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Gabriel Orozco 3,635
Ricardo Perez 2,569
- City Council - District 1**
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Michael Murray 2,055
Mark Vasquez 581
- Measure D (telecommunications tax in Downey)**
Yes 18,730
No 4,867
- Cerritos College Trustee Area 1**
Bob Arthur 7,928
Leonard Zuniga 5,016
- Cerritos College Trustee Area 2**
Carmen Avalos 7,646
Tom Jackson 3,847
- Cerritos College Trustee Area 3**
John Paul Drayer 7,674
Jean McHatton 3,639
- Cerritos College Trustee Area 4**
Marisa Perez 6,273
Ted Edmiston 6,146
- Cerritos College Trustee Area 6**
Sandra Salazar 6,202
Tina Cho 4,160
- L.A. County District Attorney**
Jackie Lacy 1,113,455
Alan Jackson 911,345
- Prop. 30 (taxes to fund education)**
Yes 4,959,206
No 4,241,246
- Prop 31 (2-year state budget cycle)**
Yes 3,369,175
No 5,220,193
- Prop 32 (union contributions)**
Yes 3,973,720
No 5,086,590
- Prop 33 (auto insurance)**
Yes 4,046,725
No 4,872,423
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Yes 4,269,535
No 4,776,815
- Prop 35 (human trafficking)**
Yes 7,309,737
No 1,698,939
- Prop 36 (amend three strikes law)**
Yes 6,181,771
No 2,826,624
- Prop 37 (food labeling)**
Yes 4,277,985
No 4,835,045
- Prop 38 (education tax)**
Yes 2,489,028
No 6,495,745
- Prop 39 (multistate business tax)**
Yes 5,295,968
No 3,522,579
- Prop 40 (redistrict senate)**
Yes 6,068,518
No 2,427,514
- Measure A (elect assessor)**
Yes 440,092
No 1,537,693
- Measure B (condoms in adult films)**
Yes 1,171,287
No 925,782
- Measure J (MTA sales tax)**
Yes 1,367,357
No 745,310

SAAB WINS BIG

Marquez re-elected

• Alex Saab garners 56.4 percent of the vote to earn seat on Downey City Council.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – By a margin of more than 9,000 votes, local attorney and community leader Alex Saab was overwhelming selected to assume the role as Downey’s newest councilman on Tuesday.

Saab graciously thanked the community on Wednesday, pledging to work hard for the residents of Downey over the next four years.

“I’m humbled and honored the citizens have elected me,” he said. “I take this very seriously and I appreciate the confidence of the community. Every action I take will be in the best interests of all residents.”

The race in District 5 likely became the most tumultuous this year with four candidates vying to replace Councilman Luis Marquez, who decided to vacate his District 5 city-wide seat in order to seek reelection in District 1.

In addition to Saab, the contenders included former professional baseball player Gabriel Orozco, former Bell Gardens Councilman Salvador Franco, and attorney-at-law Ricardo Perez, who did no public campaigning.

Saab easily outpaced his opponents by earning 56.4 percent of the vote, collecting 13,626 votes. Franco, who many believed to be Saab’s greatest challenger, ended up with 4,289 votes, 17.7 percent of the vote, followed by Orozco who fell behind with 3,635 votes, just 15.07 percent of the vote.

Without any campaigning, Perez still managed to garner 2,569 votes, 10.6 percent of the vote.

“We tried our best and ran our campaign. I felt good about it, but the community wanted something different,” said Franco. “I want to congratulate Alex Saab and I hope he does the best for the community.”

After a decisive victory over his competitors on Tuesday, Saab believes voters supported his campaign’s positive message.

“This shows that residents share the same values of family, ethics, and integrity that our campaign was sharing with the community,” said Saab who laid out a few of his priorities upon taking office.

“Clearly we need to work at improving our budget, our public safety, and we should continue the path of building our downtown through business and arts and culture.”

Saab, 37, is a married father of one 4-year-old son and a lifelong Downey resident with law offices in the city. He is currently president-elect of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

DISTRICT 1

In one of the closest City Council elections in years, Councilman Luis Marquez narrowly defeated Michael Murray in District 1. Marquez’s 2,152 votes were just enough to edge out his opponent who earned 2,055 votes.



Alex Saab, right, is congratulated by his wife, Giggy, after winning a seat on the City Council on Tuesday.

Photos by Martin Trejo

Marquez will serve a second four-year term on the city council.

District 1, which covers south-east Downey, was a competitive race from the start with three candidates hoping to replace Mayor Pro Tem David Gafin, who will be termed out of office this year.

Longtime resident and active community leader Mark Vasquez faced off against Marquez and Murray, a Downey planning commissioner and owner of Downey Used Cars on Lakewood Boulevard.

Vasquez collected 581 votes, 12.13 percent of the vote.

“There are still votes to be counted, but we’re very confident that the lead will hold up and that we will prevail,” said Marquez. “I’m extremely honored to have another four years to help move this city forward.”

Marquez thanked his family, friends, and neighbors who helped him campaign his way to a slim margin of victory.

“And I want to congratulate Mr. Mike Murray for a professional campaign. We were both out there talking to voters, it was a very good campaign and I want to thank him publicly,” Marquez said.

Murray said he’s not bitter over the close results, but is pleased that he was able to capture the votes that he did.

“I did the best that I could, I’m not a professional politician,” he said. “I should have done more, pushed a little harder, but I’m a positive person. We ran a clean campaign and I want to thank the people that voted. I grew up in Downey – I care about this city. I just want to give back.”

In a second term, Marquez said his focus will turn towards modernizing Downey’s parks, tackling fiscal issues, preserving the city’s police and fire departments, and



Michael Murray thanks supporters at an election night party Tuesday. Luis Marquez, who did not host an election night event, won a second four-year term on the City Council.

continuing the highest level of services for the community.

“I plan on working closely with my council colleagues to move the city forward,” said Marquez.

DISTRICT 3

Mayor Roger Brossmer who ran unopposed for his District 3 (north-west) seat, cruised to reelection on Tuesday receiving 5,149 votes from his constituents.

Last week, Brossmer praised the community and pledged to continue his public service with residents in mind.

“I was honored to serve the last four years and I want the residents to know that I look forward to four more years,” Brossmer said. “I want

to continue to really keep an eye on the budget. We were able to close the gap this year, but that deficit’s not going away. I also want to bring in more businesses and jobs for our city so they’ll be no more cuts in the future.”

Brossmer will be termed out of office in 2016.

Downey residents also voted heavily in favor of Measure D on Tuesday.

Placed on the ballot by the city council, Measure D will update the city’s existing utility users tax so it can be applied equally to both older telephone technology and newer telecommunications technologies.

Measure D, which was approved by 79.37 percent of the vot-

ers, will also decrease the telephone utility tax from 5 to 4.8 percent. The electricity and gas utility tax, however, will remain at the current rate of 5 percent.

The current telephone utility tax applies only to cell phones, local and long-distance calls on landlines, but under Measure D all intrastate, interstate and international communications, regardless of the technology used, will be subject to taxation.

That includes everything from fiber optic lines to Internet services like Skype, and other telecommunications modes. It would not apply to digital downloads such as games, ringtones, and music.

Garcia wins Assembly race

• Democratic candidate wins handily to represent state Assembly's 58th district.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – College professor and political activist Cristina Garcia cruised to victory on Tuesday night, easily defeating Republican challenger Patricia Kotze-Ramos after a combative race in the 58th Assembly district.

With 100 percent of the precincts reporting, Garcia of Bell Gardens earned 71.5 percent of the vote, nearly 69,250 votes, while Kotze-Ramos of Downey trailed behind with just 28.5 percent.

"I want to say thank you to the voters who exercised their civic duty," Garcia said. "To my constituents, I am excited and blessed by this opportunity. I promise to work hard and with a passion, but I ask for patience. I need time to learn – grow with me along the way."

Garcia believes the large majority includes both Democrats and Republicans who embraced her message of reform.

"We surpassed the Democratic enrollment so this is not just party politics," she said. "In Sacramento, I will extend the olive branch to my peers and I hope they're willing to do that too."

