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3 dead in apparent murder-suicide

DOWNEY – Three people, including a toddler, were found dead inside a Downey apartment Wednesday night. Police suspect murder-suicide.

Family members checked on the family, who lived inside an apartment unit on the 7300 block of Neo Street, after not hearing from them for two days.

“They went to the landlord, who gave them a key. They went inside, discovered the victims, and then they called the Downey Police Department,” Lt. Mark McDaniel told media.

According to ABC-7, a woman and 1-year-old child were found in a bathtub full of water, and the woman’s boyfriend was dead inside a bedroom.

“I saw a lady coming down the stairs from the apartment, crying, and it looked like she had blood all over her shirt and hands,” neighbor Carolina Martinez told NBC-4. “She was just crying hysterically.”

The home reportedly had a history of domestic violence.

The identities of the victims were not released as of Thursday morning.

–Eric Pierce, editor

School district warns of phony solicitors

DOWNEY – Teenagers are knocking on the doors of local homes and lying about collecting donations on behalf of local schools, the Downey Unified School District warned Wednesday.

The phony solicitors go door-to-door and say they are fundraising for various clubs, music programs and sports teams, DUSD officials said.

“Continued support from the Downey community is greatly appreciated and we would like it to continue, however, trust cannot be given to all those that say they are part of the Downey Unified family,” school district officials said in a statement. “Please use caution as the school year continues as it is unfortunate that there are some fabricated cases occurring.”

Some school programs -- such as band -- legitimately fundraise by going door-to-door, but those students are always in their uniform or official T-shirt.

Residents are encouraged to ask questions about the club or program “because Downey Unified students are knowledgeable and very happy to speak freely about the program they are involved in.”

Anyone who encounters phony solicitors is asked to call the school in question.

Senior scam workshop Oct. 23

DOWNEY – Senior citizens are invited to the Barbara J. Riley Center on Oct. 23 for a free workshop on senior scams.

Attendees will learn how to protect themselves from scams, which often target the elderly.

According to statistics, one in five seniors has been a victim of fraud. Seniors are the most targeted group.

The meeting is from 9-11 a.m. and is sponsored by state Sen. Tony Mendoza and the Contractors State License Board.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Mendoza’s office at (562) 860-3202.

Fresh & Easy closing all its stores

DOWNEY – Fresh & Easy announced it is closing all its stores -- including in Downey -- and has begun liquidating its assets.

A company spokesman said the company doesn’t have enough cash to continue operations, and efforts to secure financing were unsuccessful.

“Fresh & Easy failed to personalize its merchandise selection by neighborhood, often ran out of popular items and charged as much as 20% more for its private-label products than its name-brand counterparts, analysts told the L.A. Times.

“Tesco also sunk millions into an 850,000-square-foot distribution center in Riverside County, which put enormous pressure on the chain to swiftly expand.”



Downey graduated its latest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class over the weekend. They’re pictured here taking the oath from Battalion Chief Jay Ihey.

CERT members are trained to respond in major disasters, assisting first-responders with first aid, light search and rescue, triage, and more. The next CERT training class is scheduled for spring 2016.

Former Downey High teacher sued for sexual relationship with student

Student files lawsuit against former Downey High teacher and coach, alleging she was sexually assaulted on campus.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – A Los Angeles law firm has filed a lawsuit against the Downey Unified School District and Brandon Hitchcock, alleging the former Downey High teacher groomed a troubled female student before initiating a sexual relationship with her.

The lawsuit, filed Oct. 15 in L.A. County Superior Court by the trial law firm Taylor & Ring, also accuses the school district of failing to report the sexual relationship to authorities.

Hitchcock, who was a girls soccer and lacrosse coach, was arrested by Downey Police last October and is currently awaiting trial.

According to the lawsuit, the girl, identified in court documents as Jane Doe, was a student in Hitchcock’s 11th grade American history class during the 2013-14 school year.

The lawsuit alleges that Hitchcock, who was 30 at the time, “began grooming” the 16-year-old girl, paying extra attention to her and inviting her to “hang out” in his classroom after school.

Starting in January 2014, Hitchcock began allowing the girl to sit in on his sixth period, despite her having a sixth period photojournalism class, the lawsuit alleges. It was during this time that

Hitchcock allegedly began flirting with the girl, writing in an email to her that it was “hard not to miss [her] smile.”

