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Arc Walk a celebration of life and hope

■ Arc Walk for Independence begins Saturday at 8 a.m. at Stonewood Center.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,
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DOWNEY – Every year Yolanda Chavez drafts as many people as she can to walk for independence.

“In my kitchen, I have a large save the date to remind everyone,” said Chavez who’s been busy the last few weeks organizing a group of 30 family and friends to participate in this year’s Arc Walk. “I wish we could do it twice a year. We do our part to support them, but I wish we could do more.”

Chavez is just one of The Arc’s many loyal champions who is gearing up for the 16th annual Arc Walk for Independence, which is expected to draw nearly 4,000 people this Saturday in support of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Since 1997, the Arc Walk for Independence has raised funds and awareness for The Arc’s various educational and occupational programs by inviting community members to walk either a one or three-mile route around Stonewood Center.

Since 2008, Yolanda and her husband Ruben Chavez have walked with their son, Raymond Cadenez, who has received job training and other vital resources at The Arc – Los Angeles and Orange Counties, which offers its consumers several programs to help initiate and sustain their full inclusion and participation in all aspects of community life.

“This organization, I can’t stop talking about it because I see the benefits,” said Yolanda, tearfully. “I get emotional because what happens to all these young adults when their parents are gone. Arc teaches them to defend themselves.”

For 30-year-old Cadenez, The Arc provides him the opportunity to experience the world from outside of his Downey home.

“You learn a lot of things – bus safety, employment preparation, interviewing, job search, customer service. I like it, you learn to handle 8 hours of work through job train-

ing,” said Cadenez, who’s currently enrolled in The Arc’s employment program and is actively searching for a job. “This is our fifth Arc Walk. You meet a lot of people, walk, talk and learn from a lot of different people – it’s real good.”

“This is good for all the community not just Downey, but the surrounding communities,” added Ruben Chavez, 67. “It’s helping everyone in the community. Get involved – help out.”

Starting at 8 a.m. on March 24, registered walkers who donate \$10 to The Arc will set out on the course, walking for independence.

Beginning at Acapulco Restaurant and Cantina, the 3-mile walk travels west on Firestone Boulevard to Lakewood Boulevard, up to Florence Avenue, around to Woodruff Avenue and back to Firestone. The Arc has seen its annual event grow from just 250 walkers in 1997 to nearly 4,000 last year.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe will return this year as the host sponsor of the event along with special guests actress Lauren Potter from the hit show “Glee,” Master of Ceremonies Phillip Palmer of KABC Los Angeles, the Laker girls, and the Norwalk All-Star Marching Band. Acapulco Restaurant will serve breakfast burritos to all paid participants.

Dozens of local companies have also banded together to support the annual fundraiser including Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, Penske Toyota, Wescom Credit Union, Century 21 My Real Estate Co., Albertsons, and Coca-Cola.

“We’re going on 16 years of educating people, teaching the value of every single human being,” said Kevin MacDonald, chief executive director of The Arc, located at 12049 Woodruff Ave. “The message is extending out beyond here, it’s a regional thing and I’m very proud of our staff, every board member and our chair Betty Morse.”

As in previous years, MacDonald is hopeful members of the community will once again open their hearts, making this year’s walk yet another success.

“Make a small effort,” said MacDonald. “Join us for two hours on Saturday morning for a celebration of life and hope.”



Photo by Greg & Diane Waskul

Kimberly Moreno’s birthday party inspires her to fight for her life

■ Kimberly celebrates her third birthday while on the path to recovery.

BY GREG WASKUL,
RANCHO LOS AMIGOS FOUNDATION

DOWNEY — New Year’s Day 2012 almost crushed the life out of little Kimberly Moreno.

The two-year-old child was riding with her family when the driver had a seizure, lost control of the car and slammed into a post with deadly results. Kimberly’s mom was killed, her siblings injured, and Kimberly barely clung to life after her body was devastated in the crash.

She lost the ability to breathe on her own, and is dependent on a ventilator to fill her lungs with air. She is paralyzed from the chin down. She needs someone to care for her around the clock.

Although Kimberly lost her independence, she could have very easily died.

She came to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for rehabilitation, which would help determine her future. Would she have the courage to fight for her life?

With the help of her Rancho Pediatrics treatment team, Kimberly quickly gave her answer. She learned how to use a mouth stick and increased her endurance every day.

As she approached her third birthday last week, Kimberly knew she would have to spend that important day in the hospital. So she and the Pediatrics staff, with the help of the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, planned a birthday party fit for a princess.

“Kimberly picked out the theme for her party, which was the Nickelodeon character Dora the Explorer,” said Rancho Recreation Therapist Julie Helgren. “She also asked that everyone wear purple to her party.”

“She used her mouth stick to write invitations. Then she traveled around the Rancho campus and personally delivered invitations to everyone she invited,” Julie said.

Next, Kimberly picked out a piñata for her party and asked that it be filled with candy. So Julie spent an evening picking out candy and stuffing the piñata to capacity after work.

“Kimberly has touched all our hearts because she is such a sweet and loving child,” said Rancho Pediatric physician Melanie Sarino, MD. “She has tried so hard, and made great progress, especially considering the significant obstacles she faced after her accident. Everyone who worked with her was excited for her party.”

“With the funds provided by the Foundation, we were able to create a mini Dora Universe in the Activity Dining Room of the Pediatrics Unit,” Julie said. “We not only bought Dora decorations, but also plates, cups, napkins, cupcakes, balloons and a bevy of Dora-themed gifts. She and her family loved it!”

Family, friends and Rancho staff showed up dressed in purple. And the princess for a day smiled whenever she saw Dora, whether on a balloon, a napkin or a toy.

“She smiled more during her party than she had smiled in weeks,” Dr. Sarino said. “You could just feel her spirit soar every time she saw one of her Dora presents.”

And what presents she received – a singing microphone, a magna doodle that she can access with her mouthstick, books to help her learn numbers, a sleeping Dora doll, Dora socks, and even a Dora plate and bowl.

“Things we wouldn’t think twice about were such fun for Kimberly,” said Julie. “When she got a piece of pizza, she was excited to be eating off a Dora plate. She smiled and laughed with her

sisters as they played with their silly party prizes, and when she left the party, she knew that she was the special little girl of the day and Rancho’s shining star.”

“More importantly, she could feel the love of everyone in the room,” Julie added.

“We don’t know what Kimberly’s future holds, but we have learned she is a very bright, loving and special girl,” Dr. Sarino said. “Psychosocially, this little girl needs to be given the opportunity to feel special because of the tragic thing that has happened to her. She is also smart enough to know that her body is not responding like it did before the accident, but she continues to work hard to achieve as much progress as she can.”

“In working with her every day she has continued to overcome many obstacles in her path and continued to surprise and delight us in so many ways in her day-to-day therapy sessions,” Julie said. “For patients such as Kimberly, it is crucial that they develop the will to continue to want to live every day. We know that Kimberly’s party gave her a big boost of hope.”

Finally, it was bedtime for this special princess. Before she fell asleep, Julie played with her one more time with her new toys and especially her sing-a-long book and microphone.

Kimberly had a Dora doll propped under her left arm and her Dora phone propped in her right arm. She was so excited to have her huge bouquet of balloons at the foot of her bed.

Finally, she slipped into sleep. On a most special day, this little angel’s dream had 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.

Downey High gets grant to build sound stage

■ \$10,000 grant from Lowe’s will benefit students interested in the film industry.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Downey High students interested in pursuing careers in the TV, film, and entertainment industry will now have its own multi-media sound stage where they can learn all facets of the business, from acting to directing and producing, thanks to a \$10,000 grant from Lowe’s hardware store, with hands-on support from Skills USA, Supervisor Don Knabe’s office, and the school district’s ROP and Career Technical Education (CTE) program.

The presentation was made last Thursday by Lowe’s human resources manager Laura Guesnon to Downey High’s Dave Thompkins, who has been conducting makeshift classes outdoors to members of his Skills USA- and ROP/CTE-sanctioned Club Entourage class.

The planned sound facility will occupy Room I-1, located at the back of the administration building by Brookshire Avenue. Pre-grant, it was used for storage purposes. It was cleared of dust and debris for the occasion.

Thompkins said that, when completed sometime in May, the sound stage will indeed be named “Studio I-1.”

The immediate beneficiaries of the new facility, similar to the one built, also with the help of Lowe’s funds, at Warren High last year, are the 20-plus members on campus of Club Entourage.

Plans for Studio I-1 include offering a class in the evening for members of the community. Thompkins said that when current mayor Roger Brossmer was then principal at Downey Adult School, he at one time offered a class on “Everything You Wanted to Know About Acting but Were Afraid to Ask.” Thus he knows there are many Downey residents out there who’d benefit from such sound stage training, either for personal or commercial considerations.

Thompkins, who has taught Special Ed English and coached various sports at the school for 11 years, has had extensive experience doing commercials, co-producing TV specials, and done acting jobs in 20-plus years in the TV and entertainment field.

He also said he’ll see if Studio I-1 can obtain a space later at Downey High’s Automotive Center for use as an outdoor set.

Thompkins said he got the idea for the grant from Frida Vadgama, who is Downey High’s lead teacher for the Skills USA program. He submitted the application at the end of October, and the Lowe’s decision was handed down in January.



Raymond Cadenez, left, with parents Yolanda and Ruben Chavez.

Pianist Kevin Fitz-Gerald to perform solo

■ Tickets for Downey Symphony concert start at \$25; \$10 for students.

BY JOYCE SHERWIN,
DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY – Pianist Kevin Fitz-Gerald is known in the concert halls of Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Australia, Mexico, South America, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean, and throughout the United States.

He appears as soloist with major orchestras, and as a chamber musician. He has collaborated with internationally renowned artists, and recorded performances for radio and television networks across the world.

Imagine that passport. But. He has not yet toured Antarctica? We are shocked.

Turns out he hasn't toured Downey either, and that is about to be corrected. Finally we will welcome acclaimed pianist Kevin Fitz-Gerald on the stage of our own theater when he plays with our own orchestra on Saturday evening, March 31, at 8 p.m. Mark your calendar and be there. This man is a force, playing the First Concerto of Franz Liszt, himself the phenomenal keyboard dazzler of his time.

Under Music Director Sharon Lavery, the program includes two works by Dmitri Shostakovich, the Galop and Symphony No. 9, and Tchaikovsky's Capriccio Italien.

The pre-concert conversation covering the music to be heard



Kevin Fitz-Gerald will perform solo on the piano March 31 at the Downey Theatre.

begins at 7:15 p.m. One of Downey's finest citizens, Art Morris, will conduct the Galop as the 2011 winner of the Baton Auction, and Concertmaster Caroline Osborn, putting on another hat, becomes auctioneer for next year's lucky bidder.

And after the final curtain call, a reception in the theater patio for audience and orchestra. Cookies and punch, cheese, strawberries and champagne, all compliments of the symphony boards. Do come.

Downey's theater is at 8435

Firestone Blvd., at the corner of Brookshire Avenue, and parking is free. More information is available by calling (562) 861-8211.

Tickets? Easy to get. Purchase online at downeysymphony.org or visit the theater box office Tuesdays through Fridays between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and of course, before concert time on Saturday.

Reserved seating is \$30 and \$25, and those with student ID, children and adults, may enjoy this exciting evening for \$10.

Police rescue missing woman and her daughters

■ Man was allegedly holding his estranged wife and daughters against their will at a hotel.

BY ERIC PIERCE,
CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – A Downey police officer's electronic license plate scanner helped police locate a missing woman and her two daughters who were being held against their will at a local hotel, authorities said Tuesday.

Police arrested 36-year-old Edson Mijangos, of Bellflower, the woman's estranged husband and father of the girls, on suspicion of holding them against their will.

On Sunday night, the victim's sister reported the woman and her

two daughters, ages 7 and 11, missing after she failed to show up for a scheduled meeting.

When the sister called the woman's phone, Mijangos answered and hung up, police said. After subsequent phone calls went unanswered, the sister went to the woman's home but the house was empty. She then called police.

Detectives searching for the woman entered her vehicle's license plate number into a database that compiles all license plates that had recently been captured by various mobile and stationary license plate readers in Los Angeles County.

The system alerted detectives that the victim's vehicle had been seen in Downey earlier in the evening. This information led detectives to the Embassy Suites

hotel in Downey where they found the victim's vehicle in the parking lot. Mijangos' car was also parked there.

Detectives rescued the woman and her daughters from inside a hotel room.

Before police arrived, Mijangos had allegedly physically assaulted the woman and one of her daughters, and threatened to throw the woman from the hotel balcony. He also ripped the phone cords from the wall to prevent the victims from calling for help, police said.

Mijangos was arrested for false imprisonment and taken to Los Angeles County Jail. He was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday at Downey Superior Court.

Police need help finding missing man

DOWNEY – Downey Police are searching for Jose Olmedo Jr., 62, who went missing March 12 after going outside his home to smoke a cigarette, authorities said Tuesday.

Olmedo, who lives on the 7300 block of Shady Oak Dr., suffers from psychosis and is a diabetic, police said. He is on prescribed medication which he was not carrying when he disappeared.

Olmedo is described as a male Hispanic, 5 foot 9, 160 pounds, with brown hair and eyes.

Olmedo has disappeared in the past and was previously found in West Covina.

Anyone with information on Olmedo's whereabouts should call Downey Police at (562) 904-2308 or Detective Robert Del Rio at (562) 904-2325.



Police offering tips to burglar proof home

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

Two Downey police officers are scheduled to speak at 1 p.m. Their topic is "Burglar Proofing Your Home."

The public is invited at no cost. For more information, call Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

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Vacant medical building gets new use

DOWNEY – A vocational training program for developmentally disabled adults was granted the OK Wednesday to open in a vacant medical building on Telegraph Road.

The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve the building use.

L. McKinney Enterprises will operate the program at a former urgent care clinic at 8292 Telegraph Rd., where people with mental disabilities can receive job training, according to a staff report.