Instrumental in bringing reform to the embattled city of Bell, Garcia organized a community group, called BASTA, 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.

In 2009, Garcia ran for the Bell Gardens City Council, but lost. However, the 34-year-old used her activism and prior campaign experience to outpace rival Tom Calderon during the Democratic primary.

Garcia used donated space inside the historic Rives Mansion in Downey and led a community-driven, grassroots campaign with experienced team members.

Endorsed by the California League of Conservation Voters, Ali Saleh and Danny Harber, the mayor and vice-mayor of Bell, and the Bell Police Officers Association, Garcia gained the support of several advo-

cacy groups and political outsiders that vouched for her reformer credentials.

Garcia's inauguration will mark the first time in 14 years that a member of the Calderon family will not represent the 58th Assembly District, which first elected Tom Calderon in 1998 followed by his brothers Ron and Charles.

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

Cerritos College board will have new look

• Nearly all board of trustees incumbents swept out of office by challengers.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

NORWALK – In the first election since Cerritos College replaced its at-large voting system with seven separate areas, the board of trustees was left virtually unrecognizable as a wave of new candidates swept nearly every incumbent out of office on Tuesday.

However, the exception was in Area 1, which encompasses portions of Downey, Norwalk and Bell Gardens.

Incumbent Bob Arthur easily defeated Leonard Zuniga with 61.2 percent of the vote (7,928 votes). Zuniga picked up 5,016 votes, 38.7 percent of the vote. First elected to the Board of Trustees in 1995, Arthur is a former mayor of Norwalk and councilman who was re-elected to the board in 2007.

In Area 3, appointed incumbent Jean McHatton was easily defeated by local educator John Paul Drayer who garnered 67.83 percent of the vote. McHatton received 3,639 votes, nearly 32.1 percent. Area 3 includes portions of Cerritos, Bellflower, Downey and South Gate.

Carmen Avalos, city clerk for the city of South Gate, also handily defeated a longtime incumbent, retired Cerritos College faculty member Tom Jackson. Avalos reclaimed a seat on the board of



Bob Arthur

trustees in Area 2, which represents portions of Downey, Bellflower and South Gate, with 66.53 percent of the vote (7,646 votes). Jackson earned 3,847 votes, nearly 33.4 percent of the vote.

In the closest contest of the night, 20-year incumbent Ted Edmiston of Area 4 narrowly lost to newcomer Marisa Perez who collected 50.51 percent of the vote (6,273 votes). Edmiston received 49.49 percent, losing by just 127 votes. Area 4 includes portions of Long Beach, Hawaiian Gardens,

Lakewood, Bellflower, and Cerritos.

In Area 6, which represents portions of Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and Cerritos, another incumbent lost a seat on the Board of Trustees. Dr. Tina Cho, a psychiatrist who was just elected in 2007, was defeated by clinic doctor Sandra Salazar.

Cho received 40.15 percent of the vote (4,160 votes). Salazar earned 59.85 percent (6,202 votes).



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Art of Rancho dazzles as Debbie Tomlinson shines

• Rancho administrator recognized for making Art of Rancho show a reality.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY -- When Debbie Tomlinson opened her eyes Wednesday morning, she never dreamed she was about to experience one of the greatest nights of her life.

The Director of Volunteer and Support Services at world-renowned Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, Debbie had worked for months with her colleagues at the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation to make the 17th Art of Rancho Exhibition the best ever.

In many ways, Debbie has a thankless job, working with her assistant Debbie Loera and a team of dedicated volunteers to oversee Rancho's vibrant volunteer program. She works with hundreds of community volunteers who give more than a million dollars in time each year to help Rancho and its patients in every way imaginable.

Debbie Tomlinson spends most of her life in the background at Rancho, screening, training and matching volunteers with assignments that will help them do something meaningful in their lives while helping fill critical needs for volunteers at the hospital. She also goes far beyond that, putting on the New Year's Carnival, contributing mightily to the Foundation's annual Amistad Gala and many other hospital events, and always being there for patients who need someone to help them find a smoother path on their personal journeys to independence.

"Debbie is an important part of the very fabric of Rancho," said the hospital's CEO Jorge Orozco. "I can't imagine how we could do what we do without the incredible volunteer resources she makes available for our staff. Most importantly, Debbie is someone who the entire Rancho family admires for the way she always puts our patients first. She sets a great example for all of us."

One thing about Debbie's work life has been consistent over all the years. She never seeks credit, always taking the time to thank and compliment everyone around her. She is the consummate teammate, and so many Rancho patients, volunteers, staff and community leaders consider her a true friend.

Wednesday, Debbie spent the entire day putting the finishing touches on the greatest Art of Ran-

cho Exhibition ever. Because of her efforts, and those of many others such as Julie Knabe and Beverly Mathis, the more than 500 magnificent artworks of nearly 50 Rancho artists would come to life for approximately 1,000 attendees at that evening's art show. It is Debbie who works with the talented Rancho artists throughout the year, it is Debbie who catalogues the many artworks for the Art of Rancho exhibition, and it is Debbie who works with the Rancho staff to identify and develop new artistic talent in the Art of Rancho family that has grown to nearly 100 artists of all ages.

In addition to brilliant photographer and featured artist Carlos Benavides and new artist Alicia Barocio, Rancho artists such as Jesus Velasco, Magdalia Ortiz and Kelvin Wilkerson were scheduled to show their works on Wednesday. And for the first time, the future artists of Rancho from the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts program would be joining them.

Thanks to contributions from Supervisor Don Knabe and Sam and Beverly Mathis, the entire Art of Rancho show was underwritten this year.

Debbie worked for three long days to make the event sparkle. But for her, it is all about the patients.

"I have been blessed to work with our artists over nearly two decades, and the art program is the highlight of my professional life," she said. "As great as each of them are as artists, each of them is an even better person. It has been my pleasure to work side-by-side with them, to share their trials and triumphs, and to witness their courage and commitment as they have developed into the world's most accomplished group of artists with disabilities."

"We were very pleased to have our future artists join the show this year, because they bring a youthful enthusiasm and a different viewpoint on the world that is reflected in the art they create," she added.

"It's interesting to see how when you get to see our artists, their disabilities become almost invisible because their artworks are so powerful that you focus solely on their abilities," Debbie said. "I really love our artists...they have become just like an extended family for me. When I came to Rancho all those years ago, I never imagined that I would be part of something that has brought so much joy to so many people."

Although each of the artists have stories worth reading about, we have selected five members of the Art of Rancho program to represent their fellow artists. Here, in

their own words, are the stories of five of the patients who created especially wonderful artworks for this year's show.

Featured Artist Carlos Benavides

"In 2003, I had an accident that changed my whole way of living. I suffered a spinal cord injury, leaving me an incomplete quadriplegic. I am now an outpatient at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

"Being in a wheelchair and in constant pain has made me more aware of my surroundings and the challenges of everyday life. I also realize that when someone has a life-altering injury they have to find a way to express who they are. My designs, pictures and music express who I am.

"I would like to say thank you to Rancho for supporting the arts. I now have a more positive and passionate outlook on life. Rancho has helped many people find special meaning in their lives. I feel I can do almost anything any able-bodied person can do, because of the passion and love I have for life. The only limitations I have are the ones I set for myself.

"I have truly enjoyed putting my talents to work at Rancho as a volunteer. I have created many special photographs and graphic works for the hospital, most recently the branding for the first annual Rancho Car Show.

"Although the way I use my camera and computer and the way I use various media have been specially adapted to my ability, in my heart I have always known I am an artist. That's how I roll!"

New Artist Alicia Barocio

"I came to Los Angeles in 1992 with the intention of majoring in English in college, but I became fascinated by the world of fine arts and eventually earned a Presidential scholarship to USC. I graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2005 with my Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts.

"The reason it took me so long to get my degree is that I have had epilepsy that causes periodic and serious seizures. It's a challenge to practice my art with my medical condition, but art is the only thing that helps me get back up every time a relapse knocks me down.