Shortly before spring break, Hitchcock and the girl exchanged telephone numbers and Hitchcock told the girl that he “liked her,” according to the lawsuit. They allegedly kissed while they were alone in his classroom..

Hitchcock and the girl allegedly traveled from a dodgeball tournament at Downey High to Long Beach, where he gave her flowers and kissed her again. They then went back to his Lakewood apartment, the lawsuit states.

Hitchcock took the girl out several more times over the next few weeks, and it’s during this time that he told her “I love you,” according to the lawsuit.

Hitchcock is accused of having sex with the girl around April 2014. The sex allegedly occurred either at Hitchcock’s apartment or in his classroom -- during third period when he didn’t have a class -- or after school.

The sexual relationship allegedly continued into the new school year, when Hitchcock began having sex with the girl during his fourth period class, which was now his free period.

“Brandon Hitchcock took advantage of [the girl’s] fragile mental state during a vulnerable time in her life,” said attorney David Ring. “Mr. Hitchcock realized [Jane Doe’s] susceptibility to emotional distress due to her age and inexperience, and intentionally coerced her to engage in unlawful

sexual acts.”

In September, rumors of the sexual encounters began to circulate the campus. One student notified his mother, who “passed this information along to Downey High School administration,” the lawsuit alleges.

In October 2014, Hitchcock reportedly told the girl that she has “got to lie” if questioned about their relationship. In mid-October, the girl reported the relationship to her parents, who notified Downey Police.

“DUSD’s employees violated the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act...,” the lawsuit alleges. “They were acting within the course and scope of their employment when they violated the reporting requirements, and therefore...are vicariously liable.”

Hitchcock was arrested Oct. 17 and charged with unlawful sex with a minor. The lawsuit seeks unspecified punitive damages.

In a statement, DUSD officials said they were unable to comment specifically on the allegations but maintained that the safety of students is their top priority.

“Student safety is always our highest priority, whenever the well-being of any of our students is compromised we take swift and immediate action to protect his/her welfare. While the district would welcome an opportunity to make a statement on the substance of these claims, we are precluded by both Federal and State law to comment on a matter that involves a minor and a former employee.”



Soroptimist International of Downey is supporting Breast Cancer Awareness in October by wearing pink and making a donation to PIH. The donation will be used to purchase wigs for patients going through chemotherapy.

Soroptimist president Mia Vasquez and immediate past president Claudia DeLeon are pictured presenting a \$750 check to Ivonne Munoz of the PIH Breast Health Center.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 82°

Saturday 87°

Sunday 86°

THINGS TO DO



Don Lamkin Exhibit

Friday - Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.

Artist Don Lamkin hosts his first solo exhibit, which also marks Stay Gallery’s three-year anniversary.



Symphony Concert

Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

The Downey Symphony opens its 2015-16 season at the Downey Theatre. Also an art show.



Car Show

Saturday, Bob’s Big Boy, 4-8:30 p.m.

Bring the kids to trick-or-treat from the trunks of classic cars. Plus music and 50-50 raffles.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Former teacher sued for sexual relationship with student

Diana Flowers: Ridiculous how parents want to sue like shouldn’t they focus on getting the alleged distressed teen help?

James Rodriguez: People act like this teenager had life figured out at 16 and had a master plan. But no, let’s not blame the adult in a position of responsibility.

Lily Canales Shes 16 and naive. Just because she’s naive doesn’t mean its okay or right.

Johnathan Bemister: I graduated from DHS a couple years ago. The girls are always flirting with the teachers. I have no doubt she new exactly what she was doing but he is a teacher and he shouldn’t have done it.

Tamara Hopkins: Wow, it makes me sad to know that society has resorted back to blaming the victim. Next thing you’ll say is she asked for it by wearing a skirt.

Reach us on Facebook at: Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@warrenathletics: Here we go BEAR NATION...Warren Holds All Time Mark for Wins vs Downey. 30-27. Game #58 this Friday #Gonna Be Nuts

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CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

At 12:30 a.m., Downey police officers responded to the 9000 block of Charloma in regards to a robbery that occurred. The victim had arrived home and exited his vehicle. He was approached by two male suspects wearing dark clothing. One of the suspects pointed a handgun at the victim and demanded money. The suspects robbed the victim of money and his personal belongings. The suspects were last seen running westbound on Lubec and out of sight. Detectives are investigating.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

At 12:40 a.m., while patrolling the Downtown area, Downey police officers observed a male subject urinating in public. The subject was detained and issued a municipal code citation for the offense.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

At 5 a.m., a fuel delivery vehicle was traveling east on Firestone Blvd. As it was turning into the entrance for the ARCO gas station at 7322 Firestone, it collided into two city light poles and a utility box. A collision report was taken and the City Yards responded to remove the light pole that had fallen into the roadway.