The building has sat empty for at least five years and fallen into disrepair.

L. McKinney Enterprises is owned by Leonard Turner Jr. The company is listed on several websites as an adult day care facility.

According to Turner's application, the program will accept up to 120 people, using its fleet of 13 passenger vans to transport clients. Vocational training takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The property has only eight parking spaces, but "since most of the users will be brought in via a contracted van service and since employees who drive will be present during weekday hours, when residents are at work, approval of the use will not exacerbate parking problems in the area," city officials wrote in a report.

Following the recommendation of city planners, the Planning Commission approved L. McKinney Enterprise's application but on several conditions:

- that the entire building be repainted;
- that bare planters be replaced;
- that illegal bricks in the parkway be removed;
- that vans be parked on-site when dropping off or picking up clients;
- that vans not be parked on the street or stored on-site

–Eric Pierce, city editor

Veterinary clinic opening inside PetSmart

DOWNEY – Banfield Pet Hospital, the world's largest chain of veterinary practices, will open a new location Saturday inside the PetSmart at Downey Landing.

To celebrate the opening, Banfield is donating 20 percent of opening weekend revenue to Fail Safe 4 Felines, the nonprofit cat rescue organization.

On Saturday, PetSmart and Banfield will be conducting tours of the new hospital while hosting contests, giveaways and "ask the vet" sessions.

Banfield offers preventive care – from annual examinations and nutrition counseling – as well as surgical and prescription services.

"We're very excited that Banfield is now an even greater part of the Downey community and we look forward to assisting local pet owners in providing quality care for their pets," said Dr. Ana Chazaro, lead veterinarian at the Downey hospital.

Banfield operates more than 800 pet hospitals around the world. The Downey clinic will be open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Author to discuss book

DOWNEY – Local author Elaine A. Piha will discuss and sign her book, "What on Earth are We Doing Here?", on March 31 at 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library.

Piha, a Downey resident, has two bachelor's degrees and combines academics with athletics. She is currently the recreation facility director at the Elysian Valley Recreation Center, working with youth.

Her book will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served; admission is free.

The event, hosted by the Friends of the Downey City Library, is another program designed to highlight local Southern California authors.

Torgerson completes military training

DOWNEY – Army Reserve Pvt. Bradley R. Torgerson has graduated from One Station Unit Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo., which included basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

During basic training, Torgerson received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons qualification, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army doctrine, history, principles and traditions.

During AIT, he completed the military police specialist course to acquire skills to provide combat area support, conduct battlefield circulation control, area security, prisoner of war operations, civilian internee operations, and law and order operations.

Torgerson performed as a team member in support of battlefield operations, installation of law and order operations, and security of Army resources and installations.

Additional training included providing peacetime support to the military community through security of resources, crime prevention programs and preservations of law and order.

Torgerson is the son of Laurie and Lance Torgerson, of Downey. He graduated from Warren High School in 2009.

Support center holding art contest

DOWNEY – In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Exchange Club Family Support Center is sponsoring a poster art contest for kids.

All submissions will be displayed at an Exchange Club event April 28-29.

The contest is comprised of three categories for grades 4-12. Entries must be original work and not include copyrighted characters.

Each entry must be submitted with a registration form signed by the child's parent at the Exchange Club's offices 8320 Iowa St. in Downey. Entry deadline is March 30.

Gift cards will be awarded to the top three winners. Students are limited to one entry.

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call the center at (562) 904-9590 or e-mail familysupport@earthlink.net.

Rummage sale at Woman's Club

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey will host a rummage sale in its parking lot March 31 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spaces are available to rent for \$25, plus \$5 for an optional table.

To rent a space, call (562) 862-8868.



Warren High School senior Wendy Mejia was a semifinalist in an art contest hosted by The Music Center Spotlight. Of 640 entries, Mejia was one of 15 chosen to attend the finals at La Plaza del La Raza last Saturday. Although Mejia didn't win the top prize, she did win honorable mention, which included \$250 cash and a \$500 scholarship. Her photo will be displayed at the Boat House Gallery until March 31.

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Taxpayers can access a number of resources at FTB's website: ftb.ca.gov including:

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WOMAN RESCUED



An 88-year-old woman was transported to a local hospital after her vehicle was involved in a traffic collision at Downey Avenue and Gardendale Street at about 10 a.m. Monday. Downey firefighters removed the car's passenger door to extricate the woman. Paramedics transported her to St. Francis Medical Center. The woman's condition was not immediately known, but she was conscious, said public information officer Jason Patao of the Downey Fire Department.

Church hosting mock trial

DOWNEY – Starting April 1, Moravian Church of Downey will host a "holy week trial" – the People vs. Jesus of Nazareth – with the audience playing the part of jury.

The production runs April 1-4 at 7 p.m., April 5 at 7:30 p.m., and concludes April 6 at 7 p.m.

Each night will feature different witnesses, including some of Jesus' disciples.

Audience members should be in their seats by 6:45 p.m. to serve as jurors.

Moravian Church of Downey is at 10337 Old River School Rd.

Dinner to benefit Fail Safe

DOWNEY – A spaghetti dinner to benefit Fail Safe 4 Felines takes place Monday evening at the Downey Elks Lodge.

The event will include a 50-50 raffle with a grand prize of a new television.

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President Proposes \$81 Million For Metro Projects

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Taco Bell's 50th anniversary celebrated in Downey

■ Taco Bell is credited with popularizing the concept of fast Mexican food.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The year was 1962 and a young Glen Bell was searching for the perfect location to launch his new taco restaurant.

Following his moderate success with Taco Tias and El Taco, Bell began envisioning something different, a small village plaza with retail shops, mariachis, fire pits and a taco stand.

Russ and Mary Jones, two of Bell's first employees, remember Bell's humble beginnings.

"My husband and I worked with him for quite some time. A big man, very tall...jovial, outgoing, always happy," said Mary Jones. "Mr. Bell always had big ideas – good ideas. It really was his idea to turn taco stands into takeout businesses."

Borrowing the formula of popular eateries like McDonalds, Bell selected a large parcel at 7112 Firestone Boulevard near the thriving middle-class neighborhoods of Downey and built a Mexican-themed restaurant named Taco Bell that eventually made tacos, burritos and quesadillas everyday food choices around the world.

Hoping to keep the legacy alive 50 years after Bell started the famous franchise, the Downey Conservancy marked the milestone on Wednesday night with a fitting celebration, paying tribute to Taco Bell's history while calling for the preservation of the original building, which still stands.

With cake and tacos in hand, dozens of community members along with representatives from Taco Bell Corp. gathered together for the informal meeting inside the Taco Bell at 7127 Firestone Blvd. across the street from Bell's first location.

The Downey Conservancy recognized property owner Jerry Andrews and Mexican restaurant



Photo by Eric Pierce

Members of the Downey Conservancy, pictured above with Russ and Mary Jones, helped mark Taco Bell's 50th anniversary Wednesday. Taco Bell opened its first location in Downey (below).

Seafood and Tacos Raul, which currently occupies the historic site.

George Redfox, president of the Downey Conservancy, hopes the celebration, and others like it, will raise the awareness of Downey's cultural landmarks, many of which could be demolished at any time.

"A lot of people don't know what we have. This is something we should all be proud of," said Redfox. "We decided to have celebrations for Downey businesses that have been around a while, like Chris and Pitts and Stox Restaurant. If people know the history, hopefully they'll preserve it."

Kathy Perez, a board member of the Downey Conservancy, suggested a Taco Bell celebration after realizing this year marked 50 years since Bell opened his first restaurant inside a brick and stucco complex he called "Plaza Guadalajara."

"On March 21, Mr. Bell opened right there," Perez said. "Taco Bell brought notoriety to our city – it went beyond our borders. We want to bring awareness to the public and pay tribute to businesses that contribute to the culture behind



Downey – it's who we are. This is an appreciation for what makes Downey unique."

In celebration of its 50th anniversary, Taco Bell Corp. had its own private gathering at its Irvine headquarters on Wednesday. Greg Creed, CEO of the company, released a statement praising Bell, saying the restaurant mogul "forev-

er changed Americans' palates when he introduced Mexican-inspired food with the launch of the first Taco Bell in Downey 50 years ago."

Mary Jones agrees and remains grateful to Bell, who died at age 86 in 2010, for helping her family start their own restaurant chain, Taco Quickie.

"He helped my husband and I get our start," said Jones. "When he was going into the franchises, he knew we wanted our own business so he sold us one of his locations and helped us get into our own business. He was one of the finest persons you could ever meet."

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Silence is a form of compliance

Editor's note: The following is the second and final part of Downey resident Tina Vasquez's visit to Alabama.

By Tina Vasquez

You cannot discuss the Civil Rights Movement without talking about Alabama and I often wonder what the state would look like today if it weren't for the activists who risked their lives to ensure that equal rights were given to African Americans. Many Latinos are hesitant to draw parallels between the experience of African Americans in the state 60 years ago and the treatment of undocumented immigrants today as a result of HB 56. They do not want it to appear as if they are appropriating the experiences of African Americans, but African American leaders in the state are quick to point out the similarities, contending that HB 56 denies unauthorized immigrants and their families, including their US-born children, basic rights, threatening their access to everyday necessities and equal protection of the law. To some in the state, that seems a little too familiar.

Director Chris Weitz, the man behind the film "A Better Life", which tells the story of an undocumented day-laborer, created a series of videos featuring Alabama citizens discussing how HB 56 has impacted them. One of the videos, entitled "What Alabama Knows About Civil Rights", features former Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District, U.W. Clemons, speaking at the 16th Street Baptist Church, saying the state has "turned on the new Negroes."

Given the state's history, I assumed those in Alabama would fight tooth and nail to ensure that basic rights weren't denied to a segment of its population, but upon first inspection it seemed I assumed incorrectly- and I was shocked by the inaction of the people. Each night I spent in the rural town of Arley, I watched the news hoping to catch a glimpse of some sort of protest. I wanted to connect with students in the state who were fighting HB 56, but they didn't seem to exist.

I left the state discouraged. Not only were many in Alabama unaware of HB 56, but those who knew of it didn't seem to care. The general consensus seemed to be that if it didn't directly affect their life, why should they care?

Before leaving for the south I was aware of Isaac Barrera, a 21-year-old community organizer and Pasadena City College student who was detained in Alabama along with 24-year-old activist Jonathan Perez. The pair drove to Alabama with three other activists to participate in a courageous action. Within hours of each other, Barrera and Perez walked into a Border Patrol office in Mobile, AL, expressing their disagreement with Department of Homeland Security policies. When asked by officers why it mattered to them, they responded, "Because I'm undocumented."

President Obama currently holds the record for the most deportations of any president, averaging nearly 400,000 a year. The Obama administration has always claimed to have a hands-off approach when it comes to detaining immigrant youth who participate in acts of civil disobedience. In October 2011, President Obama said his administration prioritizes enforcement, not "chasing after" those who would otherwise qualify for legal status if the DREAM Act passed, instead deporting those with serious criminal convictions or those who have previous deportations on their record.

Barrera wanted to see if this was true, so when he presented himself to Border Patrol officials without a team of legal savvy organizers behind him, he discovered that the Obama administration does not abide by its own policies.

"The Obama administration is lying when it says it's not sending non-criminals through deportation proceedings," Barrera said. "If you show that you are politically aware and knowledgeable of your rights, they won't take you, but when you are alone and vulnerable, they take you."

Within hours, Barrera and Perez were transferred to a prison in Louisiana and then sent to a detention center in the state. Barrera describes the center as "a warehouse for human beings," filled with bunk beds and just four toilets and showers for 70 men. Using the center's phone for just 20 minutes would result in a fee of \$100, making it difficult for those being detained to speak to their family or obtain legal advice.

Barrera and others like him are part of a growing movement of young activists, brought to the U.S. as children, who are now coming out as undocumented and unafraid.

"Coming out as undocumented and connecting with a network makes you safer. I understand that coming out in a state like Alabama is more complicated, but I would also argue it's more necessary," Barrera said. "When they talk about 'illegals' in Alabama, they talk about us like we're dirt. We are human beings. We laugh, we love, we work hard and we want the same things as anyone else. Laws like HB 56 dehumanize us; they terrorize communities and

families, so to me, the risk of speaking out is better than the alternative."

When I returned from Alabama I happened to read a paragraph-long news story about a group of college students in Birmingham who were organizing "A Week of Direct Action Against HB 56". I frantically e-mailed random press contacts at the participating schools and left multiple voicemails. Someone from the University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB) eventually responded, telling me that a student named William Anderson was participating and willing to speak to me. As it turned out, Anderson was the key that unlocked everything I hoped to hear about those in the state who were speaking out against HB 56.

Anderson was born and raised in Birmingham, AL and at just 22, the social work major is a reluctant leader of the most consolidated student movement the state has seen since the Civil Rights Movement.

When Arizona passed the controversial anti-immigrant legislation SB 1070, Anderson knew that harsh laws for the undocumented would become a trend- a trend that Alabama would surely follow.

"When HB 56 was in the House, I told my friends that if it passed I'd be in the streets marching, protesting, and causing a ruckus," Anderson said. "So here I am, causing a ruckus."

Upon speaking to Anderson, a whole world of activism in Alabama opened up. I realized it wasn't that no one in the state was doing anything; it was that the state's media wasn't reporting on their actions. Marches were being held, undocumented immigrants were coming out of the shadows, and students like Anderson were organizing and protesting. Anderson even made a video reaching out to Kanye West, hoping the rapper would speak out against HB 56 the way he did with SB 1070. In the video Anderson says silence is a form of compliance, implying that not speaking out against the law suggests you are in support of it. Efforts such as these garnered very little media attention in the state.

According to Anderson, HB 56 has brought to light many problems in the state of Alabama. The news media, seemingly more concerned with painting a picture-perfect portrait of the state, fails to report on the controversial law with any regularity. Anderson also says many in the state aren't informed. When applying for a permit at City Hall in Birmingham, the woman behind the desk didn't even know what HB 56 was or why Anderson and his fellow students would be protesting it.