"I entered Rancho in August 2011 with the hope that I would be able to get some relief. Thanks to Rancho's Dr. David Millett, I am much better. I spent a week as an inpatient and have been an outpatient ever since. Dr. Millett is so compassionate and knowledgeable that I



Debbie Tomlinson, center, flanked by Rancho CEO Jorge Orozco and County Supervisor Don Knabe

know he will do everything possible to help control my condition. Now I am back on the road to reaching my potential as an artist.

"My art expresses my passion for life through my subjects, mediums and colors. Everything in my artwork is carefully selected, because it is the one part of my life where I have total control. I also have the joy of knowing I am doing the work I love, and doing it well. I am very grateful to Dr. Millett and Rancho for helping me believe in myself and knowing that I can achieve my dream of being a successful artist!"

Artist Jesus Velasco

"I am the sixth of 14 children in my family. When I was just 10 months old, I was stricken with polio, which severely affected both of

my legs and arms.

"I came to the United States in 1992 to live with my brothers in San Francisco, looking for some medical help so that I could become more independent. There, I earned my high school diploma at an adult school and started to play quad rugby.

"We moved to Los Angeles in 2000. A year later, I broke one of my legs in a fall and became an outpatient at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Thanks to the wonderful work of the staff, my leg has almost completely recovered.

"When I got to Los Angeles, I began painting, and Rancho has given me a great forum to show my work. Now I am involved with both the Art of Rancho and the Performing Arts of Rancho programs and I am enjoying the best years of my

life!"

Artist Magdalia Ortiz

"At 20 years old, I was involved in a terrible auto accident which left me paralyzed from the waist down. With the support of my family and friends, I was able to overcome this situation.

"I found Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which has given me the tools to build an independent life, including the opportunity to pursue my artistic talents. I realized that painting gave me more than I could have possibly imagined. My talents have

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Art of Rancho: patients showcase their talent

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grown, and I have also grown as a person.

"Rancho Los Amigos has also shown me how I can be independent while valuing my life as a whole. I am grateful to all of the doctors, therapists and nurses who have assisted me during my rehab process.

"I am always amazed and pleased at how many people truly enjoy my paintings. I wish everyone the same happiness that I have found in my new life, thanks to the support and inspiration I received at Rancho!"

Artist

Kelvin Wilkerson

"I was born and raised in Los Angeles and have been involved with the arts since 1980. My interest in painting began as a small child when my mother gave me a paint-by-number set. I had a natural aptitude to blend colors and later learned how to compose themes with dynamic subject matters.

"I was making an excellent living as an artist, but I suffered a debilitating stroke in October 2001, which threatened my ability to paint.

"During my rehabilitation at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, my treatment team encouraged me to begin painting again. With Rancho's support, I am again creating the landscapes, seascapes, portraits and other creations that define me as an artist.

"Although my stroke challenged

my creative future, Rancho helped me learn how to make the most of my remaining ability. This year, I created several new paintings for the Art of Rancho exhibition, but I just finished another hospital stay on Tuesday, and I was just too weak to physically attend the show.

"I thank Debbie for reminding everyone about me and for making sure my artworks were featured in this year's electronic calendar. And I am very hopeful about my artistic future. I am already looking forward to next year's show, and I am planning now to participate in the Arts and Crafts show on November 28-29 and the New Year's Carnival on December 27.

"Even when I am physically challenged by everything that has happened to my body, my spirit soars each time I begin to paint. My art helps make me stronger, and gives me so much to look forward to in life. I thank my friends at Rancho for believing in me and helping me believe in myself."

These five artists are representative of the wide range of backgrounds and talents of Rancho's artists. In addition each knows that although they have survived significant disabling illnesses and injuries, they will count on Rancho to help maintain the health of their mind, body and spirit throughout their life.

"The arts programs at Rancho show not only the creative side of our artists of all ages, but how art can transform someone's life and provide an opportunity to shine no matter what physical challenges



A painting by Jesus Velasco featured at the Art of Rancho show Wednesday.

a person may have to overcome," said Supervisor Knabe. The Supervisor's unwavering support of Rancho's artists was on display again Wednesday night as he introduced Carlos and Alicia and addressed the packed audience at the show.

"I want all the artists to know that we are all so proud of each and every one of you, not just for the beautiful art you create, but for the dedication you bring to your work each and every day," he said. I am blown away by what I have seen here tonight, and I salute all of you for sharing your talents with the

world." The Supervisor then gave a special tribute to the brilliant Rancho artist Ruben Rios, who has been in a coma for several months after being incapacitated when his ventilator failed while he was driving his power wheelchair on a very hot day. "I would like to take a minute for us all to stop and think about Ruben, and everything he has meant to the art program here at Rancho," he said while choking back tears.

Ruben has served as a mentor to many Rancho artists, most particularly those in the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program. He was one of the founding instructors of the program, and also served Rancho as a patient advocate, and the entire community as Supervisor Knabe's appointee to the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities.

"I know how much you all love Ruben and I want his mom and his family to know that he is in our hearts and in our prayers," Supervisor Knabe said. "He is a wonderful artist, but more importantly, a very special person who has contributed so much to Rancho and especially to our young artists."

Then it was time for the evening's big surprise, as the Supervisor called Debbie forward and presented her with a beautiful scroll

commending her for her many contributions to Rancho's art programs. "You have been the heart and soul of this program since the beginning," Supervisor Knabe said. "I hope you know how much all of us, and especially our artists appreciate all your efforts over all the years," he said as the audience burst into spontaneous applause. For once, Debbie was speechless as her smile lit up the entire room. And as the crowd continued to applaud, Rancho's artists and their families cheered and cheered and cheered.

"I was just stunned," Debbie said. "It was the last thing I ever expected, and it makes me even more proud to have worked so long with the artists I love so much."

And so it was that Don Knabe and Debbie Tomlinson, the two people most responsible for the success of the Art of Rancho program, spent a magical moment together savoring 17 years of working with the incredible Rancho artists who have redefined the boundaries of what can be accomplished by individuals with disabilities.

On behalf of all the artists of Rancho, and all those who have enjoyed their artworks, thanks for the memories!

Veterans Day ceremony Monday

DOWNEY – City officials will unveil a veterans memorial during a special Veterans Day ceremony Monday at 10 a.m. in front of City Hall.

The public is invited to attend and help honor military veterans who have served our country.

For more information, call the city manager's office at (562) 904-1895.

Date set for police chief swearing-in

DOWNEY – Carl Charles will be sworn in as police chief Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. in the council chambers.

Charles, a 22-year veteran of the Downey Police Department, is replacing Rick Esteves, who announced his retirement two weeks ago.

"Our city is fortunate to have such exceptional men and women serving in our police department, and Mr. Charles is a clear reflection of what the department represents, which is community and commitment," said city manager Gilbert Livas.

Charles was hired as a police officer in Downey in 1990 and quickly moved up the ranks, earning promotions to sergeant, lieutenant and captain. He's worked in all three police department divisions, which include administration, field operations and the detective bureau.

"Mr. Charles's exemplary commitment and dedication to the Downey community is reflected in his many years of service to our city," Mayor Roger Brossmer said in a statement. "We are confident that Captain Charles will continue to lead our fine police department with the highest regard and integrity."

Born and raised in Inglewood, Charles holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Cal State Northridge and a master's in public administration from USC.

He is married and has two children.

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Letters to the Editor:

Election signs

Dear Editor:

The chicken-wired Orozco, Franco, Marquez and Saab campaign signs all over the city are such an eyesore now, overlapping each other like wanton bidders at an auction on just about every busy corner of our city, that I'm left to wonder which of the four candidates will follow through with the implicit promise to clean up after themselves by diligently going about the costly and time-consuming business of collecting these print-shop bonanza productions of surname posters.

I wonder because there are still a few tattered signs around the city from the last election.

Downey should consider fining candidates who do not make a concerted effort to dispose of these signs promptly before the signs become weather-beaten gutter and drain obstructions in a possibly rainy winter season.

**Dan Chantre
Downey**

EMT training

Dear Editor:

In response to Hugo Martinez's "Keep Downey Fire" letter (11/1/12), I do agree with Mr. Martinez, as well as many others, that the city of Downey should keep the Downey Fire Department.

