honor, country"), he would rise up and again stand tall, and make peace with himself and the world.

Worden related some of his rollicking experiences at last Saturday's book signing at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in connection with the publication of his book, "Falling to Earth" (Smithsonian Books).

He recounted how in the course of training and writing operational and emergency procedures for the Apollo missions (this was while they trained here in Downey), he or his backup would go over the instruments on the modules again and again until they'd just lodge in the memory. He talked about how, out in space, they would maneuver their spacecraft in the "barbecue" mode on their way to the moon (the book explains this procedure very well: "With no atmosphere in space, the heat from the sun was brutal, and it could scorch the spacecraft skin while the shadowed side chilled far below freezing. Spacecraft systems could fail and windows could crack if we allowed this extreme temperature difference. A slow, gentle spin maintained an even temperature. We'd spend most of our time rotating this way.").

He mentioned how, on the recovery ship's deck after their splashdown, to avoid falling down because he didn't have his sea-legs yet, he just willed one leg to make one step after the other (he said it usually takes two weeks to get your sea-legs back). He remembered how he actually enjoyed orbiting the moon by himself ("Several days with two other guys in a VW Beetle is enough!").

Connecting most with the estimated audience of some 200 people was the lengthy time that the team spent in Downey, as already mentioned, testing and studying the Apollo 9 and Apollo 12 as well as Apollo 15 modules – all made by North American Aviation here in Downey – and his stays in the Tahitian Village motel; and his selective description of his activities and observations aboard the Apollo 15 spacecraft.

His presentation, laced as it was



PHOTO COURTESY "FALLING TO EARTH" FACEBOOK

Apollo astronaut Al Worden with an Apollo spacecraft boilerplate at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey, where Worden's spacecraft was constructed. Worden was at the space center last week signing copies of his latest book, "Falling to Earth."

with a folksy sense of humor and imbued with a self-assured tone that reflected his independent approach to life and problem-solving, seemingly proved so effective that people stood in two rows afterwards to have their books (in most cases more than one copy was tucked under their arms) signed by him and co-author Francis French, British-born director of education for the San Diego Air & Space Museum.

In his foreword to the book, astronaut Dick Gordon, Worden's Apollo 15 backup and good friend, acknowledged that the fifth group (in the choice of astronauts) which included Worden in 1966, "although they may not have realized it at the time, would play a major role in virtually all American spaceflights from early Apollo missions up to and including early space shuttle flights." He also said that "Apollo 15 became known as perhaps the best of the Apollo program."

"With this book," Gordon added, "you will experience one of humankind's greatest adventures." It's a forthright, honest, and verifiable claim. Not content with my notes, I finagled a copy of his book and started reading. Worden, as French said to me, "is a great storyteller." He was right. Episode after episode is told briskly, and with narrative punch.

Here, for example, as part of the team's preparation for the actual mission, Worden describes how they had to study, among other things, geology: "We traveled all over the world to study as many moon-like geologic regions as we could. I spent around ten days exploring the volcanically active regions of Iceland, a place so stark and barren I felt as if I were already

on the moon.. We were there in the summertime, and it seemed like the sun never set. You could be out at 3 a.m. and see people strolling the city streets, the stores still open....NASA also sent us to explore Alaska, home to valleys of fumaroles that steamed scalding gases into the cold air. Our planet is a living, changing, dynamic place, and learning this amazed me...We also explored regions in Mexico, California, New Mexico, and the majestic volcanoes of Hawaii. It was a magical experience to walk across the throats of active lava flows in the early Hawaiian morning, as steam rose from cracks in the fresh rock...We also explored lava flows in Oregon...we journeyed to Meteor Crater in Arizona...we visited calderas in Texas...we trekked down to the floor of the Grand Canyon..."

The day of the launch, Worden describes the scene: "The Saturn V rocket was huffing as puffs of vapor vented from it; the tanks were continually topped off. The Saturn V reminded me of a tethered animal pawing at the ground, ready to run. It no longer seemed like a large chunk of metal—it appeared to fume with frustration, ready to be unleashed, unrestrained." After a few minutes and thousands of miles still farther, this observation: "The beautiful planet Earth stretched below us, with a thin horizon that knifed between sky and black space. It was stunning and strikingly delicate. And because we were so low, we zipped across oceans and continents in minutes."

And again: "We were shooting for a moving target. Because the moon orbits Earth, we had to aim not for the moon itself, but where the moon was going to be. It was

like firing two bullets, wanting them not to hit each other, but to barely miss. If we got it wrong, space was an unforgiving place. We had to trust the math in our flight plan completely. We checked our numbers a lot."

Again: "In my six days circling the moon, no matter what I was doing, I stopped to look at the Earth rise. It was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen or imagined. I would see it seventy-five times in all."

At age 79, Al Worden still looks alert, sprightly and vigorous, and doesn't show signs of slowing down. He can't. Today his energies are focused on running the Florida-based Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, which hands out scholarships to bright college students exhibiting "exceptional performance" in science and engineering, and who may someday "make a real difference to future innovation." He loves what he's doing and he's totally committed to it, he said.

The flyer for last Saturday's book signing referred to irreplaceable Worden as "moon voyager." With his love of adventure, and his achievements to prove it, he fits the description to a T.

He may not now be as recognizable as the more famous Buzz Aldrin or Neil Armstrong or Alan Shepard, but with his book's publication, more and more people are bound to appreciate his true legacy to the whole space program.

I also like his comment about people rising above issues of race, religion, or politics – to ensure the future of mankind and the planet, very apropos in this critical time when the nation picks its leaders.

West Nile virus reaches epidemic levels

DOWNEY – City officials are warning residents to take seriously the threat of West Nile virus, which has reached epidemic levels in Los Angeles County.

In Downey, four mosquito samples and one dead bird have tested positive for the disease, officials with the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District said.

Although no human cases have been reported in the city, officials said residents should protect themselves against the virus.

"We encourage our residents to be proactive and take this matter seriously," said Mayor Luis Marquez. "The West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through bites from infected mosquitoes and following (precautions) can help decrease exposure...and potentially help save lives."

To guard against potentially-infected mosquitoes, vector officials said residents should keep their swimming pools and spas clean and properly maintained; eliminate standing water; avoid outdoor activity during dusk and dawn; use insect repellent and wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors.

Residents should also report dead birds by calling (800) WNV-BIRD or online at westnile.ca.gov.

Vacant or abandoned homes with stagnant pools or ponds should also be reported by calling (562) 944-9656.

As of last week, 207 mosquitoes and 51 birds have tested positive for West Nile virus.

For more information, contact vector control at (562) 944-9656 or go online to glacvcd.org.

School district releases free lunch policy

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District has released its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals to students during the upcoming school year, which starts Sept. 7.

The school district uses a sliding income scale to determine which students are eligible to receive free or discounted meals, as mandated by the federal government.

Students who live in a household of four people, for example, are eligible for free breakfast, lunch and milk if the household income does not exceed \$34,021.

The maximum annual income increases \$4,966 for each additional household member.

Eligibility for foster children is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

Children who receive food stamps or other qualifying state aid are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of their household income.

The meals are funded by the National School Lunch Program, a federally-assisted meal program that operates in public and non-profit private schools throughout the nation.

The program dates to 1946, when it was signed into law by President Harry Truman.

Kids build confidence through art

■ Pediatric patients finish art program at Rancho Los Amigos.

By GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – The 2011 edition of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program concluded last Wednesday as participants painted their final class project and were honored during an awards reception at the world-renowned rehabilitation hospital.

This year the visual arts class had 24 participants, the most in the history of the program. The participants ranged in age from 7 to 26 years old. Their medical diagnoses included Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy, Traumatic Brain Injury, Spinal Cord Injury, Stroke and Multiple Sclerosis.

"Many of the participants had never painted before," said Rancho Occupational Therapist and Program Coordinator Jennifer Bashar. "They and their parents were amazed at their newfound talent."

Rancho CEO and noted artist Jorge Orozco acknowledged the vast potential of the young artists. "The instructors have helped

each of these outstanding young people tap into their artistic vision and produce their own masterpieces," he said.

Program participant Jonathan Alvarenga explained how the Pediatric Arts experience opened up new worlds for him: "When I first came to Rancho with a major spinal cord injury, I didn't see myself as an artist, but my instructors and therapists helped me discover an exciting new vision for myself and my life. Now I see art and music as important keys to unlocking my future."

Instructor and illustrious Rancho artist Robert Thome said, "Jonathan is one of several extremely talented artists in this class. From his first painting, his talent and artistic courage came flying off the paper. In my view, he has a big future as an artist."

Robert's fellow instructors included his wife Kathy, Steve Clay, Manuel Lugo and Ruben Rios.

"We are delighted by how this program helps young people with disabilities get outside themselves and relate to the world around them in new and imaginative ways," Ruben said. "In every class, we have seen the light go on for the kids we're teaching. For some, it's a momentary

insight...and for others, their artistic spirit has been touched forever."

The Rancho Pediatric Arts Program was created by Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe and is funded through the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation. "When you watch these young people paint, you see how meaningful this experience becomes," Knabe said. "You can almost see the wheels turning, the creativity flowing, and the self-esteem growing."

Many participants had siblings or friends painting next to them. "I love how the class removes barriers and levels the playing field between participants and their siblings as they learn to explore and express their artistic talents together," Jennifer said. She teamed with fellow Occupational and Recreation therapists Julie Helgren, Dina Ochoa and Lori Rowley to work with the young artists.

Jennifer said that one of her favorite projects was developed by a 7-year-old who recently suffered a spinal cord injury and learned how to paint using a mouthstick at Rancho. "He was determined to make his mother a pretty picture for her birthday, and he was bursting with pride when he was able to surprise her with the finished painting," she said.

Rancho Director of Volunteer Services Debbie Tomlinson said, "When the kids get a chance to work with instructors like Robert, Ruben, Manuel and Steve who have overcome their own disabling conditions to become tremendous artists, it has a very

powerful impact on them. I have seen kids who were very subdued and anti-social make a 180-degree turn and even serve as role models to inspire others."

One of the program's unforgettable experiences was a trip to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where participants, instructors, parents and siblings were treated to a private, docent-led tour of the celebrated Tim Burton exhibit at LACMA. "The outing opened up a whole different side of the art world," Jennifer said. "Everyone loved it!"

Then she put the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program into perspective. "The program is only the beginning of what the clinicians and instructors hope will be a successful journey as an artist for program participants. Each year we discover amazing talent and are able to graduate individuals into the Art of Rancho show and beyond."

One of those exceptional individuals is Jonathan, who along with several of his fellow Pediatric artists, will be showing his work alongside seasoned Rancho artists at the Art of Rancho exhibition on Nov. 9-10.


"When my Pediatric Arts instructors helped me develop the passion to paint, I hoped and dreamed that someday I could join them in the Art of Rancho show," Jonathan said. "Now, thanks to their inspiration and my hard work, my hopes and dreams are about to come true!"

For further information, call the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation at (562) 401-7053 or visit rancho.org, facebook.com/rancholosamigosrehab or twitter.com/ranchorehab.



Photos by Greg and Diane Waskul

To see more pictures of Rancho's Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program, go online to thedowneypatriot.com.



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The Downey Lions Club**

We are a legitimate Non-Profit 501C3 Organization in good standing with the IRS. All proceeds go directly to provide much needed services for those less fortunate. All donations are tax deductible. Our Club just formed in 2010. The Lions Club that was just mentioned in the Downey Patriot was from 1947. Thank You Maria Fernandez, Current President.

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Photo by Eric Pierce

Local politicians hosted an "information meeting" Wednesday in Downey to discuss ways to keep L.A. County's Fourth District intact. From left: Mayor Pro Tem Roger Brossmer, Councilman Mario Guerra, L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe and former Rancho board member Carmen Perez.

Politicians convene to stop county map shakeup

Officials gather at Downey space center to throw support behind Don Knabe and to keep Fourth District intact.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY — About two dozen locally-elected officials and community leaders gathered at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Wednesday night to show support for Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and strategize against proposals to redraw the county's district boundary lines.

Los Angeles County is in the midst of redrawing its district maps, as it is mandated to do every 10 years by the federal government. Some of the proposed maps would shift Downey and other southeast area cities with the San Gabriel Valley.

Latino advocates say the move would give Hispanics a second majority in Los Angeles County's five supervisorial districts, but officials here said cities should remain together with other cities of similar interests and wrestling with similar issues.

"What we have right now is a union of cities we belong with," said Downey Councilman David Gafin. "We belong together."

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing Tuesday at 1 p.m. before taking a vote Sept. 27. If the five-member board cannot reach a 4/5th majority decision, a commission made up by District Attorney Steve Cooley, Sheriff Lee Baca and assessor John Noguez will decide.

Officials Wednesday argued against maps proposed by supervisors Gloria Molina and Mark Ridley-Thomas. Their maps, critics said, would unnecessarily shift 3.5 million L.A. County residents to new districts, and displace more than 30 communities.

Local officials instead lobbied

for Knabe's proposal, which would keep Downey and other local cities -- including Norwalk, Whittier and Long Beach -- together in a single district.

Knabe said he was confident his map proposal would receive support from his colleagues.

"There's only one plan that has a chance of being approved and that's mine," Knabe said. "No other plan will receive even three votes."

Politicians on Wednesday also denied the need for a second Hispanic majority district, saying residents are already well-represented by Knabe.

"It's not about being black, brown, white or purple," said Downey Councilman Mario Guerra. "It's not about race, it's about representation."

In a statement posted on the Patriot's website, Guerra also said politicians should be judged by their "values and performance," not the color of their skin.

"While I am a Latino elected official in a City that is 70.7% Hispanic (Census 2010) I could care less what the ethnic background of somebody representing me," Guerra wrote. "I do not look at their color or last name. I want to know how hard they work to repre-

sent my interest and those of my City and County. I judge them by their values and performance. I vote based on who they represent and what they have done.

