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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

While we do not yet know exactly what causes breast cancer, we do know that certain risk factors are linked to the disease. A risk factor is something that affects your chance of getting a disease such as cancer. Different cancers have different risk factors. Some risk factors, such as smoking, drinking, and diet are linked to things a person does. Others, like a person's age, race, or family history, can't be changed.

But risk factors don't tell us everything. Having a risk factor, or even several, doesn't mean that a woman will get breast cancer. Some women who have one or more risk factors never get the disease. And most women who do get breast cancer don't have any risk factors (other than being a woman and growing older). Some risk factors have a greater impact than others, and your risk for breast cancer can change over time from aging or lifestyle.

Gender: Being a woman is the main risk for breast cancer. While men also get the disease, it is about 100 times more common in women than in men.

Age: The chance of getting breast cancer goes up as a woman gets older. About 2 of 3 women with invasive breast cancer are 55 or older when the cancer is found.

Genetic risk factors: About 5% to 10% of breast cancers are thought to be linked to inherited changes (mutations) in certain genes. The most common changes are those of the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes. Women with these gene changes have up to an 80% chance of getting breast cancer during their lifetimes. Other gene changes may raise breast cancer risk, too.

Family history: Breast cancer risk is higher among women whose close blood relatives have this disease. The relatives can be from either the mother's or father's side of the family. Having a mother, sister, or daughter with breast cancer about doubles a woman's risk. It's important to note that most (over 85%) women who get breast cancer do not have a family history of this disease, so not having a relative with breast cancer doesn't mean you won't get it.

Personal history of breast cancer: A woman with cancer in one breast has a greater chance of getting a new cancer in the other breast or in another part of the same breast. This is different from a return of the first cancer (called a recurrence).

Race: Overall, white women are slightly more likely to get breast cancer than African-American women. African American women, though, are more likely to die of breast cancer. And in women under 45 years of age, breast cancer is more common in African American women. Asian, Hispanic, and Native-American women have a lower risk of getting and dying from breast cancer.

Dense breast tissue: Dense breast tissue means there is more gland tissue and less fatty tissue. Women with denser breast tissue have a higher risk of breast cancer. Dense breast tissue can also make it harder for doctors to spot problems on mammograms.

Menstrual periods: Women who began having periods early (before age 12) or who went through the change of life (menopause) after the age of 55 have a slightly increased risk of breast cancer.

Information provided by the American Cancer Society



Photo by Ramiro Rubio

Jean Thaxton leads a vigil Monday marking the one-year anniversary of Michael Nida's death. The following day, the District Attorney cleared the Downey police officer who shot Nida after he ran from police. Nida was unarmed.

DA clears police officer in Michael Nida shooting

• Police officer was justified in shooting Nida and will not be prosecuted, DA rules.

By Eric Pierce and Tina Vasquez
Editor and contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey police officer who shot and killed an unarmed man after he fled from police acted in lawful self-defense and in defense of others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office announced this week.

The DA report, signed by L.A. County District Attorney Steve Cooley, was released Tuesday, almost one year to the day that Michael Nida was killed after fleeing from officers.

The incident began at about 7:13 p.m. on Oct. 22 when a woman was robbed while using the Bank of America ATM at 7878 Imperial Highway. The woman gave conflicting suspect descriptions to police but the initial description included 2-3 black males in plaid shirts driving a white truck or car. The woman reported the men jumped over the fence at a nearby market.

Nida and his wife, Nailly, had stopped at the Arco gas station on Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway on their way to dinner. As Nailly pumped gas, Nida ran across the street to purchase cigarettes, according to the report.

At 7:41 p.m., a Downey police officer stopped Nida for jaywalking after noticing he "looked like a gang member" and was wearing a striped shirt, which can be mistaken for plaid, the report states. Nida was cooperative at first, sitting on the curb and even calling the officer "ma'am", but then, "suddenly and inexplicably," ran from Officer Blanca Reyes. He left behind the corduroy slippers he had been wearing.

"I got one running from me across Imperial and to the rear of

Walgreens," Reyes broadcasted. Nida ran across Imperial and through the Walgreens parking lot. A police officer spotted a male Hispanic - presumed to be Nida - in the backyard of a home, hiding behind a fence. Using his cell phone, Nida called his wife, telling her, "The cops are chasing me. I don't know why. I didn't do (expletive). I hate cops. I hate cops." The call disconnected.

Nida jumped over a wall where he was confronted by officers Steven Gilley and Michael Powell. They ordered Nida to the ground at gunpoint. After hesitating, Nida got onto his stomach but refused commands to show his hands, the report says. Gilley stepped on Nida's back, using both hands to point an MP5 submachine gun. Gilley again ordered Nida to show his hands and threatened to "shoot or kill" him if he did "something stupid," to which Nida replied, "Go ahead and shoot me, go ahead and kill me," according to the report.

Nida then pushed up with his hands and got to his feet - a witness said Nida got into a prone position "like Superman" - causing Gilley to fall forward over Nida's shoulders. Nida ran towards Walgreens, where people were congregated.

Gilley fired his MP5 at Nida from 25 feet away. He later told investigators he could not remember if Nida turned to face him or Powell, or if he made any movements towards them.

"I'm thinking if he just robbed somebody at gunpoint...He's like a wild animal, fight or flight," Gilley told investigators. "What's he going to do to get away from us?"

Nida, wounded by gunfire, ran onto Paramount Boulevard, where he was struck by a car and fell to the ground.

Reyes, the officer who first encountered Nida, ran to him and noticed blood on his chest. She radioed "shots fired" and requested paramedics. Nida flailed his arms "attempting to get up" as Reyes held him down

and patted him for weapons. An autopsy revealed that Nida suffered four gunshot wounds, including two that entered the left side of the back and a third that entered the left tricep. The fourth wound was likely caused by one of the three other gunshots, according to the coroner. Marijuana was found in Nida's system.

"Gilley based his decision on what was known to him at the time and his fear Nida posed a threat to the public," the DA report states. "Given the rapidly evolving, dangerous situation that confronted Officer Gilley, we conclude that Officer Steven Gilley was justified in using deadly force to prevent Nida's escape."

"We are closing our file and will take no further action in this matter." The report's conclusion didn't surprise Michael Nida's mother but it angered her nonetheless.

"Steve Cooley does not rule against police officers," Jean Thaxton said. "I don't believe you can have a DA that can make an unbiased ruling if they have ties to police or a police background."

Ten of Nida's family members and friends attended Tuesday's City Council meeting, where they accused the police department of racial profiling and lamented Nida's killing as unjustified.

"My son is dead and he's not coming back, so we're asking for changes in the police department," Thaxton said in the public comment portion of Tuesday's meeting.

"Our lives are empty because he's gone and if you think the murder of our friend was justified - you'll find out how we feel about that in the coming weeks," said Hollydale resident Damion Ramirez.

Nida's biological father said he flew in from Missouri to speak at the council meeting.

"I wouldn't know Steve Gilley if he was standing next to me, but I know the fruits of his work. He killed



Michael Nida

Family, friends mark 1-year anniversary of Nida's death Page 14

my son," he said. "It's been deemed justified, but this isn't justice. My wounds were healing but with the release of this report they're busted wide open again."

Mayor Roger Brossmer offered condolences to the Nida family but referred questions to the district attorney due to pending civil litigation.

Terri Thaxton-Teramura, Michael Nida's sister, also addressed council members.

"I don't care what the DA report says, Steve Gilley is a murderer and a major liability to the city," she said. "I can't believe you still employ a murderer who has a record of using excessive force."

Thaxton-Teramura called Nida's killing "the ultimate injustice" and disputed the claim that he resembled a gang member.

"He was a loving husband of 14 years with four beautiful children," she said.

3 dead after mass shooting

• Two separate shootings leave three people dead in killings police say were "not random."

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Three people were killed and two others wounded after two separate but connected shootings in Downey on Wednesday.

Police were questioning up to four suspects late Thursday afternoon but no further information was available before this newspaper went to press.

Police responded to U.S. Fire Protection on the 8700 block of Cleta Street at 11:12 a.m. after receiving a report of gunshots. Five minutes later, they received a second 911 call reporting more gunshots at a house one block down the street.

"It's believed that the family members own both the business and the residence," said Lt. Dean Milligan of the Downey Police Department.

In all, three people were killed. Their names were not released, but they are believed to be related. The victims include a man in his 20s and two females in their 30s.

Sources told this newspaper that a woman was kidnapped at U.S. Fire Protection and driven to her home, where she was killed in front of her child. The child was shot in the arm.

Downey police said the shooting "does not appear to be random." Councilman Mario Guerra, a chaplain for the Downey Police Department, said the killings were "targeted" and not random acts of violence.

Two children who survived the shootings were taken to St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood and Long Beach Memorial Medical Center.

In a statement, Mayor Roger Brossmer said he was "saddened" by the shooting. He stressed that "the investigation is still underway, and many details are not yet clear."

Brossmer also activated the city's reverse 911 system to notify residents of the shootings. He implored residents to avoid the area as police continue their investigation.

The site of the shootings is near the Coca-Cola bottling plant. Downey Regional Medical Center along with local schools were put on lockdown Wednesday as news of the shootings broke.

The shooting suspect was believed to be driving a black 2010 Chevy Camaro, license plate 6LEA010.

Detectives are asking anyone with additional information on the case to call Sgt. Dwayne Cooper at (562) 904-2340.

ANALYSIS

Debate loses punch with missing candidates

• Cristina Garcia, Salvador Franco and Ricardo Perez are no-shows at candidates forum.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - The buzz at Thursday night's candidates forum at the Gas Co.'s Energy Resource Center wasn't about what the candidates said or promised but rather who didn't bother to show up.

Salvador Franco and Ricardo Perez, candidates for District 5, and Assembly candidate Cristina Garcia were no-shows. Their absences, particularly that of Franco, was disappointing, considering this is certainly Downey's most important election in the last 20 years.

What's at stake? The possible dissolution of the Downey Fire Department. The takeaway of voters' rights. And, to a lesser extent, the future of the Downey Police Department. (If the council disbands the fire department, who's to say the police department isn't next?)

Taking that into consideration, and noting the absence of key candidates, Thursday's debate was sort of a let down, through no fault of the

candidates present or the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which organized the event. Because let's face it, the person we all want answers from is Salvador Franco. We want him to answer to the \$12,500 he was fined by the state ethics board. We want to know why the District Attorney raided his home. We want to know why his campaign is vastly funded from outside sources.

Above all else, we want to know his motives. Why Downey? Why now? Residents are awfully suspicious of Franco, and when he ducks these types of open forums where he would be asked the hard questions, it forces the citizenry to draw its own conclusions.

DISTRICT 1

All three District 1 candidates showed up to the forum: city council incumbent Luis Marquez, Michael Murray and Mark Vasquez. Voters in this district are deciding between a seasoned political veteran (Marquez) and two small business owners (Murray, who owns Downey Used Cars, and Vasquez, proprietor of Saywell Florist).

All three candidates agreed they would keep the Downey Fire Department, the issue at the forefront of next month's elections.

"Of course," said Vasquez. "We shouldn't even give it a second thought."

"I absolutely support keeping Downey fire and police," said Marquez. "Public safety has to be our No. 1 priority. We need to keep them well funded."

"I'm 100 percent in favor of keeping Downey Fire," said Murray. "If they (the firefighters) don't want to work here, let them go somewhere else."



Photo by Eric Pierce

From left: Gabriel Orozco, Michael Murray, Luis Marquez, Roger Brossmer, Mark Vasquez, Patricia Kotze-Ramos, Alex Saab and Cerritos College board of trustees incumbent Bob Arthur.

Asked how they would improve Downey parks, Marquez said the city is developing a master plan and would continue to seek grant funding, as they did for Treasure Island Park.

Murray suggested consolidating municipal maintenance yards, freeing up space for parks. He also floated the idea of charging non-Downey residents an additional fee for use of the fields.

Vasquez said he would try to get

a park in District 1, but wasn't specific in where it would be located and how it would be funded.

Vasquez also appeared a bit flustered when asked how the city could recover from the loss of state redevelopment funds. The city has historically relied on redevelopment money to clean-up blighted areas (Johnie's Broiler is a prime example) but that pot of money was eliminated by Gov. Jerry Brown earlier this year.

All candidates reiterated a need for more jobs and a business-friendly ethos. Marquez touted his four years experience on the council and work with state Sen. Alan Lowenthal.

"I know how funding works and I know how grants work," Marquez said.

Marquez lost points, however, (on my unofficial scorecard anyway) in his answer to an audience member about why he's abandoning

his city-wide District 5 seat in favor of District 1.

Marquez should have admitted his reelection chances are obviously better in District 1. For one thing, it's a much smaller swath of area, making it easier to mount a grassroots campaign. And a grassroots campaign is pretty much his only option, considering his campaign treasury is drained coming off two

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DEBATE: candidates clash on local economics

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state Assembly defeats in the last three years.

Instead, Marquez said he was switching to District 1 because, "I have that option as an incumbent." That's technically true, but it's not the answer people were looking for.

In their closing two-minute speeches, Murray read off his bio, emphasizing his long roots in Downey. He also pledged not to seek higher office if elected.

Marquez sold himself on his experience and the progress Downey has made in the last four years. The City Council cut off their reliance on reserves and passed a balanced budget this year, he reminded the audience.

"Experience does count and experience does matter," he said.

Vasquez, in his closing statement, was straight and to the point. "I don't need two minutes," he said. "Just vote for me."

DISTRICT 5

The District 5 debate was a showdown in contrasting styles, with Alex Saab - perhaps inspired by the presidential debate earlier in the week? - coming out feisty and aggressive, if not a tad overconfident. Gabriel Orozco was more subdued, speaking in mostly measured tones.

In their opening statements, Saab criticized opponents Franco and Perez for their disappearing act, and said Downey needs a council member "with their finger on the pulse of

the community."

"I feel I'm the best qualified candidate," Saab said.

Orozco recounted his family's history in Downey, which dates to 1983 when his father, a Caltrans engineer, moved the family here. His mother operates a daycare facility in Downey.

On the fire issue, Orozco supported keeping the local fire department, saying "our community identity extends to our fire and police departments." He added, however, that he wants to see the results of a L.A. County Fire feasibility study.

"If it can save us \$20 million, shouldn't we look at it?" he said. Orozco added that he is against a proposed charter amendment that would take away voters' rights to decide the issue.

Saab has been outspoken in his desire to keep Downey Fire. He reiterated that stance Thursday.

"We are one of the few cities with its own fire and police departments and school district," he said. "It's what makes Downey special."

He said the fire union's endorsement of Franco "should be a huge cause of concern for residents." Saab said he is "appalled" by the proposed ballot initiative to take away voters' rights and that "everyone should be concerned and angered by it."

On Downey parks, Saab pitched a public-private partnership, calling it "a step in the right direction."

Orozco said he would "revitalize the parks through grant writing." Speaking of grants, Orozco re-

peated his claim Thursday that, if elected, he would raise \$50 million in the next four years through grant writing. Saab dismissed the pledge, noting that the city already employs full-time grant writers.

Grants also won't solve the root of the problem, which is unemployment plaguing the Southeast L.A. County area, Saab said.

Orozco countered, saying state and federal grants are ripe for the taking but city officials are too easily discouraged. "I wouldn't take no for an answer," he said.

Saab and Orozco jostled further on the economy, with Saab suggesting a business improvement district - otherwise known as a BID - downtown.

Orozco lobbed a shot at the Downey Chamber, claiming its membership stands at 400 when there are over 3,500 businesses in Downey.

Orozco took a huge risk in his closing comments, referencing the Michael Nida police shooting and citing it as an example of disconnect between City Hall and residents. And you couldn't help but cringe when he suggested a minor league baseball field at the old Boeing property, in place of the Tierra Luna development.

Saab used his closing remarks to bring the subject back to Downey Fire.

"First goes fire, then goes police and in comes the Sheriff's Department," he said. "Then we're like every other city."

Did Salvador Franco commit voter fraud?

• Records show Franco cast ballots despite not updating his voter registration after moving to Downey.

By Christian Brown
Staff writer

DOWNEY - According to voter registration forms filed at the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office, Downey City Council candidate Salvador Franco may have committed voter fraud between 2006 - 2010 by living in Downey, but voting elsewhere.

A voting history chronicled by the registrar-recorder's office reveals that Franco, a consistent voter since 2002, cast a ballot in each primary, consolidated, general, and special election, but failed to update his registration for four years after moving to Downey.

The California election code, however, requires all citizens to reregister after moving into a new residence and prohibits fraudulent voting where one's not entitled including in another city.

When Franco moved to Downey from Bell Gardens in 2006, records indicate he did not update his voter registration until Aug. 5, 2010.

Francro had previously registered on Jan. 6, 2003 after moving from a condo complex on Gilliland Avenue to a 1,500-sq.-ft. home on the 5800 block of Cecilia Street in Bell Gardens.

Despite his relocation to Downey, Franco continued to vote in elections including a consolidated election on Nov. 6, 2007, the presidential primary and general elections of 2008, and a statewide primary election on June 8, 2010.

Committing voter fraud by aiding or abating votes is a felony punishable by up to two or three years in prison, according to Downey City Clerk Adria Jimenez.

Voters are allowed to cast provisional ballots at any polling place, but Jimenez confirmed those ballots are ultimately sent to the county and incorporated with other ballots from the registered voter's city.

"From there, the county would have to determine whether fraud took place or not," Jimenez said.

Francro, a former councilman in

Bell Gardens, could neither confirm nor deny the allegations on Tuesday.

"At one point I lived in Hacienda Heights, about nine months after I left Bell Gardens and before I came to Downey," Franco said. "I don't recall exactly where I voted - Downey, I think, but I don't recall."

Nonetheless, Franco labeled the allegations as another attack by those opposed to his city council campaign.

"There are people lying, accusing me of this and that," he said. "They're saying I want to get rid of the fire department, I am in favor of keeping the fire department. We want to keep the fire department intact."

"I said we need to look at everything that's happened...look at all the options. At the end of the day, voters will decide," he added.

Francro is currently running in a contentious race for the District 5 city-wide Downey City Council seat. He is vying for the seat against community leader and local attorney Alex Saab, former professional baseball player Gabriel Orozco, and attorney-at-law Ricardo Perez.

Downey Theatre adds two shows

DOWNEY - The Downey Theatre has added two shows to its 2012-13 season: "A Peter White Christmas" on Dec. 19 and "Los Lonely Boys" on Feb. 27.

"A Peter White Christmas" featuring Rick Braun & Mindi Abair features Peter White, an extraordinary and fluent acoustic guitarist whose skills are world-renowned.

Mindi Abair is described as "a double-edged talent with her fluid saxophone and emotive vocals."

Rick Braun is a masterful trumpet/flugelhorn player whose warm tones transform the simplest melody "into a work of art."

They have each separately sold millions of records.