I am proud to live in a city that takes pride in operating its own fire department that not only responds to emergency calls, but are also involved in the community, such as providing CERT training to Downey residents to prepare them in assisting their neighbors in a disaster.

There are a few things that I took offense to in Mr. Martinez's letter. He stated that L.A. County Fire does not have its own paramedic units, that private ambulances are driven by 18-year-olds and private ambulance technicians are inexperienced.

L.A. County Fire may not have their own paramedic units, but they do operate paramedic squads that respond to emergency calls alongside private ambulances. The private ambulances are staffed by emergency medical technicians – or EMTs (not called ambulance technicians) who are properly trained and range in all ages.

I take offense because I work as an EMT. To become an EMT, one must take a course that consists of 120-plus hours of training, in addition to taking the National Registry EMT exam and must continually take continuing education courses every two years to renew their certification. ON top of all that training, studying and taking continuing education courses, they still take additional tests as part of the hiring process to work for an ambulance company and train under fielding training officers once hired.

Not only do EMTs respond to calls alongside paramedic squads, but they assist in the treatment and transport of the patient to the hospital.

Mr. Martinez should be careful with what he states because in an emergency situation when he or a loved one calls 911 in an area covered by L.A. County Fire, he will not be concerned about how old the EMTs are or how much experience they have; he will only be concerned about a hopeful, positive outcome to the medical emergency.

**Guillermo Vazquez
Downey**

Street conditions

Dear Editor:

I'd like to complain about the condition of our streets. I feel like I'm off-roading every day while making my way to and from work.

I've lived here in Downey for 23-plus years and only witnessed a street project once, a couple of years ago.

Our surrounding city neighbors have better streets and they are lower income areas. What's up with that?

**Angie Fassett
Downey**

Condo complex

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to read that the property behind Chris & Pitts will be developed into a 46-unit condominium. Has any thought been given to the surrounding infrastructure?

The streets in this area are already congested being so close to the on- and off-ramps of the 5 Freeway, apartment buildings, an elementary school and two-lane streets.

It seems to me that 46 condos with probably at least two cars each will make for gridlock at an already busy intersection.

**Virginia Valencia
Downey**

Pension scheme would cost hundreds of millions of dollars

Contributed by the Los Angeles Police Protective League

Calling former Mayor Richard Riordan's proposal to change the retirement benefits for all current and future Los Angeles city employees "deeply flawed," the Los Angeles Police Protective League urged voters this week-end not to sign the petitions that could put the Charter Amendment on the May 2013 ballot.

The proposal, now called the "Bankruptcy Avoidance and Pension Protection Act," will dramatically increase the city's required payments to the three Los Angeles pension systems. These increased costs, which will be in addition to already scheduled contributions, would take effect as soon as the systems are closed to all future employees and will continue at the increased level for a decade or more.

"The plan proposed by Riordan to close the defined benefit pension system as a way of saving money is both simplistic and wrong," said Tyler Izen, president of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

In the past 18 months, nine separate states and the City of New York have examined and rejected closing their respective defined benefit pension systems. After study and debate, it was determined that closing the pension system would not save money, but instead would be more costly than continuing with the existing pension system. For example, this year New Hampshire commissioned two separate actuarial studies on the costs of closing their pension plan to new employees. The reports concluded that "total pension funding costs would rise" and that "in all areas" transition to a "proposed defined contribution plan will be more expensive to employers and employees than maintaining the current defined benefit system," with an added result of cost shifting to future generations.

"Richard Riordan is wrong about the city pension plans, and it's telling that he has presented no independent actuarial analysis in support of his talking points. Riordan repeatedly claims that rising city costs will lead to bankruptcy. If he truly believes that, it's bizarre that he wants voters to

adopt a plan that immediately and for a lengthy period of time increases city costs. His plan isn't factually supported and doesn't save the City money, despite his witty sound bites claiming it does," said Tyler Izen.

Texas, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Missouri, Wyoming and the City of New York have considered and then rejected the same type of proposal offered by Riordan to close the pension system to new employees and switch to a defined contribution system to save costs. "The common reason for rejection was that it was too costly to close the pension system to new employees and switch to a defined contribution system. The Riordan scheme ignores all these published studies, as well as one done in 2005 for the City of Los Angeles showing the immediate and significant costs of closing the defined benefit plan to new hires and implementing a defined contribution pension proposal in its place for the new hires is higher than continuing to make the defined benefit plan open to new employees," said Izen.

Izen added, "Riordan cannot be believed on his claim that city bankruptcy is imminent because of rising city costs when he is pushing a plan that increases city costs substantially in the next decade or more. The Police and Fire Pension system is short millions of dollars in part because Riordan's 2001 charter amendment on pensions allowed – in fact, encouraged – using excess funding as a substitute for the city's required annual payment. Now, Riordan wants to double down on his previous bad policy decision with this poorly conceived plan."

Thoughtful analysis and real solutions are needed to address pension issues – not sound bite clips and charter changes that are poorly thought-out and extremely costly. "Simply put, the Riordan scheme will not save money; it will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions. We urge all residents not to sign the petition that would put Riordan's poorly thought-out plan on the ballot," concluded Izen.

Governor hails 'clear victory' for children, schools and colleges

Contributed by the office of Gov. Jerry Brown

Delivering on his pledge to ask the people of California to vote on the best path forward, Governor Jerry Brown this week hailed the passage of Proposition 30 as a clear and resounding victory for children, schools and the California dream.

"Last night, Californians made the courageous decision to protect our schools and colleges and strengthen the California dream," said Governor Brown. "We joined together as Californians first in a resounding victory for education and fiscal integrity. The people of California have put their trust in a bold path forward and I intend to do everything in my power to honor that trust."

Governor Brown was elected on a promise to confront the state's perennial budget crisis with honesty and resolve. When Governor Brown returned to Sacramento after almost three decades, California faced a \$26.6 billion budget deficit — the result of years of budget gimmicks, a failure

to match spending with tax revenues and a massive economic downturn.

Since Governor Brown took office he has cut billions in spending from the budget. State spending as a share of the economy has hit the lowest level since Ronald Reagan was governor—and the state's credit outlook has shifted first from negative to stable, and then from stable to positive.

However, without additional revenue a deficit remained. The Governor proposed a budget that combined deep cuts with a temporary extension of then-existing taxes. But Republicans blocked an election, refusing to put the measure on the ballot and let the people decide.

Facing the necessity of crippling cuts to education without new revenue, Governor Brown introduced Proposition 30 (The Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012), which makes California's tax system more fair, guarantees funding for public safety realignment and invests in education.

Proposition 30 raises the income tax on those at the highest end of the income scale — those who can most afford it — while families making less than \$500,000 a year will pay no additional income taxes. It also temporarily increases sales tax by ¼ cent, keeping the overall sales tax rate lower than it was in early 2011. The revenue generated through Proposition 30 prevents \$6 billion in cuts to our schools this year and will provide billions for our schools in the future.

The new taxes in this measure are temporary. The sales tax increase will expire in four years, and the income tax increase for the wealthiest taxpayers will end in seven years.

The new revenue is guaranteed in the California Constitution to go directly to local school districts and community colleges. Proposition 30 bars use of funds for administrative costs, but provides local school governing boards discretion to decide, in open meetings and subject to annual audit, how funds are to be spent.

Proposition 30 also provides constitutional protection of funding for public safety services realigned from state to local governments.

To ensure all of these funds go where the voters intend, they are put in special accounts that the Legislature cannot touch. Proposition 30 funding is also subject to an independent audit every year to ensure it is being spent only for schools and public safety. The audit will be open to the public so that voters and parents know that the funds are being spent properly.

The sales tax increase is effective January 1, 2013 and the income tax increase is effective starting with the 2012 tax year.

Catholics for Obama

Dear Editor

Parsing out the 2012 Presidential vote, it appears that overall Catholics sided with Obama by approximately 2 percentage points.

However, Catholics that attend Mass every week voted strongly against Obama. What does this mean? Obviously the farther Catholics get from attending Mass (and their faith), the farther away from the crucial issues they get.