"Just as I feel I was elected based on those principals and not because of my last name. I feel my re-election was based on what I did in my first four years and not because of my race or nationality," Guerra continued. "While I am very proud of my heritage, culture and background, I am proud to be an American representing everyone. Judge my actions and heart, not my skin color nor name origin."

Kirk Cartozian, a Downey councilman until he was termed out three years ago, said the redistricting proposals were "bad politics and not good policy."

"In my eight years in office not once did I hear someone say we needed to change maps," he said. "Where's the groundswell for support? There is none."

Council members and administrators from Whittier, Norwalk, Signal Hill, La Mirada and Avalon on Catalina Island attended Wednesday's meeting. Three patients from Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center also attended to support Knabe.

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Budgeting Basics October 12, 2011

This seminar will help you learn to set up a spending plan and identify spending leaks. You will be encouraged to track your spending in order to find ways to save, thus helping you achieve your short-term and long-term goals. This is a great introductory session to managing your finances effectively.

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This seminar will provide you with information about what's on a credit report, how it gets there, how a credit score is calculated, and how to develop good financial habits. Understanding credit and knowing where you stand are vital to protecting yourself from predatory lending by unqualified or unscrupulous lenders offering costly or unstable loan products.

Identity Theft December 7, 2011

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. Attendees will learn what identity theft is and how criminals obtain your information. This seminar will teach you how to protect yourself from identity theft online and offline and will help you to identify if you are a victim. We will teach you what to do and where to go for help if your identity has been compromised.

Building a Better Credit History January 11, 2012

This seminar covers who needs to build credit and why. Attendees will learn how to build credit for the first time and how to rebuild credit if you have made mistakes in the past. The workshop covers tips for using credit wisely and how to avoid costly pitfalls. Finally, consumers will learn about their rights and responsibilities.

Attend all of the seminars or just an isolated topic. RSVP by emailing your name, date of the seminar/s you wish to attend, and the number of people in your party, to rsvpseminar@downeyfcu.org.

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Observe the moon from space center

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will celebrate "International Observe the Moon Night" with a moon gazing event Oct. 8 from 7-9 p.m.

Families are invited to the space center where they can gaze at the moon through telescopes. NASA merchandise will also be given away.

Admission is \$5 or free for space center members. The event is taking place outdoors so visitors should dress accordingly.

For more information, go to columbiaspacecenter.org or call (562) 231-1200.

Shopping event at Citadel Outlets

DOWNEY – Local shoppers are invited to participate in the Citadel Outlets' sixth annual "Shopping Extravaganza" on Oct. 22 to get a head start on Christmas shopping and benefit a local organization at the same time.

For \$20, ticket-holders receive deep discounts from 115 outlet stores between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. There will also be \$1 raffles, with 100 tickets drawn every hour. More than \$60,000 in prizes will be given away.

Ticket-holders also receive access to a free wine tasting and lunch at Ruby's Diner, Subway or Fresca's Mexican Grill.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the OLPH Women's Guild, which will use the money for scholarships and to assist community organizations.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, call Sally Johnson at (562) 861-8370 and mention "OLPH."

Wine bar hosting art exhibit

DOWNEY – Mari's Wine Bar will host its second "Art on the Vine" exhibit Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m., featuring local artists Rocio Alejandra Garcia and Carlos Durazo.

The event, sponsored by the Downey Arts Coalition, will also feature live jazz music by saxophonist Sergio De La Trinidad and his friends.

"Come out and support the Downey Art Coalition's efforts to bring more arts and culture events to our city," organizers said in a statement. "We're an all-volunteer effort and are putting these together for our neighbors in order to build community and conversations."

The art exhibit is free to attend but visitors must be 21 or older.

FBI agent to discuss crime

DOWNEY – An FBI special agent will be guest speaker at the next Business Watch meeting taking place Sept. 20 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at City Hall.

The Downey Police Department will also be on-hand to discuss local crime trends.

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

Drug store nears opening

DOWNEY – A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 23 at the new Walgreens located at 8030 Imperial Hwy.

The drug store, which replaced a former tire shop, opened this weekend.

The 12,258 square foot stucco building will feature a drive-thru lane for its pharmacy and a 32-ft. tall entry tower.

Downey school board cancels election

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District cancelled its election scheduled for Nov. 8 after no one filed paperwork to challenge incumbent school board members.

More than two dozen school districts throughout L.A. County cancelled elections due to a lack of candidates, including the school districts in Whittier, Paramount, Montebello and El Monte.

The cities of Santa Fe Springs, Artesia and Rolling Hills Estates also called off city council elections.

Free admission to Downey space center

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will offer free admission to children and adults on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The free admission is courtesy of Financial Partners Credit Union.

The space center houses space exhibits, flight simulators, rocket launchers and a LEGO robotics lab. There will also be a bounce house, rocket contest and more.

The space center is located at 12400 Columbia Way.

Bellflower farmers market closed Monday

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower farmers market will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

The city of Bellflower operates a certified farmers market at the corner of Clark Avenue at Oak Street in the Simms Park parking lot every Monday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (except for holidays) and offers a variety of fresh produce, bread, flowers and more.

Vendors interested in setting up a stand at the farmers market should call (562) 866-8142.

Carlos Galvan Jr. celebrates success of Amapola markets

■ Carlos Galvan Jr. says employees are key to his company's success.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Carlos Galvan, Jr. has since 2008 been serving as vice-president and chief financial officer of family-owned La Amapola, Inc., a chain of three 'upper-lower' grocery stores that cater primarily to the Latino market. It was founded by his grandfather, Francisco, in 1961.

With grandpa Francisco's retirement in 1974, Carlos Jr.'s father, Carlos Sr., took over as president and chief executive officer. Grandpa Francisco died in 1979.

The first Amapola store location, in South L.A., started small, offering only tortillas and masa (used for tamales) at first, and branched out into meats and full-service deli only in the 1980s. Today the original location remains the smallest of the three Amapola Markets, occupying only 9,000-sq. ft.

With product acceptance came steady, gradual growth.

"My grandparents' and father's hard work paved the way for us," said Carlos Jr. "Today the business is flourishing, with Amapola's special-recipe tortillas leading the way still as its number one money-maker. The chain's product line now also includes tamales, carnitas, prepared foods, meats and fresh produce."

There is a sense of accelerated success, he said. "It took 35 years to open our second location here in Downey. It only took 10 years to open our third, on Paramount Boulevard and Garfield Avenue (11,000-sq. ft.). This here Downey location (Florence Avenue and Old River School Road) is our biggest store, occupying 25,000 sq. ft."

The stores' operations are similar to the giant grocery stores', such as Ralph's, Vons, Albertsons, and the like.

"Of course, we cannot compete with them price-wise because they purchase in bulk and they have economies of scale which we don't enjoy," he continued. "In this busi-



Carlos Galvan Jr. is active with local chambers of commerce. His family runs the Amapola chain of supermarkets with three locations in Southern California, including Downey.

ness, however, we don't really compete with anyone. There's room for everybody."

What would set a grocery store apart, he said, is maintenance of its expected level of quality. "In fact," he said, "each of our branch managers has responsibility for three main areas: keep the store clean, keep it operating well, strive to keep it profitable. We have been doing well on these fronts so far."

"My father, Carlos Sr., has an accounting degree, back in Guadalajara where our roots are. I have two other brothers who assist in other operational areas (marketing and promotion, maintenance, equipment). Because of my nine-year banking background, I pay more attention to administrative (workers' comp), financial (insurance) and other legal matters. We make decisions by committee, with my father having the final say in all significant matters. Because of advancing age, pop has mellowed a bit but he's still firmly in control."

A Warren High graduate, Carlos Jr. has a bachelor's degree in political science ('89) from UC-Riverside. He is currently pursuing his MBA degree in finance with the University of Phoenix.

A member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce as well as other area chambers (Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce; Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and of the Regional Hispanic Institute, of which he is current chairman), he is also chairman of the city of Downey's Public Facilities Financing Corporation, which is tasked with "providing assistance to the city by financing the acquisition, construction, improvement and remodeling of public buildings and facilities." He has been with this 5-member group for nearly three years now.

His wife Oseme is a clinical psychologist. They have three sons: Charles, 19, attends Cerritos

College; Julien, 15, goes to St. John Bosco; while Marcel is celebrating his 6th birthday on Sept. 2.

He said the family takes the pulse of the grocery industry by analyzing figures and market trends supplied through memberships in such data-oriented associations as the Tortilla Industry Association; California Grocers Association; California Chamber of Commerce; the Mexican-American Grocers Association; and the various Hispanic Chambers of Business and business associations, as well as the regional U.S.-Hispanic chambers of commerce. "A significant part of our success is due to three factors – a good product line, a good following, and tuning to changes in demographics. Also, since we're community-oriented, our biggest promotion is word-of-mouth."

"Our tortilla operation involves a silo to store our corn, and suppliers are trucked in by various vendors and distributors, he continued"

Corporate headquarters is in Santa Fe Springs, along with a warehouse where the dry goods are stored and "where we cook the corn. They grind it in the stores."

La Amapola is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a public celebration on Sept. 25. "We're very grateful to be able to serve our customers for 50 years now. Our success is due to their loyalty," said Carlos Jr. "We'll also be saluting our employees. They're also key to our success. It is they who put in all the hard work. Some of our employees have been with the company for 30 years. Then there's the city of Downey. Overall, Downey has been a good market for us. It's been a good city for us and the market here has improved."

"We are also giving a private VIP celebration for selected guests on Sept. 22," he said.

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Proposed bill unfair to victims

By Assemblyman Dan Logue

Liberal Democrats are just one vote away in the State Assembly from passing one of the most misguided public safety measures in California's history – Senate Bill 9 authored by San Francisco Democrat Leland Yee.

This bill would allow murderers who were juveniles at the time they committed their crime and who were sentenced to life without parole to ask the court for re-sentencing up to three times. Given the language of the bill and the long history of Democrats supporting efforts to weaken California's tough-on-crime laws, SB 9 is just the latest attempt by them to prioritize criminal rights.

That is why I joined a number of public safety officials and organizations such as the California Police Chiefs Association and Crime Victims United to oppose this bill because it could give a slap on the wrist to dangerous criminals like Jimmy Siackasorn.

Siackasorn, who was 16 at the time, shot Sacramento County detective Vu Nguyen three times and killed him while being chased on foot. He later told officers that he knew the detective was a police officer, and shot him because "he deserved it." Under SB 9, cold-blooded murderers like Siackasorn could petition the court for re-sentencing under the right conditions and not prove he has shown genuine remorse. By just reading a self-help book and saying "I'm sorry," he could have the opportunity to receive a lighter sentence.

The supporters of SB 9 would have you believe that it is about providing misguided people a chance at redeeming themselves. While I believe in the power of redemption, it has to be accompanied by repentance, which cannot be guaranteed by SB 9.

That is because if you look beyond the rhetoric, you will see that the bill establishes weak criteria where many inmates would be entitled to a court hearing to reconsider their original sentence. This criterion includes availing themselves of education programs in prison such as self-study – which is a ridiculously low standard to meet. A prisoner meeting these guidelines does not have to prove that he has truly recognized the error of his ways.

Even worse, SB 9 could reopen the painful wounds of many crime victim families on up to three separate occasions. If an inmate's request for re-sentencing is denied the first time, he can try two more times, an agonizing ordeal for any family to go through. Instead of showing compassion to criminals, I suggest showing some compassion to their victims and families, who deserve justice and who expect the state to uphold the people's will.

SB 9 is not about ensuring fairness, but rather undermining the strong public safety laws that have kept the worst of the worst behind bars. Keep in mind we are not talking about kids who broke into someone's car qualifying for a reduced sentence, but potentially giving dangerous criminals a break who brutally murdered their victims. That makes no sense.

Although SB 9 fell one vote short of passage in the Assembly, it could come back for a vote in the near future if liberal Democrats can find one other moderate Democrat to vote for it. I will continue to work with the public safety community and crime victim families to ensure that SB 9 does not get that one additional vote. Keeping our communities safe must always remain our top priority.

Assemblyman Dan Logue, R-Linda, represents the 3rd Assembly District in the California Legislature.

Teens ignored

Dear Editor:

The future of any city is in its teenagers. And yet, to look around Downey is to come face to face with a city that ignores this category of young people.

Young adults seem to be in the city fathers' crosshairs judging by the number of hookah bars, wine bars, alcohol nightclubs and cantinas open to 2 a.m. These nightspots are not a credit to the city of Downey or a benefit to the twenty somethings whose lungs and livers are at-risk. I'm sure responsible parents of young adults are gasping and rolling their eyes at the city leaders' enthusiasm.

As a teenager, I am not yet concerned about the pitfalls of adulthood. But I am worried that Downey is losing a tremendous opportunity to give Downey's teens a safe place to go evenings and weekends. Currently I ask my parents to drive me to Whittier, Long Beach or other cities for safe entertainment.

I had hoped after hearing the campaign promises of the last election that downtown Downey would become another Old Town San Diego or Uptown Whittier, but that seems not to be the goal.

-- Caitlin Davis,

Downey

Land of diversity

Dear Editor:

"Hispanic operation!" Is that a new medical procedure that I haven't heard about? ("Name Change," Letters to the Editor, 8/25/11)

Talk about hysteria. I thought I was reading about a new script for a Hollywood movie, but some people see racism everywhere.

Mr. Diaz points out that he is a Vietnam veteran. I'm assuming that he is talking about the American military, because individuals who joined, regardless of race, creed or gender, did not join the black Army, the white Marine Corps, or the Hispanic navy. They joined the American military where I proudly served for 21 years.

America was and is made up of immigrants from all over the world who wanted to escape being placed in categories and America is great because of that reason.

Furthermore, maybe city officials and residents realized the dumbing down of America with misspelled words. "Value" translated into Spanish is spelled "valor," not "valu."

I'm also sure that the residents of Downey are smart enough to know where to buy ethnic foods.

-- George Hofstetter,

Downey

Letters to the Editor:

Public forum

Dear Editor:

If there were any doubt about the reemergence of the arts and culture in our community, it has been erased by the Patriot's most recent editions.