Tickets go on sale Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.



Los Lonely Boys, the rock power trio, are carving out their legend with their fourth studio album "Rockpango." Their previous hits include "Fly Away," "Love In My Veins" and "Baby Girl."

Their debut single, "Heaven," was a No. 1 hit on the Billboard

adult contemporary chart and reached the Top 40 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Tickets to see Los Lonely Boys go on sale Nov. 27.

Ticket prices were not announced.

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Downey police chief to retire in December

• Rick Esteves announced he will retire effective Dec. 6; captain Carl Charles chosen to become next police chief.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff writer

DOWNEY – Downey Police Chief Rick Esteves has announced his retirement effective Dec. 6. He has been serving as Downey police chief since December of 2009.

Police captain Carl Charles, who began his career with the Downey Police Department in 1990 as a police officer, will replace Esteves, who had earlier said he planned to travel and pursue other interests.

By an odd coincidence, the ruling exonerating Officer Steven Gilley of charges in connection with the Michael Nida case came almost to the day when Esteves announced his retirement.

In assuming his duties as police chief in 2009, Esteves promised he would make no wide-sweeping changes but would continue efforts to improve the department. He said his number one goal was to continue to “provide the best police services possible to protect our communities.”

Born and raised in Inglewood, police captain Charles obtained his BA degree in sociology with an option in criminology from CSU-Northridge and later earned a master’s in public administration from USC.



Police Chief Rick Esteves (left, with Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Fire Chief Lonnie Croom, Councilman Mario Guerra and Fr. John Higgins.

After beginning his police career in Downey as a patrol officer, he quickly developed a penchant for investigating narcotics crimes. He was promoted to sergeant in 1995. It was after this promotion that he pursued his master’s.

Armed with his advanced degree, Charles worked in all three police department divisions, including Traffic.

In 2002, he was promoted to lieutenant, then to captain in 2009. He has two children, Jasmine (18) and Jordan (14), with wife Angie.

The future Downey police chief says he enjoys sports, reading, and “spending time with my children.”



Carl Charles

Haunted house opens Saturday

DOWNEY – Residents are invited to tour a “house of terror” haunted house this Saturday from 5-11 p.m.

The house is at 7901 7th St. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$6 for students with ID (cash only). Proceeds benefit the Downey Arts Coalition and Downey Art League, which are organizing the haunted house.

For more information, go to downeyarts.org.

Downey High hosting boutique sale

DOWNEY – Downey High School will host its annual “Winter Wonderland Holiday Craft Boutique” sale on Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Power 106 will be broadcasting live from the event, which will feature more than 50 artists and crafters.

Professional photographers will be on hand to take family pictures with Santa Claus.

Admission is free and the sale will be held rain or shine.

Vendor spaces are available for \$25. For information on becoming a vendor, or to volunteer at the sale, contact Jennifer Romero at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5434 or e-mail jeromero@dusd.net.

‘Spooky Science Night’ at space center

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host its second annual “Spooky Science Night” this weekend, Oct. 26-27, from 6-9 p.m.

Participants should come dressed in their Halloween costumes to enjoy family-friendly activities such as a dark maze, super slime station, “spooky” robotics lab and star gazing (weather permitting).

Admission is \$5 or free for space center members.

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

Silent auction to benefit library

DOWNEY – October silent auction items are now available for viewing in the foyer of the Downey City Library.

Auction items have an emphasis towards Halloween and scary themes, and include: “The Danger Book for Boys” by Gonn and Hal Iggulden, in this age of video games and cell phones there must be a place for knots, tree houses, stories of incredible courage, treasure chest of games, stories and tales of battle; “Twilight – The Complete Illustrated Movie Companion” by Mark Cotta Vaz and “Twilight – Director’s Notebook” by Catherine Hardwicke, these two works provide insight into the making of the successful movie series.

Bids can be placed inside the Friend’s Book Store until this Saturday at noon. Proceeds benefit the library.

Flasher strikes near West Middle School

DOWNEY – Downey Police are searching for a man who exposed himself to a girl outside West Middle School last week.

According to Lt. Dean Milligan of the Downey Police Department, the girl was walking south on Old River School Road near Quill Drive on Oct. 17 when a man called out to her from inside a vehicle.

The girl didn’t hear what he said but when she looked, the man was exposing his genitals, Milligan said.

The girl ran back to school and told school officials.

Police don’t have a description of the suspect. He was last seen driving a rust-colored vehicle.

Anyone with additional information is urged to call police.

Woman killed in hit and run

DOWNEY – A woman was killed and another was left in critical condition after a hit-and-run collision Saturday night.

A Toyota Tacoma was reportedly traveling westbound on Firestone Boulevard when it collided with a Honda Civic heading south on Lakewood Boulevard, police said.

The 26-year-old female driver of the Honda was killed. A 25-year-old female passenger was listed in critical condition.

The driver of the Toyota pick-up ran away but police seem to know his identity. He was identified as a 26-year-old Downey man.

Anyone with information on the man’s whereabouts is asked to call detectives at (562) 904-2339.

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Letters to the Editor:

Open letter to residents

Dear Editor:

An open letter from 10 former mayors to the citizens of Downey:

Though very few of us typically agree, and we are definitely not all friends, there is one thing we do agree on: Alex Saab. Alex Saab is by far the most qualified candidate in the Citywide Council District 5 election this November 6. Alex is prepared for this job and deserves your vote (as well as the votes of your family and friends).

Living in Downey is a choice we all make. You as citizens made the choice to come to Downey (or to stay in Downey) because of what Downey offered you. Our independence as a city (with its own police, fire and schools) has been something defining Downey since we incorporated back in 1956. Today, that very independence is being threatened. And the threat is real.

Don't be fooled. There is another candidate in this election, Salvador Franco (a former Bell Gardens city councilmember), who is receiving the majority of his support because of his promise to a special interest that wants to dissolve Downey's independence and local control. It may just be the Downey Fire Department today, but it could be the Downey Police Department and the Downey Unified School District tomorrow. Mr. Franco will slowly but surely compromise our independent city. Bell Gardens Councilman Salvador Franco will slowly but surely compromise our safety. Mr. Franco will slowly but surely cause Downey to lose its identity and uniqueness. Mr. Franco will slowly but surely erase much of the great progress Downey has made over the years.

We are all supporting Alex Saab this November 6 because Alex is a person of conviction and commitment. Alex is committed to keeping the Downey Fire Department and keeping Downey independent. Alex is also a progressive pro-business leader. His dedication to Downey has brought the 10 of us former mayors together, not something anyone has ever accomplished before. We care about our community. We care about our safety. We care about our independence. We care about Downey.

Go to the voting polls and vote for whomever you want for President, but just make sure to keep turning the ballot pages and vote Alex Saab for Downey City Council. He will be on everyone's ballot, and he should be on everyone's mind this November 6.

You will never regret voting for Alex Saab this November 6, but you will regret not voting for him. Keep Downey independent and with local control.

Mayor Roger Brossmer
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Former Mayor Diane Boggs

A vote for Romney

Dear Editor:

The presidential debates are over and each side will claim that their man won. Followers probably and made their decision even before the last debate started and independents may tell themselves that the debates helped them to make up their minds about which candidate deserves their vote.

Those of us in the private sector must be concerned with the fiscal cliff, the fiscal deficit, improving the economy, bringing down the unemployment rate, creating new jobs, improving our international standing, ad infinitum. We should also ask ourselves are we now better off than we were when the current administration started?

Each candidate has an agenda of how he will do better for the country or why he hasn't done certain things. Some are valuable proposals other are risky propositions with no apparent benefit for the country other than get some one elected.

It appears that is quite a challenge to decide which candidate will do the best for the country. One who has private sector experience, knows what it's like to meet a payroll and pay taxes without the benefit of being able to print money would be my candidate. Another one who tells us to give him four more years to accomplish what he could not during his first period of government lacks credibility in my book. This candidate is a college sophomore who has failed his midterm exams and is telling his parents that he will make it up on his final exams.

There is an old saying "There is never enough time to do it right the first time, but there is always time to do it twice." It would be irresponsible on my part to accept that from my children, my employees or my bureaucratic servants.

We love our country and we all want to elect officials who feel and act like we do. For this reason I propose that we consider the country as if he was our daughter and the candidates as prospective husbands. Then ask yourself a question, which one of the two candidates (assuming they were single) would you want your daughter to marry?

In my case the choice is obvious, Romney. I hope everybody else uses this test to decide who to vote for in the next presidential election because it puts the money where the heart is and we are never wrong when we employ tough love with our children.

Jorge Montero
Downey

Unprofessional mayor

Dear Editor:

I attended the town hall meeting presented by Councilman Mario Guerra on Oct. 17. As a concerned Downey homeowner, I raised my concerns regarding the closed Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealerships relative to bringing in new businesses at these locations.

Mr. Guerra indicated that these locations were privately owned and that the city could not bring in new business to privately-owned property. This information was also reiterated by Mayor Roger Brossmer.

However, neither indicated the city's willingness to make attempts to try. Instead, I learned that an additional new shopping center is being planned on some of the space that was being used by Downey Studios.

Mr. Guerra appeared to be his usual professional self. However, the mayor seemed agitated at my bringing this matter to his attention. He behavior was appalling as I cannot believe an individual in such a position cannot present himself in a professional manner.

Shame on you, Mr. Brossmer. You need to take a good look at Councilman Guerra and learn some professionalism. The city of Downey deserves no less.

Michael Rodriguez
Downey

Pillar problem

Dear Editor:

Of the four corners at the intersection of Lakewood and Firestone boulevards, the corner bordering the Carl's Jr. is a hazard for pedestrians and grossly inadequate for disabled people in wheelchairs or seniors on scooters.

It appears that for the sake of uniformity, the city chose to install concrete pillars on each corner without accessing the spacing that would exist for passerby on the corner. That corner allots less than 3 feet of sidewalk space between the pillars and the short retaining wall of the planter that surrounds the restaurant.

Granted, the pillars serve as an additional barrier between traffic and the restaurant, but given the existence of the planter's brick retaining wall as a buffer, the threat of danger to folks traveling through this corner as they face the predicament of negotiating the narrow passage or traveling on firestone until a driveway opens up far outweighs the benefit of those pillars.

I hope the city will review the permissibility and practicality of these pillars.

Dan Chantre
Downey

Grammar check

Dear Editor:

I'm in full agreement with Gwen Alin's comments in her letter in the Oct. 18 issue. Another example that I've seen very often – even from accomplished writers – is the use of "there's" as a contraction for "there are" as well as "there is".

This takes it a step further, but in my opinion one of the worst commercials on TV is the one for AAA auto insurance in which the woman says she "literally fell out of my chair." It annoys me greatly for a major company to promote ignorance that way.

It appears that many people who think they are writers never bother to use spell-check or grammar-check before they publish.

Gary E. Myers
Downey

Bob Arthur vote

Dear Editor:

Instead of answering the issues raised in my letter, Bob Arthur used my letter to attack his opponent, Leonard Zuniga.

Are we to believe Bob Arthur or are we to believe the minutes of the April 6, 2011 Cerritos College Board of Trustees in which it is stated, "The board agreed that there is currently no interest in moving toward conducting trustee area elections"?

I would hope that the voters in Area 1 will understand the facts and realize that Bob Arthur, as a member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, voted against changing from at-large elections to area/district-wide. Arthur and his fellow board members, in my opinion, were the ones responsible for costing the students and taxpayers money to settle a lawsuit that could have been avoided by following the California Voting Rights Act.

Charlie Ara
Cerritos

The presidential system is broken

A recent Gallup poll shows 81 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the governing of the country, a historic number.

With the ongoing discussion among experts, pundits, politicians and the general public on whether or not America has lost its way, citizens are looking for solutions. They are out there, says Dixie Swanson, former TV personality, former Beltway insider and author of *The Accidental President Trilogy* (dixieswanson.com), a series of novels about an apolitical physician who stumbles into a Senate seat.

"Problems in our country are moving faster than solutions," says Swanson. "Whether we elect Mitt or Barack, we are going to be facing the same gridlock that's jamming and corrupting the process today," she says.

To get the nation back to duly elected government officials who spend their time leading and making decisions in the best interests of the entire country, Swanson suggests the following five amendments:

- Abolition of Electoral Voting: The U.S. electoral process is as antique as a powdered wig. It has already failed three times, electing presidents who did not win the popular vote. As the system stands now, if a candidate wins by one vote in a state with a few people, like Wyoming, he gets three electoral votes. If he wins in California, he wins 55. This violates the idea that every vote counts equally. Romney could get "Gored" this year and win the popular vote but lose the electoral vote. All Americans want their votes to count equally.

- Single Six-Year Term for Presidents: Our country has enormous problems and the president and vice president need to be on the job full-time, not running for reelection beginning on Day 2. No one in the highest levels of the federal government is looking 20 and 30 years down the road. We need to lengthen the term to build in an opportunity for focus and visionary thinking.

- A Balanced Budget: The budget shall not exceed the previous year for which fiscal revenues are known. In the event of a national catastrophe, this

Save money with home health remedies

By Karen Johnston

There's a growing trend to do what you can at home to relieve common ailments and health problems without emptying your pocketbook. Herbal schools are seeing an uptick in people interested in grandma's old-fashioned remedies, such as elderberry cough drops, or herbal heating packs for joint pain. Likewise, my mother would be proud to know I listened when she told me that a glass of peppermint tea relieves a stomachache.

It's just common sense to take care of yourself and your family's health in small, but effective ways while saving a buck. There's also tremendous satisfaction in making your own home medicine chest. Here's how:

- Educate yourself – There's a really cheap place to learn about medicinal in almost every town in America, the library! Loads of herbal books have wonderful recipes – easily made and used at home – for common ailments. Example: Ginger tea relieves stomachache and encourages appetite. Peel the root with a spoon, grate into teapot, pour in boiling water. Drink immediately for best effect, or add honey, when cool, for an extra soothing drink.

- Find an herbalist, or better yet, become one – There are all kinds of online herbal education programs, whether you're mildly interested or serious about a career. Many recommend great sources for herbs and natural medicines, or make and sell them themselves. Some can put you in touch with local growers if you want to make your own preparations.

- Grow your own! – Those same herbal books you picked up at the library will list many medicinal plants effective for various ailments and symptoms. If you have garden space, it's worth growing a few things for what ails you. This not only gives you a free source, but a little gardening exercise, which is bound to make you feel better. The beauty and scent of many herbal plants – such as lavender, sage, thyme and peppermint – is an added bonus, contributing to feelings of wellbeing.

- Look into alternative medicines – Chinese, Indian, Native American, and European systems of medicine all have particular herbs that are effective and easy to grow. For example, tumeric root, popular with Chinese and Ayurvedic practitioners, is a safe and wonderful anti-inflammatory; it can be grown in warmer regions of the U.S. and is also available in the grocery store. This brings us to the next point:

- Food as medicine – World cultures have long recognized foods and spices as having many positive effects on the body. In India, for instance, meals are prepared and spiced with long-range health in mind. Closer to home, there are terrific remedies available in grocery store food aisles and spice racks. An oatmeal bath soothes a summer rash and poison ivy. Powdered tumeric is a great antibacterial for cuts and scratches, and so is honey; mix them together for a powerful and effective topical treatment. That cinnamon you like on your toast or in your latte? Great for heart health and circulation. Another fun food fact: common black pepper increases nutrient absorption up to 300 percent! So, if your kids don't like broccoli, tell them they don't have to eat quite so much if they sprinkle on the pepper. Those of us who do like broccoli get more nutrient bang for our buck.

- Eating well – We all know we should eat more veggies. But did you know that when you eat is as important as what you eat? It's been common knowledge for centuries that eating late at night, when the body's energies are winding down, causes digestive problems. It may also create more of those roaming, cancer causing free radicals, along with a morning stomachache. Do what dieters do: avoid eating after 6 PM – not so much for weight loss, but as good health practice to optimize digestion.

We can do much to protect our health with what's available in our homes and communities. I'll be back in future articles with more info, suggestions, and recipes for home treatment of colds, coughs, anxiety, depression, and insomnia.

Karen Johnston is an Ayurvedic Lifestyle Consultant, former farmer, and community food activist living in Montpelier, Vermont. Contact her at healthyourselvesyoga@yahoo.com. © Blue Ridge Press 2012.

Roybal-Allard releases statement on shooting

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard released the following statement regarding Wednesday's triple homicide in Downey:

"As a resident of Downey, I am deeply saddened by yesterday's horrific act of violence in our community. My heart goes out to the family and friends of the victims. They are in my thoughts and prayers. As we learn more about this tragic event, I ask everyone in the community to please remain alert and observant and aid our police force in finding this killer and bringing him to justice."

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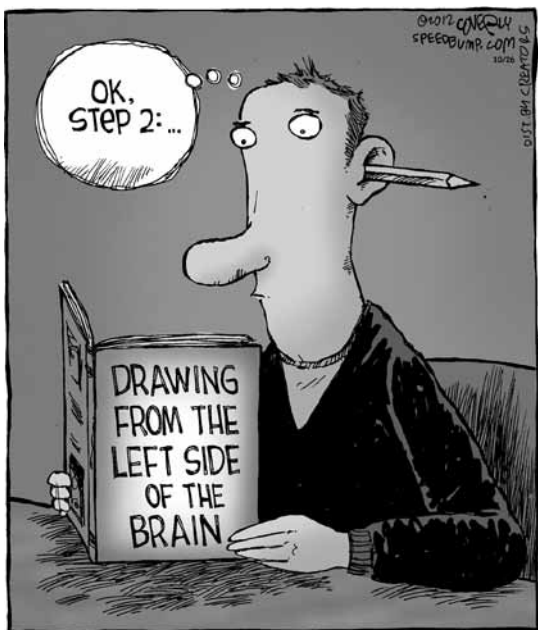
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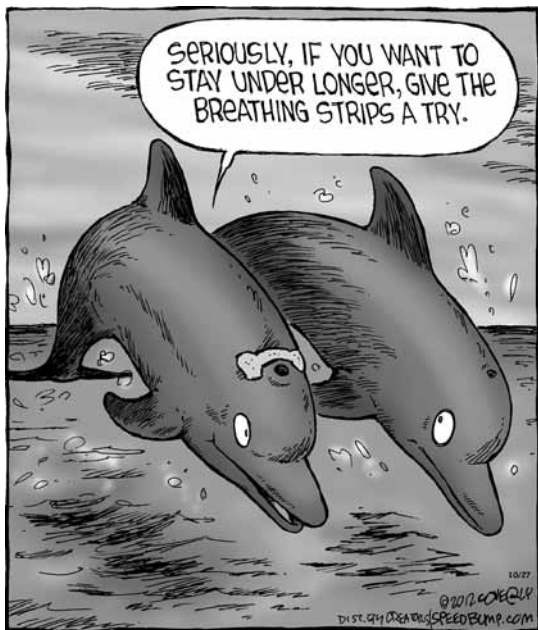
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For October

- Fri. - Sat. Oct. 26-27: **Spooky Science Night**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 6 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Rotary-YMCA pancake breakfast**, Warren High School, 7:30 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Community bicycle ride**, Treasure Island Park, 8 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Howl-O-Ween adoption fair**, SEAACA, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Car wash fundraiser**, Warren High School, 10 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Trick-or-treating**, Downey Elks Lodge, 11 a.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Harvest festival**, Cornerstone Christian Worship Center, 1 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Haunted house**, 7901 7th St., 5 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 27: **Halloween party**, Downey Elks Lodge, 6 p.m.
- Tues. Oct. 30: **Trunk or treat car show**, Bob's Big Boy, 5 p.m.
- Tues. Oct. 30: **FBand & color guard field tournament**, Warren High School, 6 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 31: **Harvest Festival**, Desert Reign Church, 6 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 31: **Halloween Fest**, Messiah Lutheran Church, 6 p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 31: **Jazz concert**, Downey High School, 7 p.m.