"There's a child-like mentality that's really prevalent of the Right in Alabama. They vote the way their pastor and politicians tell them to, instead of asking questions and doing their own research. Questioning things is a basic cognitive function and unless this state starts making an effort to be more informed, it's always going to be like this," Anderson said. "People here are self-conscious about how the rest of the country sees them. They don't want the state to be seen as dumb, backwards, and unprogressive, but then something like HB 56 passes and there is no outrage- they don't do anything, making us look dumb, backwards, and unprogressive. We can't keep electing people to office that make us look bad."

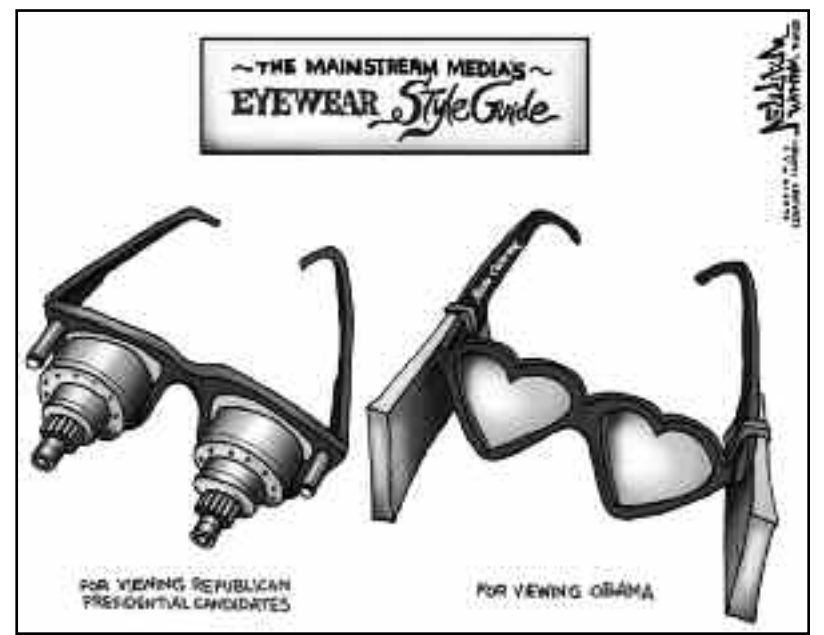
Senator Scott Beason, who led the charge on HB 56, is indeed making the state of Alabama look bad. Beason has become known for his racist remarks, calling Black Americans "aborigines" and urging the state to "empty the clip" on undocumented immigrants. What does it mean when the majority of citizens in a state allow a reported racist to pass a law that terrorizes the undocumented?

There are no easy answers, but Anderson believes the best place to start in solving the problem is to get people like Beason out of office.

"The politicians who voted for HB 56 need to be kicked out of office and they don't deserve any respect as human beings," Anderson said. "If you voted for this, you have little humanity and your ability to do your job should come into question. I want people to know that there are those of us in the state who are angry and we're going to keep pushing until HB 56 is repealed."

I know immigration is a topic that divides the country and I don't claim to have any answers as to how the U.S. should approach immigration reform. What I do know, is that the current system is broken. I know that no human being is "illegal." I know that when you call a person "illegal" it strips them of their humanity, making it easier to exploit them and deny their rights. I know HB 56 is wrong. It's wrong to target young children and it's wrong to rip apart families.

No matter your feelings on immigration, I encourage empathy. I encourage you to consider what you would do for your children if your country of origin provided little in the way of economic stability and educational opportunities. I encourage you to think about what you would do to take care of your family and if the answer is anything, I hope you can see that you have more in



Letters to the Editor:

Immigration law

Dear Editor:

Tina Vasquez, in "Alabama's HB 56: Seeing Its Effect In Person" (3/15/12), describes her discomfort as a Mexican-American in a small, rural Alabama town.

Does she consider how a Scots-Irish resident of Appalachia would feel if plopped down in the middle of Chiapas, even if they could speak Spanish?

Plus, HB-56 doesn't sound so far off from how the Mexican government treats their own "illegals" from Central America, and a whole bunch better than how a "resident alien" in Mexico is treated if perchance he or she voices a political opinion.

-- Drew Kelley,
Downey

Dear Editor:

A high-ranking Mexican official announced from Mexico City that Hispanics have a culture of ignoring rules and regulations. They have ignored our immigration laws and have flooded some of our states. Now we are supposed to accept them with open arms.

Instead, we are the "bad guys" because we want them to return home and then immigrate to our country legally.

We are even worse because we want to break up families. Children brought to this country by their illegal immigrant parents are citizens of the country of origin and must apply to immigrate just as their parents must apply. Those children that are born here of illegal immigrants have dual citizenship. They can return with their parents to the country of origin and enjoy full citizenship.

Stop blaming U.S. citizens because we want our immigration laws respected. We hate a double standard and that is what pro-illegal immigrant people want us to accept, ignoring our rules and regulations.

-- Frank Myers,
Downey

Keep the UN out of it

Dear Editor:

Just when you thought you'd heard everything, something new comes up with something worse.

This administration's wasting of the stimulus money, the bankruptcy of these foolish "green" energy give-away programs, the money spent for government ownership of cars, banks, etc., not collecting taxes on GE and making Jeffrey Emmet job czar so he could outsource GE to China, giving \$16 million to Phillips to develop a \$50 light bulb to save electricity, but foolishly spending mega bucks to develop two electric cars - one fell apart when tested and the other catches on fire.

The gasoline situation is ridiculous. At one of his 107 fundraisers, President Obama said some dreamed-up nonsense of his could save us \$8,000 a year on gas. I figured out that I only spend approximately \$50 a week, totaling about \$2,600 a year. How can I save \$8,000? Now if you're a trucker it has cost them \$29 billion more in gas to deliver food, etc., thereby meaning that we pay higher food prices, etc. Yet President Obama won't sign permits for the Keystone XL Pipeline. (He may need gasoline for his campaign fundraising 'till next November.)

President Obama's healthcare program, we now know, is twice what he said it would be and government employees won't be under it; also unions and big companies have opted out. Why?

I belonged to a sewing group. Could we have called the UN to decide if Eric Holder and the Justice Department needed to be investigated for gun running, giving guns to drug cartels to kill thousands in Mexico and one of our Border Patrol officers? Or why he didn't investigate the New Black Panther Party who, in full uniform and with guns, intimidated voters at the last election or should we have called the UN to do it? It appears Mr. Holder only has learned how to sue the states on voting qualifications or states that want to stop illegal immigration because they can no longer afford the costs. Whatever happened to states' rights?

If you love and care about the U.S., everyone reading this must call any and all senators and congress members and tell them to stop this disgusting intrusion of the UN. The toll free number to anyone in Congress is (866) 220-0044. The White House is (202) 456-1111.

This will be a test to see if you really love this country and value your freedom. Keep the lines hot. No UN deciding anything in the U.S.

-- Elsa Van Leuven,
Downey

Too loud to talk

Dear Editor:

Enjoying Mexican food, I waited in anticipation for the opening of the new Downey La Barca restaurant. I took my youngest son, as he was leaving for the Army, and a few of his friends for dinner.

I found it a beautiful facility, but that's where it stopped for me. I endured a 45-minute wait inside the crowded restaurant. After seating I found the mariachi band so loud and annoying that we literally could not have a conversation.

The service was very slow and the food was certainly not worth the 45 minute wait. I gauge my Mexican food on a small family-owned and operated restaurant, Don Chuy's, on Bellflower Boulevard in Bellflower.

Sorry, La Barca, but I will not be dining with you anytime soon.

-- Paul Anderson,
Downey

Letters to the Editor:

Hospital pay cuts

Dear Editor:

While it is good news that Downey Regional Medical Center is out of bankruptcy, you really haven't shared the whole story.

One of the reasons for this success is the fact that the employees who chose to remain working at the hospital have taken a 10 percent pay cut in the past two years and have not received a raise in the past 4-5 years - thus putting us at the bottom of the pay scale for people in our profession.

From housekeeping to nursing, this has put a big financial strain on everyone.

I always liked working at DRMC; it felt like family. I just hope that the employees who have remained loyal to this hospital will be recognized and compensated for all their hard work and loyalty.

-- Patricia Pedersen,
Radiology Department,
Downey Regional Medical Center

Bit of a stretch?

Dear Editor:

Paula Mayfield must have thought she was hurling thunderbolts at the media in shedding light on its apparent double standards. ("Media Double Standard," Letters to the Editor, 3/15/12)

The double standard detected by Ms. Mayfield is that while much was made of Rush Limbaugh's comments about Sandra Fluke, nothing at all was written about Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s comments aimed at Sen. Jim Inhofe. It might be pointed out that Limbaugh's comments were broadcast over the radio and were probably heard by 20 million people.

And what about Kennedy's comments? It would appear that Ms. Mayfield went online and searched out Kennedy's tweets; therein lurked his comments about Sen. Inhofe.

Are we to conclude that broadcasting over the radio to 20 million people is the same as reading someone's tweets posted online? Isn't that a bit of a stretch?

--Muriel Schuerman,
Downey

Tips for women

Dear Editor:

When going shopping at the store or at the mall, and walking by parked cars on your right, do not carry your purse on your left shoulder.

A car with two men could go right by you. The driver will go slow and close to you, while the passenger could grab your purse. You might also get run over by the car's rear wheel.

-- Mike Rodela,
Downey

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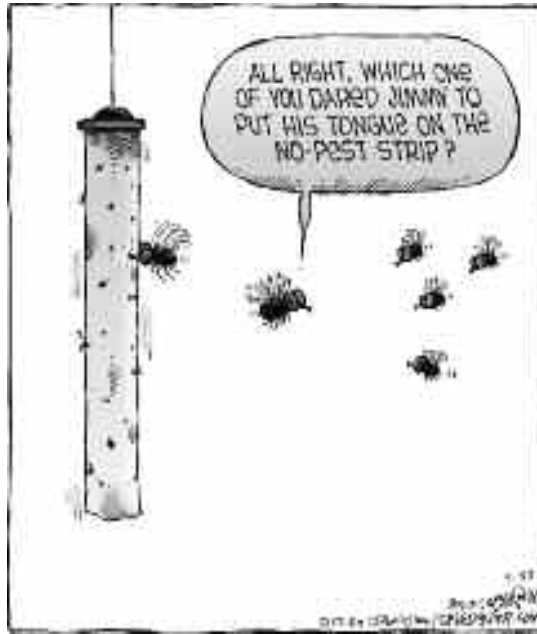
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

- Fri. & Sat. March 23 & 24: "Defending the Caveman," Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Sat. March 24: Arc Walk for Independence, Stonewood Center, 7:30 a.m.
- Sat. March 24: E-waste roundup, La Vina Centro Cristiano church, 9625 S. Lakewood Blvd., 9 a.m.
- Sat. March 24: Police marking third-row seats, Civic Center, 10 a.m.
- Mon. March 26: Fail-Safe 4 Felines fundraiser, Downey Elks Lodge, 5 p.m.
- Wed. March 28: State of the City, Rio Hondo Event Center, 12 p.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- 9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
- 10 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
- 6 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.
- 6:15 p.m.: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
- 7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 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 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., 11 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 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 Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
- 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.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
- 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.

On This Day...

- March 22, 1765:** Britain enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies.
- 1933:** During Prohibition, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.
- 1987:** A barge carrying 3,200 tons of garbage left Islip, N.Y., on a six-month journey in search of a place to unload. The barge was turned away by several states and three countries before space was found back in Islip.
- 1997:** Tara Lipinski of the United States became the youngest women's world figure skating champion at age 14 years, 10 months.
- Birthdays:** Actor William Shatner (81), author James Patterson (65), broadcaster Wolf Blitzer (64), composer Andrew Lloyd Webber (64), sports broadcaster Bob Costas (60) and actress Reese Witherspoon (36).

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Congress has declared April to be National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month. Is this a disease you're familiar with?

Sarcoidosis is an abnormal response by the immune system. The result is inflammation in the lymph nodes, liver, eyes, skin, and other tissues throughout the body, but most often in the lungs. Immune cells clump together to form granulomas, and as granulomas build up in an organ, the function of that organ suffers.

Because sarcoidosis is difficult to diagnose and can be mistaken for several other diseases, we can only guess at how many people are affected. Statistics indicate, however, that in the United States, sarcoidosis is most common among African Americans, who have an annual incidence of 35.5/100,000. This is over three times the rate for Caucasians. It is interesting that it is found throughout the world among all races, and that it is actually most prevalent in Northern European countries. In fact, the highest incidence of 60/100,000 is found in Sweden and Iceland. It is found more often in women. Sarcoidosis is one of the few lung diseases that is actually more common among non-smokers!

Its exact cause is unknown, but it is likely that it is inherited. If a close relative has sarcoidosis, you are five times more likely to get it.

Symptoms of sarcoidosis range from none at all, to involving almost any body part or organ. Caucasian patients are more likely to develop a milder form of the disease, while African American patients may develop a chronic and severe form. If there are symptoms, they will include the lungs: chest pain, dry cough, and shortness of breath. Additional general symptoms include fatigue, fever, joint pains, weight loss, and a vague overall feeling of discomfort, illness, or lack of well-being. The skin may show hair loss, rashes, or raised, red, firm sores. Central nervous system symptoms include headaches, seizures, or weakness on one side of the face. Eye symptoms include burning, discharge, dry eyes, itching, pain, and loss of vision. In addition, dry mouth, fainting spells, nosebleed, and swelling of the abdomen are possi-

ble. The most remarkable thing about this disease is that it affects everyone in different ways.