Starting with the well-done story on Andrew Wahlquist and his friends in forming the Downey Arts Coalition, followed by another story on George Redfox and his board and their efforts to rescue the once highly-regarded Downey Museum of Art and his real accomplishment in organizing and advancing the Downey Conservancy through its incorporation and recognition as a 501(c) organization and recognition by the L.A. County Preservation Fund with a substantial grant, then the announcement of the series of art exhibits at Mari's Wine Bar, to be followed with the front page coverage of the forthcoming season of the Downey Civic Theatre, and the announcement of the DCLO season in its latest edition, the Patriot confirms the reemergence.

The reemergence of the arts received another boost when Councilman Fernando Vasquez requested the incorporation of an arts component in the forthcoming Downey food fest.

The Patriot may want to consider maintaining a column similar to the one on the theater's programs of all arts coming events in its Dining and Entertainment page as a permanent feature. I believe it would be looked upon as a great service to the cause of advancing the arts in the community.

The Patriot's increasing coverage of efforts in the reemergence of the arts shows that it has its finger on the pulse of what is of real interest to the community and provides a much-needed recognition and encouragement to all the efforts underway in reestablishing the arts as a significant component of the image and reputation we enjoyed in the past as the finest community along the Gateway Cities in which to live and bring up families. It is hoped that what we see are signs that a new generation of our residents will lead us back to those days. For that, they deserve our encouragement and support.

It has been surprising that not much has been reflected in the Letters to the Editor page in recognition of the Patriot's contribution to the discussion of the arts initiative in the community through its coverage in spite of the considerable discussion among its readers. I hope this letter will prompt others to add their views to the subject, for truly, the Patriot is the forum that brings the community together.

-- Harold Tseklenis,
Downey

Neighborhood watch success

Dear Editor:

Our Downey neighborhood watch team leaders, Josephine Jacquez, Ray Metzger and Dawn Sebastian, give special thanks to our councilmen Mario Guerra and Roger Brossmer, along with Jane Guzman, our newly-appointed neighborhood watch coordinator, and Officer Valenzuela of the Downey Police Department, who took time from their weekend to join us to discuss our neighborhood's concerns.

All issues and questions asked were addressed. Officer Valenzuela made us aware of the new technology now in use that most of us were not aware of.

Working together as a team through neighborhood watch, we can help our police department in the prevention of crime. According to Ms. Guzman, we now have 90 neighborhood watch teams and growing.

Our many thanks to our 30 neighbors who attended the meeting; to Gilbert Medina, for lending his chairs and a table for our refreshments; William Sanchez, for his chairs and canopy which shielded us from the hot sun; and Patrick Chung for setting up the canopy, as well as Patti Ortiz who helped prepare and serve refreshments. Together they made it possible to have a successful and comfortable environment for our meeting.

In the event of a catastrophe, we will be able to unite and help one another as well. Getting involved in your community can make a big difference; everyone benefits from it.

-- Ray Metzger,
Downey

Dear Editor:

The residents of the Dunrobin Avenue Neighborhood Watch would like to publicly thank Councilman Mario Guerra, Councilman David Gafin, Neighborhood Watch coordinator Jane Guzman and the Downey Police and Fire Departments for attending our third annual barbecue.

It was truly appreciated that they took time out of their busy day to help make our day successful. Very professional. Job well done!

-- Dunrobin Avenue neighbors,
Downey

Street paintings

Dear Editor:

The Downey City Council on July 12 approved a company to paint seven traffic signal cabinets and a small mural in the downtown Avenue Theatre site. Recently two traffic signal boxes on the northwest corner of the library curbside on Brookshire Avenue near the pedestrian crossing were completed.

There is a large and a small traffic signal box at this location and both were painted to look like wood bookshelves. These are wonderful works of art.

The larger box depicts shelves complete with books and titles. Facing north on Brookshire a sign is painted on this box "Downey Library." The smaller of the two boxes depict children's books, toys and a wonderful sign "I love to read all Dr. Seuss" and a Cat in the Hat sign.

Hundreds of Downey High School students and pedestrians going to and from the library and traffic on Brookshire will enjoy these outstanding works of art daily. What a great idea to paint these two nondescript, uninteresting traffic boxes.

For several years the Avenue Theatre located on Downey Avenue has been an eyesore, a blemish on this beautiful section of our downtown area. Now it has been repainted, a new false front installed complete with a box office, entry doors painted and the marquee painted "West Side Story."

What a great improvement to these areas.

-- Byron Dillon,
Downey

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CORRECTION

A news item in last week's issue regarding an aerobics class offered by Downey Adult School contained the incorrect fee for seniors citizens. The cost is \$75, not \$65 as reported. We apologize for the error.

Failed representative

Dear Editor:

The article put out by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard on jobs prompts this letter. ("Congresswoman Calls for Jobs in Latino Community," 8/25/11)

A few years ago Kenny Rogers had a hit song with lyrics, "You Picked a Fine Time Lucille." Truly Lucille picked a fine time to demand legislation to create good jobs now (read: government jobs). Where is the money coming from, China? Or are we just printing it?

Roybal-Allard's record is supporting every job-killing policy and regulation put into effect almost daily by this administration. She never saw a spending bill she didn't like. She has an F grade by taxpayer groups and a zero on regulation reform by economic growth advocates.

I am afraid she is more of a community organizer than a congressional representative.

-- Don Johnston,
Downey

The state of leadership

Dear Editor:

It is difficult to understand how so many people in government got where they are. It would appear that surely some must have common sense but "common sense" is no longer common.

There's always something new. We now learn that the ATF sent arms to the drug cartels in Mexico under the direction of our highest officials. The punishment? Three have been transferred to D.C. with promotions. Absolutely no punishment to those responsible. Thousands in Mexico have died at the hands of the drug cartels.

Think back to the Gulf oil spill. Everybody was blamed, except possibly those who were responsible to check the safety of the oil drilling. I've tried many times to find out what their punishment was but my senators and House representative just can't seem to find out.

Along the same line, I've tried to find out the status of the investigation of Rep. Maxine Waters, who went to Barney Frank to get "stimulus" money for the bailout of the bank where her husband was invested and on the board. The answer I get is "we can't give out information since it is still under investigation." How convenient!

We all know the severe punishment Ted Kennedy received for driving drunk, leaving Mary Jo Kopeckne in her water grave while he "slept it off." His punishment: he was later appointed to the "Ethics" Committee.

Now we know that President Obama wants Korea to buy cars made in the U.S. while his big \$1 million campaign bus was made in Canada. I'm not sure if the 40-car entourage following him was made in the U.S. or if they were the new electric cars or not – you know, "global warming."

We now learn that this administration won't send 300,000 illegals home unless they had been arrested for something other than illegal entry. Interestingly enough, the caption under the TV announcement read "440,000 now unemployed." I guess the 300,000 illegals will work for less than the 440,000 unemployed citizens.

I started this letter wondering how so many got into high places in government. They must start at City Council or county level. Most interesting is the placement of two articles in The Downey Patriot of Aug. 12, one next to the other. First, "Public Smoking May Be Further Restricted." Thank you, Councilman Vasquez, for trying to limit where smoking is accepted.

The second article, "The Pros and Cons of Hookah Lounges." The two Downey High graduates quoted said they liked it because it was so relaxing – my suggestion: go to bed and relax. After you have smoked 45 minutes, you will have 36 times more tar than a cigarette, 15 times more carbon monoxide and 70 percent more nicotine, and be five times more likely than non-smokers to have gum disease.

The American Cancer Society found that men who smoked water pipes had five times the risk of lung cancer than non-smokers. Oh well, we still will have Obamacare to care for you in hospitals and rest homes until you die of lung cancer.

It's high time our City Council address this new "business" and close it down as a health risk, then you won't be responsible for the cancer deaths. We're not supposed to eat salt, fat, McDonald's Happy Meals, etc., but it's OK for Downey to promote tobacco smoking. As I say, one wonders where our "leaders" come from and why so many foolish decisions are made.

There must be something better for young adults to do to entertain themselves, like meet someplace to dance and enjoy each other's company, without drinking or smoking.

-- Elsa Van Leuven,
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Tues. Sept. 6: **Gangs Out of Downey**, City Hall second floor, 7:30 a.m.
Thurs. Sept. 8: **Blue Mass**, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 8:30 a.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

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
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.
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 904-7117.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 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 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 Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
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. 622-3785.

Saturdays

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

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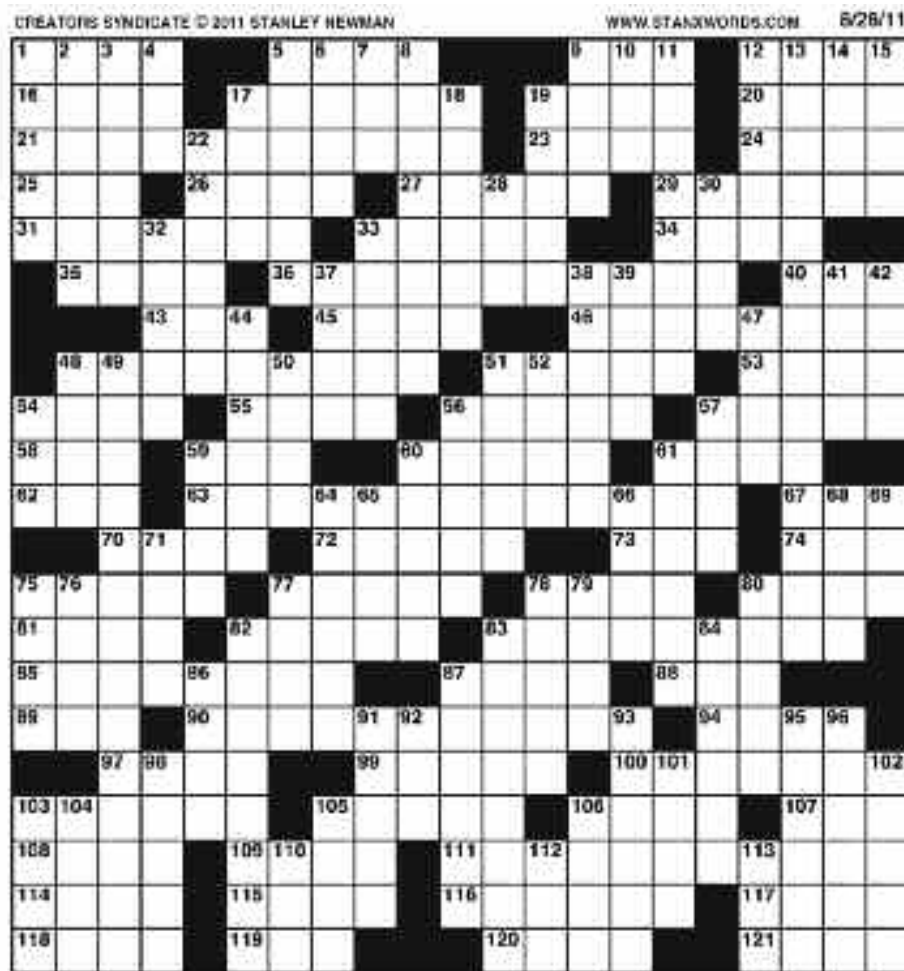
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Ilda Vaja

How to give a great print media interview

■ Tips on how to act and what to say during a newspaper interview.

BY MARSHA FRIEDMAN,
SPECIAL TO THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

ABWA names its 'Woman of the Year'

DOWNEY – Ilda Vaja has been named "Chapter Woman of the Year" by the Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, the organization announced this week.

Vaja has been a member of the association for 33 years, serving as an officer many times.

After retirement, she and another ABWA member followed their dreams and opened a vineyard.

The ABWA also honored the LivingHelp Center and food bank at Downey First Christian Church "for their contribution to the community of Downey."

The LivingHelp Center assists women during "crisis pregnancies" while the food bank helps an average of 50 families every Saturday.

The Eldorado chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner, a guest speaker and business meeting.

For more information, call (310) 701-8098.

New CEO at Downey rehab center

DOWNEY – Jen Hone has been named CEO at Downey Rehabilitation Care Center, the company announced this week.

Hone has been with the nursing center three years.

Downey Rehabilitation Care Center will also host a blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross on Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donors will receive a coupon for a free appetizer from Mimi's Cafe, two VIP tickets to the Laugh Factory, and be entered into a drawing for an American Express gift card valued at \$1,500.

Appointments can be made by sending an e-mail to bfenley@covenantcare.com, calling (562) 208-4663 or online at redcrossblood.org. Enter sponsor code "redhbcare."

Register now for Golf Classic

DOWNEY – The Golf Classic, an annual fundraiser for the Downey Chamber of Commerce now in its 15th year, will take place Sept. 21 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon.

To RSVP, or for more information, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.

Business mixer at Golf N' Stuff

NORWALK – Golf N' Stuff will host a business mixer Sept. 22 from 5-7 p.m.

Visitors can network while enjoying food, music, games and miniature golf.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce will participate, along with chambers from the cities of Montebello, Bell Gardens, Santa Fe Springs, Cerritos, South Gate and Norwalk.

RSVP by e-mailing kengarcia@golfnstuff.com or call (562) 864-7706.

Sometimes I cringe when I hear people talk about "the media." It sounds as if everyone in TV, radio, print and online press is a member of one fraternity that thinks and acts the same. There is a vast gulf between the daily life of a print journalist and the daily life of a radio show host. And there are many differences between radio hosts and TV producers.

They really shouldn't be treated the same. That's why I've written a booklet called "50 Tips to Make You a Great Radio Guest" and a similar piece for TV. Now I am compiling tips for working with print and online journalists (which in many cases can be the same thing).

This will be the first of three articles, so stay tuned for the others over the next two weeks. Here are the first five tips:

Be Responsive. In TV and radio, interview times are pre-arranged. However, print and online journalists typically have daily and weekly deadlines. When they call you, they need you right then!