City Meetings

- 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.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call 806-2100.
- 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 Raul Castillo 400-2561.
- 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rivo, for info call 923-1932.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
- 1st Weds., 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.
- 9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 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.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 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**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
- 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

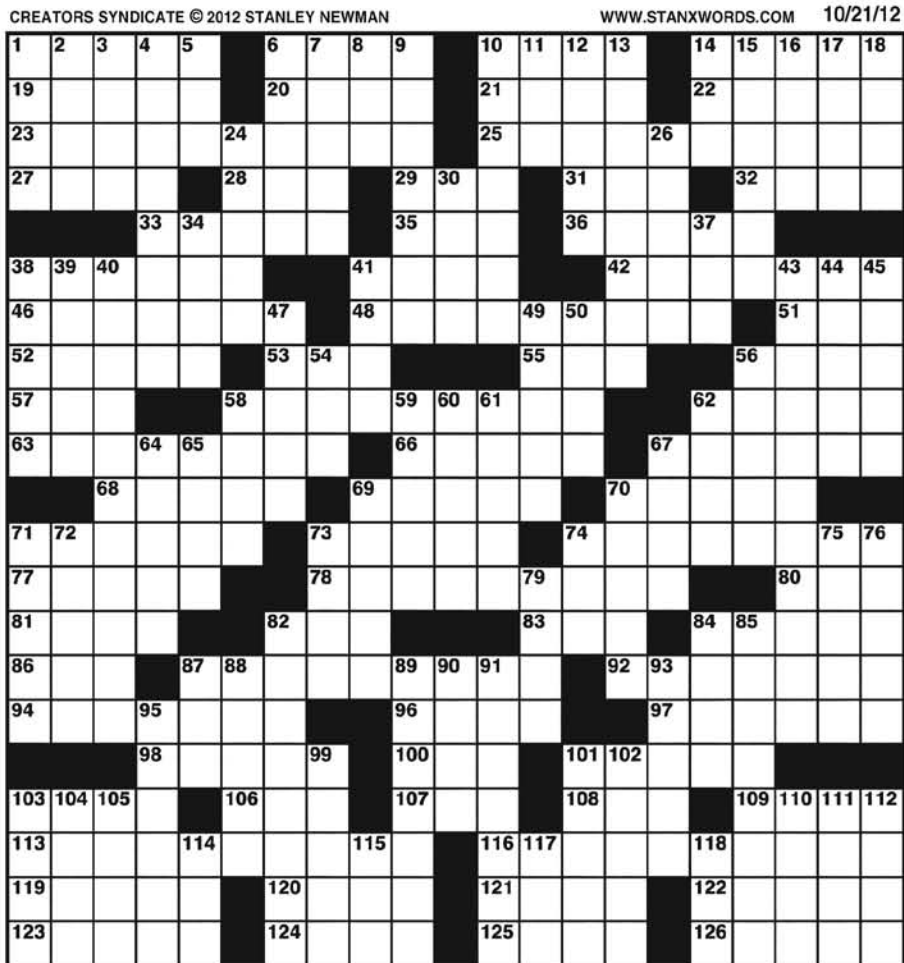
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- Oct. 25, 1962:** Author John Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize in literature.
- 1986:** The New York Mets won Game 6 of the World Series in the 10th inning when a routine ground ball went through Boston Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner's legs.
- 2001:** Microsoft released the Windows XP operating system.
- 2005:** U.S. military deaths in Iraq reached 2,000.
- Birthdays:** Actress Marion Ross (84), retired college basketball coach Bobby Knight (72), actress Nancy Cartwright (55), sports columnist J.A. Adande (42) and singer Katy Perry (28).

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Today's subject is key to the future of medicine. Stem cell research is being conducted worldwide, and is frequently in the headlines. Earlier this month, in fact, the Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to researchers in the US and Japan for their work to reprogram cells to become embryonic-like stem cells. The potential for drug discovery, personalized medicine, fertility, and tissue and organ regeneration is enormous.

Work with stem cells, however, is still in its infancy, and there are no standards for use. There are also, to my knowledge, no insurance companies yet on board to pay for treatments, but that is likely just a matter of time. A close friend of mine just left for Germany to receive stem cell therapy for his back...instead of surgery. This is where Kobe Bryant went for stem cell therapy on his arthritic knee, and other athletes are following suit. Is this merely hype?

Stem cells are the body's raw materials. These are cells from which all other specialized cells are generated, and are unique in that no other cells in the body have the natural ability to grow new cell types. A stem cell line is a group of cells descended from a single original stem cell. They keep growing, but don't differentiate into specialized cells. Ideally, these cells remain free of genetic defects and continue to create more stem cells. Cells can be taken from a stem cell line and frozen for later use, or shared with other researchers. The key to their clinical use is when these undifferentiated stem cells are manipulated to grow specific tissue or organs.

The earliest clinical use of stem cells began in the 1960s, when stem

cells harvested from donor bone marrow were used for bone marrow transplants. This practice has now become routine for a variety of diseases, leukemia in particular. They are also now being used to treat a number of degenerative diseases, spinal cord injuries, heart failure, cancer, and other blood-related diseases, and some of the newest applications include worn-out joints and skin (burn victims can have their own stem cells harvested and sprayed on their skin for rapid healing). Stem cell therapy, also called regenerative medicine, is the replacement of diseased, dysfunctional or injured cells with stem cells. Potentially, these cells can be used to grow actual organs for transplant.

To be useful in clinical practice, we must be certain that stem cells will differentiate into the specific cell type desired. We don't want to inject a stem cell into the heart hoping that it will proliferate and replace defective heart muscle, and then have it actually become a bone cell. Other challenges are that stem cells may grow irregularly, travel to unintended parts of the body, or trigger an immune response in which the recipient's body attacks the stem cells as foreign.

Where do stem cells come from?

- Adult stem cells are found in small numbers in most adult tissue. They are also found in children, and in placentas and umbilical cords. They are also known as somatic ("of the body") stem cells.

- Embryonic stem cells come from four to five day old embryos. At this stage, an embryo, or blastocyst, is made up of only about 150 cells. These are pluripotent stem cells, meaning they can divide into more stem cells, or they can specialize and become any type of body cell. Because of this versatility, they have the highest potential for regenerating or repairing diseased tissue and organs.

- Pluripotent stem cells can also come from adult cells that are altered to have properties of embryonic stem cells. It is this work

that just earned the researchers mentioned above the Nobel Prize in Medicine. This could be a key to avoiding the controversy that comes with the use of embryonic stem cells. What we don't know is the effects of this process over time. Will they be as versatile, durable and safe to use as embryonic stem cells?

- Finally, stem cells can come from small amounts of amniotic fluid. Amniotic fluid fills the sac that surrounds and protects a developing fetus in the uterus.

Much of the controversy around stem cells arises because embryonic stem cells have been extracted from early-stage embryos. Embryos currently being used in research originally came from eggs that were fertilized in in-vitro fertilization clinics, but never implanted. These unused embryos were frozen and later voluntarily donated for research purposes. Those who oppose federal funding for stem cell research often do so because they hold the belief that any embryo represents a potential human life.

And what about cloning? Cloning uses stem cells to create a genetically identical copy. Many of us recall Dolly the sheep; in 1996 the first successfully cloned mammal. Unfortunately, although most sheep of her breed live 11-12 years, Dolly died at the age of seven from progressive lung disease. She also suffered from advanced arthritis. Cloned mice tend to die young as well. As far as we know, a human being has not been successfully cloned, however it wouldn't surprise me if top-secret research were being conducted.

I highly recommend that you stay tuned and follow with great curiosity future stem cell news. These new discoveries will shape the future of our health care.

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CDC issues update on national meningitis outbreak

In response to a nationwide outbreak of meningitis and stroke associated with a widely distributed medication, CDC is providing updated guidance to clinicians and patients about contaminated medication products received from the New England Compounding Center located in Framingham, Mass.

Patients have suffered a variety of symptoms, including those associated with a rare form of fungal meningitis (brain infection) and stroke.

On Oct. 3, the pharmaceutical compounding center ceased all production and initiated recall of all methylprednisolone acetate (a steroid medication) and other drug products prepared for injections in and around the spinal cord (known as intrathecal administration).

In addition, CDC and state health departments have released the names of approximately 75 healthcare facilities in 23 states that have received contaminated product.

As of October 5, a total of 47 cases in seven states and five deaths have been identified with a clinical picture consistent with fungal infection: Florida (2 cases), Indiana (3 cases), Maryland (2 cases, including 1 death), Michigan (4 cases), North Carolina (1 case), Tennessee (29 cases, including 3 deaths), and Virginia (6 cases, including 1 death).

Fungus has been identified in specimens obtained from nine patients, including *Aspergillus* and *Exserohilum*.

"All patients who may have received these medications need to be tracked down immediately. Patients can find the names of the clinics that used these medications on the CDC website," said Benjamin Park, M.D., medical officer, Mycotic Diseases Branch, CDC. "It is possible that if patients with infection are identified soon and put on appropriate antifungal therapy, lives may be saved."

Infected patients have developed a variety of symptoms approximately 1-4 weeks following their injection, including fever, new or worsening headache, nausea, and new neurological deficit (consistent with deep brain stroke). Some of these patients' symptoms were very mild in nature. Cerebrospinal fluid obtained from these patients has shown findings consistent with meningitis.

Physicians should immediately contact patients who have had an injection (e.g., spinal, joint) using any of the three lots of methylprednisolone acetate to determine if they are having any symptoms. Although all cases detected to date occurred after injections with products from these three lots, out of an abundance of caution, CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommend that healthcare professionals cease use of any product produced by the New England Compounding Center until further information is available.

Patients who have had an epidural steroid injection since May 21, 2012, and have any of the fol-

lowing symptoms, should talk to their doctor as soon as possible.

- Worsening headache
- Fever
- Sensitivity to light
- Stiff neck
- New weakness or numbness in any part of your body
- Slurred speech

CDC has activated its Emergency Operations Center in an effort to maximize its response capabilities and to ensure that CDC recommendations are distributed as broadly as possible.

Clinicians should inform their State health department of any patients undergoing evaluation for this infection. Clinicians should report any suspected adverse events following use of these products to FDA's MedWatch program at 1-800-332-1088 or fda.gov/medwatch.

The 23 states where the contaminated product was shipped are California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Texas, and West Virginia.

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Police arrest 22 people for alleged loan fraud

• Scheme allegedly targeted homeowners in danger of losing their homes.

DOWNEY – More than a dozen members of a widespread loan scheme that bilked thousands of mostly Spanish-speaking homeowners throughout California out of their homes appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court last Friday after their arrests earlier in the week.

Four others charged in the case, including the two brothers who ran the operation, are in custody in other areas of California. Four other defendants are at large and one is believed in another state.

Ten of the defendants were arrested by Los Angeles Police Department Commercial Crimes Division detectives who investigated the massive case. One was arrested by Downey police and two others surrendered late Friday afternoon in the court of Judge Shelly Torrealba.

Arraignment was put over until Oct. 29. The defendants are being held on bail ranging from \$4.5 million for one to \$3.5 million each for the rest.

The case against the defendants was filed on Oct. 12 by Deputy District Attorney Walter H. Mueller of the Real Estate Fraud Section. The defendants – 22 in all – are accused of one count each of conspiracy to commit grand theft and conspiracy to commit rent skimming.

It was alleged in the complaint that the defendants took in millions of dollars from victims, who sometimes literally were put out on the street when they lost their homes.

The complaint alleged the crimes occurred between Jan 1,



2009, and Sept. 30 of this year. The complaint alleged the defendants “entered into a criminal enterprise to defraud over 100 victims out of hundreds of thousands of dollars by creating a fraudulent loan modification and fraudulent class action lawsuit scheme.”

Instead of saving the homeowners’ homes, the defendants eventually seized them. In some cases, the defendants moved in themselves.

The complaint alleged that the scheme primarily involved Spanish-speaking homeowners who were having financial difficulties during the housing market downturn. Many of the victims were unable to obtain legitimate government assistance and turned to the defendants, who advertised heavily in the Latino community.

The victims, according to the complaint, paid large upfront fees to join the program and stay in their homes. They allegedly were told that the defendants would stop the

foreclosure and would negotiate a reduced payment. It was called the “Caretaker Plan” and supposedly was designed to allow the victims to save and live in their homes. Instead, the victims lost their homes.

The scheme was formed, according to authorities by David Zepeda, 59, and his brother, John, 61. The brothers were charged in San Diego County with multiple counts of conspiracy, identity theft, forgery, grand theft and other crimes. John Zepeda was convicted and is in state prison. David Zepeda awaits trial in San Diego County. Both are charged in the Los Angeles case.

The Zepedas operate Sunset Beach Management, which administered the scheme. The scheme also included “law” groups – that had no lawyers – which were created to recover foreclosed property.

Authorities said the scheme operated throughout California and had moved into Nevada.

Warren High school students earn national honors

• Khalid Ahsan and Joshua Topacio named “Commended Students.”

DOWNEY – Two Warren High School students have been named “Commended Students” in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship program, principal John Harris announced.

Seniors Khalid M. Ahsan and Joshua A. Topacio will receive a letter of commendation from Warren High and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their “exceptional academic promise” after placing among the top 5 percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 P-SAT and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

“Recognizing academically talented students plays a fundamental role in the advancement of educational excellence within our nation,” a NMSC spokesman said. “The young people recognized as Commended Students represent some of the best and brightest minds in the country as demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program. We sincerely hope this recognition will provide them with additional educational outlets and motivate them in their pursuit of academic achievement.”



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Stay Gallery would like to thank the 1,200 people that came out during the two-day launch. Thanks to your support and generous contributions, we were able to raise \$8,025, making significant progress to our \$20,000 fundraising campaign to finish building the gallery space that the City of Downey deserves. We still have a long way to go and have extended our campaign until the end of 2012. This gives us a little over 2 months to finish building and furnishing a gallery space capable of hosting a multitude of events, programs, and workshops for our community. We believe we can complete a dynamic gallery, which will include professionally finished gallery walls, improved air & heating system, an office for our creative team, and two outdoor public spaces for the citizens of Downey to enjoy.

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Rancho celebrates its first Food Day

• Event's goal is to inspire Rancho patients and staff to grow, prepare and eat real food.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – Hundreds of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center patients and employees celebrated “Food Day” for the first time Wednesday with a food fair that combined good nutrition advice, seedlings for starting winter gardens, recipes using fresh produce, and live demonstrations on how easy it is to make the recipes. There was also a delicious lunch that was high in fruits and vegetables.

Food Day is a national event promoting nutritious, unadulterated

food that advocates home gardening, sustainability and ending hunger.

“I don’t know which axiom to use—‘a match made in heaven’ or ‘the circle of life’ of the vegetable world,” said Sodexo Clinical Nutrition Manager Dori Smith, who is a leader of the Food and Nutrition Services at Rancho.

The seedlings were provided by the Restorative therapeutic garden at Rancho. “Food and Nutrition Services provide compost for the garden, which is used as a tool for patient care,” Dori said. “The garden is flourishing and the hopes are for it to ‘grow’ into a marketable enterprise by providing produce for a Farmer’s Market at Rancho. As Rancho started off as a County Farm, one can see the ‘circle’ forming.”

“Food Day was just amazing!”

said Rancho Occupational Therapist Monica Tognella, who worked with a team of Rancho clinicians and volunteers to organize the event. “The theme of the event was to inspire Rancho patients and staff to grow, prepare and eat real food,” she said.

Volunteers conducted a garden sale, which featured “an awesome array of winter veggie seedlings our gardeners raised from seed,” Monica said. “This team is a most inspiring and dedicated group who made a major contribution to success of this event.”

“There is no doubt this fair was a lot of work but I think we all agree that it was well worth it,” Monica said. “I am so very grateful for the enthusiastic collaboration of all my colleagues whose tremendous support made it a fabulous Food Day!”



Photos by Diane & Greg Waskul

Food trucks at OLPH School

DOWNEY – A “huge” variety of gourmet food trucks will be in the OLPH School parking lot next Friday, Nov. 2, from 5-9 p.m. with proceeds benefiting the OLPH Women’s Guild.

Parking and admission are free. Seats will be available for diners.

Lana Joy is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Lana Joy, a founding member of the Downey Arts Coalition, will be guest speaker when the Downey Coordinating Council meets Nov. 7 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center at 11:30 a.m.

Joy is a producer, director and actress, and holds a BA degree from Biola University.

The meeting is open to the public.

Strangers in the Night: a Halloween story

By Rosalie Sciortino

Martha was neither liked nor respected. She lived alone. No one came to call. She didn’t care.

“I’m not evil. I’m not evil,” she repeated to herself as she prepared to drive to her mountain cabin. At the last moment she dropped a flashlight into her bag.

The cabin had been rented to Fred and his wife for several years. They were gentle, honest folk who wished to spend their last years amid the natural beauty of the mountains. Now they had been unable to pay the rent for two months and despite their plea for consideration, they were brutally ousted from the cabin just last week by three strong men Martha employed.

Now, although the night was stormy and road conditions unfavorable, Martha sped onward determined to reach the cabin before midnight. She passed several isolated cabins where pumpkins glowed on porches and dried corn

stalks stood ghostlike against the dark walls. It occurred to her that yes, this was Halloween night – a night of goblins and trolls.

The road narrowed as she approached the rain-soaked cabin. The cold darkness hung like a wet shroud, concealing everything. She parked in the driveway and ran up the three steps to the porch. The door opened with a loud lament. She nervously felt for the light switch. “Damn. No electricity!” She reached into her bag for the flashlight and fumbled her way into the kitchen for a candle and match-

es. Suddenly she had an unsettling feeling that this trip had been a mistake.

The sound of scurrying feet coming toward her caused her to back up to the wall in alarm. Through the flickering candlelight she made out a dozen small, black, glistening creatures. Their oozing eyes and gaping mouths were hideously menacing.