Did they not know of the Obama assault against religious freedom? Have these Catholics that attend Mass twice a year not educated themselves about Obama's HHS mandate forcing religious institutions to supply birth control? Just another reminder that when Obama was in the Illinois state Senate he voted to deny basic Constitutional protections for babies born alive from an abortion -- not once, but four times!

Frankly, no good Catholic with a conscience could have ever voted for President Obama (some of you voted for him twice!). Shame on 52% of you.

**Carl Vesper
Downey**

Broken government

Dear Editor:

Now that the two-year fight for power is over, members of the Senate and House can return to Washington to continue the ongoing feud between the Republicans and Democrats.

This election consumed \$6 billion of special interest money to influence the outcome and it would appear that the status quo prevailed – Republicans and Democrats controlling the House and Senate, respectively. Perhaps that money could have been donated to a worthy charity to help the destitute and hungry in our nation.

The two-party system reminds me of belonging to a gang – the Montagues and Capulets in "Romeo and Juliet" or the Hatfields and McCoys. In the full House, which is rare, members even sit on the other side of the aisle from one another. Independent voting is very rare, as the members are fearful of "crossing party lines." Human beings are not that black and white in their opinions – both sides have good and bad points of view.

My point is, why can't we simply have people running for office without being branded to some party? Simply vote on the issues and the majority wins. I asked a friend of mine, "Who are you going to vote for?" and he simply said "Republican." I asked why and he said, "Because I'm a Republican." Issues don't seem to matter; I thought that was sad.

Finally, I hope we can get rid of the electoral college system, that way everybody's vote will count.

**Colin Clarke
Downey**

IRS warns of phony websites

The Internal Revenue Service is issuing a warning about a new tax scam that uses a website that mimics the IRS e-Services online registration page.

The actual IRS e-Services page offers web-based products for tax preparers, not the general public. The phony web page looks almost identical to the real one.

The IRS gets many reports of fake websites like this. Criminals use these sites to lure people into providing personal and financial information that may be used to steal the victim's money or identity.

The address of the official IRS website is www.irs.gov. Don't be misled by sites claiming to be the IRS but ending in .com, .net, .org or other designations instead of .gov.

If you find a suspicious website that claims to be the IRS, send the site's URL by email to phishing@irs.gov. Use the subject line, 'Suspicious website'.

Be aware that the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as text messages and social media channels.

If you get an unsolicited email that appears to be from the IRS, report it by sending it to phishing@irs.gov.

The IRS has information at www.irs.gov that can help you protect yourself from tax scams of all kinds. Search the site using the term "phishing."

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

- Fri. Nov. 9: **Eddie Money concert**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Sat. Nov. 10: **Open mic**, Moravian Church of Downey, 7 p.m.
- Mon. Nov. 12: **Veterans Day ceremony**, City Hall, 10 a.m.
- Wed. Nov. 14: **Veterans Day ceremony**, Downey Regional Medical Center, 10 a.m.
- Wed. Nov. 14: **Lions Club wine tasting**, Mari's Wine Bar, 6 p.m.
- Wed. Nov. 14: **Student actors monologue**, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. Nov. 15: **Downey Sister Cities**, Knights of Columbus, 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 Rives, 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 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.

On This Day...

- Nov. 8, 1966:** Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.
- 1988:** Vice President George H.W. Bush won the presidential election, beating Democrat Michael Dukakis.
- 2000:** A statewide recount of presidential election ballots began in Florida.
- 2010:** An engine fire aboard the Carnival Splendor cruise ship left nearly 4,500 aboard without electricity during a three-day tow to San Diego.
- Birthdays:** Blues singer Bonnie Raitt (63), TV host Mary Hart (62), singer Leif Garrett (51), chef Gordon Ramsay (46), actress Courtney Thorne-Smith (45), actress Tara Reid (37) and TV personality Jack Osbourne (27).

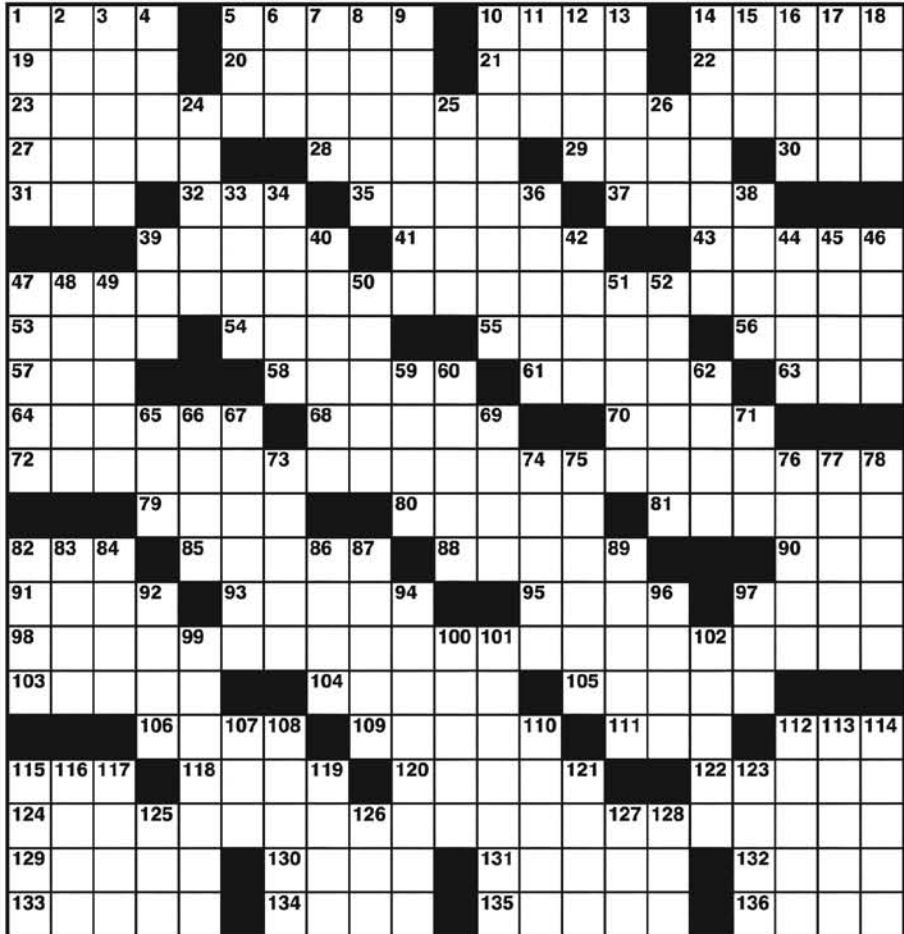
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



We are indeed growing older. Perhaps wrinkles and gray hairs are appearing. Maybe it's new aches and pains, or extra pounds. The process of aging necessarily causes changes; some of these changes can be significantly slowed. Lifestyle, environment, genetics...let's explore aging.

•As we age, our heart muscle becomes less efficient and works harder to pump the same amount of blood throughout our body. Blood vessels lose elasticity, making them stiffer. This can lead to high blood pressure and heart problems.

•Our bones shrink in size and density, which makes them more susceptible to fracture. We may lose height due to thinning of cartilage between vertebrae of the spine - approximately 1/2 inch per decade, after age 30.

•Our eyes make fewer tears and become drier. The retina thins, and lenses become less clear, possibly leading to cataracts. Focusing on close objects becomes more difficult as the eye muscles get stiffer, so that daily newspaper gets held at arm's length. Hearing diminishes, especially in the higher frequencies, which is likely responsible for the jokes about husbands not listening to their wives! The mouth becomes drier, making teeth more susceptible to decay.

•Skin thins and becomes less elastic and more fragile, so we may bruise more easily. We produce less natural oil, so our skin is drier and more wrinkled. Age spots can occur, along with a variety of growths. Almost half of those over 65 have some form of skin cancer, and there is an increased incidence of shingles. The simplest and cheapest way to keep our skin healthier is to stay out of the sun from childhood onward, and it's never too late to protect ourselves from the sun's harmful rays. Note also that wrinkles dramatically increase with the quantity of cigarettes smoked and the number of years one has been a smoker.

•Maintaining a healthy weight becomes more difficult. Muscle mass tends to decrease with age, leading to an increase in fat. Since fat tissue burns fewer calories than

muscle does, we need to reduce the number of calories consumed and increase physical activity.