In many cases, journalists will reach out to several experts on a news item and then choose the one who is the better interviewer or whoever responded quickest (or a combination of the two). The more reliably you respond, the more likely they will call on you again.

It's Not About You. Most journalists are not interested in you, but rather the expert commentary you can provide. The more you use the words "I" and "my" the less likely they will use you as a source. When speaking to a reporter, keep in mind you are speaking to their audience, so keep your remarks centered on what their audience cares about and you'll be quoted early and often.

Read Before You Talk. If you get a call from a publication, take five minutes to go online and read a few of their stories. Look for their tone and approach, so your tone and approach will match. Also look for articles they wrote on your topic, so you can avoid duplicating what someone else said. Finally, read articles written by the journalist you'll be speaking with. There is no better way to prepare for a print or online interview than to read the writings of



the reporter interviewing you. You can discover his or her focus, audience and philosophy. The reporter can tell if you've read his or her articles through your comments and will respect you for having made the effort to prepare for them.

Don't Empty Your Notebook. Beat reporters – journalists who cover a particular topic or industry – tend to be experts in that field from their time covering it for their respective publications. They don't need, nor do they want, your soup-to-nuts take on that topic. They need only a few quotes and opinions to round out their stories. Answer direct questions with direct answers, and get to the point quickly. There's no need to tell the reporter everything you know, emptying your notebook of all your collected knowledge, in order to have a good interview. Allowing an interview to devolve into you talking about your total philosophy on a particular topic or business will result in your interview landing in the discard pile, and the reporter will likely seek a comment from your competitor instead.

Be Professional. Reporters don't call you to talk about the weather, last night's TV, your kids, etc. You'd be surprised how many

times I've come across people who think a little friendly chat can "grease the wheels." If they engage you, that's one thing. It's entirely another if you waste their time with unwanted "schmoozing." Most have deadlines to meet and their time is valuable. Many outlets are working with significantly smaller writing staffs than a year ago. Respect their time and they'll respect you.

There's more to a good print interview and in the next two weeks I will share more tips. If you follow this advice, you'll discover your interviewers will respond better to you, use more of the interview in their actual articles and maybe even call you back for more quotes when they work on other stories.

At the end of the day, these tips will help you be prepared so that when your name is mentioned in the media, readers will know they are getting advice from someone who truly knows what he or she is talking about.

Marsha Friedman is a 21-year veteran of the public relations industry and a sought-after national public speaker on the power of publicity. She is the founder and CEO of EMSI Public Relations (guaranteednationalPR.com).



Councilman David Gafin was emcee at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's installation ceremonies held last month. He's shown with installing officer Fionnuala Anderson.

Learn to protect your pension

By Rick Rodgers

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) turns five years old this month. As companies rush to shore up pension or cancel underfunded plans you need to protect yourself from common pension mistakes. PPA was designed to close loopholes in the pension system and addresses problems for the roughly 34 million Americans covered by traditional pensions known as defined-benefit plans.

PPA requires pensions be fully funded by 2015. It also prevents companies with big pension deficits to skip annual contributions and still pronounce their plans healthy. Another major goal of the bill was to shore up the health of the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC). PBGC is an agency of the US government that insures private pension plans. 147 pension plans failed in 2010 which increased the PBGC deficit to \$23 billion. The agency assumes terminated plans and pays benefits to retirees up to a maximum of \$54,000 if they retire at age 65 or later.

One problem not addressed by PPA but continues to affect millions of people of all ages, not just retirees are pension miscalculations. Anytime you change jobs or take a lump-sum pension cash-out, you are at risk. Women are especially vulnerable to pension mistakes because they tend to move in and out of the workforce more often than men. For the most part, pension mix-ups aren't intentional.

How would you know if there was an error which had been compounding for many years? How can you ensure that you'll get what's rightfully yours when retirement arrives? It's up to you to keep track of your own pension.

Educate yourself about how your plan works. Contact your company benefits officer and ask for a copy of the plan, not the summary plan description. In May, the US Supreme Court ruled that you can't depend on your employer's summary plan description. The summary is an abbreviated form of the plan. The Court held that if there are discrepancies, the plan is the controlling document. You need a copy of the plan to determine how your pension is calculated. The plan document can run 50 pages or more.

More and more companies are freezing or terminating their pension plans. Only 38% of Fortune 1000 companies offered a pension plan in 2010. That number is down from 59% in 2004. Of those companies with a plan, 35% of those were frozen and 2% were in the process of terminating the plan. You should immediately request a personal statement of benefits if this happens to your pension. The statement will tell you what your benefits are currently worth and how many years you've been in the plan. It may even include a projection of your monthly check.

Most of the time companies won't intentionally fudge; sometimes the blame can be on simple errors. Here are seven common pension mistakes to watch for:

1. Company forgot to include commission, overtime pay, or bonuses in determining your benefit level.
2. Your employer relied on incorrect Social Security information to calculate your benefits.
3. Somebody used the wrong benefit formula (i.e., an incorrect interest rate was plugged into the equation).
4. Calculations are wrong because you've worked past age 65.
5. You didn't update your workplace personnel officer about important changes that would affect your benefits such as marriage, divorce, or death of a spouse.
6. The company neglected to include your total years of service.
7. Your pension provider made a mathematical error.

How do you protect yourself? Create a "pension file" to store all your documents from your employer. Also keep records of dates when you worked and your salary, since this type of data is used by your employer to calculate the value of your pension. Ask for professional help, if you still think something might be wrong.

Rick Rodgers is a certified financial planner, retirement counselor and member of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. He is author of the book, "The New Three-Legged Stool: A Tax Efficient Approach to Retirement Planning."

Porto's Bakery featured on TV show

DOWNEY – Porto's Bakery will be featured on an episode of "California Nonstop Foodies," airing on KNBC's digital channel 4.2.

The episode airs Sept. 2 at 9:30 a.m. and Sept. 3 at 9 p.m.

The channel is also available on Time Warner (channel 225), Charter Communications (304), Cox (804) and Verizon FIOS (460).

"California Nonstop Foodies" is a new program launched earlier this summer. It's described as a "30-minute journey of unique California culinary experiences, from diverse food and cooking trends to the restaurants and chefs that have made the state a center for cuisine."

Job fair in Santa Ana

SANTA ANA – A job fair is scheduled for Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Santa Ana, 2726 S. Grand Ave.

The job fair is tailored for veterans, seniors and handicapped persons, but all qualified candidates are welcome to attend.

Participating employers include Verizon Wireless, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Delta Dental, Viewsonic, Aflac, Southern California Gas Company, Memorial Care Health System, Spanish Broadcasting Systems, the Art Institute, and more.

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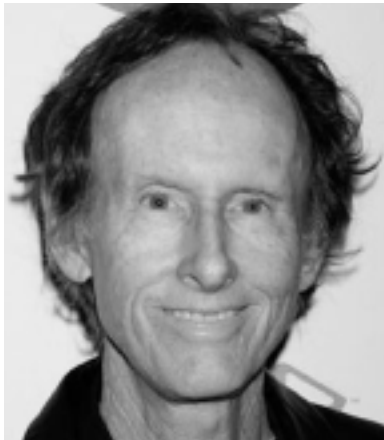
LONG BEACH – Live blues music on Labor Day weekend returns to Cal State Long Beach when KKJZ-FM 88.1 presents its second annual "KJazz Blues Bash" on Sept. 3 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center.

This year's concert lineup is headlined by legendary blues harpist, singer and songwriter James Cotton with special guest Robby Krieger of The Doors.

Joining them will be Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, blues singer and guitarist Ana Popovic and Texas bluesman Shawn Pittman. Rising Los Angeles newcomer Sugaray will give a bonus pre-concert performance on the Carpenter Center plaza.

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Robby Krieger

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VIP packages can be ordered at jazzandblues.org and reserved tickets can be purchased from the Carpenter Center box office online at carpenterarts.org or by calling (562) 985-7000. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

More information is available online at jazzandblues.org.

Downey Theatre has the potential to attract quality acts

■ The Downey Theatre can think big when booking future acts.

By JOSEPH APODACA, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Theatre has been a landmark staple for the city for years and while it has been the host to many local theatrical events, its potential to draw big-named music, theatrical and comedic acts has yet to be explored.

The 738-seat theatre has hosted a wide variety of events in the past, ranging from musical concerts, plays, award ceremonies, and dance showcases. The theatre is professionally equipped with the highest quality lighting, acoustics, wardrobe and green rooms, all the ingredients for a night of entertainment.

While the likes of A-list music acts like the Foo Fighters and Lady Gaga need the nearby stadiums such as Staples and Honda Center to house their rampant fans, there are still many named acts that could make quite an impression at the local theatre.

Musicals and plays are a huge draw when touring shows come off Broadway in New York and into town at the Pantages Theatre in Los



Pat Benatar at the Downey Theatre? Why not?

Angeles and the even closer Cerritos Performing Arts Center. Both venues have been able to secure a variety of different stage productions in the past, catering to adult nostalgia and families with small children. With the capabilities of putting on a full stage production, musical plays such as "Beauty and the Beast," "Mary Poppins," and "Grease" would without a doubt be a major success and draw a huge crowd locally.

Concerts continue to be an event that people plan for while investing more than just money, but also their devotion to particular artists. With every seat in the Downey Theatre a perfect view of the stage, concertgoers would be able to have an experience with their favorite artists that huge stadiums can't affordably provide. Artists such as Downey's very own Miranda Cosgrove, whose own music career has blossomed over the past year, would be an ideal headliner for the theatre, who would

attract many of the stars young local fans.

Emerging artists such as Hot Chelle Rae and Jason Reeves and legendary artists like Pat Benatar and the Beach Boys would add to the variety of concert acts fit for the local stage.

Comedic acts also tend to draw huge crowds at larger scale theaters and the Downey Theatre would be the perfect venue for comedians to get crowds laughing. Comedians new and seasoned headliners at the nearby Improv and Laugh Factory clubs and would definitely add to the growing list of entertainment possibilities the Downey Theatre could host.

With several new shows recently scheduled for the Downey Theatre, it will be interesting to see what the city's flagship theatre will evolve into over the next few years and what types of entertainment possibilities will blow through its doors.

Pantages celebrating return of 'Wicked'

HOLLYWOOD – Broadway's biggest blockbuster, "Wicked," is returning to the Pantages Theatre for a limited holiday engagement Nov. 30 – Jan. 29, and the Pantages is throwing a party Sept. 17 from 12-2 p.m. to celebrate.

Visitors will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets directly from the Pantages box office without incurring additional Ticketmaster service charges.

The Pantages will also host a "Wicked" karaoke contest, where the grand prize winner will receive four tickets to the first performance. All participants will receive a free "Wicked" merchandise pack.

Free food and drinks will be catered by The Perfect Bite.

Morning radio host Valentine will be master of ceremonies at the event, sponsored by 104.3 MYfm.

Based on the best-selling 1995 novel by Gregory Maguire, "Wicked," winner of 35 major awards, including a Grammy and three Tony Awards, is the untold story of the witches of Oz.

Long before Dorothy drops in, two other girls meet in the Land of Oz. One – born with emerald-green skin – is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. "Wicked" tells the story of their odyssey, and how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

Orchestra level tickets for "Wicked" start at \$30. They will be available for purchase starting Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at broadwayla.org, via Ticketmaster, or by calling (800) 982-ARTS.

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Warren point guard Danielle Rodriguez commits to Utah

DOWNEY – The second half of Warren's offensive duo point guard Danielle Rodriguez has committed to play for the University of Utah according to Warren girls' basketball head coach Rachel Palmer.

Rodriguez will be receiving a full scholarship from the Pac 12 program that is located only a couple hours away from her former teammate Franny Vaalu. But Rodriguez said that she chose Utah because of the comfort at the school.

"I chose University of Utah because I really felt at home there," said the point guard. "When I met the girls, I felt like this could really be like my third family. The coaches were genuine and honest, and competitive. It just felt like a perfect fit for me, and I know I can accomplish a lot there as an individual academically and accomplish a lot with my new team."

Rodriguez was pursued by many colleges including Arkansas, UC Davis, Cal, Oregon State, St. Mary's, Colorado State, UC Santa Barbara and UC San Diego.

In her junior season at Warren,



the dynamic point guard led her team to a 22-6 overall record, and a 9-1 San Gabriel Valley League record that clinched a long awaited championship for the program.

She also led the team in scoring with 15.3 points per game, free throw attempts with 117, 4.8 assists per game, and was second on the team in rebounding with 101 boards.

—Scott Cobos, staff writer

Q&A with Greg Lake

Hello again fellow golfers. Unfortunately this will be my last article for the summer. I have enjoyed writing this article very much and hope you got some helpful tips along the way. This week I wanted to answer some of the frequently asked questions I have received.

Q: What is the penalty for hitting the ball in the bushes and rocks that cover the drains on holes 3, 4, and 5 at Rio Hondo?

A: This has been a very popular and well debated question for many years at Rio Hondo. A good amount of people believe it is an area you should be given free relief from, but that is not the correct ruling.

These rocks are considered to be man-made rocks and thus are an integral part of the golf course. The back of the Rio Hondo scorecard has a local rule that reads "Man-made rocks are considered an integral part of the golf course – No Relief." Basically, this means that these areas are part of the golf course you have to maneuver around and do not receive relief if your swing is impeded by these rocks and bushes.

You have a couple choices on how you would like to proceed if you find your ball in these areas. You can play the ball as it lies, or take relief for an unplayable lie. Under rule 28 in the USGA Rules of Golf, if a player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must proceed under one of these three options while taking a penalty of one stroke:

a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5);

b. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped;

c. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

Q: The area of my golf grips where I place my right hand (right-handed golfer) gets worn down faster than any other area on my grips. Am I using too much of my right hand in the golf swing or what else may be my problem?