Before she could run, before she could even think, they had clambered up and enveloped her body, digging their fangs deep into her flesh. Screaming in agony, she

dropped the burning candle and slumped helplessly to the floor. The cabin exploded into flames.

Her charred body was discovered amidst the ashes. Strangely, only one thing escaped the flames – a large metal sign her hench-men had posted on the front outside wall which read, “DANGER. KEEP OUT!”

Rosalie Sciortino belongs to Writers’ Workshop West, a writing group based in Downey. She penned “Strangers in the Night” in recognition of Halloween.

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Bell residents protest former ally Cristina Garcia

• Bell residents protest outside Garcia's Downey headquarters, say she was less than honest.

By Christian Brown
Staff writer

DOWNEY – Nearly two dozen Bell residents assembled in front of the campaign headquarters of local educator Cristina Garcia on Tuesday night protesting the 58th Assembly district candidate who they claim lied to voters regarding her record and qualifications.

With signs, posters, and banners in hand, the organized group gathered near the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and 3rd Street in Downey greeting each passing car with a simple warning: do not vote for Cristina Garcia.

"We feel an obligation to help residents in the 58th Assembly make an informed decision on Nov. 6," said Nora Saenz, who organized the protest. "She lied to the residents in Bell, now she's lying that she's going to reform government."

A self-described "true reformer," Garcia was instrumental in the efforts to recall the embattled Bell city council members and elect reform candidates to the council. She organized with a community group called BASTA, the Bell Association to Stop the Abuse, which called for the resignation of corrupt city administrators and continues to fight for access to decision-making for residents.

Saenz, however, maintains that BASTA is a special interest group funded by the Bell Police Officers' Association, which endorsed current Bell Mayor Ali Saleh and now supports Garcia for state Assembly.

"We welcomed her into our city and she wasn't there," vented Saenz. "She passed herself off as a reformer, but if she already lied here, what will she do in Sacramento?"

While Garcia declined to comment on the matter, Saleh came to Garcia's defense this week.

"Let me be clear. Cristina Garcia and the Bell Police Officers' Association were an indispensable part of the Bell reform movement. Both Ms. Garcia and the Bell POA continue to play an important role in helping to restore Bell to fiscal and emotional health," Saleh said in released statement. "Irresponsible accusations and protests against Ms. Garcia and the Bell POA are unfounded, unfortunate and driven by petty politics."

However, this isn't the first altercation between Garcia and Bell residents.

In 2010, Bell residents confronted BASTA and Garcia regarding claims that she had a doctorate degree from the University of Southern California. Records obtained through the National Clearinghouse later proved otherwise.

After months of suspicion, Garcia acknowledged in a press statement last week that she did campaign as a USC graduate even though she has yet to officially



Bell residents protest outside the Rives Mansion, campaign headquarters for Assembly candidate Cristina Garcia.

earn her doctorate.

"While I have finished all of my course work, I technically am only a PhD candidate," she said. "I have yet to finish the final process of my PhD, which is defending my dissertation...I take full responsibility for using the term PhD instead of PhD candidate in my campaign literature. For that I humbly apologize and ask for the forgiveness and understanding of all the voters of the 58th Assembly District."

Bell resident Ismael Morales doesn't believe Garcia deserves another chance from the community. Megaphone in hand, the passionate 25-year-old rallied pro-

testors on Tuesday night chanting "liar, liar, pants on fire."

"Cristina Garcia might be a good person, but we know she's lied about her doctorate, she lied to the community," said Morales. "She's running on a platform as a reformer, but apparently that's not the case – she has hidden interests."

Even though Morales doesn't live in the 58th Assembly district, he said he came to the protest as a concerned citizen.

"This is a community effort... there are Democrats here, Republicans here. We're all independent residents," he said. "We're coming out today because this is not right.

The voters have got to be prepared so they can make an informed decision."

Garcia, a college professor from Bell Gardens, is hopeful the 58th Assembly district, which is overwhelmingly Democratic, will give her an advantage next month against her Republican opponent Patricia Kotze-Ramos.

The newly-drawn district includes the cities of Artesia, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cerritos, Commerce, Downey, Montebello, Pico Rivera and portions of Norwalk.

Saenz believes it was an honest mistake trusting Garcia in Bell and with government corruption steadily encompassing neighboring cities, she felt a responsibility to warn voters in this community.

"It's a problem everywhere," she said. "We want people cut from the same cloth as us not special interests and political payback. If you're looking for real reforms, be careful who you vote for."

Kotze-Ramos fundraiser Tuesday

DOWNEY – Assembly candidate Patricia Kotze-Ramos is hosting a fundraiser Tuesday at the Rio Hondo Event Center from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

To make a donation or sign-up as a volunteer, go online to voteforpatricia.com or call (562) 319-0472.

Dog adoptions to be discounted Saturday

DOWNEY – SEAACA is dropping the cost of dog adoptions during a "Howl-O-Ween" event this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adult dogs will have a reduced adoption fee of \$50. Adolescent and puppies can be adopted for \$75.

All dogs will be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, receive initial vaccines and have 30 days of follow-up veterinarian care for any preexisting health conditions.

Dog adopters will also receive 10 pounds of dog food, a dog toy and pet health guide.

SEAACA officials are also reminding pet owners that Halloween can be a stressful holiday to animals.

SEAACA offered the following Halloween tips to pet owners:

- Ensure your pets have a quiet, safe place to go. Cats especially should be brought in on Halloween, even if they are typically outdoor cats.

- If handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, make sure your pet will not escape out of the door. Double check that your pet is wearing proper ID and that the ID information is current and correct.

- Candy wrappers, if ingested, can pose a great safety risk.

- Candy is not good for pets in general but remember that chocolate candies can make pets extremely ill.

- Decorations, glow sticks and candles can help create an eerie atmosphere but ensure they are out of reach to your pets.

- Dressing your pet in a costume may be adorable but it may be uncomfortable for your pet to wear. If the costume poses any safety risks or it is impeding your animal from normal movement and functions, don't put it on them.

- If your dog is going trick-or-treating with the family it must be contained on a leash not exceeding 6 feet and be controlled by a competent adult. Reflective leashes and collars are recommended for the dark night.

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Tatiana Navarrette participates in the CROP Hunger Walk.

Walk raises nearly \$10K for hunger relief

DOWNEY – Nearly 200 Downey residents walked 4.3 miles in a Downey CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 14.

Walkers raised just shy of \$10,000 for global and hunger relief, including \$1,200 that will go to the FoodHelp and PTA HELPS centers in Downey.

About \$7,500 will go toward hunger relief efforts in places around the world. The money will help fund tools and seeds for farms, literacy classes for women and more.

"The walk was made incredibly safe thanks to the Downey Police Department who patrolled the walk route, and especially Officer Edwards and the Police Explorers who functioned as crossing guards at major intersections," said Rev. Christie Melby-Gibbons of the Moravian Church of Downey and the walk coordinator.

CROP (communities responding to overcoming poverty) walks have been happening throughout the country for more than 60 years and are grassroots community endeavors sponsored by Church World Service. Church World Service works with partner agencies to eradicate hunger and poverty while promoting peace and justice around the world.

"Thank you to all of the local businesses that contributed bottled water, snacks, gift cards and finances toward our successful 2012 Downey CROP Hunger Walk," Melby-Gibbons said. "Ending hunger is feasible and Downey is one of the frontlines of social justice in making hunger eradication a priority. Hopefully, we will see the CROP Hunger Walk grow and thrive in coming years."

Christmas spirit comes early with Assistance League brunch

• Christmas Tree Brunch takes place Nov. 18 at the Long Beach Hilton.

By Greg Waskul Contributor

DOWNEY – The Spirit of Christmas comes early again this year, as the Assistance League of Downey holds its annual Christmas Tree Brunch on Sunday, Nov. 18 at the Long Beach Hilton.

Co-chairs Judy Berg and Charlene Roche have spent the last year assembling a fantastic silent auction and several other special drawings that will start the season off right for some lucky winners.

"One of the things everybody loves about our brunch are the spectacular decorated Christmas trees that decorate the ballroom," Charlene said. "These trees are dazzling works of art that can be won with a drawing ticket that costs just one dollar."

"We're also holding our famous red ticket drawings, with items valued at \$35-\$200 that can also be won with a \$1 ticket," Judy added.

Another highlight of the Christmas Tree Brunch is the stunningly decorated silent auction that adorns the back wall of the ballroom. "We can't disclose all of our items, but they include a Tiffany bracelet, Disneyland tickets, tickets for Clint Black and Gladys Knight concerts and many fascinating children's items," Charlene said. "And of course, people look forward to our fabulous bake sale filled with homemade holiday treats!"

There will also be a drawing for an apothecary jar containing \$500



Photo by Stacy Brabant

Volunteers at last year's Christmas Tree Brunch.

this year, which will be won by a lucky winner who purchased a \$3 ticket.

"The proceeds from this fund raiser go back into the community," Charlene said. "The Christmas Tree Brunch helps us clothe many Downey school children, support the dental program for young people, and provide puppet shows to elementary school children on subjects such as bullying, divorce and children with disabilities."

"One of my favorite programs that the Assistance League funds through the brunch is the Story Time Festival at the Library," Judy said. "The Christmas Tree Brunch

also helps us sustain our incredible H.O.M.E. Project at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which provides a home away from home for those who have a loved one recovering from a disabling illness or injury in Downey's remarkable rehabilitation hospital."

"So why not come to the brunch, do some shopping, and take a chance on winning a decorated tree for the holidays, or a handful of money with which to do your shopping?" Charlene said.

And if that isn't enough, the Christmas Tree Brunch will feature its traditional and magical holiday music performance from the inter-

nationally renowned and universally admired Citrus Singers. The singers, who entertain audiences around the world each year with their gorgeous voices and sublime handbell numbers, begin their holiday performance schedule each year with the Assistance League event.

"There is no more beautiful or meaningful way to start the holiday season than attending the Christmas Tree Brunch," Judy said. "It's a great way to begin a happy holiday season while helping to spread hope, love and joy throughout our community every day of the New Year!"

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One year later, Michael Nida's family still hurt, angry

• Michael Nida's friends and family seek reform within Downey Police Department.

By Tina Vasquez
Contributor

DOWNEY – On Monday, more than 100 family members, friends and community members gathered near the intersection Imperial Highway and Paramount Boulevard for a candlelight vigil to mourn the one-year anniversary of Michael Nida's death.

Nida was shot and killed near the intersection by Downey police officer Steven Gilley after being mistaken as a robbery suspect. Nida evaded officers twice before the shooting occurred. The 31-year-old husband and father of four was later discovered to be unarmed.

The anniversary of Nida's death happened to fall on the annual October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality's National Day of Protest, which has taken place since 1996. Before Monday's candlelight vigil, Nida's mother, Jean Thaxton, and sister, Terri Thaxton-Teramura, attended the march in Downtown Los Angeles to speak along with other family members of people who have lost loved ones at the hands of law enforcement.

Nida's death has politicized and mobilized his family members, many of whom did not attend marches, protests, or city council meetings prior to the shooting. On October 20, family members organized a memorial blood drive in honor of Nida with the tagline, "Give blood, don't shed blood." The family also reaches out to others who have been affected by officer-related shootings.

Friends and family members of Nida have been in touch with Norma Martinez, the mother of Gonzalo Martinez, who was shot and killed by Downey Police officers on the night of February 15, 2002 after what should have been a routine traffic stop. Like Nida, Martinez was shot by an officer

using a machine gun and like Martinez's family, Nida's family is suing the city.

"I used to be one of those people who watched the news every night and saw the stories about officer-related shootings and thought the people killed were probably criminals or gang members," Jean said. "Now I know better. The truth isn't what you see on the news or read in newspapers. Innocent people are being profiled and killed and it has to stop. People need to know the truth."

In the months following Nida's death, Jean has become an outspoken critic of the Downey Police Department's policies and procedures, but when addressing the crowd at Monday's vigil in her loud, distinctive voice, she made it clear that all police officers aren't the enemy.

"We have police officers in our family and we support them, but we don't agree when they hide behind their badges. We support the good guys and we want the bad guys fired and Officer Gilley is one of the bad guys," she said.

At the vigil, many of Nida's friends and family members shared memories and stories of Nida, including his son Xavier, whose voice broke when relating his favorite memory of his father. Just a few moments later, Xavier also caused many in attendance to erupt in laughter when he shared jokes his father used to tell him.

Some in attendance treated the event as a celebration of Nida's life, though it was clear that many still deeply struggle with his death. This is especially true of Nida's wife Nailly. The couple had been together for 14 years and were out having a rare night away from their four children when the shooting occurred. According to reports, Nida and Nailly had stopped at the Arco gas station on Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway on their way to dinner and as Nailly pumped gas, Nida ran across the street to purchase cigarettes. Moments later,

a Downey police officer stopped Nida for jaywalking and shortly after this initial stop, he was killed.

"It's hard to put into words how I feel today; it's unexplainable," Nailly said. "This is a very sad day for me and I try to be strong for the kids. I'm the kind of person who keeps their feelings to themselves and I don't show much emotion, but I'm only human. It doesn't feel like it's been a year, it feels like he was killed yesterday. I keep replaying what happened in my head, but it helps that we have so much support."

Nida's death has also taken its toll on Damion Ramirez, but it has also inspired him to "fight back." Ramirez was a life-long friend of Nida's and he is one of the most outspoken activists of Nida's Rydas, the group formed with the goal of "stopping the use of lethal force by the Downey Police Department" and of raising awareness around Nida's case.

"He was my best friend and I miss everything about him," Ramirez said. "So much has happened in the past year, though it doesn't feel like it's been a year. The grief comes in waves, but fighting back against this injustice gives me the strength to carry that grief. We're trying to turn all of these negative feelings into positive action, but the past couple of days have been really hard."

This entire week has been challenging for Nida's family. On Oct. 23, the day after the anniversary of Nida's death – and just two days after what would have been his 32nd birthday – the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office released the DA report that cleared Gilley, reporting that the officer "acted in lawful self-defense and in defense of others."

The findings of the DA report, which revealed that Nida was initially stopped by Officer Blanca Reyes while jaywalking because "he looked like a gang member", did not surprise Ramirez, though it did infuriate him. During Tuesday night's city council meeting just hours after the DA report



Photo by Ramiro Rubio

was made public, many of Nida's family members and friends addressed the council concerning the report. Some, including Jean, addressed Downey Police Chief Rick Esteves regarding the recent announcement of his retirement, implying that his decision was tied to Nida's case.

Ramirez also addressed council members, detailing how Nida's civil rights were violated.

"Do you know why Mikey told his wife he hated cops moments before he died? Because he was a good man who was profiled as a gang member and the police repeatedly took his humanity and dignity away," Ramirez said. "He told the cop to shoot him because he was sick of it. They took his life because he was running for his life."

Because of their participation in every council meeting, Nida's family and friends have had to grieve in public and just two weeks ago Ramirez felt as if he'd had enough. He spoke to Jean about no longer attending the meetings.

"With every meeting it's like opening a wound," Ramirez said, but after the release of the DA report he's more motivated than ever to seek justice for Nida.

"If anything, the report just proves that Mikey's killing was unjust. The officer was wrong for profiling him, so if the initial reaction was wrong, everything that followed was wrong. It was unethical from the beginning," Ramirez said.

Nida's family and Ramirez say that Nida has been incorrectly and unfairly characterized as a gang member and attempts have been made to justify his killing by "playing up" the fact that marijuana was found in Nida's system. According to Ramirez, Nida had a legal cannabis prescription and had been targeted by Downey police officers in the past because of his appearance.

"He fostered a distrust of the police because he had no confidence in their ability to treat him fairly," Ramirez said. "When you feel like your life is being threatened – just like

the report says – you have a fight or flight reaction and Michael tried to run because he didn't trust the police and he had no reason to based on the treatment he received before."

Ramirez says the "Mikey" he knew was a family man, a carpenter who strapped on his work boots each day to "go to war and get dirty for his family."

A federal judge has set a trial date for the civil case filed by Nida's family against the city for May 7 in Los Angeles. Until then, the family intends to continue its weekly protests at the intersection where Nida was killed and has promised city officials that they will continue speaking at city council meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

"We can't bring Mikey back, but we can use his death as an opportunity to change the Downey Police Department's policies and inform the public of the prevalence of police brutality. That will be his legacy," Ramirez said.

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Downey API scores top in local area

DOWNEY – Downey Unified School District's API score of 801 not only topped the statewide API (Academic Performance Index) average score of 788 in tests conducted last spring but those of every other bordering district.

The scores were announced recently by the California Department of Education, which expressed its satisfaction at the fact that, for the first time since the testing program began in 1999, a majority of schools reached or exceeded the state's target of 800 on the index.

The state agency said that 53 percent of all schools scored above the 800 mark. In this group are 59 percent of all elementary schools, and 49 percent of all middle schools. Only 30 percent of high schools, however, hit the target.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson was quoted as saying that while the improvement in scores was "noteworthy" despite the budget cuts, "there's still work to do."

Here are the scores of other neighboring school districts: Bellflower Unified, 789; Norwalk-La Mirada Unified, 774; Paramount Unified, 765; Los Angeles Unified, 745; and Montebello Unified, 724.

Selected high school performances were: La Serna High (Whittier), 839; Santa Fe High (Whittier), 809; Downey High, 794; Mayfair High (Bellflower), 788; Warren High, 787; La Mirada High (Norwalk-La Mirada), 782; Bellflower High, 770; Montebello High, 687; John Glenn High (Norwalk), 686; and Norwalk High, 686.

The low score of the high schools has educators puzzled. Some have suggested that high school students have no incentive to do well in the tests since they have no bearing on a student's grades, graduation or college applications.

"If we found a way to tie these test scores to something meaningful, like high school graduation or promotion from middle school, I would predict a massive increase in the scores at the middle and high school levels," said DUSD board member Donald LaPlante.

—Henry Veneracion, staff writer

Walmart market opens Nov. 7

DOWNEY – The new Walmart Neighborhood Market on Paramount Boulevard will celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Nov. 7 at 7:30 a.m.

The market replaces the former Alin's Party Depot at 12270 Paramount Blvd.

Lunch and bingo at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Catholic Church is hosting a bingo luncheon Nov. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in the church's Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall.

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch, one bingo card and prizes.

For tickets or information, call Aline Amatisto at (562) 693-9430.

Miss Bellflower contestants revealed

BELFLOWER – Outgoing members of the Miss Bellflower and Miss Teen Bellflower courts will be recognized Friday night at the Muriel MacGregor Center.

The event also serves as an introduction for contestants in the 2012 competition, which will be held Nov. 10 at the Hosanna Building in Bellflower.

Contestants will perform a choreographed dance and judged on business wear, evening gown, an onstage question and more.

The theme of this year's competition is "American Heroines" and pays tribute to veterans.