It is due to the presence of so many seemingly disconnected symptoms that it is not an easy disease to detect. The physical exam may show congestion in the lungs, enlarged liver, palpable lymph nodes, an enlarged spleen, or rash. The most common way that I make the diagnosis is by chest x-ray, which shows remarkably large lymph nodes. Lung involvement is by far the most common finding in individuals with sarcoidosis, with 90% having an abnormal chest x-ray at some time during the disease. A chest CT scan will show even more detail. A biopsy of one of these large lymph nodes and blood tests are often conducted to confirm the diagnosis.

Treatment for sarcoidosis is only necessary if there are symptoms. This disease can go away with no intervention at all, or come and go through the years. If there are symptoms, corticosteroids are used, often for as long as two years, and even for life. Patients who have a severe form of the disease may be given immune suppression medication as well.

There is no cure for sarcoidosis; treatment simply helps to manage the symptoms. While sarcoidosis often goes away by itself within three years, the disease forever alters lives. Roughly 20% of those whose lungs are involved will develop lung damage, and about 10% become seriously disabled. Counseling and support groups can help. The Sarcoidosis Center, for example, is a non-profit organization that helps to deal with the problems that face sarcoidosis patients and their caregivers.

For those of you whose lives have been touched by sarcoidosis, I urge you to become knowledgeable, get proper medical care, and build a support network!

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

Short skit for hard of hearing

LAKEWOOD – "Good Doc, Bad Doc," a skit for hard of hearing folks going to the hospital, will be presented April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Weingart Senior Center in Lakewood.

Lorraine Fanizza, leader of the South Coast Chapter of Hearing Loss Association, and Harriett Porch, liaison of emergency information, will present the sketch.

No reservations are necessary and admission is free. For more information, call (562) 438-0597.

CDC launches ad campaign against smoking

■ National ad campaign shows "real lives and bodies" damaged by tobacco.

A hard-hitting national ad campaign that depicts the harsh reality of illness and damage suffered as a result of smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke was launched today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The ads began airing Monday and will run for at least 12 weeks on television, radio, and billboards, online, and in theaters, magazines, and newspapers nationwide.

The "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign features compelling stories of former smokers living with smoking-related diseases and disabilities, and the toll smoking-related illnesses take on smokers and their loved ones.

The ads focus on smoking-related lung and throat cancer, heart attack, stroke, Buerger's disease, and asthma.

The campaign features suggestions from former smokers on how to get dressed when you have a stoma (a surgical opening in the neck) or artificial limbs, what scars from heart surgery look like and reasons why people have quit.

Ads will be tagged with 1-800-QUIT-NOW, a toll-free number to access quit support across the country, or the smokefree.gov web site, which provides free quitting information.

"Hundreds of thousands of lives are lost each year due to smoking, and for every person who dies, 20 more Americans live with an illness caused by smoking," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. "We cannot afford to continue watching the human and economic toll from tobacco rob our communities of parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, friends and co-workers. We are committed to doing everything we can to help smokers quit and prevent young people from starting in the first place."

The "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign is another bold step in the administration's commitment to prevent young people from starting to use tobacco and helping those that smoke quit. Recent milestones include the passage of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act which gives the Food and Drug Administration authority to regulate tobacco products to prevent use by minors. Additional support to help smokers quit is provided through state toll-free quit lines and implementation of web and



mobile based interventions.

Smoking remains the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States, killing more than 443,000 Americans each year. Cigarette smoking costs the nation \$96 billion in direct medical costs and \$97 billion in lost productivity each year. More than 8 million Americans are living with a smoking-related disease, and every day over 1,000 youth under 18 become daily smokers. Still, nearly 70 percent of smokers say they want to quit, and half make a serious quit attempt each year. The "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign will provide motivation, information, and resources to help.

"Although they may be tough to watch, the ads show real people living with real, painful consequences from smoking," said CDC Director Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "There is sound evidence that supports the use of these types of hard-hitting images and messages to encourage smokers to quit, to keep children from ever beginning to smoke, and to drastically reduce the harm caused by tobacco."

For more information on the "Tips from Former Smokers" campaign, including profiles of the former smokers, other campaign resources, and links to the ads, visit cdc.gov/Quitting/Tips.

Imported food linked to disease outbreaks

Foodborne disease outbreaks caused by imported food appeared to rise in 2009 and 2010, and nearly half of the outbreaks implicated foods imported from areas which previously had not been associated with outbreaks, according to research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, presented at the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases in Atlanta.

"It's too early to say if the recent numbers represent a trend, but CDC officials are analyzing information from 2011 and will continue to monitor for these outbreaks in the future," said Hannah Gould, Ph.D., an epidemiologist in CDC's Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases and the lead author.

CDC experts reviewed outbreaks reported to CDC's Foodborne Disease Outbreak Surveillance System from 2005-2010 for implicated foods that were imported into the United States. During that five-year period, 39 outbreaks and 2,348 illnesses were linked to imported food from 15 countries. Of those outbreaks, nearly half (17) occurred in 2009 and 2010. Overall, fish (17 outbreaks) were the most common source of implicated imported foodborne disease outbreaks, followed by spices (six outbreaks including five from fresh or dried peppers). Nearly 45 percent of the imported foods causing outbreaks came from Asia.

"As our food supply becomes more global, people are eating foods from all over the world, potentially exposing them to germs from all corners of the world, too," Gould said. "We saw an increased number of outbreaks due to imported foods during recent years, and more types of foods from more countries causing outbreaks."

According to a report by the Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS), U.S. food imports grew from \$41 billion in 1998 to \$78 billion in 2007. Much of that growth has occurred in fruit and vegetables, seafood and processed food products.

The report estimated that as much as 85 percent of the seafood eaten in the United States is imported, and depending on the time of the year, up to 60 percent of fresh produce is imported. ERS also estimated that about 16 percent of all food eaten in the United States is imported.

The types of food causing the outbreaks in this analysis aligned closely with the types of food that were most commonly imported.

Doctor to discuss COPD

CERRITOS – Seniors suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease – also known as COPD – are invited to a free health seminar Wednesday at the Cerritos Senior Center at 1 p.m.

COPD is characterized by the gradual loss of lung function, often brought on by chronic bronchitis or emphysema.

Dr. Marc Baskin, an allergy and immunology specialist with Pioneer Medical Group, will lead an informative lecture on signs, symptoms, risk factors and current treatment options for COPD.

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Shane Baumann, James Bettencourt and Joseph Palacios (pictured from left) were enshrined in the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame last week.

Football players enshrined in hall of fame

CULVER CITY – The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame recognized 75 Los Angeles-area young men for their dedication to football, education, family and community during a black-tie event March 16 at the Doubletree Hotel in Culver City.

Among the honorees were three former Downey Pop Warner Razorbacks who have distinguished themselves on the field, in the classroom and in their community: Shane Baumann, James Bettencourt and Joseph Palacios.

The three student athletes had their names enshrined in the National Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind.

Baumann is a four-year varsity

long snapper and three-year strong safety from St. John Bosco High School. He was to the Second Team All Trinity League in 2010 and earned first team honors in 2011.

He was also chosen to the Long Beach Press-Telegram's Dream Team and ESPN Los Angeles's Dream Team last year.

Baumann holds St. John Bosco's career tackles record with 257. He has a 3.2 GPA.

Bettencourt is a two-year varsity player at Warren High School where he was named a first team, All San Gabriel Valley League defensive back. He was named Warren High's Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Bettencourt has a 3.8 GPA. His brother, Sam, was similarly honored by the National Football Foundation in 2010.

Palacios, also from Warren, was a linebacker and team captain for the Bears this past season. He earned Co-Defensive Player of the Year honors while playing most of the season with a broken foot.

He has a 3.2 GPA and will attend Whittier College in the fall.

All three young men played for the Downey Youth Football Razorbacks and were on the same team during their eighth grade years.

Downey golfers 4-7 after beating Schurr

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' golf team has gotten off to a 4-7 start and competed against Schurr High School on March 19 and were victorious 214-262.

The Vikings were led by Justin Abernathy's 2 over par 37 and Victor Ortiz's 4 over par 39.

The Vikings are looking to improve upon their 10-10 overall record from last season and have loaded up on a difficult pre-season schedule. The Vikings finished last season with a 7-1 league record and tied cross-town rival Warren for a share of the San Gabriel Valley League championship, as they have done for the past two years.

Downey returns several key golfers from last year. Steve Gurule, Victor Ortiz and Joel Carreto all return with a year of varsity golf under their belts. Key losses to graduation from last year's team include Christian Lee and former East Knight Paul Heidecker.

Although Downey has not participated in any tournaments thus far, they have competed against such quality programs as Marina, South Torrance, Cerritos and La Canada and have held their own. The Vikings will compete at the Herald Tournament at Candlewood Country Club and in the Knabe Cup at the Lakewood Country Club in April.

Coach Sanders believes that Warren will continue to be tough competition for his team. Coach Sanders also believes Gahr will be competitive due to the San Gabriel Valley League's best individual golfer returning for another year.

Sanders said he is pleased with the continued emergence of senior Justin Abernathy and sophomores Jason Lee and Rekeesh Patel. The coach said he sees his team as a cohesive unit and has fun coaching them.

"I like helping these kids learn a game they will be able to enjoy all of their lives as I have," Sanders said.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Warren track has sights on league title

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' track season has begun and the Lady Bears are chasing a league championship.

The Lady Bears participated in the Redondo Nike Festival last weekend and finished 9th out of 25 schools that competed. The Lady Bears fielded a young team, filled with many underclassmen, and still held their own.

Warren will have their first league track meet against Lynwood and Dominguez next Thursday, March 29.

The Lady Bears are led by several key performers in different events. Melissa Quintero has ran 11:53 in the 3200 meter run and Yajaira Zarate has ran a 5:16 in the 1600 meter run.

Danielle Rodriguez is running a 2:21 in the 800 meters and a 1:01 in the 400 meters, while former East Knight Shakura Tyler is running the 400 meters in 1:02 and the 200 meters in 26.6 seconds.

Ariel Thomas is running the 100 meters in 12.96 seconds. Amy Chesser is throwing the shot put 31' feet and the discus 110' feet. Danielle Rodriguez is clearing 5'0 in the high jump and triple jumping 32' feet.

Elsa Vasquez is long jumping 16'1 and Lili Lopez is running the 100 meter hurdles competitively and the 330 meter hurdles in 48.4 seconds.

Assistant coaches Eric Nilsen and Ryan Pitts believe cross-town rival Downey and Paramount will provide the toughest competition. Paramount was league champion last year and will certainly be the team to beat again this year.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Warren boys off to a hot start

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' volleyball team has gotten off to a 4-0 start after recently competing in the Redondo Tournament where they finished second in their pool and ninth overall.

The Bears finished last season with a 16-2 overall record and a perfect 10-0 record in league play. The team returns several key players from last year's team. Dean Kendall, Josh Nehls, Alfonso Mata, Cristian Cuevas, libero Brian Oh and former East Knight Nick Alvarez all return with more experience and skill.

Assistant coach Chris Hoodye mentioned that several of these players have been playing together since their freshmen year and that has been a big plus for their cohesiveness, unity and strength as a team. Coach Hoodye also pointed out that this is why they are playing at a very high level right now.

The Bears' key loss from last season was Grant Carter to a health concern.

The Bears participated in the La Mirada Pre-season Tournament and were undefeated at 4-0. The Bears defeated Valley Christian on March 20 in straight sets 25-11, 26-24 and 25-12 and were scheduled to face cross-town rival Downey on Thursday (score unavailable at press time) in the league opener for both schools.

Warren will participate in the Valley Christian Tournament this weekend and in the Redondo Classic Tournament in April.

Coach Simons is looking forward to this season and is proud of his squad's performance thus far. He maintains that his team's goal is a CIF championship and that his players are "focused and intent on achieving that goal."

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Downey looks to stay perfect

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' volleyball team has gotten off to a 4-0 start after recently competing in the Redondo Tournament where they finished second in their pool and ninth overall.

The Vikings started league play at Warren on Thursday and are looking to surpass last year's 10-8 overall record and 7-3 league mark.

The Vikings return several key players. Patrick Waters returns for another season with more experience and skill as do former East Knights Garrett Neilan and Matt Lostetter. Bryan Bonilla also returns and has switched positions from libero last year to assume the role of setter this year. Coach Rand maintains that Bryan has done an outstanding job making this change.

Coach Rand further said that the team has not missed a beat and the offense continues to run well with Bonilla as setter. The Vikings key loss to graduation from last year's squad was Eugene Laporte.

As previously mentioned, the Vikings will open league play at Warren on Thursday and follow that with a game at Gahr on Tuesday and will host Paramount next Thursday. The Vikings will then travel to Dominguez on April 3 and host Lynwood on April 5. The Vikings will participate in the Kennedy Tournament on April 14.

The Downey High volleyball team certainly will be busy in the weeks to come. Coach Rand and his players are looking forward to the challenge and competing at the highest level they can.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

Sports roundup

DOWNEY – Ale Guillen struck out four batters in seven innings as Downey High School's girls softball beat Santa Monica, 8-2, on Tuesday.

Guillen improved her nonleague record to 4-2.

Downey's Anissa Urtez went 4-for-4, including one RBI.

The Vikings are 5-3 on the season.

•Downey Calvary Chapel, meanwhile, shut out Windward, 8-0, in the league opener.

Sydney Colenzo led Downey with a homerun and two RBIs. She also scored three times.

Calvary Chapel's overall record is 3-7.

•Warren High baseball had an easy time against Dominguez on Tuesday, cruising to an 18-1 victory.

The Bears (6-1) collected 22 hits over seven innings, including four from Daniel Roman.

•Downey baseball lost its fifth game in a row Tuesday, falling to Gahr, 6-3.

Downey's Alex Rodriguez was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the fifth inning to pull the Vikings within one run, but Gahr added two more runs in the bottom of the inning to secure the win.

Downey fell to 0-2 in league and 3-10 overall.

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Small but inspired crowd welcomes poet Raindog

DOWNEY – If you didn't come to the Downey Arts Coalition's monthly Poetry Reading, this past Thursday, March 15, at Mari's Wine Bar, you missed a great happening.