Student volunteers returning to Dia de los Muertos festival

DOWNEY – Part of the city of Downey’s ASPIRE Program – “After School Program Information Recreation Education” – is to get their 1,000-plus student membership involved in the community, in addition to the core mission of creating a fun, positive, and safe learning environment.

One of the ways ASPIRE engages the students is by providing volunteers from the ASPIRE cheer team for the annual Downey Dia de Los Muertos Art Festival.

Students lend support in a variety of ways, including assisting in the decorating of the *calaveras* -- the little sugar skulls that are iconic to this holiday-- and also as festival greeters, theater ushers, and keeping the food area clean. There will be 20 ASPIRE student volunteers at the festival this year, which is the third year that ASPIRE has been a part of this event.

According to Michelle Jenney, ASPIRE Program Supervisor, “This is good experience for the kids because it exposes them to art and music, is a fun place to be, and delivers real world work experience. It is also a creative outlet, so it enriches their life in numerous ways.”

The week leading up to the event, there will be approximately 100 students mixing ingredients for frosting for the *calavera* booth. Students from six ASPIRE sites will also participate in the alter contest by creating displays for the event and honor those that have passed.

The Downey Dia de Los Muertos Festival is Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in and around the Downey Theatre, at the Civic Center. Both admission and parking are free.



The Downey Symphony Orchestra launches its 58th season Saturday in the Downey Civic Theatre. Two Russian classics are on the program, Rimsky-Korsakoff’s “Scheherazade” and Tchaikovsky’s “Swan Lake Suite.” Concertmaster Carolyn Osborn will be featured in solo passages in “Scheherazade,” and the Orchestra will be joined by dancers from the Luminario Ballet of Los Angeles for “Swan Lake.”

Doors open at 6:30 pm so patrons can enjoy an exhibit in the lobby of work by local artists. In addition, two large paintings by Roy Anthony Shabla will flank the stage. They are titled “Water Music: Blue and Gray 2015.”

Music Director Sharon Lavery will give a free talk before the concert at 7:15 p.m.

Good seats are still available. The theater box office is open Friday until 5 p.m. and on Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at (562) 904-7230 or online at downeysymphony.org.

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For more information, please contact the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center at (562)904-7223

Mark Blackburn passes away

DOWNEY – Mark Blackburn, of Downey, died from a pulmonary embolism on Monday, Sept. 28, at Marina Del Rey Hospital. He was 47.

He was born Sept. 26, 1968 in Bellflower. He attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help Elementary School ('82) in Downey, St. John Bosco High School ('86) in Bellflower and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism ('01) and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice ('01) from Cal State Long Beach.



Mark was Director of Security at Marina City Club in Marina Del Rey via Universal Protection Service.

During his career in loss prevention and security, he held various positions at Disneyland, JW Marriott, Target and Home Depot.

He is survived by his son, Logan Michael; his mother Margaret Ann Blackburn; his sister Tracy Blackburn; his uncle Reverend Monsignor Michael Bunny; and was predeceased by his father, Clifford Patrick Blackburn.

A memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Oct. 16.

Memorial donations may be made to the Blackburn Family at <http://youcaring.com/margaret-blackburn-tracy-blackburn-logan-blackburn-442331>

Funeral services Saturday for Rev. Gorsline

DOWNEY – Reverend Alan Paige Gorsline was born July 3, 1934 in Lancaster. He died peacefully amongst family at Saint John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard on Sept. 28.

Alan is survived by Sandra Gorsline, his wife of 31 years, and her two children, David Watson and Laura Parisi. He is also survived by his two sons, David Alan Gorsline and Kenneth Mark Gorsline, and eight grandchildren.

Alan's journey to ordained minister in the United Methodist Church passed through the United States Navy, Cal Western University at Point Loma, and Emory University's School of Theology.

He served the UMC California-Pacific Conference for 39 years, and served at Downey United Methodist Church from 1987 to 1992. He retired as Senior Pastor of Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in 2000 and transitioned to Pastor Emeritus.