Contestants in the Miss Bellflower division include Crystal Luque, Georgianna Palafox, Brianna Reyes and Eileen Tovar.

In the Miss Teen Bellflower division are Leah Cramer, Mariam Elghazzawy, Dominique Gordon, Sarah Hightower, Summerly Iverson, Alanna Magallanes, Lily Medina and Lorraine Zamora.

Woman's Club taking donations

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey is collecting non-perishable items – such as toothbrushes and toothpaste – to donate to PTA HELPS, the school district help center that provides temporary emergency aid to Downey students and their families.

"The month of November is for giving thanks and we want to show those that are having a difficult time in our community how very much we care," the Woman's Club board said in a statement. "We are all so blessed. We have food in our pantry, electricity, etc. It is a fact that there are many in our own community that are struggling for the necessities of life. So, please – let us all make this November the most generous of any year."

The club is also accepting restaurant gift cards.

To make a donation or schedule a pick-up, call Marie at (562) 884-5799.

Christian Club to salute veterans

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will pay respects to local veterans at their Nov. 14 meeting at the Los Amigos Country Club.

The meeting's guest speaker is Lisa Bingham. Her topic is "My Life in Germany."

The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$14 and includes a buffet lunch.

For reservations, call Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Church hosting festival on Halloween

DOWNEY – Desert Reign Church will host its Harvest Festival on Halloween Night, complete with carnival games, a laser tag arena, costume contest (with cash prizes awarded) and food trucks.

There will also be a school supply giveaway and a "teen-only zone."

The festival is from 6-8 p.m. and is free to the public.

Desert Reign is at 11610 Lake-wood Blvd.

Jazz concert at Downey High

DOWNEY – Downey High School's music programs will host their 2012 Fall Jazz Concert on Halloween night starting at 7 p.m. in the campus theater.

The concert will feature performances by the jazz choir, jazz band, jazz ensemble and combo, all under the direction of Cory Olariu and Eric Patterson.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling (562) 869-7301, ext. 5317.

Harvest Festival at church

DOWNEY – Cornerstone Christian Worship Center of Downey will host its annual Harvest Festival this Saturday from 1-6 p.m.

The community is invited to the family-friendly festivities that include a free petting zoo, carnival games and prizes, \$1 horse rides, food trucks, a free raffle and more.

Cornerstone is located at 9001 Paramount Boulevard, at the corner of Paramount and Gallatin Road.

For more information, call (562) 927-1436.

DUI patrols stepped up for Halloween

• Local police agencies are increasing patrols this weekend to catch drunk drivers.

NORWALK – If you think a Halloween costume will disguise your drunk or drug-impaired driving, think again.

That's the message put out by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department this week, which is deploying additional officers on DUI saturation patrols to nab impaired drivers this weekend and through Halloween night.

"Local revelers should be aware that their Halloween disguises won't make them invisible to the police, sheriff or CHP officers who will crack down on drunk and drug-impaired drivers throughout the region with an aggressive drive sober or get pulled over enforcement effort," said Glendora police chief Rob Castro.

In fact, Castro noted, it's law enforcement officers who are more likely to be "invisible" to partygoers who have had too many drinks or taken drugs before driving.

"If you really want to be scared this Halloween, try getting pulled over by a police car that suddenly appears out of nowhere," Castro said.

Nighttime is always a dangerous time on the road, but Halloween can be particularly scary if you get behind the wheel drunk or find yourself around a drunk driver. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 41 percent of all highway fatalities throughout the nation during the Halloween period in 2010 (6 p.m. Oct. 29 – 6 a.m. Nov. 1) involved a driver or a motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol

concentration of .08 or higher.

"The scariest parts of Halloween aren't the spooky costumes and scary pranks," said Christopher J. Murphy, director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. "It's a fact that too often drivers don't plan ahead and end up turning reality into something much worse than the worst horror movie."

To keep safe this Halloween, law enforcement officials recommended the following tips:

- Plan a safe way home before the festivities begin
- If you are taking prescribed medication, never mix with alcohol
- Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home
- If you're impaired, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation so you are sure to get home safely
- Use your community's sober ride program
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, call 911

Funding for the extra saturation patrols is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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 The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor Project received a \$546 million federal loan to accelerate construction of a light rail line in the Crenshaw District. The 8.5-mile line will connect the Metro Green Line and the Metro Expo Line at Crenshaw and Exposition boulevards. For more information visit metro.net/crenshaw.
Metro Improving Park-And-Ride Lots
 Power sweeping and graffiti abatement is already underway as Metro has begun rehabilitating more than 40 Caltrans park-and-ride lots adjacent to freeways throughout LA County. Legislation was signed in law last month that allows Metro to assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the state-owned lots.

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Downey comes up short against Paramount

• Paramount scores in final minutes to seal 21-17 victory, handing Downey its first league loss.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team traveled last Friday night to face off against a Paramount squad who had an identical 2-0 league record. Downey came away with a 21-17 loss in a closely contested, highly competitive game.

Paramount scored two first quarter touchdowns and a late fourth quarter touchdown on a seven yard pass with seven seconds left. The finish was a nailbiter as Downey dominated the second, third and most of the fourth quarters only to come up short.

Downey still has a chance to claim a share of the league title if they can beat Dominguez and Lynwood, respectively and Dominguez can beat Paramount in next week's league finale. If this scenario sounds familiar, it is. This is exactly what happened last year. One thing remains clear however, the Vikings must win their last two games to have any chance at a share of the league title.

As Downey found themselves down 14-0 at the end of the first quarter, the Vikings certainly responded in resounding fashion by scoring 17 unanswered points in the second quarter. Downey scored

their first touchdown of the game on a 35 yard touchdown pass from Jorge Reyna to Jeremy Villa at the 8:06 mark. The extra point was good and Downey cut the Paramount lead in half, 14-7.

Downey recovered the ensuing kickoff at the Paramount 30 yard line and had an excellent opportunity to drive and score again. Downey marched the ball down to the Paramount 1 yard line and were on the verge of scoring a touchdown to tie the game. Downey, to their misfortune, fumbled on the next play and Paramount recovered. Paramount, however, could not move the ball and were forced to punt on fourth down from their own endzone.

Downey received the ball in excellent field position and wasted little time marching to the endzone. Jeremy Villa scored his second touchdown of the game on a 25 yard strike from Reyna with 38 seconds left until the half. The extra point was good and the score was tied at 14. Downey, once again, regained possession on the ensuing kickoff and quickly moved the ball into field goal range. The Vikings scored on a Mario Galvan 27 yard field goal with 8 seconds left. The Vikings went into the locker room at halftime leading 17-14 and momentum was clearly in their favor.

The third quarter saw the two teams exchange the ball and field position. No team scored and the score remained 17-14 as the third quarter came to a close. Downey put together a drive as the fourth quarter began. Downey kicker Mario Galvan attempted a 32 yard field

goal at the 8:59 mark of the fourth quarter but his kick sailed wide right. The score remained 17-14. As the fourth quarter was winding down, the Pirates put together a drive. This drive took the Pirates down to the Downey seven yard line with seven seconds left. That is when Paramount completed a seven yard fade route for a touchdown. The extra point was good and the Pirates escaped with the 21-17 win.

Jorge Reyna completed 15/24 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns. Reyna also led the Viking ground game with 18 carries for 111 yards. Justin Huff had 11 carries for 92 yards, Matthew Gonzalez had one carry for eight yards and Jeremy Villa had one carry for two yards. Jeremy Villa led the Viking receivers with six catches for 104 yards and two touchdowns, Justin Huff had four catches for 22 yards, Jacob Cook had three catches for 22 yards, Jonathan Swindell had one catch for eleven yards and Tristan Esparza had one catch for two yards.

The Viking defense was led by Tristan Esparza's two solo and ten assisted tackles, Jeremy Villa's one solo and nine assisted tackles, Hector Walker's two solo and seven assisted tackles, Chris Blanton's one solo and seven assisted tackles and Patrick Smith's eight assisted tackles.

The Vikings will host an unbeaten, 3-0 in league, Dominguez team tonight which is fresh off their 31-3 victory over Gahr last week.

Cross country title up for grabs

• Track meet Tuesday at La Mirada Park likely to determine league champion.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' cross country team competed in and won the second San Gabriel Valley League cluster meet held at Cerritos Regional Park on Oct. 11.

The Warren Lady Bears won the first cluster meet held on Sept. 20, at Hollydale Park. The third and final cluster meet, which also serves as league finals, will be held Tuesday at La Mirada Park. With both city-rivals winning a cluster meet each, a winner take all meet will determine

a league champion.

Downey's runners finished in a total time of 1:34:12 and an average runner time of 18:50:40. Warren's runners finished in a total time of 1:34:40 and an average runner time of 18:56. Downey finished first, second, sixth, eighth, eleventh, thirteenth and twenty-first. Warren finished third, fourth, fifth, seventh, tenth, twelfth and seventeenth. The scores and times were close but the Lady Vikings edged the Lady Bears.

The Lady Vikings' Lisa Vasquez finished first in 18:10, Meghan Nevarez finished second in 18:28, Gabriela Gonzalez finished sixth in 18:59, Marissa Pluma finished eighth in 19:02, Crystal Raygoza finished eleventh in 19:33, Brittney Martinez finished thirteenth in 19:41 and Stephanie Perea finished twenty-first in 20:46.

The Lady Bears' Yajaira Zarate finished second in 18:35, Lali Avila finished fourth in 18:47, Tiffany Hernandez finished fifth in 18:50, Silvia Gonzalez finished seventh in 18:59, Krisstel Gomez finished tenth in 19:29, Gwendolyn Hurtado finished twelfth in 19:40 and Sofia Ramos finished seventeenth in 19:59.

Interestingly, as I attended the Downey-Warren volleyball match last week at Warren, I had a chance to talk with Lady Bear runner Lali Avila and Bear assistant cross country coach Eric Nilson. Avila mentioned to me how hard her team was working and how focused the Lady Bears are on winning league finals. I think I may have to travel to La Mirada Park on Tuesday and check this cross country meet out for myself.

Warren's tough season continues

• Warren football drops to 0-8 overall after losing to Lynwood last week.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football team traveled to Lynwood last Friday night to play a Lancer squad who was still looking for their first league win.

Lynwood defeated the Bears 35-19 and improved their overall record to 3-5 and league record to 1-2.

Warren fell to 0-8 overall and 0-3 in league play. Warren will travel to Paramount this evening and host Gahr next Thursday in their season finale. The Bears will not be eligible

for post-season play, however, will finish this season with a solid effort.

Warren trailed at the end of the first quarter 14-0. Warren did score a touchdown in the second quarter but did not convert on the conversion. Lynwood added two more touchdowns in the second quarter, with both extra points being good. The score at halftime was 28-6 Lynwood. Warren scored the only touchdown in the third quarter, the conversion was no good, and pulled to within 28-12. The third quarter ended with that same score. Lynwood and Warren both scored touchdowns and converted extra points in the fourth quarter. Lynwood won the game 35-19.

Bear quarterback Michael San Angelo completed 9/20 passes for 124 yards, one touchdown and two

interceptions. The Bear running game produced 33 carries for 176 yards. Darwin Walker led the Bear rushing attack with 17 carries for 100 yards. Daryl Donerson had 11 carries for 54 yards, Michael San Angelo had three carries for ten yards and J.R. Vaalu had two carries for twelve yards. The Bear receiving corps was led by James Baham's four receptions for 45 yards, Daryl Donerson's two receptions for 38 yards, Anthony Rangel's two receptions for 17 yards and J.R. Vaalu's one reception for 24 yards.

With the regular season winding down, I am certain Coach Jimenez and his staff will try to get some younger players more playing time so they can gain valuable game time experience for next year. The Bears will certainly play hard.

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Robin Borakove, pictured above in costume, distributed copies of her book, "Little Edwin's Triumph," to Downey schools this week after receiving an anonymous donation.

Children's author giving away books

DOWNEY – It's the perfect time of year for a mystery. Children's author Robin Borakove received an anonymous donation in the mail from a woman who claimed that she had lived in Downey for 60 years. She said it broke her heart to see young children at the libraries who still struggled to read.

When she saw Robin's "Little Edwin's Triumph" site, she thought it would be nice to gift books instead of candy for Halloween. Robin's charming children's story told in rhyme teaches children that just because they're small doesn't mean they can't be superheroes.

Little Edwin's Triumph, non-profit organization founded by Robin Borakove, gave away copies of the book to children Thursday at several schools in Downey. Books were also sold at the Harvest Festival being hosted by Unsworth Elementary, with 100 percent of the proceeds donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, as well as to charities that benefit autism.

For information on having Robin, pictured above in her Fairy Queen Flutterby costume, visit your school, go to wix.fairyqueenflutterby.com.

—Aleyna Jones

Bears wrap up golf season

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' golf team has just completed San Gabriel Valley League play for the 2012 season and finished with an overall record of 2-10 and a league record of 2-4.

The Lady Bears recently competed in the Knabe Cup at the Lakewood Golf Course and at league finals at the Rio Hondo Golf Course. The Lady Bears' Alexandra Rooney placed third and Arika Araujo placed fourth. Both Lady Bear golfers have earned first team All-San Gabriel Valley League honors for their efforts.

C.I.F. individuals were held Wednesday afternoon (scores unavailable at press time) at Recreation Park in Long Beach.

Coach Schmid was also pleased at the continued improvement of Brianna Sanchez, Cydney Charvers and Min Cho. All three golfers improved their scores by at least five strokes since the beginning of the season and all three have never played competitive golf before.

Schmid said that Brianna Sanchez got as low as 56, which is great for a beginner. Coach Schmid also said that "this season turned out pretty well since only one player returned from the squad last year. All players scores were used at each competition we participated in."

Coach Schmid concluded by saying that Warren girls' golf is always looking for new young golfers, freshmen and sophomores, to join the team and learn to play golf. Golf is certainly a sport that many will continue to play and enjoy for the rest of their lives.

—Mark Fetter, contributor

Jerome Lewis dies at 57

DOWNEY – Jerome Hays "Jerry" Lewis, a former Downey resident, died Oct. 11 in Denver. He was 57.

Services have taken place in Longmont, Colo.

Visit ahlbergfuneralchapel.com to read a full obituary or to share condolences.

Boutique sale at Woman's Club

DOWNEY – The Woman's Club of Downey will host its annual holiday boutique Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in its clubhouse.

In addition to multiple vendors, this year's event will include drawings every half-hour and a visit from Santa Claus (families should bring their cameras).

A gourmet taco truck will also be on-site.

The clubhouse is at 9813 Paramount Blvd.

Prayer breakfast tickets on sale

DOWNEY – Tickets are now on sale for the 27th annual mayor's prayer breakfast, taking place Nov. 8 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

This year's guest speaker is Dave Hill, a lieutenant with the Orange Police Department.

Tickets to the breakfast are \$15 and can be purchased by sending a check to Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, P.O. Box 40028, Downey, CA 90239. For more information, call James at (562) 310-1335.

The breakfast buffet opens at 6:30 a.m., followed by the program at 7 a.m.



Vincent Quigg with former teacher Jeannette Hernandez.

Downey High grad wins entrepreneurship contest

DOWNEY – Downey High School graduate Vincent Quigg emerged from a field of 34 teen competitors to win the 2012 NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

Quigg, who currently attends Rio Hondo College, won a \$5,000 scholarship, a \$2,500 technology suite and \$2,500 in business travel.

Quigg won the competition after turning his passion for technology into his own startup company, TechWorld, which specializes in repairing and customizing iPhones and plans to expand into iPads and all types of electronic devices.

The main differentiator from his competitors within the market space is that Quigg can fix an iPhone for \$80 in under 45 minutes. The most common fix? Broken screens. The most common customization? Color swaps (from LCD screen, back glass and home button).

"I'm so grateful to NFTE and the journey it's taken me on from working at Best Buy to launching my own business," said Quigg. "From start to finish, the National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge has taught me that if you want something bad enough, opportunities will arise."

Boutique at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – St. Raymond Catholic Church is hosting its annual holiday boutique Dec. 2 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the auditorium across from the church.

Local crafters, artists and businesses are scheduled to participate. To become a vendor, contact the religious education office at (562) 862-6959, ext. 1113, or e-mail straymondre@gmail.com.

Vendors should hurry as vendor spaces are being limited to one per type.

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Date of Filing Application: **October 10, 2012**
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Date of Filing Application: **September 11, 2012**
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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name) AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Byat Schaefer
Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): Brenda Lively
CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): VD078907
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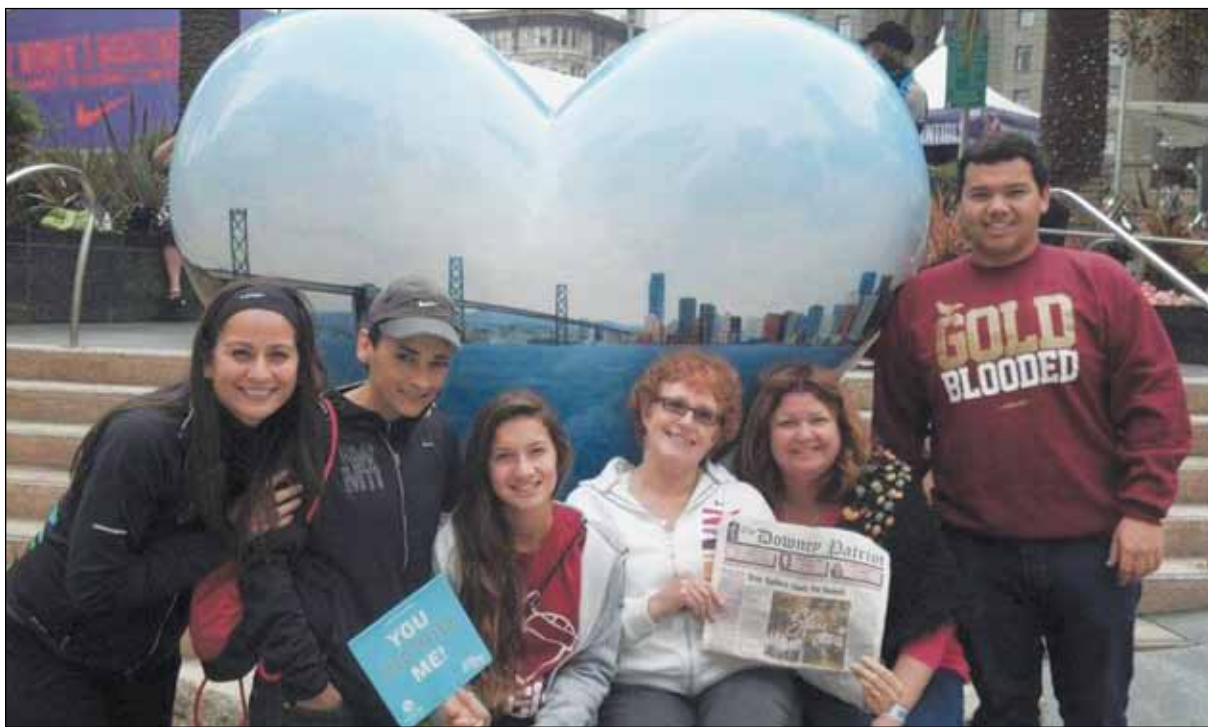
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Downey residents took along *The Downey Patriot* when they went to San Francisco to participate in the Nike Women's Marathon and Half Marathon on Oct. 14. From left: Monica Corona, Julie Kovach-Ham, Catherine Ham, Susan Bouris, Mara Bommarito and Jonathan Ham.