A: My first reaction to your grips is that you are probably holding the club way too tight during your swing. Most golfers can start their swing with a good grip pressure, but then on the downswing they tense up and hold the club even harder. The tension you have created doesn't allow your hands and arms to move freely in your swing as they need too. Relax and take a deep breath in and out before your swing to release that tension, and concentrate on maintaining a constant level of grip pressure throughout your swing.

As for your concern about using your right hand too much, that is something to look out from and try and change. For the right-handed golfer, your right arm should just feel like it's along for a ride during the swing. It is used as a stabilizer for the more important arm in the swing, your left arm. The only part of the swing I find it good to think about your right arm is the early moments after impact. You want to feel that you are

extending that right arm down your target line to achieve greater accuracy and power in your swing. The analogy I like to tell people is to feel that you are reaching out to shake someone's hand during this part of the swing.

Q: How can I stay 'down and through' my shots more so I may avoid falling out of my shots after impact?

A: First we want to make sure that you are in a good posture when you are addressing your ball. You want to create a good knee flex and bend from the waist so that your upper body is now closer to the golf ball.

A good rule of thumb is to favor 60% of your weight toward your back leg at address to help start and perform a proper weight shift during your swing. I believe the problem of falling out of a shot comes from a bad weight shift more than anything. A proper weight shift (for right handed golfer) starts with loading up your power over the right side of your body.

Then in the downswing you will want your weight shift to change directions and now move toward the target and complete your follow through standing straight up with most of your weight over your left foot. I see too many people have a reverse weight shift which means their momentum is falling away from the intended target after impact. A consistent and strong weight shift can lead to a very noticeable increase in distance throughout all of your clubs.

Q: How do I establish a handicap index for myself?

A: A lot of tournaments that certain golf courses hold require you to have a GHIN or USGA handicap index in order to play. The handicap system is there to create a level playing field no matter what talent level each golfer in the tournament is at.

In order to create your own handicap index you need to either join the membership club at your home golf course or you can purchase one through such golf shops as Rodger Dun's or Golfsmith. There is a yearly fee that goes along with having a handicap index which is around \$30 or \$40. Also you will want to start saving some scorecards from rounds you have played so that you have ten scorecards to turn in with your registration for a handicap.

When you join a golf course's men's or women's club, that fee is included in your yearly dues. The Rio Hondo Men's Club is \$125 per year and includes: GHIN handicap index, ability to play in the monthly tournaments, attend monthly member meetings, and participate in such events as the 'Pro-Am' or travel tournaments. Contact the Rio Hondo Pro Shop for more information.

Thank you very much for reading my articles throughout the summer. I want to thank anyone that has come up to me at Rio Hondo and complimented me on these articles. It means a lot to me to see that people enjoy my tips and to hear how their own games have improved. Hope to see everyone out on the course soon. Until next time, keep it in the short grass! But on a personal note, it's football season. Go Bears!

A preview of SGVL football

■ As usual, Downey and Warren will need to get past Dominguez.

By SCOT COBOS, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Football finally starts its 2011-2012 season Friday with Downey hosting Mayfair and Warren traveling to Burbank, but it's never too soon to start looking at what San Gabriel Valley League play holds in store for all the teams.

Two teams, according to polls, are expected to make a big splash in league play with a log jam in the middle of the pack. One team is supposed to struggle, while another is supposed to run away with the league. It's not surprising to see something familiar from years ago with Dominguez being the favorite to win the SGVL.

The Dons have always been a quick, athletic team to deal with and this year their run game will only get better with the return of three offensive linemen expected to make gaps for their tailbacks. Lacy Westbrook, Adrain Molina and Dejon Allen will be expected to cement an experienced offensive line that has always been the key of Dominguez's offensive attack.

Downey, while still trailing Dominguez in the polls, showed last year that they can hang with some of the toughest playoff opponents in CIF and should finish as the No. 2 seed in the SGVL. Last year, they were one and done after playing Inglewood, but almost pulled off a fourth quarter comeback sparked by quarterback Dallas Lopez and receiver Jabari Ruffin. Lopez, an all-around athlete completed 57 percent of his passes last year for 1,940 yards and a 4-to-1 touchdown to interception clip. Ruffin caught 35 passes for 593 yards and four touchdowns last year.

The aforementioned log jam includes Gahr, Warren and Paramount. Right now, it looks like Gahr is the early favorite to grab the No. 3 seed. The pass-heavy Gladiators will look to quarterback Eric Richardson to find their plethora of receivers. Richardson passed for 600 yards last year and completed 59 percent of his passes and seven touchdowns. The senior quarterback played in only a handful of games last year and will have to



clamp down with the minimal experience that he has.

Warren did beat Gahr last year 28-14, but this year, the Bears lost their starting quarterback, and their starting running back, both that led the team's offensive attack on the ground and in the air. But still, they remain much more aggressive on defense than Paramount does, and the sense of stability with the team, something Paramount has always struggled with, will keep them at No. 4 and maybe fighting with Gahr for a spot in the playoffs.

The Pirates started off last year's SGVL campaign with a rout of Lynwood, and an upset win over Downey, but then lost their final three games of the season against Warren, Gahr and Dominguez by a combined 63 points. Paramount had their best running back suspended as well for disciplinary reasons off the field which hurt them. If they can find stability on the roster, then they'll be a wild card. But until then, the expected distractions will continue to keep them at No. 5.

Lynwood didn't score more than 14 points in any of their league match ups last year, and didn't allow fewer than 21 points. For the past few years, they've been struggling to find an offensive flow, also being shutout twice last season. It's not so much the defense that should worry the Knights. It should be the offense. You can't win games unless you get on the scoreboard, therefore Lynwood could extend their winless streak in league play at the beginning of the season.

Long Beach State earns NCAA certification

LONG BEACH – The athletic program at Cal State Long Beach has received its third consecutive full certification from the NCAA, the university announced this week.

Certification means that Cal State Long Beach operates its athletic programs "in substantial conformity" with operating principals adopted by the NCAA Division I membership.

In 1996, CSULB was one of the first universities in the nation to receive full certification of its athletics program among some 300 eligible. The university earned its second certification in 2003.

"Given the university's focus on academic excellence and serving our students, the NCAA's full certification is well deserved," said CSULB president F. King Alexander. "I am especially grateful to all those who devoted their time and effort for the benefit of our university and athletics program. Through a long, tedious process they demonstrated sincere dedication to Long Beach State student-athletes."

The NCAA announcement comes following the university's year-long self-study of its athletics program. The study involved examination and evaluation of the athletics program focusing on governance, the university's commitment to NCAA rules compliance, academic integrity, gender and diversity, and student-athlete well-being.

Participants in the study included members from across campus, including students, faculty, staff and administrators, and members of the community.

A draft of the self-study was posted online in March, and members of the university and public were invited to review it and make comments.

49ers opening season against USC

LAKEWOOD – The Long Beach State 49ers, the university's ice hockey team, opens its season Sept. 23 when it faces USC at the Glacial Garden Skating Arena in Lakewood.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8, or \$2 for CSULB students with ID.

The Glacial Garden Skating Arena is at 3975 Pixie St., near Carson Street and Cherry Avenue.

Writers wanted to cover HS sports

DOWNEY – The Downey Patriot is searching for writers to help us cover high school sports in Downey this year.

The writer will attend two Downey and/or Warren high school sporting events per week and write recaps for the Patriot. Pay is \$100 per week.

For more information, call (562) 904-3668 or e-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com.

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College center gets grant to plant fruit trees

NORWALK – Healthy living is taking root in the garden of the Child Development Center at Cerritos College.

The center has been awarded Jamba Juice's "It's All About the Fruit" grant from the National Gardening Association. The \$500 award will be used to purchase and plant fruit trees at the center.

The center was one of 20 winners chosen from a pool of more than 500 applicants.

The fruit trees will be incorporated into the already implement garden curriculum such as watering, pruning and feeding the trees, which will be part of the lessons children will engage in. When harvesting the fruit, it will be used in snacks and lunches for children.

In 2009, the Child Development Center was nominated as an outdoor-classroom demonstration site by the Outdoor Classroom Project in Los Angeles County. The center serves as an example to other schools in Cerritos, Norwalk and surrounding communities to demonstrate the importance of investing in our environment.

Children maintain and grow a vegetable garden, butterfly garden, herb garden and flower gardens. The children are able to see the sprouting of seeds, opening of buds and the growing and harvesting of garden vegetables. At the end of the summer they enjoy eating the vegetables raw or through a variety of cooking experiences. The herbs are integrated into the children's meals.

The center plans to invite faculty from the college's Science Department and master gardeners from the Fullerton Arboretum to visit as guest speakers to provide expertise to the teachers and to further educate children about fruit trees and maintenance.

"The new addition of fruit trees to our center represents our commitment to preserving the integrity of the natural growth processes of living organisms, as well as fulfilling our roles as teachers to nurture and raise environmentally conscious individuals to ensure longevity and augmentation of our natural resources," said Debra Ward, director of the Child Development Center.

Should government regulate plastic bags?

■ Growing number of cities are outlawing plastic bags at retail stores.

BY LARS CLUTTERHAM, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – For the past four weeks in this space we've been investigating the controversial issue of plastic carryout bags. We've talked about the culture of grocery shopping in the United States as differentiated from the BYOBag culture of grocery shopping in Europe, and how the plastic carryout bag has become globally ubiquitous since its introduction only 30 years ago. We've discussed the hidden costs of plastic carryout bags to the public, as well as the still somewhat nebulous question as to whether or not plastic carryout bags have a measurable impact on human health.

(Incidentally, there is no question that some components of plastic are carcinogenic and that plastic molecules leach toxins which are ingested by marine life with deleterious effects, but we're talking here simply about the bag as it is normally used by humans, not about its constituent molecular parts.)

We have also noted the sobering fact that vast plastic pollution has invaded the world's oceans.

Looming over each of these inquiries is this overriding concern, the elephant in the room: Should government regulate plastic bags?

The fact is that legislation is already in place in California that mandates recycling bins in grocery stores, and--significantly--that fees may be charged only for paper bags, NOT for plastic bags. Last year an attempt to ban plastic carryout bags statewide failed in the Assembly at the 11th hour prior to summer adjournment, despite broad-based acceptance from many major stakeholders, including grocery chain stores.

The net effect of California state legislation, therefore, is a feeble attempt to encourage recycling, combined with a horrible environmental compromise that sets envi-



ronmentally wasteful paper bags as the only fee-based alternative. In simple terms, the state of California colossally botched its attempt to regulate plastic bags.

Complicating this scenario, local agencies considering plastic bag regulation must in most cases follow the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) which mandates a complex Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Notwithstanding their understandable rationale, these processes are expensive and time consuming.

Finally, if a local entity does indeed pass legislation, it will almost certainly be sued by the Coalition to Save the Plastic Bag (STPB), an industry group devoted to litigation and funded by plastic bag manufacturers.

All of a sudden the weighty philosophical and moral issues of plastic carryout bags are reduced to the gritty underside of politics and government.

Here at home in Downey, a ban on plastic bags was introduced by then Councilman Kirk

Cartozian in the fall of 2008. It was voted down by the other council members, and in its place an advisory volunteer Green Task Force was appointed, which has since been recommissioned on a permanent basis. But in light of a persistent recession already weakening business, and on top of all the complication and expense outlined above, it hardly seems the time for the City of Downey to pursue a ban on plastic bags.

This story is not over, however, depending on the political climate and the will of the people. The City of Manhattan Beach banned plastic carryout bags in 2008 and was promptly sued by STPB. Its ban was recently affirmed by the California Supreme Court. Mayor Richard Montgomery, who presided over the ban and its Supreme Court affirmation, has told this writer that the citizens of Manhattan Beach, including school children, clamored for the ban.

So the story finally ends where it began, at least for now: with the freedom of each citizen to make his or her choice on the broad spectrum of convenience to morality.

Lars Clutterham is a Downey resident and charter member of the city of Downey's Green Task Force and Downey Chamber of Commerce's Green Committee.



Charlotte Carpenter will return to the Downey Civic Light Opera for a ninth time when she portrays Lena Lamont in "Singin' in the Rain," opening Sept. 29 at the Downey Theatre. She previously played Eliza in "My Fair Lady," Nancy in "Oliver" and Sally Bowles in "Cabaret," among other credits. Tickets to see "Singin' in the Rain" are now on sale and available by calling (562) 923-1714.

Church offers financial education

DOWNEY – A 13-week financial education class based on the teachings of best-selling financial author Dave Ramsey gets underway at Downey First Christian Church on Sept. 14.

The course is taught by Ramsey via a DVD series titled "Financial Peace University." Students learn how to plan with their money so they can free themselves of debt and build lasting wealth.

After each lesson the church hosts a group discussion that emphasizes accountability and encouragement, organizers said.

The class costs \$99 and includes all necessary materials.

To register, or for more information, call Mark Schoch at (562) 862-2438.

Free hearing tests Sept. 17

DOWNEY – Adults can receive free hearing tests Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Appointments are recommended by calling (562) 862-9629.

The hearing tests are sponsored by Downey Sertoma Club.

Karaoke singer advances to semifinals

DOWNEY – Sara Mislang, a 10-year-old resident of Downey, is a semifinalist in regional karaoke competition.

Sara, who is competing against six other children in the division for contestants ages 17 and younger, will sing Jordin Sparks' "One Step at a Time" when the finals are held Sept. 4 at the Orange County Market Place.

The winner receives a \$500 savings bond and other prizes.

Sara competed against hundreds of other amateur singers before advancing to the semifinals. If she advances again, she'll move on to the finals taking place at the Los Angeles County Fair on Sept. 10.

Last year's winner in the adult category, Clint Gamboa, advanced to the top 24 of the recently concluded "American Idol" season.

Children can practice reading to dogs

REDONDO BEACH – Children are invited to practice their reading with the help of dogs at an event Sept. 3 from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Redondo Beach North Library.

Sponsored by the spcaLA, children can read to therapy dogs without the risk of being embarrassed by mispronounced words, slow reading skills or lack of comprehension skills.

The event is free. The Redondo Beach North Library at 1000 Artesia Blvd.