The crowd was small but the inspiration was great. Asked if he preferred a respectful silence between poems, or applause after each, the poet who is known as Raindog said, "I need feedback," which brought instant whistles, claps and cheers. He interacted freely with the audience while reading, answering questions and responding to laughter and comments.

Raindog said he always reads better when he is in touch right away with his audience. So he began to read with a head of steam and by the time he finished he was jovial and running on high octane.

He knew Charles Bukowski, the San Pedro poet who has become a cult figure. Raindog told us he could write exquisite poetry, but that was the man he knew and called friend and emulated was not the drunken sot he allowed himself to become before he died in 1994.

Then Raindog read his own "Mozart at 22," which he said was received by the editor of a journal to whom he submitted it, as a "great poem, probably the greatest poem of the twentieth century," if Raindog would just omit the first 14 lines of the 28 line poem. Raindog read us his full version, with his usual kind of punch line, "Mozart at 22 /had already lived two thirds of his life...In parts of Eastern Europe/ old men of twenty-two were manning the barricades...rest easy, kid it's always darkest/just before it goes/ completely black."

By the end of the evening we had a poet going full throttle with a sympathetic audience along for the ride. Those who bought his book and got his autograph knew they had had an evening with "the master."

Next reading, April 19, features Laurie Soriano, a poet from Palos Verdes reading from her book, Catalina. Soriano has been called "a sensualist of the tongue," who crafts poetry that "translates intimate relationships, desires and frailties into compelling poems that keep the fiery self alive."

–Lorine Parks, Downey Arts Coalition

Poetry club at barber shop

DOWNEY – Local painter and poet Roy Anthony Shabla will headline this month's Hair Club for Poets/Reading with Scissors event, a monthly poetry series at Number 34, Barber to the Star, a barber shop at 9029 Florence Ave.

Each month includes one or two featured poets and an open mic, a featured artist and grooming tips.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

State hospital workers protest against assaults, staff cuts

■ Mental health workers picket in front of Metropolitan State Hospital in Norwalk.

NORWALK – Dozens of Metropolitan State Hospital employees chanted and waved picket signs in front of the hospital Wednesday, drawing attention to alleged ongoing assaults and staffing concerns at their facility and others overseen by the California Department of Mental Health (DMH).

Workers shared personal stories of how they have been injured by patient assaults as well as their concerns for the individuals they care for, especially now that DMH proposes staffing cuts.

The employees – part of the statewide Safety Now! Coalition of state-hospital staff – protested what they said were DMH's contradictory take on safety: The state department is calling for the layoff of hundreds of treatment professionals at Metropolitan and other state hospitals while at the same time being cited by Cal/OSHA for "serious" safety violations and being told to increase staffing.

Metropolitan and Napa State Hospitals were cited last spring for "serious" safety violations leading to numerous assault injuries, including the October 2010 murder of psychiatric technician Donna Gross, but DMH is contesting these violations.

Two more DMH hospitals – Atascadero and Patton – were cited March 1 for "serious" assault-relat-

ed safety concerns; Coalinga State Hospital employees are awaiting results from a recent Cal/OSHA safety tour.

While Cal/OSHA and legislators are calling on the department to improve state hospitals' safety and staffing, DMH has sent 114 layoff notices to Metropolitan State Hospital treatment staff, including psychiatrists, psychologists, rehabilitation therapists, social workers and psychiatric technicians, protesters claimed.

California Assemblyman Michael Allen – whose district includes Napa State Hospital, where Gross was killed – has introduced Assembly Bill 2399 to compel DMH to implement the anti-assault safety programs called for in the Cal/OSHA citations that the department is contesting.

Allen also has introduced Assembly Bill 2397 to maintain adequate treatment-staffing levels and to stop the layoff of hundreds of state-hospital employees.

Frustrated at the "little progress in improving safety conditions" since Gross' killing, members of the California Assembly's Select Committee on State-Hospital Safety and two state senators wrote to DMH Director Cliff Allenby March 8 requesting a moratorium on state-hospital layoffs.

Although not all of the 114 Metropolitan workers who received layoff notices may be let go, employees agree with legislators and Cal/OSHA that more staff, not fewer, are needed to provide



the best and safest care possible at Metropolitan State Hospital and at other California state hospitals.

Instead of laying off treatment staff and reducing services and safety, state-hospital employees say the department could save nearly \$100 million per year by appropriately charging for civil-commitment beds at Metropolitan and Napa, replacing expensive Atascadero contract psychiatrists with civil-service psychiatrists and

by cancelling Napa's training contract with U.C. Davis, among other ideas.

"There may be times when budget cuts are necessary, but under no circumstances should safety be compromised," said senior psychiatric technician Carlos "Chuck" Garcia, a 14-year MSH employee and layoff-letter recipient.

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Chuck Hutchinson's inner compass has guided him throughout life



BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY — Chuck Hutchinson would rather read than watch TV, listen rather than talk. His wife of 64 years, Lynne, says my description of her husband as a quiet, serious man, is dead on. For this profile, though, I needed Chuck to talk more, and he did, favoring certain areas of his experience more than others.

Born Charles Richard Hutchinson in Akron, Ohio, Chuck grew up in South Gate where his dad, R. Earl, working for the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., was transferred in 1928 to its new South Gate plant. Earl, who was the plant's chief chemist, served as mayor of South Gate when, Chuck narrates, "I was about 20-21."

By that time, Chuck was a sergeant in the Army Air Corps directing seven personnel as station chief in the Arctic at a weather station at Koyuk, Alaska, located some 150

miles east of Nome. Koyuk is a way station on the Iditarod dog sled race.

Along with buddy Bill Hunter, Chuck had enlisted in the Air Force in 1941, a year after his high school graduation from South Gate High, where he played the violin with the high school orchestra. That year was spent studying at UCLA. In the Air Force, he was assigned to the Weather Service.

He described the importance of his Koyuk assignment as well as the harsh conditions in a club report: "It was the station's job to report the weather conditions every 30 minutes by radio to Nome. Koyuk was an important outpost during the Lend-Lease era when airplanes were being flown to Russia. Russian pilots would pick up the P-39s and B-25s at Fairbanks, and fly them first to Nome and then on to Siberia. That winter, the weather station was to receive an Allis Chalmers snow plow or buggy that could be used to rescue downed flyers in the sector. It had to be picked up at Moses Point, which was approximately 90 miles from Koyuk over an unmarked trail across a cape that had a forest of trees and unmarked river and sea ice. I sent a guy to pick the snow tractor up. On the way back, the weather turned really nasty. My man told me it was so cold that he and his Eskimo guide had to drink their coffee immediately before it froze and had to peel raw eggs in order to cook them."

After 3-1/2 years in the service, Chuck resumed his studies at UCLA, marrying Evelyn Pratt of Fresno a year before obtaining his BS in business administration (major in marketing) in 1949. They had met at the university. Lynne is of French descent: her grandparents

were natives of Chaillot near the Southern French Alps. Married here in the States, they were able to buy a hotel in Huron, Fresno County and eventually accumulate land holdings totaling some 4,000-5,000 acres in neighboring Coalinga, while engaged in the sheep business.

Chuck sports quality genes, too. A grandmother of his, Eva Emery Dye, who had received a bachelor's and a master's in classics from Oberlin College in Ohio, wrote four books of history and/or historical fiction at or near the turn of the 20th century. She wrote mostly about the history of Oregon and that of Lewis and Clark, in which she first drew attention to the Shoshone Indian legend Sacajawea. Three of her titles: "The Soul of America: An Oregon Iliad," "Portland, Mount Hood and The Columbia," and "The Story of Lewis and Clark." No one in the family seems to know if she ever finished a fifth book, on Hawaii, she was working on.

Fond of backpacking, hunting, and camping in the mountains in earlier years, he and another of his buddies, Bill Ingwersen, (he has maintained close contact over the years with a circle of friends — a few have passed away, of course), once found themselves face to face with a brown bear in the Yosemite back county. This is how he narrates the scary episode: "We were members of a seven-couple potluck group which met at least once a month since 1952. Well, the two of us had ourselves a 'potluck' experience as well with a bear one dark midnight. Unfortunately, the bear wasn't interested in sharing our food with us, and we spent a couple of hungry days until we could hike out."

Chuck's accounting career start-

ed auspiciously. His first job after obtaining his BS in marketing from UCLA, without as much as performing a single bookkeeping entry, was as chief accountant for a manufacturing company. He was to supervise the accounting team's work for four years.

Chuck never contemplated doing work other than in the accounting profession once he had a taste of it. Next stop was, from 1957-1960, with Thomas & Moore, CPAs, in Los Angeles, then at Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, CPAs, as audit supervisor from 1957 (the year he got his CPA license) to 1960; Lybrand et al is now Price Waterhouse-Cooper.

His auditing duties would take him to the Far East (Taiwan, the Philippines, etc.), instilling a love of travel that resulted later in visits with Lynne several times to Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Canada, and all over the 50 states, "especially places in Arizona and New Mexico and Civil War sites."

After Lybrand, Chuck decided to go into business for himself, setting up his accounting and tax business in Downey. It was to last for, effectively, 63 productive and fulfilling years. During those years, in addition to his handsome house here in Downey, he would acquire another house in Laguna Beach (yes, it overlooks the sea), apartments as well as fairly extensive farming interests in Fresno.

An indication of how valuable he was to his accounting and taxation clients was their reluctance to let go of his services. It wasn't till five years ago (he was already 83 by this time) that he was able to finally formally "sign off," when he did the books for the last time for the Downey Masonic Lodge No. 220,

of which he has been a member for as long as he can remember. Because of his clients' different financial needs and schedules, the whole retirement thing, he says, was "quite a gradual process."

As one equipped with industriousness and stamina such as he is, Chuck's community/civic involvements have been many, and a few really noteworthy. To mention a few: Chuck was president of the Hospital Foundation of the Downey Community Hospital (now DRMC) the year when the hospital negotiated the extension of its lease with the city to 99 years; he has served as well on the city's Hospital Commission from the very start of its formation, this year as current vice-chairman.

He says he has been active over the years in all of the Masonic bodies, including serving one term as master of Downey Lodge No. 220, as well as with the Boy Scouts ("We now have nine Eagle Scouts in our family"); one of the oldest members of the Downey Rotary Club, Chuck is a past president (1974-75) — his youngest son, Tom, a CPA in his own right, joined the club not too long ago.

Monday, March 19, was Chuck's 88th birthday, but he celebrated it on Saturday, which was, by the way, Lynne's birthday. All their four kids (Charles Jr., Ken, Nancy, and Tom) were present, along with their 11 grandchildren—all with good education and all blessed with solid careers (only one has yet to finish college — next year).

He had summed up his life and work earlier: "I have lived a great life. I'm healthy, happy, and I've got a great wife and family." Who can contradict him?

Residents warned about Asian tiger mosquitoes

DOWNEY — Local vector control agencies are encouraging local residents to report any daytime mosquito activity and to remove any outdoor containers that may have filled with rainwater last weekend.

A single container with rainwater can allow hundreds of mosquitoes to breed in just seven days, officials cautioned.

Asian tiger mosquito activity subsided in the winter, but the recent warm weather "appears to have triggered egg hatching and adult biting activity," officials with the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District said in a news release.

Unlike other mosquitoes, the Asian tiger mosquito bites during the day and has been known to carry yellow fever and "other nasty diseases."

"This mosquito is a game-changer," said Kenn Fujioka, manager of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District. "We will be pulling out all the stops to eradicate this population."

Anyone who spots small, black and white mosquitoes, or anyone bitten by a mosquito during the day, should call (626) 814-9466.

Vector officials also urged homeowners to guard against Asian tiger mosquitoes by eliminating standing water; store recyclables inside covered trash cans or sealed plastic bags; remove water saucers from beneath potted plants; drill drain holes in decorative flower pots and outdoor containers; empty bird baths and small fountains every three days; water plants at soil level; and clean out rain gutters to ensure water does not collect.

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IMAX to open at Norwalk AMC

NORWALK — The IMAX is coming to Norwalk.

Starting March 30, the AMC Theatres in Norwalk will begin showing select films on the IMAX 3D screen.

IMAX combines crystal-clear images, powerful digital sound and "customized theatre geometry to create a uniquely immersive movie experience," according to a press release.

To maximize the field of view in its modified auditorium, AMC replaced a screen with a larger, slightly curved and specially treated IMAX screen positioned closer to the audience.

IMAX's digital projection sys-

tem combines two digital projectors with IMAX's proprietary image enhancer and custom lenses to create an image with greater clarity, brightness and contrast.

The images on screen are complemented by IMAX's latest sound system, which features its loudspeaker technology and uncompressed digital sound. The sound system has 10 times more dynamic range, cuts down on distortion and provides a sound quality that feels more immersive, especially with the added acoustic paneling that absorbs sound and removes echo.

The IMAX auditorium opens March 30 with "Wrath of the Titans." The movie has been digi-

tally re-mastered into IMAX's format.

"The new IMAX theatre maximizes the experience for guests so they feel as if they are IN the movie they are watching," theater officials said.

Upcoming IMAX releases include "To The Arctic 3D" (April 20), "The Avengers" (May 4), "Darks Shadows" (May 11), "Men in Black 3" (May 25), "The Amazing Spider Man" (July 3), "The Dark Knight Rises" (July 20), "Skyfall" (Nov. 9), "Gravity" (Nov. 21) and "The Hobbit" (Dec. 14).

Help for teens who can't afford prom dresses

DOWNEY — The Assisteens, the teen auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey, is hosting a "Glamour Gowns" program to help local girls who cannot afford an outfit for prom.

Girls can receive an entire outfit that includes a dress, jewelry, hand bag and shoes.

The outfits will be distributed March 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and April 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Assistance League chapter house at 7749 Florence Ave.

For more information, call Stacy Brabant at (310) 991-3757.