He continued to preach, minister, work for interfaith cooperation on social justice initiatives, and care for people until the moment of his passing.

Services will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1800 South 'C' Street, Oxnard, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to heifer.org or projectunderstanding.org.

Teen dodgeball tournament Nov. 13

DOWNEY – Downey's Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a co-ed teen dodgeball tournament Friday, Nov. 13, from 4-9 p.m. at the Apollo Park gym.

Entry fee is \$15 per team, with 6-10 players per team. Limited spaces are available.

Prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners.

Registration is being accepted in person at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Teams should wear similar colored shirts and should arrive at the tournament by 3:30 p.m.

Library open house, marketplace

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will host its annual open house and marketplace this Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The marketplace will feature handmade crafts, holiday decorations, baked goodies, stocking stuffers, and more. All guests can receive a free cup of hot wassail punch.

For questions, call (562) 904-7360.

'Trunk or treat' at Bob's Big Boy

DOWNEY – Bob's Big Boy, which celebrated its sixth anniversary this week, will host a "Trunk or Treat" cruise night this Saturday from 4-8:30 p.m.

The family-friendly event is free for spectators, and \$5 for cars that want to participate.

Bring the kids for trick-or-treating, costume contests, 50-50 raffles, music, and more.

All vehicle makes and models can participate in the car show, along with bicycles, pedal cars and motorcycles.

Sponsorships available for 2016 TLC Walk

DOWNEY – The TLC Family Resource Center is now accepting vendors and sponsors for its fourth annual 5K Run/Walk, taking place Feb. 27, 2016.

The walk will be held at Furman Park.

Vendor spaces are \$30, and includes a table and two chairs. Sponsorships range from \$50 (bronze) to \$1,000 (diamond).

For more information, call TLC at (562) 904-3577 or go to dusd.net/tlc.

PTA fundraiser at BJ's

DOWNEY – The Downey Council PTA is hosting a paint night fundraiser this Saturday, Oct. 24, from 2-5 p.m. at BJ's restaurant at Stonewood Center.

For \$45 per person, a professional artist will lead participants through a recreation of a painting titled "Moonlit Tree Blossoms."

All materials are provided and participants can take their artwork home. No experience is necessary.

For questions or more information, email Patty Salgado at pattypta@hotmail.com.

One brief look, and I am immediately flooded with memories of my childhood.

Stitched together before me is my hometown as I remember it. I see the YMCA, where I spent my summers learning to swim; Del Rio Lanes, where so many of my classmates celebrated their eighth birthday, cosmic bowling style. I see the Space Center, the field trip that every fifth grader looks forward to, and Bob's Big Boy where I've sat and eaten countless times with family and friends. I even see the Downey Patriot, the paper on my coffee table every Sunday morning.

"Downey Doodle-icious" is my story. In fact, for many of us young people, it is our story. Having grown up in Downey, there is a sense of familiarity, of home. From the iconic businesses and restaurants, to the schools and landmarks, "Downey Doodle-icious" truly captures the essence of Downey as many of us remember it from childhood.

While "Downey Doodle-icious" captures our treasured past, its placement in Downtown Downey is a symbol of exciting new beginnings. The art movement in Downey has quickly gained momentum, and we are seeing



exciting new changes as Downey evolves into a creative community, enticing many of us who are currently deciding where to apply for college to stay local to be part of the community of change. With the coming changes in Downey, this mural embodies everything we know and love about the city many of us grew up in.

The Downey portrayed in the mural is where we watched the Christmas parade every year on Downey Avenue, where we shopped at All American with our parents, where our artwork was featured in DMOA; it is the Downey that created leaders that want to

give back to the city that has given so much to us. The mural is both a memory, and an exciting preview.

This is only the beginning, and although Downey is taking on a new aesthetic, it will never change what truly has made this city what it is, its caring community, and the kids who grew up in the city painted on Downey Avenue are eager to see and be part of what is to come.

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In Memory of
Rukmini Maline

October 13, 1931 to October 13, 2015



Inspirational, Vibrant, Served Others, Devoted, Spiritual, Beautiful Nightingale. These are just a few of the words that describe our beloved mother, Rukmini (Mirchandani) Maline who was born on October 13, 1931 in Hyderabad, India in the Sindh region. Rukmini's childhood was filled with many challenges. She lost her own mother when she was only 12 years old. She learned from her mother to serve others and continued her mother's legacy throughout her life.