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Attempted break-in at Cerritos gun shop

CERRITOS – The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department is searching for the people who crashed a stolen van into a Cerritos gun shop in a suspected robbery.

Sheriff's deputies responded to Ammos Bros., located at 15979 Piuma Ave., at 4:40 a.m. Monday after receiving reports of a vehicle crashing into the business.

Responding deputies found that a van had crashed into the front doors of the gun store.

Deputies quickly determined it was not "simply a traffic accident," authorities said. The blue and white 1984 Chevrolet van, which was reported stolen on Saturday night from Bellflower, was used as a battering ram for would-be thieves to burglarize the store of firearms and ammunition, sheriff's officials said.

Because the store owner had taken "extraordinary security measures" to protect the shop, the suspects were unable to enter the store and nothing was taken.

"Due to the nature of the crime, where the suspects were presumably targeting firearms, detectives are actively investigating the incident," said Lt. Richard Harpham of the Sheriff's Cerritos station. "Had the suspects been successful and the guns were on the street, it would present an inherent danger to the public."

Detectives are searching for two or three males who attempted the burglary. A gray sedan and champagne-colored Ford Excursion may have been used as getaway vehicles.

Anyone with information on the case is asked call the Sheriff's Cerritos station at (562) 860-0044. Tips can also be submitted by texting the letters TIPLA plus your tip to 274637 or online at lacrimestoppers.org.

Winning lottery ticket sold in Bell

BELL – A lottery ticket worth \$237,603 was sold at a 7-Eleven in Bell last Friday.

The ticket matched all five numbers in the California Lottery's Fantasy 5 draw. It was purchased at the 7-Eleven located at 7120 Atlantic Blvd.

Another ticket in Northern California also matched the numbers.

Real estate agent facing fraud charges

SEAL BEACH – A real estate agent from Seal Beach is awaiting trial on charges that he stole nearly \$300,000 through a phony investment scheme, authorities said this week.

John Wesley Martynec was arrested by Seal Beach police officers on Aug. 11 after the Orange County District Attorney's office charged him with 34 felony counts, including grand theft and elder abuse.

Martynec allegedly solicited money from investors he said would be used to purchase foreclosed homes, which would then be "flipped" and resold at a profit.

Martynec allegedly sent investors phony property deeds to perpetuate the scam.

Seal Beach Police estimated total losses at nearly \$300,000.

Martynec posted bond and is now awaiting trial, authorities said.



Live auction includes rare prize

DOWNEY – Want to know a secret? It's called "Club 33," sequestered somewhere above New Orleans Square in Disneyland.

Most of us, unknowingly, have been near it, and most of us will never get inside. Walt Disney created this private haven, a supper club with phenomenal dining and impeccable service in an atmosphere of gentler times. It's the only place in Disneyland where spirits are served. It is rich with Walt's personal possessions and photographs.

But alas, Club 33 is open by membership (mega-bucks), and the waiting list is 14 years.

Want to know another secret? You could manage to obtain admission to Club 33 for four fortunate persons, and you could benefit a slice of Downey at the same time, because these Club 33 admissions, including entrance to Disneyland for the day, are among a bunch of goodies offered at live auction by the Downey Symphony during its annual Garden Party on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18.

And that's just part of the fun. Katie Hare caters this colorful event with her sumptuous, signature hors d'oeuvres. Champagne and wines will flow, a very cool USC brass quintet will fill the air with summer music, desserts are endless, and all proceeds support Music in the Schools and our fine orchestra's 54th concert season.

There's no time to delay, however. Reservations at \$75 must be received by Sept. 9. Call (562) 928-4122.

–**Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphony**

Bellflower chorus in concert

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus will present its annual fall concert Sept. 16-18 at the William Bristol Auditorium in Bellflower.

This year's program is titled "I Love Music" and features encore performances of audience favorites from past shows.

The chorus will present songs of various genres, including jazz, folk, country, gospel, contemporary pop and more. Also included are specialty numbers, dancing and steel drum solos.

The chorus is under the director of Bill Jones and accompanist Hani Yang.

Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Sept. 16-17, and 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. Tickets are \$5.

For more information, call (562) 866-4664.



Seaman Apprentice Megan Scopellite, daughter of Dr. Dennis Buckley and granddaughter of Madeline and Robert Buckley, of Downey, graduated from Great Lakes Naval Training Center boot camp on Aug. 26. She will attend Machinist's Mate School at Great Lakes for 11 weeks before reassignment to shipboard duty.

Masons hosting seminar on Constitution

DOWNEY – The Downey United Masonic Lodge will hold a free educational seminar on the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 15 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Waldron, from the San Pedro Coast Guard Station, will be the principle speaker. He will explain the mission of the U.S. Coast Guard in both inland and international waters, while working within the framework of the Constitution.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests can attend a 6:30 p.m. dinner for a nominal donation.

Reservations for the dinner are requested by calling (562) 862-4176. No reservations are required for the program.

Aerobics class offered at Downey High

DOWNEY – A 14-week aerobics class offered by Downey Adult School starts Sept. 7.

The class meets Monday through Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Downey High School. Cost is \$75.

The class emphasizes cardio and uses exercise bands, core conditioning, and exercise and medicine balls, while utilizing the cardio and weight rooms.

Enrollment is accepted online at das.edu, in person at Downey Adult School or Downey High, or by calling (562) 940-6200.

Retired police officer to speak

DOWNEY – Retired police officer John Reed will be guest speaker at the Sept. 14 meeting of the Downey Christian Women's Club, which starts at 11:45 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

Reed, a retired sergeant from the Santa Ana Police Department, is also a ventriloquist. His topic is "How Life Gets Better with Age."

Cost to attend is \$14 and includes a buffet lunch. Reservations are requested by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347.

The meeting is open to the public, including men.

Funeral set for slain Sheriff's Explorer

WHITTIER – Funeral services for Cesar Rodriguez, a 19-year-old Explorer at the Norwalk Sheriff's Station, will be held Sept. 2 at 9 a.m. at Rose Hills Memorial Park.



The ceremony will take place inside Sky Rose Chapel.

Rodriguez and a friend, 24-year-old Larry Villegas, were shot and killed early Sunday in a drive-by shooting in unincorporated Whittier.



Jose Jimenez, center, is pictured with his wife, Maria, and his commander, Brig. Gen. Randal Dragon.

Bell Gardens man promoted to Army master sergeant

BELL GARDENS – Bell Gardens native Jose Jimenez was recently promoted to the rank of master sergeant in the Army during a ceremony held in Fort Bliss, Tex., in front of family and friends.

Jimenez is the son of Alfonso and Natalie Jimenez, who still reside in Bell Gardens. His wife, Maria Ortiz, also from Bell Gardens, was present for the ceremony.

Jimenez is a 1990 graduate of Bell Gardens High School. He joined the Army in September, a few months after receiving his diploma. He enlisted as an armor crewman and reported to his first assignment with the 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany, after completing his initial Army training.

During his 21 years in the Army, Jimenez has had stateside assignments at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Hood, Tex.; he has served overseas in Korea and Iraq, where he was deployed three times: in 2005, 2006 and 2009.

He now serves as the G3 Operations Non-Commissioned Officer with the Brigade Modernization Command, whose commander, Brig. Gen. Randal Dragon, performed the promotion ceremony and pinned on his new rank, along with Jimenez's wife.

"When I came into the Army, I didn't expect to stay so long," said Jimenez, "but I grew into the career."

Jimenez said his most memorable assignment was as platoon sergeant for an infantry unit at Fort Hood. He hopes to stay in the Army for another five years and then continue his education in Business Administration, eventually going into business for himself.

Jimenez and his wife have four children – Silvia, 21, who is married; Ricardo, 20, who attends college; Leonor, 12; and Natalie, 10. The two youngest daughters attend school in El Paso, Tex.

Terrie Halley was Rockwell employee

DOWNEY – Terrie Halley, 71, passed away on Aug. 25.

She was born in Panama City, Panama in 1940 and received her primary and secondary education in Costa Rica, France and the United States.

She married Douglas Halley in 1960 and moved to Downey shortly thereafter, where she worked for Rockwell during the Apollo space program. She also worked as the registrar at Downey Adult School from 1993-2000.

She is survived by her two children, Jeff, and Michelle; grandchildren, Nique, Kelly and Sophia; and great-grandchildren Carter and Ella.

Interment took place Wednesday at Rose Hills Memorial Park.



Theresa B. Kovacs

Funeral services are at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 3d at the Memorial Chapel at Rose Hills in Whittier for Theresa Berghoffer Kovacs, who died of natural causes on Sunday, August 28th in her home in Downey.

Theresa, also known as "Tess," was 91 and lived in her home for 54 years. She was the epitome of love: love of her children, Harry and Barbara, love of anything beautiful, love of learning, and the love of cooking and baking. She was president of the Martha Circle for the First Hungarian Reformed Church in Los Angeles in the 60's. She baked sheets and sheets of cookies for a number of charities. She crocheted decorations on simple pillow cases for hundreds of people in need. She owned Tess' Tiny World, a miniature business in the 80's. More importantly, she was an example to many people about how to live a life with integrity, generosity, and charity, qualities that are rare in this day and age.

Her legacy is Tess' Teahouse and Gardens, Tess' Farm Market and Tess' Community Farm Kitchen, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to teaching the public about the importance of fresh produce in their daily lives, started by her daughter in her honor.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, she came to California in the 50's after the death of her first husband, Harry Paul Polgar, a B-29 Navigator in World War II. In California she met and married Julius Kovacs and took up residence in Downey in 1957.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Frantz, a resident of Discovery Bay, California and grandson, Robert Polgar.

In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to donate to Tess' Community Farm Kitchen at 800-800-5373 or www.farmmarket.tv.



In Memory of Billie Swendseid

January 12, 1921 - August 12, 2011

Born on a farm just outside a very small town in Southwestern North Dakota, Billie Rosalie Elkins was one of nine children of John and Millie Elkins. She attended Nursing School at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis MN where she met her husband Russell T. Swendseid when she was a student nurse and he was a patient. They married in 1942, just after she graduated. They had been married 60 years when he passed away in 2002. Russ carried this picture in his wallet until the day he died.

Russ and Billie moved to Southern California and then settled in Downey in 1950 where they reared all five of their children in the Downey school system. Billie was a stay-at-home Mother who was an active volunteer parent at school, church and scouts, a fabulous baker, an accomplished seamstress who made dozens of dresses for her daughters over the years as well as the world's best Halloween costumes. She was an avid knitter who knit dresses and coats and in her later year's afghans and baby items. She threw wondrous birthday parties and their home was the gathering place for neighborhood kids during all their growing years. In 1961 with their eldest off to college, Russ and Billie adopted their youngest daughter from Japan.

Billie almost always accompanied Russ on his business trips throughout the US. Later and often with one or more of their children, they traveled throughout Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Russia—with many trips to Norway the home of their ancestors and many relatives.

Billie was a volunteer nurse at summer camp and later a volunteer nurse at Camp Pendleton during the Vietnam Refugee Resettlement years. She was later honored by the Red Cross for having contributed the most volunteer nursing hours during the Resettlement Program. Through the rest of her life, Billie maintained friendships with many former refugees she had helped.

Billie was a devoted wife and a generous and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt. A devout Christian, Billie passed away peacefully on August 12 surrounded by her family. She leaves behind her four daughters—Jackie Dudley, Ranae Wright, Barbara (Alistair) Hunter and Kayomi (Frank) Platzer—six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son Russell T. Swendseid II.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 11:00 am at Messiah Lutheran Church 10711 Paramount Blvd. Downey, CA 90241. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made to the Messiah Lutheran Children's Programs.

America concert tickets on sale

DOWNEY – Tickets are now on sale to see English-American folk rock band America perform at the Downey Theatre on Nov. 5.

The performance is jointly presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Century 21 My Real Estate and the city of Downey.

A portion of the concert proceeds will be donated to Easter Seals, which has benefited from concerts in the past. For the past six years, the chamber has worked with My Real Estate for concerts that benefit Easter Seals.

America originally included members Gerry Beckley, Dewey Bunnell and Dan Peek, who were barely out of their teens when they became a musical sensation during 1972, scoring No. 1 hits and winning a Grammy for Best New Artist.

Their recording success stretched throughout the 70s; some of the band's best-known songs are "A Horse with No Name," "Sister Golden Hair," "Ventura Highway," "Tin Man," "Daisy Jane" and "Lonely People."

For information on sponsorships and advertising opportunities, call (562) 923-2191. To buy tickets, call the box office at (562) 861-8211.

Register now for suicide prevention walk

LOS ANGELES – The 13th annual 5K Walk/Run for Suicide Prevention takes place Sept. 25 in Westchester, just north of LAX, at 8 a.m.

More than 1,000 runners, walkers, spectators and volunteers are expected to take part in the fundraiser to benefit the Suicide Prevention Center.

Founded in 1958, the Suicide Prevention Center provides services to people who are contemplating suicide and those affected by the suicide of loved ones.

"Each year lose 1,100 college students to suicide," said Dr. Kita Curry, president and CEO of the non-profit Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services. "Their hopes and dreams are never realized."

At this year's event will be a display of 1,100 backpacks and personal stories in honor of those lost to suicide.

"The impact of seeing a statistic made real is powerful," said Curry. "We hope the community will come and share their stories and celebrate and remember loved ones lost to suicide."

Registration for the walk is \$25 if paid before Sept. 18, otherwise the fee increases to \$30.

For more information, or to sign up, go to aliveandrunning.com.



A team of Downey residents helped pull a FedEx Airbus 310 Aircraft a total distance of 24 feet on the tarmac of the Long Beach Airport as part of a fundraiser benefiting the Special Olympics.

By pulling a rope attached to the airplane's front wheels, teams of 25 competed against each other for bragging rights as the strongest and fastest in their division.

The Downey team was representing Angel Enriquez, a Special Olympics athlete from Downey. The team raised \$1,500 for the Special Olympics.