Sister Cities fundraisers

DOWNEY — A fundraiser to benefit the Downey Sister Cities Association will be held May 26 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The event is from 2-6 p.m. and will feature games, prizes, a silent auction, spaghetti dinner and more.

Cost is \$15 for one person, \$30 for a family with two children, and \$5 for each additional child.

Downey Sister Cities is also sponsoring a turnaround trip to Stateline, Nev., on April 14.

The bus will depart from Embassy Suites at 7 a.m. and arrive back at 11 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person.

For tickets to either event, call Denise Juarez at (562) 396-7551.

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Church hosting egg hunt

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Registration and crafts for children of all ages start at 9 a.m. There will also be jumpers.

Trinity Lutheran Church is at 11507 Studebaker Rd.



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Former Downey High School students Adrienne Crisostomo, Nancy Tepaz, Aileen Crisostomo and Angel Montejano traveled to Europe recently and took a copy of *The Downey Patriot*. The group, pictured in front of the Eiffel Tower, graduated from Downey High in '05 and '06.

Hospital pays tribute to certified nurses

LYNWOOD – St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood celebrated Certified Nurses Day on Monday by paying tribute to its 170 board-certified nurses on staff.

St. Francis Medical Center's health team includes more than 170 RNs in specialties including trauma, critical care, labor and delivery, emergency, pediatrics, nursery, maternity, antepartum, medical surgical, executive administration, women's health, surgery, neonatal intensive care, and education.

Board certification of nurses plays an increasingly important role in the assurance of high standards of care for patients and their loved ones. Nursing, like health care in general, has become increasingly complex.

While a registered nurse license provides entry to general nursing practice, the knowledge-intensive requirements of modern nursing require extensive education, as well as a personal commitment to excellence by nursing professionals, hospital officials said.

"We have an extraordinary team of nurses at St. Francis Medical Center who share our mission of providing the highest quality of care that is compassionate and patient-centered," said Beverly Quayle, vice president and chief nursing officer at St. Francis Medical Center.

"Our board certified nurses represent the best and brightest health care professionals who are dedicated to serving our community and who exemplify personal commitment and achievement through the attainment of their specialty certification."

ROP program nominated for award

NORWALK – The Southeast Regional Occupational Program in Norwalk has been nominated to receive the Freedom Award from the U.S. Department of Defense for its support of employees serving in the California National Guard and Reserve.

Guard and Reserve members, or family members acting on their behalf, nominated their civilian employers for the Freedom Award during the 12-week nomination season.

Guard and Reserve members, who stand ready to serve whenever they are needed, often put their civilian lives on hold when called upon.

"Supportive employers provide a tremendous amount of stability and peace of mind to these citizen warriors and their families, enabling them to continue their dedicated service to our country," said James G. Rebholz, national chair of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Department of Defense agency.

Up to 15 award recipients will be announced this summer and honored in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 20.

Kosher dinner at temple

DOWNEY – The public is invited to experience a catered kosher-style Passover Seder hosted by Temple Ner Tamid on April 7 at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$36 for affiliated temple members and guests; \$40 for non-members. All children 12 and younger are \$25.

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

Hospital gala to benefit surgery center

WHITTIER – The Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Foundation will host its annual gala, themed "Oh What a Night," this Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa.

This year's gala will benefit the Surgery Center, which will be housed in the new Plaza Tower scheduled to open this fall.

The Plaza Tower will be six-stories and house a variety of services including the new Surgery Center featuring 10 operating rooms and an entirely new, technically advanced Critical Care Center.

Once the tower is complete, PIH will be the only hospital in its service area to have achieved full, on-time compliance with SB 1953 – California's seismic safety law – put into effect following the Northridge earthquake.

The black-tie event begins with a cocktail reception followed by a silent auction, dinner, dancing and live auction.

Featured in the silent auction will be a variety of items ranging from electronics, trips, jewelry, handbags and tickets to sporting events.

For more information on the gala, call (562) 698-0811, ext. 14125.

To make a donation but without attending the gala, go to pih.net and click the "Donate Now" button.

Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital is located at 12401 Washington Blvd. in Whittier.

E-waste event at local church

DOWNEY – La Vina Centro Cristiano church, at 9625 S. Lakewood Blvd., is collecting unwanted electronics as part of a fundraiser Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents can dispose of old, broken or unwanted electronic equipment.

The church will use proceeds from the roundup to support its youth summer camp.

Cerritos appreciation lunch

CERRITOS – The Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its staff appreciation luncheon on April at the Sheraton Hotel in Cerritos.

The lunch starts at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 for Cerritos chamber members and \$50 for non-members.

For more information or to register, call (562) 467-0800 or go online to cerritos.org.

Lara to speak here April 4

DOWNEY – Assemblyman Ricardo Lara will speak to the Downey Coordinating Council at their April 4 meeting at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Lara will give a brief report on what efforts are being made to balance the budget and keep school programs available for all students.

The meeting begins at 11 a.m.



Evony, Alex, Taylor and Jessie Guardado are pictured at the state capitol in Sacramento, holding *The Downey Patriot*.



Downey resident Guillermo Vazquez traveled to Tokyo Disneyland last week and took a copy of *The Downey Patriot*. Guillermo traveled to Tokyo to visit his brother, Airman First Class Gabriel Vazquez, who is currently stationed at Yokota Air Base.

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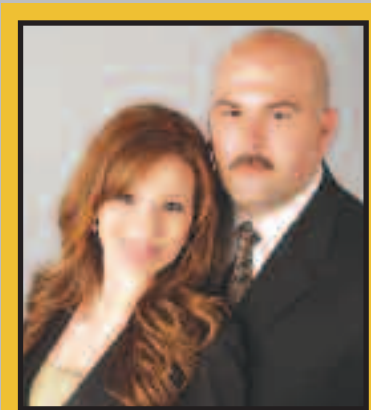
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In 2011, CENTURY 21 Allstars was honored by becoming the #1 CENTURY 21 office in the USA in the CENTURY 21 System. CENTURY 21 Allstars also received The Quality Service Award which demonstrates that our clients highly approved of the services provided. At the CENTURY 21 International Global Convention held in New Orleans in March of this year, we were honored and presented with these awards.

CENTURY 21 Allstars originated in 1987, and since then our goal has been to not only be the most productive office but, also to continue to give the best possible service to our clients.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of our agents, management and staff for their commitment to helping families every day. I believe we have the best management, staff and the best trained and most professional agents to serve the community. While 2011 was an incredible year, we are extremely enthusiastic for the possibilities in 2012.

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Police will mark an SUV third-row seat at no charge

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department has launched "Operation Save our Seats" in response to a growing number of thefts targeting expensive SUV third-row seats.

At no cost to vehicle owners, Downey police will etch a vehicle's license plate number onto the third-row seat in an inconspicuous place. The etching will help police return

the seat should it ever be stolen.

High-resale value have spurred thieves to target third-row seats, which are often re-sold at swap meets or online, said Sgt. Brian Baker of the Downey Police Department.

Third-row seats can fetch up to \$2,000 and can be removed in less than a minute, making them attractive to thieves, Baker said.

Police officers will etch the seats March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the police department's west parking lot. Police are specifically targeting newer model Chevy Tahoes, GMC Yukons and Cadillac Escalades but all vehicles with removable third-row seats can attend.

The etching process takes about 15 to 20 minutes.

Appointments are requested by contacting Detective Ethan Roberts at (562) 904-2334 or eroberts@downeyca.org.

Police also offered tips on how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto-related theft:

- Never leave your car running and unattended, including warming it up in the driveway on cold mornings, even if only "for a moment";
- Place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously once you arrive. This includes packages and gym bags;
- Park in well-lit areas;
- If possible, always park in a driveway when arriving home, not on a public street;
- Lock all doors even if you plan to only be gone for a brief time;
- Set any alarm or anti-theft device;
- Never leave the vehicle registration, documents or checkbook in the car;
- Never place hidden keys in the car;
- If you have high-end audio or video equipment installed in your vehicle, keep it covered and out of site when your car is parked. This is especially relevant in shopping centers and apartment complexes;

If you see suspicious activity, immediately call Downey Police at (562) 861-0771. If it's an emergency, call 911.

For more information on how to prevent auto-related crimes, call Detective Ethan Roberts at (562) 904-2334 or click the "crime tips" tab at downeypd.org.



Robert "Bob" Verderber

June 14, 1929 - February 21, 2012

Robert "Bob" Verderber passed away in his sleep, February 21, 2012. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Flag Day, June 14, 1929, he was the eldest of three children of Herman and Leonora Ellis Verderber.

Bob was raised in Cleveland, graduated from Cathedral Latin High School and Fenn College (now Cleveland State University) in 1957 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He received his master's in industrial engineering at USC in 1964.

After graduating from Fenn College, Bob worked as a process engineer for the Euclid Division of General Motors Corporation. In 1961, he moved to Downey and went to work for the Space Division of North American Rockwell as a Project Engineer for the Apollo Program, eventually becoming Chief Industrial Engineer responsible for Division Work Measurement Program and providing management consulting and operations research services within the Space Division.

Bob served as national officer and/or local officer more than 60 times for seven different national professional societies. He was appointed to the California Board of Professional Engineers by Governor Deukmejian in 1990. He served on the California Legislative Council for Professional Engineers for many years and was Vice-President of this body from 1976-80.

While working in the aerospace industry, Bob taught evening courses as an adjunct faculty member at local colleges and universities. He specialized in teaching engineering and industrial management courses. He loved the academic environment leading him to serve three terms on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. He was President of the Board in 1997 and 2003. He served as Secretary in 2004. He received the Golden Falcon Award from students in 1995.

Bob volunteered many hours of service to the community. He was a member of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee and Technology Manager for the Field Hockey Event. He served on the Downey Planning Commission and the Downey Chamber of Commerce both as a member and as Chairman or President. He was a supporter of the Downey Civic Light Opera, Downey Symphonic Society, Downey Art Museum and Member of the Downey Rose Float Association, Friends of the Downey Library and the Downey Kiwanis Club. He was an avid Republican supporter.

He retired in 1995 and soon found that he wasn't built for retirement. So he turned to his love of education and took the California test for an Emergency Credential, passed and was hired as a Substitute Teacher in the Downey Unified School District. He then attended evening classes at CSU-Long Beach, receiving a California Single-Subject Credential in Mathematics in 2004.

Bob loved all sports, especially USC Trojan football. He was a member of the Cardinal & Gold – USC Athletic Support Group. He was fascinated by science and mathematics. He loved music and took up the saxophone after retiring, taking courses and playing in the jazz band at Cerritos College.

Bob is survived by his sister, Anne Taylor of San Diego; his brother Roy (wife Lois) of Dumfries Virginia; niece & nephew Amy Matero and Jim Verderber, both of Woodbridge Virginia; his former wife Diane Boggs of Downey, and his step-children and grandchildren.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, March 24th, 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey.

Lafleche Laporte passes away

DOWNEY – Lafleche Jacqueline Laporte, born Jan. 17, 1924, passed away March 11 surrounded by her family. She was 88.

She was laid to rest at Rose Hills Memorial Park on March 16.

She is survived by her daughters, Eugenie and Richere; sons, Eugene, Richer and Lafleche; 16 grand children; and 21 great-grandchildren.



Arturo Castellanos mourned by family

DOWNEY – Downey resident Arturo Castellanos, born July 1, 1946 in a ranch in Jalisco, Mexico, passed away in the early hours of March 16.

He held many jobs throughout his life, including working at his family farm as a child, and later as a cook and in roadside assistance.

He had recently retired and spent his mornings walking his granddaughter to Griffiths Middle School, followed by yard work.

He is survived by his son; three daughters; 13 grandchildren; an ex-wife; mother; sister; and four brothers.

He will be buried in Tecate, Baja California alongside his father.



Crime Report

Friday, March 16

Officers held a DUI checkpoint from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. at Imperial & Rives. Two drunk drivers were arrested and fifteen vehicles were impounded. Additionally, 49 citations were issued to unlicensed drivers and 12 citations were issued to people driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, March 17

At 1:00 a.m., officers located a vehicle in the 12700 block of Grovetree that had earlier fled from them at the DUI checkpoint. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle and occupants were wanted in connection with a robbery of a donut shop in the City of El Monte. Officers located the driver, a 26-year-old Gardena man, hiding in the residential area and arrested him. He was released to the custody of the El Monte Police Department.

Sunday, March 18

At 2:00 a.m., a woman attempted to steal a case of beer from the AM/PM Liquor located in the 10000 block of Lakewood. The store clerk was assaulted when she tried to stop the suspect from fleeing. The suspect dropped the beer and fled in a vehicle, but was stopped by officers in the area of Paramount & Florence. The suspect was arrested and booked for attempted robbery.

At 5:00 a.m., a verbal argument broke out among friends at a home in the 12800 block of Woodruff. During the argument, one of the males armed himself with a machete and attempted to attack the other male, who fled for his safety. Officers stopped the suspect as he was leaving the home and arrested him for assault with a deadly weapon.

At 10:00 p.m., officers arrested a 36-year-old man from Bellflower for the crime of False Imprisonment after he assaulted and held his estranged wife against her will in a hotel room at the Downey Embassy Suites Hotel. The suspect is facing numerous felony charges.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

102-year-old WWII veteran honored

SACRAMENTO – Gov. Jerry Brown met with 102-year-old WWII veteran Bea Cohen Tuesday at the State Capitol as part of celebrations honoring Women's Military History Week.

Cohen is believed to be the oldest living female WWII veteran in California and one of the oldest in the country.

A native of Buhush, Romania, Cohen witnessed the start of World War I before immigrating to the United States as a child. When the second World War started, Cohen produced munitions and war supplies at the Douglas Aircraft Company in Los Angeles before enlisting in the U.S. Army.

As a Private First Class, she was assigned to Elveden, England, where she worked in top-secret communications.

Today, Cohen lives in Los Angeles and still attends meetings at the West Los Angeles Veterans Home.