•Sexuality needs, patterns and performance may change. Illness or medication can affect the ability to enjoy sex. Constipation becomes more likely, perhaps due to a lower fiber diet, consuming less fluid, lack of exercise, and a variety of medications. Loss of bladder control is common, caused by obesity, constipation, chronic cough, menopause in women, and enlarged prostate in men.

While life expectancy does tend to run in families, environment and lifestyle are far more important than the genes that we're born with. Environment and lifestyle can be modified, and opportunities to change our aging process are plentiful. Even a strong genetic predisposition toward a particular disease can be modified by changes in these areas.

Growing bodies of evidence shows that regular exercise helps to decrease the tendency toward diabetes, lessen osteoporosis, decrease fall risk, and even delay the onset of dementia, cancer, and depression. Moreover, moderate exercise helps to decrease risk factors for heart disease such as high blood pressure, obesity, smoking, and high blood lipids. Muscle strength and bone mass actually begin to decline by the time we reach our 30's. Falls can come as a result of other changes in the body: Sight, hearing, muscle strength, coordination, and reflexes aren't what they once were. Balance can be affected by diabetes and heart disease, or by problems with the circulation or nervous system. Some medicines can cause dizziness. The sedentary nature of most Americans of all ages may explain in large part the losses of function often blamed on aging. However, those who are able to keep more of their muscle strength, flexibility, and aerobic capacity not only live longer, but also are able to preserve their independence longer, and pursue more activities. *Their aging is slowed.*

What about our brainpower? There are different types of intelligence. *Crystallized intelligence* relies on the use of previously stored information. It remains relatively stable or even improves throughout our lives until we reach, perhaps, our 70's. In contrast, *fluid intelligence*, which requires the manipulation of new information

and unfamiliar concepts, begins to deteriorate as early as our 40's. By young adulthood, we have generated all of the neurons that we will ever have, and 50,000 to 100,000 of these neurons are lost every day. As a result, brain atrophy occurs over time, resulting in a 10% loss of brain volume between early adulthood and old age. Mild memory difficulties are typical, including difficulties with problem solving, multitasking, selective attention, and flexible thinking. However, when and how fast these changes occur varies, depending on personality, social skills, lifestyle, etc. Unfavorable factors might include social isolation due to death of friends and relatives, financial loss and mental isolation due to retirement, and physical isolation due to illness and declining physical abilities.

While there is no magic that allows us to stay completely healthy and cognitively intact, research has clearly shown a path for increasing our chances of aging more gracefully. Maintaining good physical and mental health requires that we manage our medical risk factors. We need to control hypertension, atherosclerosis, and diabetes, all of which lead to cognitive and physical decline. We want to incorporate regular physical activity. We benefit from environments that are cognitively and socially challenging. Retirement can be an opportunity for a second, mentally stimulating career, lessening the chances of depression and boredom.

To stay young, maintain a healthy mind in a healthy body! The goal is not to live forever, but to live well. I urge you to address your risk factors, manage your medical problems, maintain social involvement, and pursue regular physical exercise.

Let's do whatever is necessary to age as slowly and gracefully as possible!

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



Members of Downey Adult School's cardio plus class participated in the 13th annual 5K Lupus Run for the Cure held Oct. 21 at La Mirada Regional Park. Cardio Plus meets at Downey High School, Monday through Thursday, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Tod Corrin gave a presentation on the Downey YMCA's Easter Caravan, a weeklong trip to Lake Mohave and the Colorado River for boys in grades 6-9, at Wednesday's Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting.

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Space shuttle designer Royal Englehart Jr. passes away

DOWNEY – Royal Castle (Cas) Englehart Jr., born Feb. 10, 1918, passed away Monday at age 94.

He was born in Pennsboro, West Virginia, to Royal Castle Englehart Sr. and Elva Calhoun Englehart.

He is survived by a son, Roy (Kathy Jo); daughter, Coreen (Jack) Fuller; seven grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren, with a 19th due in December.

His wife of 59 years, Hilda Faye, preceded him in death, as did brothers Frank, Joe, Larry and sister Betty.

Cas moved his family from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, to Downey in 1950. He helped design the space shuttle, Apollo, B-1 and many other aircraft, and received seven design awards from NASA and Rockwell, along with a special medallion coin carried on man's first trip around the moon on Apollo 8. He also received a plaque signed by astronaut Frank Borman.

He retired after designing the shuttle windshield.

Cas designed his own home and also a brace to support drop foot caused by polio.

He was secretary and treasurer for Lucky Strike 3 Co. for 38 years, and volunteered on many church committees and repaired items for the Assistance League of Downey.

Walmart Neighborhood Market is now open

• Walmart Foundation donates \$13,000 to local non-profits.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – After months of construction, the 33,000-sq.-ft. Walmart Neighborhood Market at 12270 Paramount Blvd. is now open following a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday.

"We are excited to welcome Walmart to Downey," said Councilman Mario Guerra who represents portions of south Downey. "This new store will drive shoppers to an area that needed revitalization and will increase foot traffic to nearby small businesses in the community."

"The added tax revenue will allow us to continue to provide great benefits to our city," he added.

The new grocery store, which is the third Walmart Neighborhood Market to open in Los Angeles County, occupies the building once maintained by Alin's Party Depot. In addition to traditional grocery, produce, health and beauty products, the Walmart store brings 65 new jobs to the community.

Rachel Wall, senior manager of community affairs for Walmart, said the company chose Downey because local residents were already shopping the Walmart brand.

"[This store] is tailored for the Downey community, featuring a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, fresh cakes and bread, as well as meats, cheeses and prepared foods," said Wall. "Shoppers will also appreciate the convenience of the store's pharmacy, along with a full selection of health-related products."

Although smaller than the typical Neighborhood Market, Wall believes the Downey location will provide economic vitality for both Walmart and the city.

While Walmart would not reveal exactly how much money was spent



renovating the vacant space, store manager Jaime Onibasa acknowledged the aging building was nearly gutted inside during eight months of construction.

"We're very excited to bring a Neighborhood Market to Downey," said Onibasa, a 15-year employee of Walmart who's worked at five other Neighborhood Market locations. "The Neighborhood Market is a small, community store that will give residents a choice when it comes to affordable, fresh and healthy food options for their families."

As a part of the retailer's effort to support community projects with charitable contributions, Onibasa and the Walmart store have also pledged \$13,000 to local schools and non-profits, including: Downey YMCA (\$2,500), Downey Kiwanis (\$2,500), Gangs Out of Downey (\$1,500), PTA Helps (\$1,500), Downey High Cheer (\$1,000), Arc (\$1,000), St. Raymond Catholic School (\$1,000), Latin Business Association Institute (\$1,000) and True Lasting Connection (\$1,000).

Onibasa said she hopes to do-

nate to other community organizations next year and encouraged those groups to both apply online and contact her directly.

The store's grand-opening celebration will continue throughout the weekend including character appearances, a live band, and face-painting for children. All events are family-friendly, free and open to the public.

The Downey location will be open seven days a week from 5 a.m. to midnight.

Mayor Roger Brossmer praised the grocery store as another step in the right direction for the city in terms of quality of life and economic development.

"This new Walmart Neighborhood Market will bring affordable, healthy produce and more food op-

tions to our residents," said Brossmer. "The store will significantly benefit this growing community by offering additional revenue and new jobs."

Walmart Neighborhood Markets, which are a part of a new strategy to focus on the coveted urban and suburban markets by opening smaller, more efficient Walmart locations across the country, offer quick and convenient shopping for groceries, pharmacy items and general merchandise.

The first Neighborhood Market opened in 1998, and today there are approximately 200 stores nationwide.

Earlier this year, Neighborhood Markets opened in Panorama City and nearby Bell Gardens.

Florence Wilkinson mourned

DOWNEY – Florence (Florrie) Jane Wilkinson (nee MacDonald) passed away peacefully on Oct. 30 in Downey at the age of 88.

She was the daughter of the late Elizabeth and Nicholas MacDonald, wife of the late Loune Wilkinson and sister to the late Mary Densmore.