Design grad competing for top prize

Matthew Schwartz is traveling to London as a Design Lab finalist.

LONG BEACH – Matthew Schwartz, a Cal State Long Beach (CSULB) design graduate, has turned his senior project into an all-expense paid trip to London, where he will compete as one of eight finalists in Electrolux' Design Lab 2011 with his concept of the Onda Portable Microwave.

Founded in 2002, the annual global design contest was created to find and support the emerging talents of industrial design students and recent graduates in the area of home appliances design. Each year, students from around the world submit ideas for future appliances based on a certain theme. This year's theme was "intelligent mobility."

Electrolux received more than 1,300 entries for this year's competition and chose 25 as semifinalists

before whittling that number down to eight finalists, who will now present their designs in London on Sept. 7.

Schwartz and the other seven finalists from Australia, Canada, Finland, New Zealand, Slovakia and South Korea will present their concept appliances to a jury of expert designers, who'll chose the winners based on the criteria of intuitive design, innovation and consumer insight.

First prize is a six-month paid internship at an Electrolux global design center and 5,000 euros (approximately \$7,100). Second prize is 3,000 euros (approximately \$4,300) and third prize is 2,000 euros (approximately \$2,850). Additionally, Electrolux will give out a "People's Choice Award" at the finals.

The company is encouraging the public to go to its website and vote for its favorite design concept among this year's finalists. Voting goes until Sept. 7.

"I am nervous but very excited to present to the judges," said Schwartz, who earned his bachelor's degree at CSULB in May. "In addition to presenting to the judges, there will be design professionals from all over Europe, general public in attendance at the event, and media, which creates a lot of pressure as well. But I am preparing and rehearsing my presentation so that I am as familiar as possible with what I will be saying."

Schwartz pointed out that Electrolux has created physical models of all of the concepts for the finalists that will be on display. He'll also give a PowerPoint and oral presentation describing his concept.

"I am hoping that this will be the beginning of an exciting career," he said in anticipation of



the finals. "Whether I win one of the top prizes or not, I am looking forward to meeting many people and making connections with people all over the world. It's exciting to think of the opportunities that I have ahead of myself."

Schwartz' Onda Portable Microwave is a small device used in conjunction with pre-packaged meals that transmits microwaves directly into the sealed food package to heat and cook the contained food. The device slides onto the packaging of prepared meals. As the seal of the packaging is broken, the handheld oven creates a circuit connection. Paper batteries produce the energy needed to cook the food. (See a brief video on Schwartz' entry on the Electrolux website)

"When the device is attached to the dish, they seal together and the enclosed food container acts as the cooking chamber which contains all of the microwaves safely inside," he said. "Power-paper batteries produce steady and eco-friendly power for efficient cook-

Crime Report

Friday, Aug. 26

At 4:30 p.m., officers went to the Handimart (11837 Lakewood) regarding an assault in progress. The victim was approached by eight juveniles, one of them carrying a metal pipe. The suspects struck the victim with the pipe, and punched and kicked him while he was on the ground. Officers detained eight suspects, and after a positive identification, four were arrested for assault.

At 9:00 p.m., Downey officers, assisted by several officers from the California Highway Patrol (Santa Fe Springs), conducted a DUI checkpoint. Over the course of the evening, approximately 2,000 cars were screened, and eight subjects were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday, Aug. 27

At 4:30 a.m., an officer saw a car traveling southbound on Paramount at Firestone, straddling two lanes of traffic. When the officer attempted to stop the car, the driver fled. After a short pursuit, the suspect's vehicle hit a parked car, and he was arrested. A preliminary investigation determined the suspect, a 15 year-old Bell Gardens resident, took his mother's car without consent.

Sunday, Aug. 28

At 7:20 p.m., officers responded to a possible kidnapping in the 10400 block of La Reina. The victim stated she was confronted by her ex-husband in the parking lot of her apartment complex. The suspect grabbed the victim by the hair, placed his arm around her neck, and forced her inside a car. The suspect instructed the victim to drive around the city and ultimately exited the car and fled on foot. The victim was not injured. Detectives are investigating.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

A residential burglary occurred in the 12700 block of La Reina at approximately 9:30 p.m. The residents returned home and discovered a window and a rear door open. The suspects took several items and fled the location. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

City taking applications for youth commission

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is now accepting applications from local high school students interested in serving on the Downey Youth Commission, an advisory board to the City Council.

The 15-member commission will meet on a monthly basis to discuss city projects, plan activities, discuss youth-related topics, and participate in community events. The commission will also present its ideas and recommendations to the City Council.

The application is online at downeyca.org.

Concert planned at Moravian Church

DOWNEY – Moravian Church of Downey will host a concert Sept. 19 featuring classical, folk, jazz and sacred music.

Featured performers include church organist Peggy Jamieson, trombonist Steven Humenski, the Celtic band Willow Bend, baritone Doug Shabe, and couple Christie and David Melby-Gibbons.

Also set to perform are Ralph Alberstrom and Paul Stein of the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Admission to the concert is free but a freewill offering will be taken. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (562) 927-0718.

ABWA ambassador to speak

DOWNEY – JoAnn Osby of the American Business Women's Association will be the guest speaker when the Downey Coordinating Council meets Sept. 7 at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

Osby's topic is "Getting to Know Your Organization."

Osby is a longtime member and past national officer of the ABWA. She currently serves as an ambassador for the group, in addition to teaching environmental and occupational safety classes for USC Medical Center.

Bixby Knolls festival Friday

LONG BEACH – The Bixby Knolls neighborhood of Long Beach will host a "Back to Cool" festival Sept. 2 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The event includes mobile art stations, classic cars, karaoke, photography, acrylics, antiques, music, dominoes, tarot cards, face painting, and more.

The city's Big Red Bus will provide transportation between participating businesses. Admission is free.

SEAACA Paws & Purrs Pet Tips Found Animals

Microchip Your Kitty

When you think you're ready, the pet you most likely think of is your beloved Fido. The fact is that the world often seems to get overlooked in the world of microchipping (as well as the world of collars and tags). It's not that we love our kitties any less, but there is a general misconception that cats are a little more "resourceful" than their canine counterparts, and therefore can always find their way back home if lost. While indeed resourceful, if ever lost our kitties and cats face far worse in our shelters. The sad but true story is that every year in the US alone 5 to 7 million pets enter shelters (most are strays) because they have simply lost their way back home. Of those that enter, a whopping 2 to 4 million are euthanized, and a vast majority, 75% to be more precise, of those euthanized are cats. If ever lost, opting to microchip your furry feline can be the one decision that ends up saving your kitty's life. Here are a few facts and facts:

- A microchip is not a GPS. It is a permanent identification system that is embedded in between your pet's shoulder blades. The chip contains a number that once scanned appears in a database that puts up the contact details and address you have provided.
- You must register your information and that of your cat's into the database.
- A microchip is required (unless if you do not initially register or regularly update your information in the database when details change).
- The actual chip is no bigger than a single grain of rice.
- The information registered is not part of a government database.
- Found Animals Foundation is going up to launch its own branded chip that is standardized to work on any shelter scanner – a first for any microchip.

Now it's your turn to help your pet find their way home. Visit www.foundanimals.org for more information.

We have many wonderful pets available at SEAACA. We are located at 9777 SEAACA Street in Downey. To inquire about any featured pet, please call us at 562-853-3307 or visit www.seaaca.org.

 <p>Falah Falah is a two-year-old grey and white spotted, female. She loves attention and is happiest when someone is petting her head. Make your way down to The Cat Adoption Center and take Falah home with you today! ID 11-24891</p>	 <p>Eugenia Eugenia, a two-year-old black, domestic short hair, loves people and cats. She loves to roll around and snuggles. She is spayed, micro-chipped, vaccinated for vaccinations and ready to move into a loving home today! ID 11-25486</p>
 <p>Pawpaw Pawpaw is a spayed, two-year-old female. She is one of the sweetest cats. Half of her face is pink and the other is grey. She is very curious and playful and would make a great pet for anyone looking for an adult cat. ID 11-25029</p>	 <p>Basil Basil is a one-year-old grey domestic short hair with a big voice! He is very affectionate, loves to cuddle, and is neutered. Micro-chipped and ready for his forever home today! ID 11-02417</p>

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THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On September 21, 2011 at 11:30 AM, First American Trustee Servicing Solutions, LLC...

The Downey Patriot 9/1/11, 9/8/11, 9/15/11

Trustee Sale No. 250824CA Loan No. 0697572741 Title Order No. 842694A NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE...

The Downey Patriot 9/1/11, 9/8/11, 9/15/11

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 749623CA Loan No. 1018710472 Title Order No. 110276326CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12-29-2009...

The Downey Patriot 9/1/11, 9/8/11, 9/15/11

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The Downey Patriot 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

Trustee Sale No. 11-01787-5 Loan No. 002160787 Title Order No. 833215 APN 6261101834 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST...

Notice of Trustee's Sale TSG No. 11-02578-VF Order #: 737259 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/28/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY...

The Downey Patriot 8/25/11, 9/1/11, 9/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 748741CA Loan No. 0023658644 Title Order No. 11021944-C-MIA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07-06-2006...

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...

The Downey Patriot 8/25/11, 9/1/11, 9/8/11

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DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein...

The Downey Patriot 9/1/11, 9/8/11, 9/15/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0042555 Title Order No. 11-0034020 Investor/Insurer No. 11742937 APN No. 80405-005-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST...

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The Downey Patriot 8/25/11, 9/1/11, 9/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-438614-VF Order #: 794955 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/6/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY...

The Downey Patriot 8/18/11, 8/25/11, 9/1/11

YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union...

The Downey Patriot 9/1/11, 9/8/11, 9/15/11

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The Downey Patriot

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amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$406,655.01 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9228 BILLY VISTA DRIVE UNIT A, DOWNEY, CA 90242 A.P.N.: 6284-022-026 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has instructed the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. Page 2 Notice of Trustee's Sale T.S. No. 09-02659-US-CA Regarding the property that is the subject of this Notice of Sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in California Civil Code Section 2923.53 (k) (3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this Notice of Sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.52 does not apply to this Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 08/18/2011 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line: 714-730-2727 Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE ASAP# 4071768 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011

The Downey Patriot 8/25/11, 9/1/11, 9/8/11

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0056135 Title Order No. 08-8-210218 Investor/Insurer No. 112522565 APN No. 8104-004-022 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/23/2006, 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, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GERARDO MEDINA DOMINGUEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 05/23/2006 and recorded 06/02/06, as Instrument No. 06-1210895, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/15/2011 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: 14517 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$549,199.55. 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: 09/05/2008 RECONTRUST COMPANY 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91363 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sales Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4073744 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-08-29255-CL. DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/7/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RAFAEL CORTES, AND LEIDY CORTES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 11/01/2005 and recorded 11/08/05, as Instrument No. 05 2695277, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/15/2011 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, shown herein is purported to be: 12080 ALLARD STREET, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$412,465.25. 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: 04/10/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY 1757 TAPO CANYON RD., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91363 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sales Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4072710 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011

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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, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has instructed the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. Page 2 Notice of Trustee's Sale T.S. No. 09-02659-US-CA Regarding the property that is the subject of this Notice of Sale, the "mortgage loan servicer" as defined in California Civil Code Section 2923.53 (k) (3) declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 and that the exemption is current and valid on the date this Notice of Sale is recorded. The timeframe for giving a Notice of Exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.52 does not apply to this Notice of Sale pursuant to California Civil Code Sections 2923.52 or 2923.55. Date: 08/18/2011 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-264-6101 Sales Line: 714-730-2727 Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Nichole Alford, TRUSTEE SALES REPRESENTATIVE ASAP# 4071768 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0054571 Title Order No. 09-8-19561 Investor/Insurer No. 509130429 APN No. 6255-013-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/10/08, 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, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MANUEL A. SANCHEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 04/21/2008 and recorded 05/02/08, as Instrument No. 20080775659, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/08/2011 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: 14517 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$500,446.94. 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: 08/07/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91363 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sales 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# 4069568 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0000195 Title Order No. 09-8-01045 Investor/Insurer No. 114812797 APN No. 8024-003-02 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/01/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RAFAEL CORTES, AND LEIDY CORTES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 11/01/2005 and recorded 11/08/05, as Instrument No. 05 2695277, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/15/2011 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, shown herein is purported to be: 12080 ALLARD STREET, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$412,465.25. 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: 04/10/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY 1757 TAPO CANYON RD., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91363 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sales Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4072710 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0042016 Title Order No. 10-0-36643 Investor/Insurer No. 113049540 APN No. 6390-024-004 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/26/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by NELSON

SANCHEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE & SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 08/26/2005 and recorded 09/02/05, as Instrument No. 05 2128319, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/12/2011 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: 9632 LEMORAN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 902403006. 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 report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. DISPB #0010704 9/1/2011 9/8/2011 9/15/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1328737-10 APN: 8015-027-034 TRST: 005295 LOAN No: Xxxxx9416 REF: Wilsey, William IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED October 13, 1993, 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 September 21, 2011, at 10:00am, California Public Auctions, Inc. has appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded October 20, 1993, as Inst. No. 93 2036322 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by William Donald Wilsey and Rene Ellen Wilsey, Husband and Wife, will sell at public auction to 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, 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: 08/07/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91363 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sales 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# 4069568 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No GM-264040-C Loan No 0178522306 INSURER No. 1704273418 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/18/2007. 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, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit reporting agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 4068934 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0045666 Title Order No. 08-8-174490 Investor/Insurer No. APN No. 8059-006-008 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/28/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SALVADOR BELVERA A SINGLE MAN, dated 07/28/2005 and recorded 08/08/05, as Instrument No. 05 1800367, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/15/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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,

LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MANUEL D MENDEZ, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 08/22/2006 and recorded 08/09/06, as Instrument No. 06 1766236, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/15/2011 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, shown herein is purported to be: 13852 FOSTER ROAD, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$497,648.30. 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: 08/09/2008 RECONTRUST COMPANY 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, SVW-88 SIMI VALLEY, CA 91363 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sales Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4074503 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-09-241405-T Order #: 09007003-C BID TO BUY UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/26/2007, 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. Public Auctions, Inc. has appointed trustee under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CLAYTON H. BARRAGAN AND ALEJANDRA BARRAGAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, dated 02/09/2004 and recorded 02/25/04, as Instrument No. 2004-043933, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/16/2011 at 9:00AM, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 California Ballroom 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: 14449 WEST STONE AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$197,918.13. 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 pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the property to be sold plus interest and attorney's fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 4 OF TRACT NO. 15840, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 370, PAGE(S) 47 TO 50 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$532,034.93 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9124 SHERIDELL AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6389-005-004 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 by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by face to face meeting. DATE: 08-29-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee CASEY KEALOH, 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.ppsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4070469 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011, 09/15/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TRUSTEE'S SALE No. 10CA00740-1 Order No. 100532025 APN: 6388-009-024 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/20/2006, 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 September 21, 2011 at 1:00 PM, RSMBA Auctions, Inc. has appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded June 9, 2006 as Document Number: 06 1270833 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: Juan Anguiano and Crystal Anguiano, husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustee, by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Mortgage, Inc., 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, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) at the following location: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd, Pomona, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: Legal description as more fully described in said deed of trust. 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 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: 08-17-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee CASEY KEALOH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY 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.ppsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4062904 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 07-0041533 Title Order No. 07-8-167561 APN No. 6390-024-037 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/28/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by SALVADOR BELVERA A SINGLE MAN, dated 07/28/2005 and recorded 08/08/05, as Instrument No. 05 1800367, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/15/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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,

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if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13014 AIRPORT AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$777,102.71. 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. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Sale. 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 pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, DIRECTLY FACING NORWALK BOULEVARD, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA Legal Description: LOT 41 OF TRACT NO. 15840, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 370, PAGE(S) 47 TO 50 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$532,034.93 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9124 SHERIDELL AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6389-005-004 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 by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by face to face meeting. DATE: 08-29-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee CASEY KEALOH, 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.ppsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4070469 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011, 09/15/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0039444 Title Order No. 11-0031127 Investor/Insurer No. 1694847400 APN No. 8072-005-001 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/09/2000, 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, as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CLAYTON H. BARRAGAN AND ALEJANDRA BARRAGAN, HUSBAND AND WIFE, dated 02/09/2004 and recorded 02/25/04, as Instrument No. 2004-043933, in Book Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/16/

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0038574 Title Order No. 11-0030506 Investor/Insurer No. 01696522651 APN No. 8073-008-017 In Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/16/2011 at 9:00AM, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 California Ballroom 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: 14329 BRINK AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$94,941.39. 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: 08/14/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA4050631 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0023050 Title Order No. 10-8-095404 APN No. 6287-014-013 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/23/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JORGE ARAUJO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 11/23/2005 and recorded 12/12/05, as Instrument No. 053035474, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/08/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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: 10618 LESTERFORD AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$311,985.43. 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. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgage, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. DATED: 05/23/2010 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281-8219 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. FEI # 1006.105286 8/18, 8/25, 9/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-11-426714-LL Order #: 110095052-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/26/2007, 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GONZALO ROSILES, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 07/22/2004 and recorded 07/29/04, as Instrument No. 041947017, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/16/2011 at 9:00AM, Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel 711 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 California Ballroom 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: 14329 BRINK AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$94,941.39. 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: 08/14/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# FNMA4050631 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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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: 714-573-1965 or Login www.priorityposting.com Reinstatement Line: (877) 908-4357 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED 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 pay the terms of your credit obligations. IDP# 10008532 8/18/2011 8/25/2011 9/1/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File No. 7037-77363 Title Order No. 54483856 MIN No. APN 6231-008-040 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/12/05, 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in §5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): RODOLFO RODRIGUEZ, EVELYN ARIAS RODRIGUEZ, HUSBAND & WIFE RECORDED: 05/23/05, as Instrument No. 051197320, of Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 09/07/11 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. Trustor(s): ERICK ULATE A SINGLE MAN RECORDED: 3/2/2007 as Instrument No. 20070454035 in book xxx , page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 9/8/2011 at 10:30:00 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: \$210,219.82 The purported property address is: 7336 QUILL DR 62 DOWNEY, CA 90242 Assessor's Parcel No. 6233-034-065 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to OneWest Bank, 2500 Austin TX 78758 Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0096975 Title Order No. 09-8-272300 APN No. 6252-027-010 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/03/2006, 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 JOSEPH A. MEDINA AND VICTORIA MEDINA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 11/03/2005 and recorded 11/14/06, as Instrument No. 062513434, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/22/2011 at 1:00PM, At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, Los Angeles, CA 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: 10416 DOLAN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$521,127.50. 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. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgage, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. DATED: 10/09/2009 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281-8219 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. FEI # 1006.107437 9/01, 9/08, 9/15/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS #: CA-10-388753-RM Order #: 100574809-CA-GTO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/12/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or 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 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 said Deed of Trust, 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 date of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): MUBASHAR NAQVI, A SINGLE MAN RECORDED: 7/20/2005 as Instrument No. 051709310 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 8/25/2011 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: \$538,036.69 The purported property address is: 14402 ELMCROFT AVE NORWALK, CA 90650 Assessor's Parcel No. 8075-017-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, please refer to the referenced legal description for property location. In the event no common address or common designation of the property is provided herein directions to the location of the property may be obtained within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale by sending a written request to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. 2780 Lake Vista Drive Lewisville TX 75067 Pursuant to California Civil Code 2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: [1] The mortgage loan servicer has obtained from the commissioner a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the notice of sale is filed; [2] The timeframe for giving notice of sale specified in subdivision (a) of Section

2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.52. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. 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.fidelityyasop.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. AS required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 40684888 09/01/2011, 09/08/2011, 09/15/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0040479 Title Order No. 11-0023354 Investor/Insurer No. 116910134 APN No. 8061-028-015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/20/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DAVID HOLGUIN AND MIREYA HOLGUIN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 12/20/2005 and recorded 12/29/05, as Instrument No. 053208667, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/08/2011 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: 14325 SAN ESTEBAN DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$562,560.91. 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: 08/17/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281-8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 40681052 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 08-0092095 Title Order No. 08-8-337733 Investor/Insurer No. 0011104489 APN No. 6367-002-015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/09/2004, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by RODOLFO Q. GONZALEZ and SUSANA ESCOBAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS., dated 12/09/2004 and recorded 12/23/04, as Instrument No. 043331458, in Book (Page), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 09/08/2011 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: 8541 RIVES AVE, DOWNEY, CA, 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$382,027.96. 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: 11/27/2008 RECONTRUST COMPANY 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., SV2-202 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# 40684749 08/18/2011, 08/25/2011, 09/01/2011

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CERT training starts next month

DOWNEY – The City of Downey will host Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training on three consecutive Saturdays in October (1, 8 and 15).

Community members must attend all three training sessions to earn their certification. There is room for 40 students in the course. CERT training is free.

CERT training is delivered by Downey firefighters. The 20-plus hours of training consists of both classroom and field activities. Students finish their CERT training with a disaster simulation activity.

The six blocks of training are:

- Fire safety and small fire extinguishment
- Emergency preparedness
- Assessing damage after an emergency
- Light search and rescue operations
- Post emergency first-aid operations
- Organization and procurement of emergency supplies

CERT training is helpful for everyone in the community. Students learn their first priority is emergency preparedness for themselves and their family. Their next priority is to take care of themselves and their families immediately after an emergency. Once their family needs are met, CERT members can begin to address the needs of their neighborhoods.

The training will be presented at Calvary Chapel at the S/E corner of Woodruff and Imperial Highway. It starts at 8:30 am each day.

Interested community members can register for the October CERT training by calling (562) 904-2327 or by sending an e-mail to ready@downeyca.org.

Downey CERT members are an active volunteer group. They serve as the staff for many emergency preparedness events such as the water barrel distributions, public information booths, and the annual flu vaccination clinics.

The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at Fire Station No. 1 at 12222 Paramount Blvd. for a business meeting and training session.

East Coast disasters prompt reminder to prepare

■ Being prepared for an earthquake or other disaster can help save lives.

DOWNEY – The East Coast storms and subsequent flooding have taken center stage on the national news platform since late last week. The life loss and the damages from the storm have been tragic and have overshadowed the effects and experiences from the 5.8 magnitude earthquake that occurred on the East Coast just days before the storm.

Thankfully, with severe storms predicted, many of the communities had a chance to take some action before the storm arrived. Many people evacuated, others, who decided to stay, gathered supplies and many buildings were secured. Unfortunately earthquakes don't give us the same type of warnings.

For us here on the West Coast, the news coverage of the 5.8 magnitude earthquake was short-lived. It was unfortunate because there were many lessons to be learned and reinforced as a result of the hardest hitting earthquake in Virginia in 100 years.

I was forwarded an e-mail on Aug. 23 from someone in Washington, D.C. who had experienced the earthquake while at work. The e-mail was very interesting and yielded a good number of lessons for all of us. The author of the e-mail had completed CERT training and was aware of many emergency preparedness concepts. Her observations seem credible.

For this article, let's consider how we would react and respond to a similar scenario.

Many on the East Coast hadn't previously experienced the 15-20 seconds of shaking caused by an earthquake of this magnitude. Consequently, the earthquake caught them off-guard. Many did not know the basic immediate action of 'Duck-Cover and Hold-on'.

This standard earthquake procedure consists of getting to the ground immediately when an earth-

quake is felt, then moving under (or next to) a formidable object. The 'covering' part is in reference to your head and neck. Be sure they are protected by either the object you climb under or by your hand/arm. This position of safety should be maintained until the shaking stops. Moving across a room or trying to exit while the ground is still shaking is not advised as you have a good chance of falling or being struck by debris. Getting to the ground under your own power is much better than falling to the ground.

Once the shaking stops, it is time to assess the surroundings, determine if there is a reason to evacuate the building, and take action. If you are leaving the building, bring your keys and immediate belongings like a wallet and whatever else you may need outside (jacket, umbrella, etc). Don't waste time picking up everything on your desk, just the essentials. Perhaps you have a backpack at work or school with a few emergency supplies in it to support you for the next couple of hours.

Evacuation plans for all buildings should be understood by everyone. In Washington, DC, many building occupants apparently didn't know their evacuation plans or routes. This caused confusion and slowed building evacuations.

Once outside their buildings, many reportedly stopped in the alleys, driveways and areas in-between buildings to talk over the earthquake. Standing just outside an exit and adjacent to, or near, tall buildings immediately following an earthquake is not a good practice. It is best to leave the building immediately after the shaking stops (using a safe route) and then to proceed to an area away from the building and off the street. Post-emergency vehicle operators can be erratic, especially after an earthquake. So stay off the driveways and roadways around your building. These post-incident actions will help to improve the safety for everyone.

Once you are out and away from your building, walk to your pre-des-

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ignated meeting place. Hopefully you remember where this 'safe' spot is and have a 'roll-call' list for reference as your co-workers arrive. Someone will have to ensure the roll-call is performed (best if this is already assigned). Many workers will likely be pre-occupied with their own concerns while at the meeting place. Typically, people are trying to contact family members. Do your best to get the roll-call done quickly. Be prepared for people to want to go home. It happened in Wash. DC. It will happen here. If employees have done some emergency preparedness work at home, they may be more willing to stay at work.

Finally, be prepared for communication problems. In Wash DC the cell phone system went 'down' almost immediately. There were simply too many users. Text messages may work when the phone system is down. Pay phones may work too, but they are hard to find and frequently vandalized. The lesson here is we need to know about the communications systems and have options. Do we (workers and families) always have a hard-copy list of our important phone numbers? Do we have an out-of-area phone number that everyone can call to report in? Do we know how to text message?

The actions we take today, and this week, to prepare for a major emergency will likely improve our post-emergency experiences. Please learn from the Washington, DC earthquake and make it a point to improve your emergency preparedness at work. Most of the issues (and suggested remedies) noted above apply to our home environment as well.

If you have comments or questions about this column, please send them to ready@downeyca.org



Nick and Lorraine Castellanos, Downey residents for 17 years, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary by touring several different European countries, including the United Kingdom, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France. "The Eiffel Tower was just one of the many historical sites we visited," the couple said. "It was truly amazing!"



Joe and Denise LaFromboise, of Downey, visited their son, Bobby, in Jackson, Tenn. Bobby is a Warren High graduate and plays AA baseball for the Jackson Generals, a minor league affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. The family's visit lasted seven days and allowed them to watch seven baseball games – five in Jackson and then two in Birmingham, Ala., before returning home.

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North Downey Charmer
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A Must See!
 Run! Don't walk to this excellent opportunity in Downey. This property features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a bonus room with an in ground spa. This home also has an extra large garage and workshop for great storage. This one won't last! Priced at an amazing \$280,000!

Spectacular Downey Home
 WOW! This custom North Downey home has it all. The property features 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, bronzed dual pane windows, marble entry and a wet bar. French doors in the master suite, walk-in closets, granite in the kitchen and a large basement make this home a must see. Call today for more information!

Pride of Ownership
 This is a very clean property! This cute and cozy Downey home features a formal dining room for entertaining, fresh interior paint and central air & heat. The updated bathroom has a separate shower and tub. This home also includes copper plumbing, new carpet in the bedrooms and dual pane windows. Priced to sell at \$339,000

Investors Wanted!
 Great income property! This property features 2 large units. Each unit has 3 bedroom and 1 bath. Both units have been recently upgraded with carpet, paint, kitchens and floors. The back unit has a private balcony and garden. Call for more information today!

Need More Space?
 Beautiful Downey home built in 2003. This property features 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 3291 sq.ft. of living space with central air & heat. The kitchen has granite counter tops and an island for convenience. The backyard setup for entertaining completes this master piece. Call today for more information!

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What A Deal!
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