Thirty-three year Downey residents Alice Martinez and Laurie Koerner are pictured with *The Downey Patriot* at the Great Wall of China. The two recently traveled there with UCLA Alumni Travel.

Advancing bicycling in Downey

• A master bicycle plan in Downey doesn't need to break the bank.

By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

DOWNEY - For the past four weeks this column has been driving home the interdependence between healthy living and active transportation, namely, bicycling and walking.

This connection was brought to the attention of the community at the Sept. 25 Downey City Council meeting when City Council unanimously agreed to pursue the HEAL Cities Campaign for Downey and some four score riders from the Kiwanis Green Team, Downey High School Kiwins, Cruz Cycling Club and others bicycled en masse to the Council meeting to demonstrate their support for advancing bicycling in the City of Downey.

We have detailed here that nearly a quarter of the adult population in Los Angeles County is obese and that 40% of Downey children are overweight. Similar rates are on the increase both locally and nationally. Clearly the American public, as well as the Downey community along with it, needs to re-educate itself with respect not only to how it eats, but also to how it lives and what modes of transportation embody the healthiest choices for the future. These choices will impact not only physical health but the health of the environment.

We've also noted in this space that Downey currently has virtually no bicycle infrastructure. Consequently, as part of these necessary changes, we in Downey must figure out how to integrate bicycling into the transportation infrastructure we already have, as well as find ways to encourage bicycling by building both support and new infrastructure for bicycling within our city. Such a transition is neither as difficult nor as expensive as one might imagine.



Illustration by Gennie Prochazka

The first step is education: to teach both drivers and bicyclists of all ages to share the road courteously and safely. This involves making the streets more bicycle-friendly through informational and instructional signs on the roadways, not to speak of establishing opportunities for bicycle safety instruction in the community.

The second step is by creating a system of bicycle routes which cross-hatch the city on streets other than the major arterials. Fortunately this need has already been partly satisfied by the presence of L.A. County bike paths on the two riverbeds which already span the city from end to end on both sides. In the same manner as the City of Downey Truck Route Map which can be found at the City Hall Traffic desk, a few streets then need to be identified and suitably marked which offer cyclists direct routes across the city from side to side.

The cost of the nearly complete street improvements on Lakewood Boulevard as well as the cost of the upcoming improvements on Firestone Boulevard will have far exceeded a million dollars each, with the Firestone Boulevard improvements expected to be \$3.6

million. By contrast, the creation of an initial bicycle plan for the City of Downey can be achieved for less than a quarter of a million. And as the Lakewood and Firestone street improvements were accomplished through the resourceful efforts of City staff who found grant funding for these traffic projects, so too grant money is available for bicycle improvements.

Beyond the inertia of a century of dependence on motor vehicle transportation, these changes are within our grasp. In fact, we've been through this kind of change before. At the turn of the twentieth century another form of transportation was causing severe pollution of a different kind in urban areas--specifically, travel by horse. According to a fascinating 2007 essay by UCLA transportation scholar, Eric Morris, horses were dropping an estimated 3 to 4 million pounds of manure per day on greater New York streets. The solution to that problem turned out to be the automobile, which as we now know, has brought its own globally challenging pollution issues.

But we can solve those problems too, in part with the help of the humble--and healthy--bicycle.

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The provisions of section 580b of the California Code of Civil Procedure protects the consumer from the lending institution from coming back and making the consumer pay for any losses associated with the failure to pay their mortgage after they have been foreclosed on.

Section 580b prevents a lender from holding a borrower personally liable for a balance on the mortgage when a person's house is foreclosed on by the bank. To qualify for this protection, the law states that "a mortgage or deed of trust on a dwelling for not more than four families given to a lender to secure repayment of a loan which was in fact used to pay all or a part of the purchase price of that dwelling occupied, entirely or in part, by the purchaser." In regular English, this means that you used all the money the bank lends you to buy the property (i.e. you did not use some of the money to buy a car or remodeled your home).

Refinancing dramatically changes the risk allocation between lender and borrower of overvaluation of the collateral - the home - by shifting it overwhelmingly to the borrower. The true cost of foreclosure can be huge when the loss of 580b anti-deficiency protections is factored into the equation.

An alternative to avoid this problem would be to do a short sale. A short sale is a sale of real estate in which the proceeds from selling the property will fall short of the balance of debts secured by liens against the property and the property owner cannot afford to repay the liens' full amounts, whereby the lien holders agree to release their lien on the real estate and accept less than the amount owed on the debt. Any unpaid balance owed to the creditors is known as a deficiency and is usually avoided in the short sale.

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Students invent medical stitching device

• Downey resident Luis Herrera is part of a team from Johns Hopkins University working to bring the device to market.

BALTIMORE — After a surgeon stitches up a patient's abdomen, costly complications—some life-threatening—can occur. To cut down on these postoperative problems, Johns Hopkins undergraduates have invented a disposable suturing tool to guide the placement of stitches and guard against the accidental puncture of internal organs.

The student inventors have described their device, called FastStitch, as a cross between pliers and a hole-puncher. Although the device is still in the prototype stage, the FastStitch team has already received recognition and raised more than \$80,000 this year in grant and prize money to move their project forward. Among their wins were first-place finishes in University of California, Irvine, and University of Maryland business plan competitions and in the ASME International Innovation Showcase.

The FastStitch device is needed, the students say, to improve the way up to 5 million open abdominal surgeries are conducted annually in the United States alone for treatment of cancer, liver problems and other common ailments. If incisions from those procedures are not closed properly, a patient can develop complications such as infection, herniation and evisceration, all of which require additional treatment and in some cases, more surgery. Just one of these complications—herniation, in which intestinal tissue can protrude through the abdominal wall after the muscle layer splits apart—leads to \$2.5 billion in additional costs annually in follow-up treatment and medical malpractice expenses, the students said.

Addressing this problem became a biomedical engineering course assignment for eight Johns Hopkins students over the past school year. They were asked to design and test a tool that would improve the way surgeons stitch together the strongest part of the abdomen, the muscle layer called the fascia, which is located just below the patient's skin. "Doctors who have to suture the fascial layer say it can be like push-

ing a needle through the leather of your shoe," said team member Luis Herrera, a sophomore biomedical engineering major from Downey. "If the needle accidentally cuts into the bowel, it can lead to a sepsis infection that can be very dangerous."

To help prevent this, the students designed the FastStitch needle to remain housed within the jaws of the stitching tool. "You place the fascial layer between the top and bottom arms of the device," said Sohail Zahid, of Morris Plains, N.J., leader of the student team. "Then, as you close the arms, the spring-loaded clamp is strong enough to punch the needle through the fascial layer. When this happens, the needle moves from one arm of the tool to the other."

The device also features a visual guide to help ensure that the stitches are placed evenly, located the proper distance away from the incision and apart from one another. This should also reduce postoperative complications, the students said. The hand-size pliers-like shape was chosen because it would feel familiar to surgeons and require less training. The prototype was constructed mostly of ABS plastic, so that the instrument can be inexpensive and discarded after one use.

"We're developing the future of suture," said Zahid, who earned his undergraduate degree in May and has applied to Johns Hopkins' M.D./Ph.D. program in biomedical engineering. "We believe that if the FastStitch tool is used to close abdominal incisions, it will help in three important ways: It will help surgeons by making the closure process simpler and safer. It will help hospitals by reducing costs. And, most importantly, it will help patients by reducing post-operative complications."

Physician Hien Nguyen, an assistant professor of surgery in the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, served as the students' clinical advisor during the development of FastStitch. "Just about every major operation in the chest and abdomen requires a large cut to be made through the muscle layers," he said. "If these layers are not brought back together evenly, complications can occur. This device allows the surgeon to bring the muscle layers back together evenly, safely and quickly, and this can lead to better outcomes and fewer complications."

Nguyen had discussed the idea for a better suture tool with the undergraduate design team in a program offered by the Department of Biomedical Engineering, which is shared by the university's School of Medicine and its Whiting School of Engineering. The course is conducted within the Center for Bioengineering Innovation and Design.

In addition to Zahid and Herrera, the other students who have participated in the FastStitch project are Andy Tu, Daniel Peng, Stephen Van Kootyen, Leslie Myint, Anvesh Annadanam and Haley Huang. Through the Johns Hopkins Technology Transfer office, the team members have obtained preliminary

patent protection for their invention. All eight students are listed as co-inventors, along with Nguyen and Johns Hopkins graduate student Adam Clark.

The students have formed a Baltimore-based company, Archon Medical Technologies, to conduct further research and development of FastStitch. The company is being supported by grant funding and by most of the prize money won in the student invention and business plan contests earlier this year. Animal testing of the device is under way, and further testing with human cadavers is expected to begin later this year.



Student inventors created the FastStitch device, which improves the way surgeons stitch together the strongest part of the abdomen.

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Science professors honored by teachers group

• Josiah Jones and Dean Gilbert honored by the California Science Teachers Association.

LONG BEACH – The California Science Teachers Association (CSTA) named California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) science education teaching credential alumnus Josiah Jones as the 2012 Future Science Teacher Award winner and CSULB adjunct science faculty member Dean Gilbert as the Margaret Nicholson Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Both Jones and Gilbert were recognized at CSTA's annual Science Education Conference, Oct. 19-21, in San Jose, Calif.

Jones is CSULB's seventh Future Science Teacher recipient since 2005, said Laura Henriques, chair

of CSULB's Department of Science Education, who nominated him. The award comes with a \$1,000 prize from SeaWorld San Diego in recognition of exceptional college students who demonstrate a commitment to science education along with volunteerism and professional activities.

He received dual bachelor of science degrees in environmental science and geography at UC Santa Barbara before earning his credential in earth science at CSULB, where he received a National Science Foundation Robert Noyce Scholarship for science teaching preparation—CSULB's fourth Noyce scholar to be a CSTA honoree. He also taught for two summers in the university's Science Education Experience to Help Under-served Students Succeed program, a



Josiah Jones

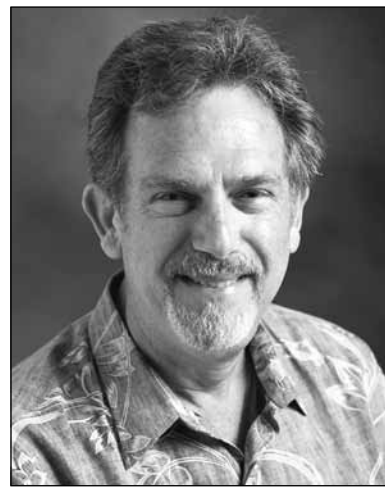
two-week daytime science camp for homeless children in Long Beach.

He did his student teaching at Long Beach's Wilson Classical High School, which hired him to teach earth science and Advance Placement environmental science beginning this fall.

"I was blown away. I received a letter in the mail and couldn't believe the words on the page," Jones said of the award. "I knew CSULB had a great track record for winning the award and Laura mentioned that my extra work and experience while completing my credential would help my chances, but I never thought I'd actually be selected. I had pretty low expectations and was very surprised to win. I was simply doing all I could to be a better teacher, but I never thought I'd win an award for it. It's an absolute honor and I'm humbled to be selected."

"The Science Education program at CSULB has really helped me learn the teaching profession and begin my career," he continued. "They have given me fantastic support and guidance all throughout my program and even beyond it. Through countless development workshops, extensive community contacts and various hands-on teaching experiences, they have provided me with ample opportunities to hone my craft. The Science Education program at CSULB is much more than just a credential program—they are passionate and will do anything they can to help you succeed in your career."

Having so many CSTA honorees "speaks to the depth of our program and the richness of experience that we offer to students,"



Dean Gilbert

Henriques said. "When CSTA is looking at the award, they're looking for more than just somebody who has a credential and wants to be a teacher. They want to know that they've done volunteer opportunities and had experiences with kids beyond just what the credential program would require of them. So, Josiah and the others before him have been involved in multiple activities beyond what they need to do to get their teaching credential and I think that makes them stand out."

Gilbert is science coordinator with the Orange County Department of Education and previously held similar positions with the Los Angeles County Department of Education and Long Beach Unified School District. He has taught an Integrated Science Education class at CSULB.

"Dean has been a partner with us for years," said Henriques, adding that in addition to teaching, Gilbert assisted her department in placing or supervising CSULB student science teachers as part of his duties with various educational agencies. "He is the most committed, passionate science educator that I know and I'm really excited that he got this award. He's such a huge advocate for science teaching and learning."

"I am honored to be selected as the 2012 recipient of the Margaret Nicholson Award," Gilbert said. "It is amazing to be recognized by colleagues at the state level for my contributions to improve science education in our state and nation. My motivation is and has always been to improve the educational experiences for students."

Rio Hondo named 'military friendly' school

WHITTIER – For the fourth consecutive year Victory Media and G.I. Jobs magazine has designated Rio Hondo College as a "Military Friendly School."

The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list demonstrate leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

"Rio Hondo is deeply committed to supporting the men and women who have served, and those who are now serving, in the armed forces," said Rio Hondo Board President Norma Garcia. "Our Veterans Service Center staff is dedicated, committed, and works extremely hard to support Veterans by providing a wide array of programs and services."

Since its establishment in 2008, the Rio Hondo College Veterans Service Center has served more than 4,000 veterans and eligible dependents from five branches of the United States Armed Services annually.

Last May the Vons Foundation presented \$10,000 to the Rio Hondo College Foundation to benefit veteran students through the Veterans Emergency Loan Program.

Temporary loans from the Veterans Emergency Loan Program are a critical source of support for students in the process of securing their veteran Financial Educational Benefits. Emergency funds made possible through the Vons Foundation contribution will enable veteran students to begin classes and purchase books and supplies until benefits arrive.

The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The survey results were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by G.I. Jobs.

Signal Hill man gets prison for USC shooting

LOS ANGELES – A Signal Hill man was sent to state prison Monday for 25 years after pleading to shooting a USC student in the chest during a party in September 2011.

Deputy District Attorney Kenneth Ma said 22-year-old Tyson Tyree Smith pleaded no contest to one count of attempted murder. He also admitted using a firearm to commit the crime.

Smith was sentenced immediately to the 25-year prison term by Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg. As part of the negotiated disposition of the case, the judge dismissed a second attempted murder charge and two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm.

The shooting occurred about 1 a.m. on Sept. 4, 2011, in the 1200 block of West 37th Place. A group of mostly USC students were holding a party on the first floor of a two-story apartment building, authorities said.

Smith and three other men, also in their early 20s, joined the party. Police said Smith took headphones belonging to the apartment's tenant and when questioned, drew a .25-caliber automatic pistol.

One of the party-goers, a female student, shouted for everyone to leave. Smith fired one round, hitting the woman in the hand with the bullet continuing on to hit the male student in the chest.

Both students survived. The young man, the more seriously wounded of the two, was hospitalized for 11 days.

Los Angeles police arrested Smith after an intensive investigation that included photos taken by people at the party. He was charged Sept. 15, 2011, and has remained in custody.

Helicopter lands on busy Lakewood street

LAKEWOOD – A sheriff's patrol helicopter was forced to make an emergency landing on a busy Lakewood street on Sunday after a bird flew into the fuselage.

The sheriff's flight crew was flying over Lakewood at about 8:50 p.m. when they heard a loud noise coming from the aircraft.

Once the crew was cleared to land, they landed the Air-24 on Del Amo Boulevard, between Paramount Boulevard and Cherry Avenue.

Once on the ground, the flight crew checked the helicopter and found that the loud noise was caused by a bird striking the fuselage above the pilot canopy.

Del Amo Boulevard was closed for about three hours as mechanics surveyed the damage. The helicopter was able to fly back to headquarters.

No injuries or property damage were reported.

Hallowe'en house party

the fire sleeps
the reed-edged pond
glows violet in the brief sun's light
a minotaur's eye
in the cave of morning

you will play the flute you say
you who have never made music before

spring this year was too hesitant
and not clear about the rumors
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and left early

the pond's sheen turns the color of ripe apples

an afternoon ember flares
and we watch it grow
we need a storyteller
someone whispers was it you

the day devolves into evening
we hear pan pipes calling
above the soft jazz from the next room

beyond the glass wall
a junco taps its bill on the crust of the lawn
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'Don Juan' retold in campus production at Cal State Long Beach

• Professional acting troupe from the Canary Islands to present "Dismantling Don Juan," opening Nov. 3.

LONG BEACH – The image of the prototypical Latin lover gets revisited on Saturday, Nov. 3, when 2rC, a professional acting company from the Canary Islands, performs "Desmontando a Don Juan" ("Dismantling Don Juan") beginning at 7 p.m. in the University Theater at Cal State Long Beach (CSULB).

Bonnie Gasior, a member of the CSULB Romance/German/Russian Languages and Literatures (RGRLL) Department, joins with the campus' Spanish Graduate Student Association (SGSA) to bring the troupe, led by director Rafael Cabrera Rodriguez, to the university.

The event is part of a regional tour that includes CSULB, Cal State San Marcos and the Autonomous University of Baja California.

"Dismantling Don Juan" reexamines a character found in 17th and 19th century Spanish literature, as well as the English, French and Italian traditions, Gasior explained.

"There are two versions of the philandering Spanish Don Juan. The 17th century 'Don Juan' by Tirso de Molina who is banished to hell, and the 19th century 'Don Juan' by José Zorilla, who, in line with the play's romantic milieu, receives a divine pardon," Gasior noted. "What 2rC will stage is a contemporary play based on these two versions that reunite to dialogue with one another. The work ultimately touches on gender roles, misogyny and other social topics to

which students can relate.