She is survived by her son,

Brian; grandchildren, Erick Wilkinson of Oregon and Tonya Wilkinson of Austria; step-grandchildren, Brenda, Allen, Ricky and Sherrie Dickinson of Oregon and Texas; 10 great-grandchildren; Loune's family in Canada; nephew Douglas (Jane) Densmore of Toronto; niece Karen (Richard) Hookham of Ottawa; and the Lopez/Cruz family.

In 1957, Florrie and her family moved from Canada to start a new life in Downey. She was a longtime employee of Pacific Press.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary, followed by a private burial service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to the Spencer Hospice Foundation, 3401 W. Sunflower Ave., Suite 125, Santa Ana, CA 92704.

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Downey High girls golf wins league title

• Lady Vikings are perfect in league play en route to league championship.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' golf team are the 2012 San Gabriel Valley League champions.

The Lady Vikings finished their championship season with an overall record of 7-7 and league record at an undefeated 6-0.

The Lady Vikings defeated cross-town rival Warren twice, 265-312 on Sept. 11 and 274-297 on Oct. 9. They also beat Firebaugh High School twice, 277-330 on

Sept. 13 and 261-315 on Oct. 2, and Gahr twice, 271-300 on Sept. 18 and 224-228 on Sept. 26.

The Lady Vikings sent four girls to the S.G.V.L. Individual Championship. Sophomore captain Isabella Gutierrez finished second, freshman Vivian Garcia finished fifth, junior Erin Ellingson finished sixth and sophomore Jaclyn Guido finished seventh.

Elise Lee of Gahr was the S.G.V.L. champion and Alexandra Rooney and Arika Araujo of Warren finished in third and fourth place respectively, to round out the All-S.G.V.L. Team.

On Oct. 22, the Lady Vikings competed in the C.I.F. Team Divisional at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. The Lady Vikings finished in 25th place.

On Oct. 24, Isabella Gutierrez competed in the C.I.F. Individual Regional at Recreation Park in Long Beach. The top 45 advanced and Gutierrez missed the cut when she finished 87th out of 109 golfers.

Coach Jason Bean stated that Vivian Garcia and Erin Ellingson started the season with little golf experience but quickly moved into the number three and four spots, respectively, and became vital members of the team.

Coach Bean concluded by saying that "we are a young team who only graduated one senior. We performed beyond our expectations and gained postseason experience that we can build on. Our goals for next year are to defend our S.G.V.L. title and perform better in C.I.F."

No. 3 Bears lose wild card game

• Boys water polo lose close game against Sunny Hills, 11-10, in playoff opener.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' water polo team has finished their 2012 season with an overall record of 16-11 and league record of 3-2.

The Bears qualified as the San Gabriel Valley League No. 3 entry for the C.I.F. playoffs but were defeated by Sunny Hills 11-10 on Tuesday in a wild card game at La Mirada Splash.

The Bears played very well lead-

ing up to their C.I.F. wild card game against Sunny Hills. The Bears defeated Whitney 16-2 on Oct. 16, Pacifica 18-12 on Oct. 17, Millikan 14-13 on Oct. 18, Paramount 14-3 on Oct. 23 and Gahr 11-4 on Oct. 30. The Bears were certainly getting ready for the playoffs to start.

Bear co-captain Jonathan Iglesias finished the season with 126 goals and co-captain David Romero finished with 61 goals. Oscar Orozco finished the season with 46 goals, Johnny Bautista had 33 goals, Micah Lopez had 15 goals and Jordan Galvez added 14 goals. Leon Yao won 80% of his sprints and scored eight goals, Reynaldo Hernandez scored eight goals, Nick Waugh scored five goals and Sergio Gonzalez and Guillermo Mora each

added one goal for the Bears. Bear goalkeeper Juan Sixtos had eight saves against Sunny Hills and finished the season with 188 saves after filling in for injured goalkeeper Bernabe Perez.

Coach Nichols concluded by saying that "this team has grown together this season and they often refer to their passion for the sport and the passion for teammates as 'brotherhood.' They often will cheer that prior to the start of a game. I am proud of how far they have come and how hard they have worked. The team works well together and they communicate better than any other team I have coached." Coach Nichols will now turn his attention to the swim season and get ready for next year.

Vikings to host playoff opener

• Downey football will host Rowland High School as playoffs start Friday night.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team finished its regular season with a 31-26 win against Lynwood at Lynwood last Friday night to earn a share of the San Gabriel Valley League championship.

Downey will play host to the Hacienda League No. 3 seed Rowland Raiders in a C.I.F. Southeast Division first round playoff game Friday night.

The Vikings' overall regular season record concludes at 7-3 and league record at 4-1. Downey is

now going into the third and most important season, the post-season, where their current record is 0-0.

With Paramount losing last Friday night against Dominguez 21-13, history has indeed repeated itself. The Vikings have finished in a three-way tie for a tri-championship of the San Gabriel Valley League with Dominguez and Paramount, respectively. The Lynwood Knights fell to 3-7 overall and 1-4 in league play. The Lynwood Knights' football season is now over.

Shortly after the Viking win Friday night, head coach Jack Williams successfully won a coin toss that gave Downey the number one San Gabriel Valley League seed. The Dons secured the second league seed and Paramount ended up with the third seed. Last year, Paramount was the first league seed, Downey was the second league seed and

Dominguez was the third league seed.

As for the Downey-Lynwood game, Viking quarterback Jorge Reyna completed 7/11 passes for 77 yards and one touchdown. The Viking ground game amassed 383 yards on 47 carries. Eric Carrillo led the Viking ground game with 159 yards on 21 carries, Justin Huff had 103 yards on 10 carries, Jorge Reyna had 97 yards on 10 carries, Jeremy Villa had 14 yards on two carries, Robert Salazar had two yards on two carries, Matthew Gonzalez had five yards on one carry and Conor Hill had three yards on one carry.

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TSG No.: 6944314 TS No.: CA1200246074 FHVAA/PMI No.: APN: 6251-025-003 Property Address: 7972 HARPER AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/30/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 11/28/2012 TIME OF SALE: 09:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Legal Description: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6251-025-003 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7328 QUILL DR UNIT 16, DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$366,571.57. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written 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 (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web (http://search.norwalkpost.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1200246074 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse. First American Title Insurance Company First American Title Insurance Company 3 FIRST AMERICAN WAY SANTA ANA, CA 92707 Date: FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NPP020944 THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012
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Credit union hosting book drive

DOWNEY – Downey Federal Credit Union is sponsoring its seventh annual new book drive to benefit students in Downey elementary schools.

New books suitable for children ages 5-12 can be dropped off at the credit union's main branch at 8237 3rd St. or at its express service office in the Downey Regional Medical Center lobby.

Books will be collected throughout the month of November.

Hospital to mark Veterans Day

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center will mark Veterans Day with a color guard ceremony and guest speakers this Wednesday at 10 a.m.

The event is the first Veterans Day ceremony the hospital has ever hosted.

Local veterans are invited to share their memories of service "so that they can be preserved for future generations, to educate and inspire," hospital officials said.

For more information, call the hospital at (562) 904-5055.

Space center offers free entry to seniors

DOWNEY – Senior citizens can get into the Columbia Memorial Space Center at no cost Dec. 1 between 10 a.m. to noon.

Seniors can also tour Inspiration, the city's full-sized space shuttle mock-up housed adjacent to the space center. Tours are offered at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

City secures \$1.5M in grants

DOWNEY – The city of Downey secured more than \$1.5 million in federal grants to improve Downey streets.

City officials applied for nine grants through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. Each grant proposal was accepted.

Downey will use the grant money to install raised medians on Paramount Boulevard, between Florence Avenue and Imperial Highway.

The city will also upgrade traffic signals at various intersections, including Imperial Highway at Downey Avenue, Lakewood Boulevard at Florence, Firestone at Woodruff Avenue, Woodruff at Foster Road, Foster Road at Bellflower Boulevard, and Old River School Road at Florence.

Preliminary work should begin within the next 2-6 months.

Student actors to perform monologue

DOWNEY – Downey Adult School's acting class will perform its end-of-workshop monologue this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Stay Gallery, the new art gallery at 11140 Downey Ave.