Earlier Tuesday, Cohen was the guest of honor at a state reception honoring all female veterans and military personnel, where she was recognized by the California Department of Veterans Affairs, the Governor's Office and the state Assembly.

Knabe to give 'State of the County'

NORWALK – County supervisor Don Knabe will lead a "State of the County" breakfast March 29 at the Norwalk Masonic Lodge starting at 8 a.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$170 for a table of eight.

For tickets, call the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce at (562) 864-7785 or e-mail info@norwalkchamber.com.



Muffy Chiccarelli

Muffy Chiccarelli, 82, of Milford, Massachusetts died February 28, 2012 surrounded by her family. She was born in Milford to the late Leonardo and Felicia DeCapua.

A Downey resident for over 50 years she worked in quality control for 20 of those years. She was a member of St. Raymonds women circle #10 and a board member for Downey Little League and Pop Warner. She loved her Italian heritage and did all she could to pass it down to her children. Muffy never missed making a Sunday pasta meal and was difficult to beat at Jeopardy.

Devoted wife of 62 years to "Chic" and the awesome mother of four boys: Greg, Gary, Glenn, and Gerry. Muffy was preceded in death by her oldest son, Greg. She is survived by her husband, three sons, nine grandchildren Channa, Jalina, Molly, Brittney, Marne, Dominic, Joseph, Samantha, and Nicolette, as well as ten great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held March 24th 5:00pm at the Church of Christ at 8321 Imperial Hwy in Downey. All are welcome.



Ferne Mulder

March 24, 1922 - March 19, 2012

Ferne Mulder, born on March 24, 1922, a resident of Downey for more than 50 years, now residing in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA, passed away on March 19, 2012 and is survived by her daughter Bonnie Presicci, son-in-law, Phil Presicci, step-daughter Martha Sinclair, three grandchildren, Michael Presicci and his wife Laura, Robin Gonzales and Thomas Sinclair, one great grandchild, Nicole, and two great great-grandchildren, Makenna and Lonnie.

Ferne was a long time member of the Downey's Newcomers Club and PTA when Bonnie attended school in Downey and the Presbyterian Church of Downey.

Ferne survived her husband, Martin Jake Mulder who passed away June 21, 2005.

Services will be held on Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Hills Memorial Park, Gate 10.

In Memory of William Rollins Jr.

October 11, 1920 - March 17, 2012

William Rollins, Jr. passed away peacefully at home on March 17 in Downey, CA, of natural causes at the age of 91. Bill was born in Long Beach, CA on October 11, 1920 to Nola and William B. Rollins, a career navy man. Bill spent his childhood in Washington state, Hawaii and California. The family finally settled in Willowbrook and he attended Compton High School and Compton Junior College. Bill joined the Merchant Marines at the outbreak of World War II eventually becoming the First Mate aboard the SS Lurline. At the end of the war he re-acquainted himself with Ruth Shull and they were married on September 17, 1947. He graduated from UCLA in 1947 and began a career in education. While as a teacher, counselor and administrator at Compton High School, Bill developed many relationships with educators who remained life-long friends. In 1968 Bill left Compton High School for Huntington Beach Union High School as an administrator and in 1977, he became the principal at Westminster High School. Upon retiring, Bill developed a love of woodworking. His beautiful and thoughtful creations are gifts that we treasure. Bill and his brother-in-law, Bob Shull, were true 'brothers' in every sense of the word. Their friendship and devotion to each other was enviable. Bill and his wife, Ruth, who have lived in Downey since 1952, were members of the Downey Methodist Church, and had been married for 64 years. They have four children, Bill (Candace), Bob (Kelley), Gary (Valerie), and Jane Chandler (Dale), as well as many grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His sister, Jean Tanner, and brother, Glenn, predecease him. All of us have special memories of 'Dad' and 'Grandpa' which will keep us smiling forever.

Downey students raise money for Relay for Life

DOWNEY – Dozens of middle school and high school students donned superhero costumes last Friday at Downey High School in an effort to fight cancer.

Downey High's KIWIN'S Club hosted the fundraiser, titled The Hero Relay, to benefit the American Cancer Society's local Relay for Life.

A dozen teams of 10 raised \$100 each and competed in several athletic events and relays. There were separate divisions for high school and middle school students.

Most of the high school students were from Downey High School, while the middle school division featured teams from Sussman, East and West junior highs.

The fundraiser took place on a day off for teachers and students.

"On a cloudy day where kids could have been home sleeping in and enjoying their day off, students chose to sacrifice their day to support a great cause and help those fighting this deadly disease. They are all heroes in my book," said organizer Alex Gaytan of the Downey Kiwanis Club.

The competition was intense as students were competing for 10 free tickets to Six Flags Magic Mountain. Competition events include a tire relay, boot camp obstacle course, wacky relay, tug-of-war, and other fun but challenging competitions.

Spectators were also on hand to enjoy jumpers, slides, water balloons, pie-in-the-face toss, and a "super hero cape creation station."

Students and parents worked together in the snack shack to raise more money for the Relay for Life.

"Cancer is a disease that has affected countless people throughout our community. We are here to be someone's hero and help those in need to fight cancer," said Eduardo Sanchez, a Downey High student and member of the KIWIN'S Club.

"It was an amazing event," said Jesus Pelayo, vice president of KIWIN'S. "Next year we will raise three times as much and I hope to come back and help, even if I'm off at college."

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 18177CK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: SGL INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 14871 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA, CA 90638. Doing business as: THE CARRIAGE COFFEE SHOP.
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE.
The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller(s): 14871 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA, CA 90638.

The name(s) and address of the buyer(s) is/are: LOUIS Y. LIU AND KYUNG SOOK WELLS, 862 AUTUMN LN, CORONA, CA 91719.
The assets being sold are described in general as: ALL FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT, STOCK IN TRADE, AND GOOD WILL, and are located at: 14871 IMPERIAL HWY, LA MIRADA, CA 90638.
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: ADOBE ESCROW CORPORATION, 13117 E HADLEY ST, WHITTIER, CA 90601 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 9, 2012.
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided: The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: ADOBE ESCROW CORPORATION, 13117 E HADLEY ST, WHITTIER, CA 90601 ATTN: ESCROW #18177CK (C. KUDINOFF) and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be APRIL 6, 2012, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
LOUIS Y. LIU AND KYUNG SOOK WELLS, Buyer(s)
LA1108215 DOWNEY PATRIOT 3/22/12

The Downey Patriot
3/22/12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 26836-PC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) are: RAPID GAS INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 17311 S. MAIN ST. GARDENA, CA 90248.
Doing business as: RAPID #21.
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE.
The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: 17311 S. MAIN ST. GARDENA, CA 90248.
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: I & M OIL INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 8664 BROOKE AVE, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683.
The assets being sold are described in general as: GOODWILL ONLY and is located at: 12030 E. ROSECRANS AVE, NORWALK, CA 90650.
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CITYWIDE ESCROW SERVICES INC, 12501 SEAL BEACH BLVD, STE 130, SEAL BEACH, CA 90740 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 9, 2012.
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided: The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CITYWIDE ESCROW SERVICES INC, 12501 SEAL BEACH BLVD, STE 130, SEAL BEACH, CA 90740 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be APRIL 6, 2012, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
I & M OIL INC, Buyer(s)
LA1107626 DOWNEY PATRIOT 3/22/12

The Downey Patriot
3/22/12

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S) (UCC Sec. 6105 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: NAYLA INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 10030 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
Doing business as: ARCO AM PM 83368.
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are: NONE.
The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: MAM OIL INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 10030 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
The assets being sold are generally described as: GENERAL ASSETS FOR GAS STATION INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME and is/are located at: 10030 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
The type of license(s) and license no(s) to be transferred is/are: Type: OP-SALE BEER AND WINE, License Number: 20-905852 and are now issued for the premises located at: SAME.
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: MAYFLOWER ESCROW, 4160 TEMESCAL CANYON RD, STE 102, CORONA, CA 92883 and the anticipated sale date is APRIL 13, 2012.
The purchase price or consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$60,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$50,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT; INITIAL DEPOSIT \$20,000.00, DEMAND NOTE \$50,000.00, ALLOCATION TOTAL \$60,000.00.
It has been agreed between the seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
NAYLA INC, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
MAM OIL INC, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
LA1105870 DOWNEY PATRIOT 3/22/12

The Downey Patriot
3/22/12

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201203655**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRINCESS FLOWERS GIFTS, 7844 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 6643 CHALET DR, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUCIA JIMENEZ, 7844 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/11/2011.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/LUCIA JIMENEZ, OWNER.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 6, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from

the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201203604**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EBH PROPERTIES, 8130 2ND STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 330762214.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) B T BISHOP & ASSOC. INC., 180 N RIVERVIEW DRIVE SUITE 130, ANAHEIM, CA 92808.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/05/2012.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/BRODERICK TOD BISHOP, OWNER, B T BISHOP ASSOC. INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 2, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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3/8/12, 3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012027782**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUCKY WHEEL DEALS, 7567 SUVA ST, DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMY ORELLANA, 7567 SUVA ST, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/SAMY ORELLANA, OWNER.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 17, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012042610**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, 8301 E. FLORENCE AVENUE SUITE 100, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) THE NORWALK PATRIOT (3) NORWALK BUSINESS CENTER. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 2894148.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, INC. 8301 E. FLORENCE AVENUE SUITE 100, DOWNEY CA 90240.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/01/2006.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JENNIFER DEKAY GIVENS, PRESIDENT, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 14, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012035340**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KOLA ENTERPRISES, 12258 YEARLING PLACIA CERRITOS, CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS MENDOZA, 12258 YEARLING PLACIA CERRITOS, CA 90703.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/LUIS MENDOZA.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 2, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of

the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
3/22/12, 3/29/12, 4/5/12, 4/12/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012046724**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) V.R.&R. CONSTRUCTION, 9371 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROMAN VAZQUEZ, 9371 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ROMAN VAZQUEZ, OWNER.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 20, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
3/22/12, 3/29/12, 4/5/12, 4/12/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012033018**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOWNEY LEGAL DOCUMENTS SERVICES, 8130 2ND STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDITH AGUIRRE, 12913 SANDY LN, DOWNEY, CA 90242.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/EDITH AGUIRRE.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 28, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
3/8/12, 3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012035922**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NANN REAL ESTATE, 11942 ADENMOOR AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELINE DEO, 11942 ADENMOOR AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ANGELINE DEO.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 2, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
3/8/12, 3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012037734**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FOUREYES, 10303 TROPICO AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90603, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SALOMONE DESIGNS, LLC, 10303 TROPICO AVE, WHITTIER, CA 90603.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/CHRISTOPHER SEVIN SALOMONE, MANGING MEMBER, SALOMONE DESIGNS, LLC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 8, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it

expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12, 4/5/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012032396**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARNOLD'S KITCHEN, 11837 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLANCA ESTELA DIAZ, 10301 1/2 SAN MIGUEL AVE, SOUTH GATE, CA 90265.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/BLANCA ESTELA DIAZ, OWNER.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 28, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012037142**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MAESTRO STING CENTER, 2012 4200 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH GATE, CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR NAJERA, 10472 FAYWOOD STREET, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/HECTOR NAJERA, OWNER.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 6, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12, 4/5/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012028154**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PURE CELLEULA, 810 N HACIENDA BLVD, LA PUENTE, CA 91774, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN M HUEZO JR, 2620 SARANDI GRANADE DR, CIENEGA HEIGHTS, CA 91745.
State of Incorporation: CA.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JUAN M HUEZO JR, OWNER, JUAN M HUEZO JR.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 17, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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3/8/12, 3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012028675**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLEAR COMMERCIAL SERVICES, 11601 FIRESTONE BLVD #205, NORWALK, CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSHUA OLVERA, 11601 FIRESTONE BLVD #205, NORWALK, CA 90650.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JOSHUA OLVERA, OWNER.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 21, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself

authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012040465**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REAL ESTATE BY RINA AND ASSOCIATES, 8412 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENTS BY RINA. Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KAREN BEATRICE VILLEDA, 8412 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/KAREN BEATRICE VILLEDA.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 9, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12, 4/5/12

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012041662**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) IMAGES BY EDUARDO SUASTEGUI, 10052 SIDEVIEW DR., DOWNEY, CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDUARDO SUASTEGUI, 10052 SIDEVIEW DR., DOWNEY, CA 90240.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/EDUARDO SUASTEGUI.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 13, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012026364**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VOTER GUIDE SLATE CARDS, 6285 E. SPRING ST, STE 202, LONG BEACH, CA 90808, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3440682.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SEEDBORG CAMPAIGNS, INC, 6285 E. SPRING ST, STE 202, LONG BEACH, CA 90808.
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/19/09.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/JERRY SEEDBORG, PRESIDENT, SEEDBORG CAMPAIGNS, INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 15, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012032922**
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EDGAR IBARRA SALES, 7259 PANITER AVE WHITTIER, CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) PO BOX 2676 BELL GARDENS, BELL GARDENS, CA 90202.
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A.
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDGAR IBARRA, 5838 1/4 GOTHAM ST, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201.
State of Incorporation: N/A.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as false information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/EDGAR IBARRA.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 28, 2012.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
The filing of this statement does not of itself

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NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CASH CONTRACT NO. 682A COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER SHADE STRUCTURE PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 29, 2012...

The work to be performed under this Contract will consist of the engineering, fabrication and installation of a fabric shade structure, at the site.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 1111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California...

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CASH CONTRACT NO. 682A.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit Corporate surety bonds with the Contract. A bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished...

The local prevailing wages, as determined by the State of California, Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.1 are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, and the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page.

The City of Downey reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION, AT (562) 622-3468.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA Adria Jimenez, City Clerk

NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CASH CONTRACT NO. 682B COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER FENCE PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California for Cash Contract No. 682B Columbia Memorial Space Center Fence Project.