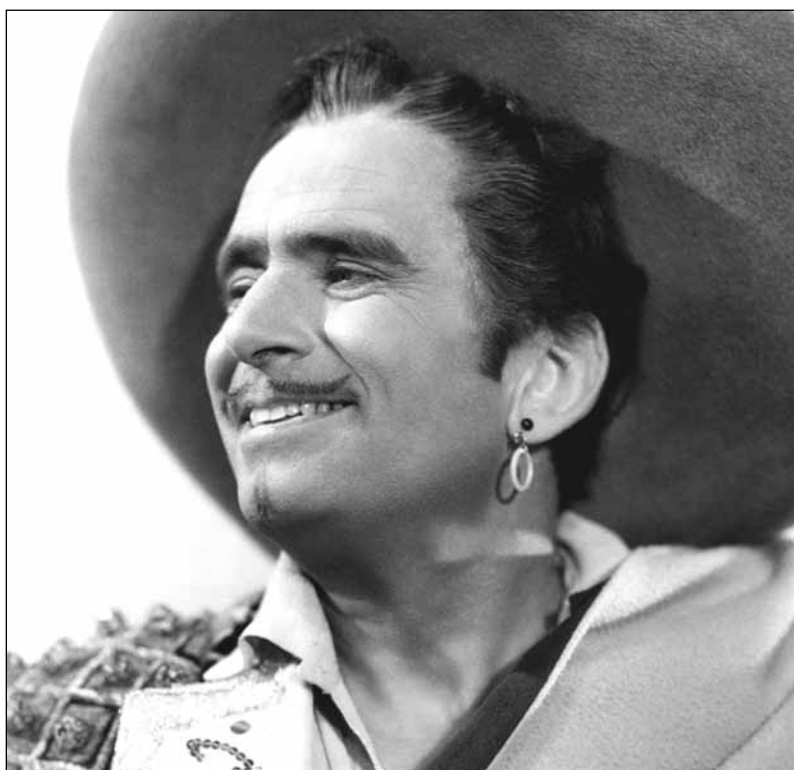
"As a Hispanic-serving institution, I'm thrilled to be able to bring Spanish theater to our campus. We don't often have the opportunity to see high-quality, professional-grade Spanish theater in Long Beach," she added. "The cast will host a question-and-answer session after the play, and in this way, we transform the theater into a large classroom where learning and critical exchange can take place for the audience."

The road to performance is never smooth and the same is true for "Dismantling Don Juan," which was originally scheduled for 2011 before the Spanish economy stumbled. "But thanks to some restored funds in the form of a \$2,100 grant from the Spanish-based Program for Cultural Cooperation, which strives to promote Spanish culture in the U.S., we were finally able to set a date for the staging," Gasior affirmed.

Several departments are co-sponsoring the event, including RGRLL, Chicano and Latino Studies, Theater Arts, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, the President's Commission on the Status of Women as well as the mentoring program Partners for Success.

"It is inspiring to have so many people on board because it highlights the university's commitment to collaboration. When we reach out to individuals in other departments and colleges we create a win-win situation because by default we involve more students," she said.

Gasior thanked the SGSA for its role in organizing the staging of the play. "The aim of the SGSA, which formed in 2010 as an offshoot of the Spanish Club, was to specifi-



cally sponsor intellectual events on campus within RGRLL," she said. "A student organization like this one functions as the mediator between faculty members and campus guests. The students' participation in the organizing process, in the end, teaches them about more than just the event itself. It professionalizes them. By having students directly involved, they can better appreciate the logistics involved in coordinating university events."

Gasior feels it is the responsibility of any university to offer cultural and intellectual events like this. "By definition, students are our focus," she said. When asked if she considered staging the play elsewhere, she replied, "Why would a play like this be performed anywhere else? My primary audience is my classroom, my department and my immediate

community. It wouldn't make sense to perform it anywhere else."

Gasior invites the campus and local community to attend "Dismantling Don Juan." "You cannot walk across this campus without hearing conversations in Spanish," she commented. "For me, to bring something entirely in Spanish to campus which unites students from across the university is to bring something different yet familiar. Spanish theater from this particular part of Spain is indeed a unique opportunity for CSULB."

Tickets for the performance are \$10 for CSULB students, faculty and staff, and \$15 for the general public. To purchase tickets, please go to csulbdesmontadodonjuan.eventbrite.com.



Downey resident Steve Perez is organizing a Halloween-themed community bike ride that starts this Saturday at 8 a.m. on the trail near Treasure Island Park. Bike riders will travel north along the Rio Hondo River to the Montebello Barnyard Zoo before heading back. The community is invited. Perez is pictured above at a "bike parade" he sponsored on July 4.

Self-help meetings in Whittier

WHITTIER – Local residents struggling with anxiety, depression, stress or anger issues are invited to attend a Recovery International meeting held Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Merrill Gardens in Whittier.

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Children's author chats with kids at West Middle School

• Melissa Buell visited the West Middle School campus as part of its "Author Day" program.

By Taylor Adams
7th Grade Journalist

DOWNEY – New author Melissa Buell announced her new series "Tales of Gymandrol" to students at West Middle School on Oct. 17.

Melissa was born and raised in La Mirada and now resides in Fullerton with her husband and two sons, Calvin, age 9, and Wyatt, age 5. She has been married for 11 years, and works as a high school English substitute teacher. Since her children are still young, she would rather be a substitute than a permanent teacher.

While in college, she majored in English because she discovered she could write novels like some of her high school teachers. Not for herself though, she wanted to write a series that her sister (who was 15 at the time) would enjoy. And that's how her first young adult novel, "The Seventh Blessing," came to be.

In the first book of this series, we meet Samantha, who is not just any ordinary girl: she's a young princess who has been blessed by fairies. But instead of getting blessed with dancing, she gets blessed with languages, swordsmanship and other "boy" qualities.

She figures out all blessings but one, the seventh blessing.

As usual, she gets in trouble and is forced to travel around with other princesses and princes in the royal circuit. Little does everyone know, she's the knight defeating all the other princes. She's risking everything to help one family make it through the week. The people who know the truth about her blessings have been

sworn to secrecy... anything to protect the princess, the poor, poor princess... not!

If you'd like to know more about little Samantha's troubles, please buy Melissa's newest trilogy.

Back to the author; naturally she loves to read. When Melissa was younger she loved to borrow books from her local library and read for hours on end. She also wrote book reports for fun; that's what folks in the modern world of today would call dedication.

She also loves to go camping, do arts and crafts, and watch Disney movies with her two little readers at home. Since she's a normal human being, she'd had doubts about writing, but loves the fact that her fans are – and will always be – behind her 100 percent of the way, proving her fears wrong.

One thing you should always do when reading her books, she says, is to always, no matter what, "Root for the good guys; never the bad guy!"

Melissa gladly came to West because of our Author Day Program. This special Author Day presentation was arranged by West Middle School's librarian Julia Desalernos. Mrs. Desalernos is deeply committed to bringing a variety of talented published children authors to West to inspire all students to read more and utilize their creative writing skills.

While at West, 1,000 enthusiastic students sat through Melissa's assemblies and were enchanted when she read from her novel. She informed the students of how she conceived her story ideas.

On a funny note, she shared with the audiences many memories of her youth, like how she couldn't climb fences, and how much she doubted her writing abilities, only to be proved wrong.



Author Melissa Buell visited West Middle School last week, where she read from her novel "The Seventh Blessing."

Violence spurs Norwalk town hall meeting

• Recent uptick in gang violence prompts city to hold town hall with residents.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

NORWALK – About two dozen people turned out for a town hall meeting last Saturday morning at Edmondson Elementary, where residents and sheriff's officials discussed public safety and quality of life issues in Norwalk.

The light crowd wasn't what city and sheriff's officials had hoped for considering more than 6,000 fliers advertising the meeting had been distributed in the neighborhood near Excelsior Drive and Norwalk Boulevard.

"It's disheartening that we visited 6,000 homes and this is the turnout we get," said Lt. Dana Chemnitzer of the Norwalk's Sheriff Station,

who led the meeting with assistance from Capt. Patrick Maxwell and public safety staff. The entire City Council was in attendance as well.

Still, the residents in attendance were actively engaged, peppering sheriff's officials with questions and concerns about after-hour loitering in Norwalk parks, speeders and gang activity.

Nine homicides have occurred in Norwalk this year, and seven have been criminal, Maxwell told the crowd. Most of the killings were gang-related: gang members shooting other gang members. In some cases, the victims were not gang members but dressed like one.

"My advice to parents is, don't let your kids dress like a gangster," Maxwell said. "Because if you dress like a duck and act like a duck, people will think you're a duck."

Thefts are also on the rise in Norwalk, though most are crimes of opportunity in which drivers tempt thieves by leaving their GPS and other electronics in plain sight.

Thieves are targeting SUV third-row seats as well, which can be removed in as little as 30 seconds and sell for big money on the black market.

Another thing to look out for: thieves are breaking into cars at local movie theaters and stealing the garage door opener and car registration. Then they drive to the address listed on the car registration and burglarize the house, knowing the occupants may not be home for a couple of hours.

Burglaries and break-ins have long been a problem in Norwalk due to the city's close proximity to local freeways. In fact, sheriff's deputies arrested two people for a residential burglary last week and the suspects were from Long Beach. Authorities recommended documenting the serial numbers of your electronics, weapons and other valuables.

Meanwhile, residents complained about drunks and gang members hanging out at local parks after dark. Hermosillo Park, in particular, is a sore spot for residents who claim

the park attracts shady characters at all hours of the night.

The park can be accessed through five cul-de-sacs, in addition to its main entrance on 162nd Street. Residents raised the possibility of securing the park with fencing, an idea supported by Councilman Mike Mendez.

"There is never going to be a cost issue when it comes to residents' safety," Mendez said. "If cost is going to prevent us from making the park safe, I never want to hear that."

Councilman Marcel Rodarte agreed, saying the council is "going to do everything in our power in regards to public safety."

Maxwell urged residents to be proactive in their community by reporting suspicious activity to the Norwalk Sheriff's Station.

"There is no problem in Norwalk that we can't fix," the captain said. "But the only way we can take care of the problem is if you let us know about it. We need your input."

Free Thanksgiving meal for seniors

DOWNEY – West Downey Middle School will host its annual free Thanksgiving dinner for senior citizens Nov. 14 in the campus cafeteria.

Now in its 28th year, the event begins with bingo at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 5.

West Middle School parents and staff prepare the food, while students serve it up.

There will also be games, prizes and live music.

The entire event is free to senior citizens. For more information, call (562) 904-3565.

Halloween-themed car show at Bob's Big Boy

DOWNEY – Reflections Car Club So. Cal will host its "trunk or treat" Halloween-themed cruise night car show at Bob's Big Boy on Oct. 30 from 5-10 p.m.

The show is free to the public. Entry fee is \$5 per car with a chance to win a trophy.

The car show will feature all makes and models of cars, hot rods, classics, lowriders and more.

Children can receive free candy and awards will be presented for best costumes, best decorated cars and more.

Dentist hosting Halloween party

CUDAHY – St. James Dental Group in Cudahy is hosting a Halloween party Oct. 30 from 6-8 p.m.

The family-friendly party will include food, drinks, music, games and more.

St. James Dental Group is at 7607 Atlantic Ave. For more information, call (323) 771-7254.

Zombie Walk in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – The fifth annual Long Beach Zombie Walk takes place this Saturday from 3-11 p.m. at Shoreline Village's Marina Green Park.

Zombie Walk features a full day of live music on three stages along with gourmet food trucks, makeup effects artists, zombie artists, horror authors, games and more.

Advance tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at zombiewalklb.com.

Other highlights from Long Beach Zombie Walk include a K walk/run; a "Thriller" flash mob; outdoor movie screening, with "Shaun of the Dead" playing on a giant 50-ft. screen; and horror maze.

Brain Tumor Walk this Sunday

LOS ANGELES – The National Brain Tumor Society will host its first annual Los Angeles Brain Tumor Walk at Exposition Park in downtown Los Angeles this Sunday.

The walk is one of many events that take place throughout the year to support brain tumor research. Last year, more than 27,000 people took part in National Brain Tumor Society's walks, rides and races, raising more over \$7 million to fund research to accelerate the discovery of new treatments and therapies for brain tumors.

Sunday's event features a scenic 5K walk, kids activities, food and awards. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with programs and activities running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each year more than 210,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with a primary of metastatic brain tumor – over 500 people every day. Brain tumors are the second leading cause of cancer-related death in children and young adults under age 20.

CBS, Norwalk extend bus advertising deal

NORWALK – The city of Norwalk extended its deal with CBS Outdoor last week, allowing CBS to continue selling advertising on Norwalk Transit buses.

Under terms of the deal, Norwalk will receive 40 percent of CBS's monthly advertising revenue. Using last year's sales figures, Norwalk expects to receive about \$21,000 per year.

The deal was agreed to in principal last month but City Council members pushed for a higher percentage or \$25,000 in guaranteed income. CBS declined.

James C. Parker, Norwalk's director of transportation, said the city is looking at ways to increase advertising space on Norwalk buses. If that doesn't increase revenue, the city will re-bid the contract, he said.

The contract extension with CBS expires Sept. 30, 2013.

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Date (Fecha): JUNE 07, 2012 JOHN A. CLARKE Clerk, by (Secretario, por) B. GONZALEZ, 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.)

The Downey Patriot 10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

DISTRICT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

Case No.: D-12-468162, Dept. No.: Q DOROTHY W. GAUNT, Plaintiff vs. REX GAUNT, Defendant

Summons (domestic)

NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOU BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

REX GAUNT
The above-captioned Complaint for Divorce ("Complaint") is brought by Plaintiff DOROTHY W. GAUNT ("Plaintiff") to recover a judgment

against you, the Defendant, to DISSOLVE the contract of marriage existing between you, the Defendant, and Plaintiff.

1. If you intend to defend this Complaint for Divorce, within 20 days after this Summons and a copy of the Complaint for Divorce are served on you exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:

a. File with the Clerk of this Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court with the appropriate filing fee.

b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown above and below.

2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff and this Court may thereafter enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your response may be filed on time.

CLERK OF COURT
By: ONDINA AMOS, Deputy Clerk Date August 24, 2012
Regional Justice Center, 200 Lewis Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89155
Family Courts and Services Center, 601 North Pecos Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Issued at the direction of: **READE & ASSOCIATES**

By: Jon Carlston
R. Christopher Reade (SBN 06791)
Jon Carlston (SBN 10869), 1333 N. Buffalo Drive, Suite 210, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128
Tel: (702) 794-4411, Attorneys for Plaintiff, DOROTHY GAUNT, in conjunction with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada Pro Bono Project

The Downey Patriot 10/4/12, 10/11/12, 10/18/12, 10/25/12

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012186282

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MIGUEL DUENAS ENTERTAINMENT, 10433 ADEL WAY, WHITTIER, CA 90604, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL ANGEL DUENAS, 10433 ADEL WAY,

WHITTIER, CA 90604
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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/MIGUEL ANGEL DUENAS OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration

of 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).

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

S/THIEN TONY DUONG, PRESIDENT, TIME 2 PAINTBALL, INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 15, 2012
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement

The Downey Patriot 10/4/12, 10/11/12, 10/18/12, 10/25/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2012205223

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TIME 2 PAINTBALL, 12236 SOUTH ST, ARTESIA, CA 90701, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3073984
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TIME 2 PAINTBALL, INC, 12236 SOUTH ST., ARTESIA, CA 90701

State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by a Corporation

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/THIEN TONY DUONG, PRESIDENT, TIME 2 PAINTBALL, INC.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 15, 2012
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement

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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
10/18/12, 10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012205455

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) J.S. PRICE & ASSOCIATES, 5755 EBERLE STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSHUA PRICE, 5755 EBERLE STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90713

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 10/01/2012

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

S/JOSHUA PRICE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 15, 2012

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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
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012210287

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RIQUIAC AUTO REPAIR, 632 W. ATLANTIC BLVD., LOS ANGELES, CA 90022, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 552 S. FERRIS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ABRAHAM RIQUIAC, 552 S. FERRIS AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90022

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ABRAHAM RIQUIAC, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 22, 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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The Downey Patriot
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012186036

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RODRIGO'S AUTO REPAIR & TIRES, 8925 S. FIGUEROA AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90003, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NORMA MATEO, 119 S. ALEXANDRIA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004 (2) RODRIGO PEDRAZA, 119 S. ALEXANDRIA AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90004

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 7/25/12

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

S/NORMA MATEO/RODRIGO PEDRAZA, OWNERS

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

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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
10/4/12, 10/11/12, 10/18/12, 10/25/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 20121917052

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE VIEW, 8314 2ND STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 9065 HAVEN AVENUE, SUITE 100, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA, 91766

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LOS ANGELES, 9065 HAVEN AVENUE, SUITE 100, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91766

State of Incorporation: STATE OF CALIFORNIA

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/RICHARD Y. WHITTINGHAM, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LOS ANGELES

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 02, 2012

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The Downey Patriot
10/11/12, 10/18/12, 10/25/12, 11/1/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012205654

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PARTY MANIA, 7907 MELVA ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANA ROBERTA SALAZAR, 7907 MELVA ST., DOWNEY, CA 90242 (2) PERLA YESTENIA HERNANDEZ, 31577 FOX GRAPE DR., WINCHESTER, CA 92596

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ANA MODESTA SALAZAR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 15, 2012

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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
10/18/12, 10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012185448

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE RUFFIN COMPANY 911 MORILL AVE SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LINDA MARIE FERNANDEZ, 9111 MORILL AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/LINDA MARIE FERNANDEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

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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
10/4/12, 10/11/12, 10/18/12, 10/25/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012196656

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RAISED AROUND MUSIC, 8741 CEDAR ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) FIXIE FANATIC (3) BMX STUNT KINGS

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAMSEY TATUM, 2129 NORTH NESTOR AVE., COMPTON, CA 90222

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/AMANDA ARHUIRE, MANAGING MEMBER, SUNRISE PROPERTY PRESERVATION, LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 18, 2012

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The Downey Patriot
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012181517

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUNRISE PROPERTY PRESERVATION, LLC, 120 S. DRURY AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO, 64123, COUNTY OF JACKSON (2) P.O. BOX 901224, KANSAS CITY, MO, 64190

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201117181952 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SUNRISE PROPERTY PRESERVATION, LLC, 120 S. DRURY AVENUE, KANSAS CITY, MO, 64123

State of Incorporation: MO

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 06/20/2011

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

S/AMANDA ARHUIRE, MANAGING MEMBER, SUNRISE PROPERTY PRESERVATION, LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

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The Downey Patriot
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012210238

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PARAMOUNT DENTAL CARE, 8524 1/2 ROSECRANS AVE, PARAMOUNT, CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 2754434 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALI S. SHAHIDI D.D.S., A PROFESSIONAL DENTAL CORPORATION, 126 STANFORD CT, IRVINE, CA 92612

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 10/05/2012

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

S/ALI S. SHAHIDI, D.D.S., PRESIDENT & SECRETARY, ALI S. SHAHIDI, D.D.S., A PROFESSIONAL DENTAL CORPORATION

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 22, 2012

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The Downey Patriot
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012195282

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROSE EQUIPMENT REPAIR INC., 8216 SORENSEN AVENUE UNIT J, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 8216 SORENSEN AVENUE UNIT J, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3496874 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSE EQUIPMENT REPAIR INC, 8216 SORENSEN AVENUE UNIT J, LOS ANGELES, CA 90670