Admission is free but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The acting class is a new program at Downey Adult School, taught by professional actor Harli Ames. The class is designed for students looking to learn the art of acting or who are simply interested in improving their public speaking skills.

The class will be offered again in January.

"This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience the new Stay Gallery in Downey and appreciate it as a venue that not only supports local arts but is a versatile venue that showcases new up-and-coming talent," officials with Downey Adult School said.

Open mic at Moravian church

DOWNEY – Moravian Church of Downey will host an open mic Saturday night for local talent.

Local residents with talent in music, poetry, storytelling, dance, art and more are invited. Guests can also attend to enjoy the acts.

The open mic starts at 7 p.m. in the church's Hove Hall.

Rose Parade tickets on sale

DOWNEY – Grandstand tickets to the 124th Tournament of Roses Parade are now on sale at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

This year's parade is themed "Oh, the Places You'll Go" and features Jane Goodall as grand marshal.

"There is nothing like experiencing the Tournament of Roses Parade in person," city officials said in a press release. "Experience the wonderful aroma of the flowers as each float passes by, the colorful pageantry of the nation's award-winning bands, extraordinary equestrian units and, most of all, the creativity of each float's interpretation of the theme."

Tickets are \$67 for Downey residents and \$71 for non-residents and can be purchased at the senior center.

For more details, call (562) 904-7223.

Sister Cities meets Thursday

DOWNEY – Downey Sister Cities will meet Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. inside the Knights of Columbus.

On the agenda is an update on efforts to establish a new sister city in Ireland, an update on a visit to Fresno, Mexico, and more.

HEAL cities: "WHEREAS..."

• Moving forward with the HEAL Cities Campaign to promote a healthier community.

By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

Before commencing this week's article, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Gennie Prochaska, who has graced this column with her witty and creative illustrations for most of the past year. Gennie's illustrations were always generously offered for free, but her professional and personal life has become busier, including a significant increase in her other artistic commitments and commissions. So we give her our thanks and our best wishes for a successful career and a happy life.

As the smoke clears from this week's election and a newly-configured City Council gets back to work in December, council members will have the opportunity to move forward with the resolution passed in September and complete the laudable action of affiliating the City of Downey with the HEAL Cities Campaign, which provides tools and resources to assist the city in advocating Healthy Eating and Active Living here in our town.

For the remainder of today's article we are attaching the text of the HEAL Cities Resolution template, which the City of Downey will need to adopt and accept in order to participate in the HEAL Cities Campaign. We offer it to you for your edification and in hopes of your support. You can make a difference, and your City Council member needs to know what you think.

resolution – in this case documenting the need for obesity prevention strategies.

Some possible findings are listed as "Whereas" clauses below. Cities may have others.

WHEREAS, in 2004, the League of California Cities adopted an Annual Conference resolution to encourage cities to embrace policies that facilitate activities to promote healthier lifestyles and communities, including healthy diet and nutrition and adoption of city design and planning principles that enable citizens of all ages and abilities to undertake exercise; and

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities has a strategic goal to promote and develop safe and healthy cities; and

WHEREAS, in July 2010 the League of California Board of Directors resolved to partner with and support the national Let's Move Campaign, and encourages California cities to adopt preventative measures to fight obesity; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2011, the League of CA Cities Board of Directors unanimously voted to encourage 100% board participation in the HEAL Cities Campaign; and

WHEREAS, more than half of California's adults are overweight or obese and therefore at risk for many chronic conditions including diabetes, heart disease, cancer, arthritis, stroke, and, hypertension; and

WHEREAS, one in four youth between the ages of 9 and 16 in California is overweight.

WHEREAS, more children

are being diagnosed with diseases linked to overweight and obesity previously seen only in adults, such as Type 2 diabetes and heart disease; and

WHEREAS, the current generation of children are expected to have shorter lives than their parents due to the consequences of obesity; and

WHEREAS, obesity takes a tremendous toll on the health and productivity of all Californians;

WHEREAS, the annual cost to California—in medical bills, workers compensation and lost productivity—for overweight, obesity, and physical inactivity exceeds \$41 billion;

WHEREAS, teens and adults who consume one or more sodas or sugar-sweetened beverages per day are more likely to be overweight or obese;

WHEREAS, by supporting the health of residents and the local workforce would decrease chronic disease and health care costs and increase productivity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council hereby recognizes that obesity is a serious public health threat to the health and wellbeing of adults, children and families in Downey. While individual lifestyle changes are necessary, individual effort alone is insufficient to combat obesity's rising tide. Significant societal and environmental changes are needed to support individual efforts to make healthier choices. To that end, Downey adopts this Healthy Eating Active Living resolution

PREAMBLE/WHEREAS CLAUSES

A draft resolution based on this model should include a preamble that contains "findings" of fact that support the need for the city to pass the resolution.

The preamble contains information supporting the need for the



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Freddie Gutierrez is one of Century 21 My Real Estate's new agents. Freddie has been working at a family owned business owned by his father. He is excited to start his new career as a real estate agent and is eager to learn what the business has to offer. To reach Freddie, call (562) 927-2626.



Gilbert Angon is one of Century 21 My Real Estate's new agents. Gilbert is currently attending Cal Poly Pomona University, where he is working on his Business Administration Degree. "Gilbert has an enthusiastic approach and great people skills," said Steve Roberson, owner and broker. To reach Angon, call (562) 927-2626.



Juana Perez recently joined Century 21 My Real Estate Company. We are happy to welcome attending Cal Poly Pomona University, where she is working on his Business Administration background in customer service where she Degree. "Gilbert has an enthusiastic approach and great people skills," said Steve Roberson, owner and broker. To reach Juana, call (562) 927-2626.

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Excellent Downey Opportunity!
What a terrific opportunity in Downey! This 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home features 1792 sq.ft. of living space with an updated kitchen. This home also has central air and heat, a beautifully landscaped back yard with a private in ground spa. The property is in close proximity to schools and shopping. Call today for more information on this great opportunity!

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The Sales Keep Coming!
This is an IMMACULATE Gallery Collection Home! It features polished marble flooring, a marble fireplace, plantation shutters, granite counters throughout and crown molding. This home also has newer interior & exterior paint, an island in the kitchen, built in book case in the family room and a formal dining room. Call today for more information on this fantastic property.

Amazing!!
This custom built 2 story home is located on a corner lot on a tree-lined street in a very desirable neighborhood. This beautiful property features 4 bedrooms with 2 master suites, 6 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 balconies and a gourmet kitchen. The backyard is perfect for large parties with a covered patio, pergola, built-in seating and a secluded dog run. This is a MUST SEE!!

SOLD
Turnkey
This cute home sits on a corner lot. It features 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom and a 2 car detached garage. It is conveniently located near an elementary school, middle school, church's and shopping. This property is in move in condition! This is a must see! Priced at \$299,900

IN ESCROW
Another Satisfied Downey Client!
This is a beautiful remodeled home with ample space. It features 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and sits on a 10,000 sq.ft. lot. The kitchen has granite counters, beautiful cabinets, built in stove, dishwasher and microwave. The fireplace in the family room and the central air and heat finalize this masterpiece. Priced at \$515,000!

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Welcome to this beautifully updated 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home. It features refinished wood floors, an updated kitchen with quartz counter tops and newer cabinets. Both of the bathrooms have been remodeled as well as the 2 car garage. This is a must see! Call for more information today!

Great Opportunity!
What a great buy! This charming home features 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. The home has new interior and exterior paint, an upgraded kitchen, a newer tile floor and a two car garage. This property has outstanding curb appeal and is going to go quickly. Call Today!! Priced at \$229,000.

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 While our hearts are now filled
 With sadness and tears
 We had many good memories
 You will always be near.

The day that you left us
 Our hearts filled with sorrow
 Your final goodbye.

For years you did fight
 And struggled to stay here
 Your soul is at peace
 And not far away.
 Your body has died
 But your spirit lives strong
 In each one of us
 Where it forever belongs
 No longer will you suffer
 Down on earth here below
 You struggle no longer
 You are free of pain
 Until the day comes
 That we cross over too
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