The work to be performed under this Contract will consist of the engineering, fabrication and installation of a Cable Rail Fence and Gates and Chain Link Fence and Gates, at the site.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 1111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California...

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CASH CONTRACT NO. 682B.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit Corporate surety bonds with the Contract. A bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished, guaranteeing the faithful performance of said Contract, and a bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished for the protection of all laborers and materialmen.

The local prevailing wages, as determined by the State of California, Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.1 are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award.

determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of B, "General Building Contractor" or State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-13, "Fencing Contractor."

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, and the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification, Los Angeles County Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program and the Signature Page.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-ENGINEERING DIVISION, AT (562) 622-3468.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA Adria Jimenez, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (PLN-12-00039)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY OF DOWNEY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 4th day of April, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

LOCATED AT: 9234 Lakewood Boulevard

At that time and place all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed case. Any further information may be obtained by contacting the Office of the City Planning Division, Downey, California, Telephone # 562-904-7154.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301, Class 1 (Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Downey Patriot 3/22/12

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT IN RE THE PETITION OF THE DOWNEY PATRIOT INC. TO ESTABLISH THE NORWALK BUSINESS CALL AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION

Notice of Motion and Motion for Order to Establish a Newspaper of General Circulation TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 30, 2012, at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in Department 26 of the above Court, located at 111 North Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, The Downey Patriot, Inc., will petition the Court to establish a newspaper of general circulation pursuant to Government Code Section 6000.

The motion will be based on this Notice, the supporting Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the declaration of Jennifer DeKay-Givens, all pleadings filed in this action, and such further evidence and argument as the Court may entertain.

Dated: March 13, 2012 Glenn J. Dickinson LightGaber LLP Attorneys for Petitioner

VERIFIED PETITION TO ESTABLISH A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION (Government Code §6000)

1. Petitioner The Downey Patriot, Inc. is publisher of the newspaper known as the Norwalk Business Call, which is seeking adjudication under Government Code section 6000 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Norwalk, in the State of California.

1. Jennifer DeKay-Givens declare as follows: I am President of The Downey Patriot, Inc., publisher of the Norwalk Business Call. I have read the foregoing Petition and know the contents of it, and attest to its accuracy in all respects. I state the foregoing as a matter of personal knowledge, and if called upon to testify as to these matters, I could and would do so competently.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and this declaration was executed at Downey, California, on March 13, 2012. Jennifer DeKay-Givens

The Downey Patriot 3/15/12, 3/22/12

SUMMONS (Family Law) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT(Name) AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Bernice Maria Jimenez

Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): Michael Terrell Carter CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): VD075915 You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120 or FL-123) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner.

your local county bar association. Tiene 30 dias corridos después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120 o FL-123) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica no basta para contraerla.

Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucoete.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) o ponle nombre en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

AVISO: Los órdenes de restricción que figuran en la página 2 valen para ambos cónyuges o pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier autoridad de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

NOTE: If a judgment or support order is entered, the court may order you to pay all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for yourself or for the other party. If this happens, the party ordered to pay fees shall be given notice and an opportunity to request a hearing to set aside the order to pay waived court fees.

AVISO: Si se emite un fallo u orden de manutención, la corte puede ordenar que usted pague parte de, o todas las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentas a petición de usted o de la otra parte. Si esto ocurre, la parte ordenada a pagar estas cuotas debe recibir aviso y oportunidad de solicitar una audiencia para anular la orden de pagar las cuotas exentas.

1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): MICHAEL TERRELL CARTER, 231 E. 116TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90061, Telephone 323-777-6165 Date (Fecha): MAY 25, 2011 JOHN A CLARKE Clerk, by (Secretario, por) V. CARRANZA, Deputy (Asistente) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served A VISO A LA PERSONA QUE RECIBIO LA ENTREGA. Esta entrega se realiza a, as an individual. (a usted como individuo.)

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANK KAY aka FRANK W. KAY and aka FRANK KAY JR. Case No. BP132877

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANK KAY aka FRANK W. KAY and aka FRANK KAY JR. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Robert L. Carraway in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Robert L. Carraway be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 28, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

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

Attorney for petitioner: RANDALL C KIMOSE ESQ SBN 066421 KAREN L TRIMBLE ESQ SBN 165137 LAW OFFICES OF RANDALL C KIMOSE 3620 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 200 TORRANCE CA 90505-6014

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M. WATSON aka VIRGINIA M. CUTRONE aka VIRGINIA M. WATSON aka VIRGINIA M. GARLAND Case No. BP133357

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VIRGINIA M. WATSON aka VIRGINIA M. CUTRONE aka VIRGINIA M. WATSON aka VIRGINIA M. GARLAND

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Los Angeles County Office of the Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Los Angeles County Office of the Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 6, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

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

Attorney for petitioner: JONATHAN H. GELLER ESQ SBN 159058 PRIN DEP COUNTY COUNSEL JOHN F KRATTLI ESQ ACTG COUNTY COUNSEL LEAH DAVIS ESQ ASST COUNTY COUNSEL ANDREA SHERIDAN ORDIN ESQ COUNTY COUNSEL 350 S FIGUEROA ST STE 602 LOS ANGELES CA 90071

CN867802 The Downey Patriot 3/15/12, 3/22/12, 3/29/12

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUANITA DE LA CRUZ Case No. VP014332

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUANITA DE LA CRUZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Marina Cardona Williams in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Marina Cardona Williams be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 24, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. L located at 12720 Norwalk Bl., Norwalk, CA 90650.

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: DEBRA HALVARSON GROH ESQ SBN 192600 LAW OFFICES OF DEBRA GROH 3020 OLD RANCH PKWY STE 300 SEAL BEACH CA 90740

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-015935 Title Order No. 10-08-066583 Investor/Insurer No. 128912655 APN No. 6360-006-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/24/2006.

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

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100.

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

Attorney for petitioner: RANDALL C KIMOSE ESQ SBN 066421 KAREN L TRIMBLE ESQ SBN 165137 LAW OFFICES OF RANDALL C KIMOSE 3620 PACIFIC COAST HWY STE 200 TORRANCE CA 90505-6014

CN865929 The Downey Patriot 3/8/12, 3/15/12, 3/22/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0126451 Title Order No. 11-001340 Investor/Insurer No. 138442228 APN No. 6266-008-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/05/2006.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0156770 Title Order No. 11-0126451 Investor/Insurer No. 1705752131 APN No. 8047-007-143 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/14/2007.

), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 03/29/2012 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard 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.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0143570 Title Order No. 11-0127017 Investor/Insurer No. 120080842 APN No. 8037-060-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/01/2005.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-043570 Title Order No. 11-0127017 Investor/Insurer No. 120080842 APN No. 8037-060-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/01/2005.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-015935 Title Order No. 10-08-066583 Investor/Insurer No. 128912655 APN No. 6360-006-003 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/24/2006.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0001531 Title Order No. 11-0001340 Investor/Insurer No. 138442228 APN No. 6266-008-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/05/2006.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0158670 Title Order No. 09-8-045824 Investor/Insurer No. 128912655 APN No. 6258-009-062 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/21/2006.

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Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4212627 03/08/2012, 03/15/2012, 03/22/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20090134008096 Title Order No.: 186953 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/11/2006.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 746823CA Loan No. 0692673890 Title Order No. 110064602-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05-09-2005.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0001531 Title Order No. 11-0001340 Investor/Insurer No. 138442228 APN No. 6266-008-009 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/05/2006.

The Downey Patriot 3/8/12, 3/15/12, 3/22/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0158670 Title Order No. 09-8-045824 Investor/Insurer No. 128912655 APN No. 6258-009-062 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/21/2006.

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association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0144629 Title Order No. 11-0127047 Investor/Insuror No. 20080842 APN No. 8037-060-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/01/2005...

04/25/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER...

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Loan No. 11-1583/ LARA RESS Order No. 74726 A.F. Number 6245-009-018 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (Book # 2009/27370)

Vineyard Ballroom, Power Default Services, Inc., as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on April 10, 2006...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0144629 Title Order No. 11-0127047 Investor/Insuror No. 20080842 APN No. 8037-060-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST...

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...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. CA1100043357 Loan No. 068504801 Insuror No. 1705860604 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/22/2007...

insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1305617-10 APN: 6245-010-018 TRA: 003305 LOAN No: xxxxxx8125 REF: Banderas, Linda IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER...

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/03/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE APN: 8079-0003 UNID: 1234567890 Title Order No. 13424073 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 15421 HARVEST AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED April 16, 2008...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0144629 Title Order No. 11-0127047 Investor/Insuror No. 20080842 APN No. 8037-060-021 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/01/2005...

Loan No. 11-1583/ LARA RESS Order No. 74726 A.F. Number 6245-009-018 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (Book # 2009/27370)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0144629 Title Order No. 11-0127047 Investor/Insuror No. 1703424011 APN No. 6266-018-050 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/23/2007...

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...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0037629 Title Order No. 11-0037629 Investor/Insuror No. 1103635206 APN No. 8046-010-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0046844 Title Order No. 11-0037629 Investor/Insuror No. 1103635206 APN No. 8046-010-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

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T.S. No. 11-15484 APN: 6286-014-014 Loan No. 2089806 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/25/2008...

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...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0037629 Title Order No. 11-0037629 Investor/Insuror No. 1103635206 APN No. 8046-010-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0127665 Title Order No. 09-8-378970 Investor/Insuror No. 155671558 APN No. 8061-022-006 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/21/2006...

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...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

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Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

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Trustee Sale No. 11-03502-5 Loan No. 0021351150 Title Order No. 1045664 APN 6229-013-018 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED March 29, 2006...

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...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0037629 Title Order No. 11-0037629 Investor/Insuror No. 1103635206 APN No. 8046-010-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0130588 Title Order No. 09-8-388023 Investor/Insuror No. 1707009422 APN No. 8070-017-010 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

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...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0037629 Title Order No. 11-0037629 Investor/Insuror No. 1103635206 APN No. 8046-010-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0130588 Title Order No. 09-8-388023 Investor/Insuror No. 1707009422 APN No. 8070-017-010 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0141923 Title Order No. 11-0123445 Investor/Insuror No. APN No. 6247-016-044

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...

Trustee Sale No. 11017875 Loan No. 0021607973 Title Order No. 833815 APN 626101934 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 3, 2006...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0037629 Title Order No. 11-0037629 Investor/Insuror No. 1103635206 APN No. 8046-010-027 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/10/2006...

DOWNEY GREEN

Lawns, baseball and apple pie

■ In semi-arid Southern California, progress on new landscaping paradigm.

BY LARS CLUTTERHAM, CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – So what's all the brouhaha over drought-tolerant plants, anyway? They've been mentioned seven times in this column since last July, as well as in the city-published information sheet on saving water which has been the reference point for a significant portion of this ongoing series extolling the virtues of water conservation.

A previous article also touched upon the existence of rebates in the City of Long Beach which are being provided for converting lawns to drought-tolerant landscaping. But why not just stick with the old familiar grass lawn, which--since the invention of the suburb--has been as American as baseball and apple pie?

Okay, that was a loaded question. Nevertheless, a reasoned and deliberate answer is still worth the effort, including not only a brief review of information that has already been detailed in this series, but also some new perspective based on current and anticipated weather and water patterns.

First of all, water is always a precious and coveted resource, as protracted water rights litigation demonstrates, not only between Downey and the Water Replenishment District, as is currently appearing in the local news, but in many other places throughout the country and around the globe.

Secondly, Southern California is a semi-arid region (as defined by climate scientists) which imports billions of gallons of water annually to serve the needs of its ever-increasing population. And the outlook for that water supply is bleak this year, with snowpacks as of February 28 at 30% of normal and only 26% of "the average April 1

measurement, when the snowpack is normally at its peak," according to the California Department of Water Resources.

Third, weather events regionally, nationally, and globally are increasingly severe and erratic. 2011 has been characterized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as one of the most extreme on record, and data from additional sources catalogs some 3,000 weather records broken last year in the U.S. alone.

Finally, estimates unanimously put landscaping irrigation at thirty to seventy percent of all residential water use in this country.

Returning to the grass lawn, clearly it was introduced into California landscaping as a reflection of a suburban midwestern and

east coast predilection, and has long since supplanted the indigenous drought-tolerant plants that native Americans would have experienced centuries ago in this semi-arid clime. Frankly, a traditional grass lawn in this region makes about as much sense as having a polar bear as a pet here: not only is it completely unsuited to the climate, but its sustenance will have to be imported--at great trouble and expense.

In light of all these sobering considerations, an elegantly simple solution presents itself: restore some of what nature has already figured out in the first place. In short, replace turf lawns with California-native and drought-tolerant plants.

As mentioned above, the City of Long Beach is already providing rebate incentives for its citizens to switch from grass to drought-tolerant landscaping. But Long Beach is not alone. Numerous California

cities, including Azusa, Hayward, Roseville, Livermore, Windsor, Dublin-San Ramon, Lafayette, Oakland, Pleasanton, Vacaville, Indio, San Diego, Santa Rosa, Palo Alto, and Santa Monica, have current rebate programs for lawn conversion to drought-tolerant landscaping.

Santa Monica, in fact, has conducted a side-by-side comparison of "sustainable vs. traditional" landscaping at two adjacent homes near Santa Monica College. This comparison resulted in approximately 90% irrigation savings through sustainable landscaping over "traditional" landscaping, which included a grass lawn--not to mention enormous reductions in yard waste and maintenance time.

To the question, "How much water does a sustainable landscape

save?", San Diego sustainable landscape guidelines point out that "turfgrass uses between 14 and 40 gallons of water PER SQUARE FOOT [emphasis added] annually."

In summary, back in Downey, the proposed Keep Downey Beautiful/Green Task Force drought-tolerant plant palette introduced in this column two weeks ago represents modest forward movement towards a new landscaping paradigm in Downey which has already been embraced by numerous California cities and counties. It's a baby step, but a step in the right direction.



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