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 N/A

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

S/PAULINE ROSE, CEO, ROSE EQUIPMENT REPAIR INC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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The Downey Patriot
10/4/12, 10/11/12, 10/18/12, 10/25/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012196396

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SHEILA NAILS & SPA, 10238 ROSECRANS AVENUE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUE THI HONG DIEP, 11623 1/2 207TH STREET, LAKEWOOD, CA 90715

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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/PAULINE ROSE, CEO, ROSE EQUIPMENT REPAIR INC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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The Downey Patriot
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012206019

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LAS PINATAS PASTRY COMPANY 410 GAGE AVENUE, BELL, CA 90201, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ORSI GARCIA, 4937 1/2 ELIZABETH STREET, CUDAHY, 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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ORSI GARCIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 16, 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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The Downey Patriot
10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2012196656

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RAISED AROUND MUSIC, 8741 CEDAR ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) FIXIE FANATIC (3) BMX STUNT KINGS

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/IRFAN PAREKH, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 26, 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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The Downey Patriot
 10/25/12, 11/1/12, 11/8/12, 11/15/12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2012200634
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) U-CELL, 4350 E SLAUSON AVE, MAYWOOD, CA, 90270, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROGELIO G MORALES, 4350 E SLAUSON AVE, MAYWOOD, CA 90270
 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/ROGELIO G MORALES

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File Number 2012205506
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HIGH QUALITY SERVICES, 11833 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD, #17, DOWNEY, CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HOLGUER QUIROGA, 11833 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD, APT. 17, DOWNEY, CA 90241
 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 09/24/2012
 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/HOLGUER QUIROGA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 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 2012179742
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KEEP IT CLEAN PRESSURE WASHING, 11918 BLUEFIELD AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOEL LEPE, 11918 BLUEFIELD AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 (2) JOHN AVILA, 11703 SINGLETON AVE, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 (3) DEAN REIMER, 14382 HARPT CT, TUSTIN, CA 92780
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership
 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/JOEL LEPE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 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 2012195755
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUPERIOR BUSINESS GROUP, 14006 MULBERRY DR, WITTIER, CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR R GARCIA, 14006 MULBERRY DR, WITTIER, CA 90605 (2) PATRICIA GARCIA, 14006 MULBERRY DR, WITTIER, CA 90605
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 This business is conducted by Husband and Wife
 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 R GARCIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 1, 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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 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 2012207166
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RITADOLAR, 9819 PALM ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) 10021 ARTHURDALE ST, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RITA LOUISE SHERTICK, 10021 ARTHURDALE ST, 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/RITA LOUISE SHERTICK

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 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 2012191069
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ONCE BITTEN APPLE TREATS, 4462 NORTH BANNER DRIVE #2, LONG BEACH, CA 90807, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) EDEN'S EDIBLE CREATIONS
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TIESHA STEWART, 4462 NORTH BANNER DRIVE #2, LONG BEACH, CA 90807
 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 09/24/2012
 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/TIESHA STEWART, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 24, 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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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 File Number 2012184179 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 17, 2010
 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): LOCALS ONLY DISCOUNT NETWORK
 STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 13400 GUNDERSON AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN KEVIN FITZGERALD, 13404 GUNDERSON AVE., DOWNEY, CA 90242
 State of Incorporation: CA
 This business is conducted by a Individual
 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/JOHN KEVIN FITZGERALD, OWNER

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
 (PLN-12-00251)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY OF DOWNEY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of November, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-12-00251 (Conditional Use Permit): A request to operate a physical training/fitness center (Pledge Fitness Physical Training) on property zoned C-2 (General Commercial)

LOCATED AT: 12143 Paramount Boulevard, Downey

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
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CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

On October 23, 2012, the City Council introduced an ordinance amending Downey Municipal Code Section 3186 increasing the speed limit on Ardis Avenue, between Foster Road and Imperial Highway, to thirty (30) miles per hour.

A copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC, City Clerk
 Dated: October 25, 2012

The Downey Patriot
 10/25/12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
 (PLN-12-00221)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing

will be held before the CITY OF DOWNEY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of November, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-12-00221 (Conditional Use Permit): A request to establish and operate a "Zumba" fitness dance studio on property zoned C-2 (General Commercial) and PB (Parking Buffer).

LOCATED AT: 7444 Florence Avenue, Downey

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
 10/25/12

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election, consolidated with the Statewide General Election, to be held in the City of Downey on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT #1 VOTE FOR ONE

Michael Murray Businessman/Planning Commissioner

Luis Marquez Council Member, City of Downey

*Mark Vasquez

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT #3 VOTE FOR ONE

*Roger Brossmer Mayor

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL – DISTRICT #5 VOTE FOR ONE

*Gabriel Orozco Small Business Owner

Alex Saab Business Owner/Attorney

Salvador Franco Businessman/Entrepreneur

*Ricardo Perez Attorney At Law

*Candidates accepted the City's Expenditures Limit

MEASURE TO BE VOTED ON:

Shall an ordinance be adopted to reduce the tax on telecommunication services from 5% to 4.8% modernize the ordinance to treat taxpayers equally regardless of technology used; and to preserve funding of general City services, such as police, fire protection, street maintenance; and for parks and recreation, library and senior citizen programs; subject to an annual independent audit?

YES

NO

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
 City Clerk
 Published: October 25, 2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED VARIANCE
 (PLN-12-00238)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY OF DOWNEY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of November, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-12-00238 (Variance): A request to deviate from Section 9620.04 of Downey Municipal Code allowing for a proposed monument sign to exceed the maximum allowable square footage, thereby increasing the maximum sign area from 20 sq. ft. to 42 sq. ft.; and to allow the sign to encroach into the required 7' setback by 5'-5", thereby providing a 1'-7" setback from the property line, on property zoned C-P (Professional Office).

LOCATED AT: 8441 Florence Avenue, Downey

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 15305 (Class 5, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations)

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.

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NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education for the DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Downey, CA (Los Angeles County), will receive Bid Number 12/13-09 for the procurement of the following:

BBQ Truck and Related Accessories for the Food Services Department

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241 no later than 11:00 AM on Friday, November 9, 2012.

Companies interested in bidding should request appropriate bid documents from the Purchasing Department, (562) 469-6532.

A Bidders Conference for the purpose of acquainting prospective bidders with the unique requirements of the District will be held on Friday, November 2 at 10:00 AM commencing in Room 108 at the District office address noted above. Attendance is optional.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Refer to the formal bid documents and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.
 Darren Purselglove
 Director of Purchasing and Warehouse
 Downey Unified School District

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
 (PLN-12-00210)

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the CITY OF DOWNEY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 7th day of November, 2012, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to PLN-12-00210 (Conditional Use Permit): A request to allow valet parking, which includes reduced size parking spaces, at an existing multi-tenant building located at 11820-11822 Downey Avenue, zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

LOCATED AT: 11820-22 Downey Avenue, Downey

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.

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LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 – 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 – 1812.609 and Section 988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Wednesday 14th day of November, 2012 at 1:00 P.M., on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, having liens against them, and which are located at Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Customer Name	Unit #
Jesse R. Munoz	1023
Sherae Colbert	1055
Julia Ballows	1153
Mattie Louise Hines	1240
Sonny Ferguson	1250
Raynelle Davis	1322
Italia Costoni	1339
James R. Martinez	1423
Dennis Hyde	1556
Aurora Perez	1580
Maritz Peraza	2007
Patrick Wilson	2163
Eulogio D. Regla	2232
Richard Morgan	2333
Maria G. Sanchez	2410
Sergio Villacana	2428
John J. Moore Jr.	2510
Kyandra Washington	2523
Gilbert J. Moore Jr.	2915
Mc Lemore Johnson	2915

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 25th of OCTOBER 2012 and 1st day of NOVEMBER 2012.

Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: W11254152
 562.630.7270

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICK JOSEPH WISE
 Case No. VP014814

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICK JOSEPH WISE

PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Edward R. Wise in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Edward R. Wise be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 18, 2012 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. L located at 12720 Norwalk, 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.

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
THOMAS R. MYERS
 SBN 112940
 MYERS & PORTER APC
 38 TECHNOLOGY DR
 STE 250
 IRVINE CA 92618

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SANTIAGO N. RODRIGUEZ
 CASE NO. VP014692

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SANTIAGO N. RODRIGUEZ.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: Santiago M. Rodriguez in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

The Petition for Probate requests that Santiago M. Rodriguez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not

grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
 Date: 10/30/12 - Time: 8:30 A.M. - Dept.: L
 Address of the court: 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the

refunds, overpayments, rebates and return of monies, including, but not limited to, sales tax refunds, tax refunds, tax refund claims and rights to and payments of refunds, overpayments or overfundings under any pension, retirement or profit sharing plans and any guarantee, security interests or other security held by or granted to Debtor to secure payment by an account holder of any of the Accounts Receivable. "Inventory" shall mean any and all goods, finished goods, whole goods, materials, raw materials, work-in-progress, components or supplies, wherever located and whether now owned or hereinafter acquired and owned by Debtor, including, without limitation, goods, finished goods, whole goods, materials, raw materials, work-in-process, components or supplies in transit, wherever located, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired by Debtor, which are held for demonstration, illustration, sale or lease, furnished under any contract of service or held as raw materials, work-in-process for manufacturing or processing or supplies for Debtor to secure payment by an account holder used or to be used in the business of Debtor, and shall include such other property, the sale or disposition of which was given rise to an Accounts Receivable and which has been returned to or repossessed or stopped in transit by or on behalf of Debtor, but shall not include property owned by third parties in the possession of Debtor. "Person" shall mean individuals and any "Persons" shall mean collectively, any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, association, corporation, institution, entity, party or government (whether national, federal, state, county, city, municipal or otherwise including, without limitation, any instrumentally, division, agency, or authority) and "Person" shall mean any Uniform Commercial Code as enacted and amended in the State of California, and as may be further amended from time to time. Beneficiary reserves its right to (i) revoke, in its sole and absolute discretion, its election to include some or all of the Personal Property and/or fixtures, and (ii) add, in its sole and absolute discretion, additional personal property and/or fixtures to the election herein expressed, in each case, from time to time, and at any time, until the consummation of the Trustee's Sale to be conducted pursuant to the Deed of Trust and this Notice of Trustee's Sale. Beneficiary reserves its right to assume or reject in its sole and absolute discretion, upon written notice to the applicable contract counterpart, any of all contracts affecting the Real Property or the Personal Property, which right to assume or reject shall succeed to any purchaser of the Real Property and the Personal Property at the foreclosure sale under the Deed of Trust (and such purchaser's successors and assigns) to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Nothing herein shall constitute an assumption by the Beneficiary, or any purchaser of the Real Property and the Personal Property at the foreclosure sale under the Deed of Trust (or such purchaser's successors and assigns), of any obligations or liabilities arising under or in connection with any of the Real Property or the Personal Property. No warranty is made that any of the personal property items are available for the successful bidder and no covenant or warranty, express or implied, is made as to the condition, title, possession, quiet enjoyment, encumbrances, or the like, of any of the Personal Property, which shall be sold "as is" "where is". Beneficiary has heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned, a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale (the "Declaration"). Pursuant to the Declaration, the undersigned prepared a Notice of Default and Election to Sell (the "NOD"). The Beneficiary approved the NOD and the undersigned subsequently caused the NOD to be recorded in the County where the Real Property is located. More than three months have elapsed since the NOD was Recorded: October 9, 2012. Fidelity National Title Company dba Fidelity National Default Services 4350 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 370 San Diego, California 92122 (877) 393-6812 www.priorityposting.com Susan Bales, Vice President P992153 10/11, 10/18, 10/25/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20110015006767 Title Order No.: 1105817793 FHAVVA/PMI NO.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/02/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/02/2006 and recorded in the office of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: STAN PACZYNSKI AND CECILE PACZYNSKI, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment acceptable to the Trustee at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States. DATE OF SALE: 11/07/2012 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS AND OTHER COMMON DESIGNATION, IF ANY, OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED ABOVE IS PURPORTED TO BE 13246 LAURELDALE AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6261-006-017 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and the amount of the interest thereon, as advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$352,291.64. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 11-33976-JP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/15/2012 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-624-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727 Sales Website www.ndscorp.com. NOTICE TO TRUSTEE'S SUCCESSORS AND REPRESENTATIVE-A-4313990 10/18/12, 10/25/2012, 11/01/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 11-33976-JP-CA YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOSE MARIO PORTILLO, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee, NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, 06/29/2006 as Instrument No. 06 14365111 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of LOS ANGELES County, California. Date of Sale: 11/07/2012 at 11:00 a.m. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$294,331.01 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11860 HAYFORD STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8080-018-021 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by the trustee a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by the Trust, is authorized to act for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 11-33976-JP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/15/2012 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-624-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727 Sales Website www.ndscorp.com. NOTICE TO TRUSTEE'S SUCCESSORS AND REPRESENTATIVE-A-4313990 10/18/12, 10/25/2012, 11/01/2012

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APN: 8079-021-016 TS NO: CA09001812-12-2 TO NO: 5908030 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED January 19, 2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 8, 2012 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom at Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC FINANCIAL INC. dba TRUSTEE CORPS, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by the Trust, is authorized to act for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 11-33976-JP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/15/2012 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-624-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727 Sales Website www.ndscorp.com. NOTICE TO TRUSTEE'S SUCCESSORS AND REPRESENTATIVE-A-4313990 10/18/12, 10/25/2012, 11/01/2012

monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address on the previous page for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 10/18/12-12-2. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATE: October 8, 2012 TRUSTEE CORPS 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 APN: CA 92614 949-252-8300 Jose Hernandez, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL AUCTION.COM AT 800.280.2832 TRUSTEE CORPS MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P991968 10/11, 10/18, 10/25/2012

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APN: 6266-010-016 TS NO: CA09000420-12-1 TO NO: 95301046 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED May 24, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 14, 2012 at 09:00 AM, Vineyard Ballroom at Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, MTC FINANCIAL INC. dba TRUSTEE CORPS, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by the Trust, is authorized to act for the mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 11-33976-JP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/15/2012 NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION 7720 N. 16th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, AZ 85020 phone 602-624-6101 Sales Line 714-730-2727 Sales Website www.ndscorp.com. NOTICE TO TRUSTEE'S SUCCESSORS AND REPRESENTATIVE-A-4313990 10/18/12, 10/25/2012, 11/01/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 734520CA LOAN NO. 5304290827 Title Order No. 36-22562 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10-18-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11-21-2012 at 9:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECORDS AND COMPARATIVE SERVICES, AS APPOINTED TRUSTEE UNDER AND PURSUANT TO DEED OF TRUST RECORDED 11-01-2006, Book # Page, Instrument 06-2425866, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ROSA E TOPETE, A WIDOW, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SERVICES AND COMPARATIVE SERVICES, AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, PREFERRED FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. DBA WWW.WHOLESALELENDINGONLINE.COM, IT'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be used for that purpose. The undersigned Trustee tender other than cash as accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Auction.com at 800.280.2832 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address on the previous page for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000420-12-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATE: October 8, 2012 TRUSTEE CORPS TS NO: CA09000420-12-1 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Jose Hernandez, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.Auction.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM AT 800.280.2832 TRUSTEE CORPS MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P993002 10/18, 10/25, 11/01/2012

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T.S. NO.: 2012-00705 Loan No.: 4000575870 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/10/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD

CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: DANA C. HANSON AND PATRICIA A. HANSON, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: Power Default Services, Inc. Recorded 2/20/2004 as Instrument No. 04 0388999 in book # page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/21/2012 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$389,686.97 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7625 DEPALMA STREET DOWNEY, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of the notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2012-00705. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/19/2012 Power Default Services, Inc. 1525 South Belline Coppell, Texas 75019 Sale Line: (800)-280-2832 Website: www.auction.com. LaTricia Hemphill, Trustee Sales Officer P993255 11/1, 11/08/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1310548-39 APN: 701-06-00620 TRA: 002009 0AN Property Lien, xxxxxxx2334. Rolando Important Notice to Property Owner: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 26, 2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 08, 2012, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded March 10, 2010, as Inst. No. 20100326987 in book XX, page XX of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Rolando Reginaldo and Liz Reginaldo, Husband And Wife As Joint Tenants, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; Doubletree hotel los angeles-norwalk, 13111 sycamore drive vineyard Ballroom Norwalk, California, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by i under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **Completely described** as follows: Parcel 2 of Tract Map 54347, as shown and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 16347 Harvest Avenue Norwalk CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, condition or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and the amount of the interest thereon, as advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$298,490.35. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 1363548-39. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/19/2012 Power Default Services, Inc. 1525 South Belline Coppell, Texas 75019 Sale Line: (800)-280-2832 Website: www.auction.com. LaTricia Hemphill, Trustee Sales Officer P993255 11/1, 11/08/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 734520CA LOAN NO. 5304290827 Title Order No. 36-22562 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10-18-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11-21-2012 at 9:00 AM, CALIFORNIA RECORDS AND COMPARATIVE SERVICES, AS APPOINTED TRUSTEE UNDER AND PURSUANT TO DEED OF TRUST RECORDED 11-01-2006, Book # Page, Instrument 06-2425866, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ROSA E TOPETE, A WIDOW, as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SERVICES AND COMPARATIVE SERVICES, AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER, PREFERRED FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. DBA WWW.WHOLESALELENDINGONLINE.COM, IT'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Legal Description: A CONDOMINIUM COMPOSED OF PARCEL 2 OF UNDIVIDED LOT 10 OF INTEREST IN AND TO COMMON AREA OF MODULE 1 OF CONDOMINIUM PLAN RECORDED NOVEMBER 10, 2005 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 05-2721802 CONSTITUTING A PORTION OF LOT 1 OF TRACT MAP 54347, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER THE UNDIVIDED LOT 10 OF INTEREST IN 76 AND 77 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THEREFROM UNITS 1 THROUGH 10 INCLUSIVE AS SHOWN AND DEFINED ON THE CONDOMINIUM PLAN REFERRED TO ABOVE. PARCEL 2: UNIT 7 AS DEFINED AND DELINEATED ON THE ABOVE REFERRED TO CONDOMINIUM PLAN. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$673,909.81 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 8314 TELEGRAPH ROAD #7 DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6367-024-030 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; that it has contacted the lender or the lender borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 10-16-2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO RENEW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: www.ipsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-733-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, AS DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself.

Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title 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. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 1363548-39. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/19/2012 Power Default Services, Inc. 1525 South Belline Coppell, Texas 75019 Sale Line: (800)-280-2832 Website: www.auction.com. LaTricia Hemphill, Trustee Sales Officer P993255 11/1, 11/08/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1310548-39 APN: 701-06-00620 TRA: 002009 0AN Property Lien, xxxxxxx2334. Rolando Important Notice to Property Owner: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 26, 2010. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On November 08, 2012, at 9:00