As a child, Rukmini loved to teach. She would gather children from around her neighborhood and would play teacher with them. She began teaching at a young age in India. Rukmini continued her education so that she could continue to teach. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Bombay University in Indian Philosophy. Determined to follow her dream of teaching in America, she immigrated to the United States in 1960 to attend the University of Hawaii. She received her Master's Degree in Psychology and she began her teaching career in Lunalilo, Hawaii. Rukmini was the first public elementary teacher to teach Hindi in the United States. She moved to California in 1962 where she continued to teach in the Norwalk-La Mirada School District for 40 years. Her teaching career was highlighted by her commitment to teaching special education children.

Rukmini served her community as a volunteer in schools and churches teaching what she loved most, yoga. She helped to broaden other people's knowledge and respect of other cultures around the world. Her purpose in life was to serve others and she taught the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle. Rukmini received many awards and accolades throughout her life. Most notably, in 2006 she was awarded Woman of the Year from the United States Congress for her service to her community.

As a single mother and working full time, Rukmini raised her four children in Downey. She instilled the values of education and a strong work ethic in her children at very young age. Rukmini is survived by her four children, Dr. Shakun Advani, Rama Maline, Rajan Maline, and Rani Maline-Bertsch, and her 11 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please honor her memory and continue her legacy of service by performing a charitable act.
Love all, serve all.

In Memory of
Dale Wesley Rose

November 18, 1933 to October 20, 2015



Dale Rose 81 passed away on Tuesday, October 20th in La Mirada, CA after a lengthy illness. Dale was born in Madera, CA and moved to Turlock, CA at the age of 6. After graduating from Turlock High School he then entered the U.S. Air Force. After the service he went to work on his parents dairy while attending college. He worked as a poultry inspector for the government and eventually relocated to the LA area in 1959. Several years later he went to work for the Lynwood/Long Beach Water Department where he retired after 35 years. Dale was a member of St. Raymond's Parish and belonged to the local Hunting and Fishing club. He is survived by his wife of almost 58 years, Alice of Downey, daughter Karen Rose (Kent) Jung of Downey and two grandchildren Jonathan and Katy Jung. His brother Bert Rose of Redwood City, CA and niece Nancy Buchanan of Los Banos, CA in addition to many relatives and friends. Dale was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Glenna Rose and sister Lola Fransen of Turlock, CA. Visitation and Rosary will be held Monday, October 26th at 4:00pm with Rosary at 7:15pm at Miller-Mies Downey Mortuary. Funeral Mass and burial will be held in Turlock, CA.

In Memory of

Jean K Weber

October 7, 1923 - October 15, 2015

Jean was born in Gardner, MA. and passed away in Santa Monica, CA.

She was a long time resident of Downey, active at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish and was employed at Downey Community Hospital for 20 years. She was predeceased by her husband, John T. and her son, James. Survived by her children: Margaret (Edward) Susank, John J. (Mary), Barbara (Kevin) Smith, Michael (Linda), Joan (Richard) Galvin, Suzanne (Edward) Hoffman; daughter-in-law, Karen; 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery on October 26, at 12:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers donation may be made to the Weber Family Endowment Scholarship Fund at Mount Saint Mary's University, 10 Chester Pl., Los Angeles 90007.

In Memory of
Rosalie Peters

July 24, 1940 to September 3, 2015



Rosalie Ann Peters, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and best friend passed away peacefully to be in the loving arms of our Lord on September 3, 2015, after heroically battling cancer and chrons disease for over 30 years. Rosalie was survived by her loving husband and best friend, Densell Peters, Sr. of 40 years, 7 children, 15 grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren.

On July 24, 1940, Rosalie was born to Nicholas Palermo and Dorothy Baum Palermo, who owned Nick's New and Used, which was once located on Imperial Blvd in the City of Downey from the 1960's to about 2006 and managed by her brother, David Palermo until his death.

Visiting the local thrift stores and cutting out coupons to share with others were enjoyment of pastimes. She was loved by many and always had a cheerful thought and smile to share. With heavy and saddened hearts, we will greatly miss our Rosalie.

***"Don't weep at my grave for I am not there.
I've a date with the butterfly to dance in the air.
I'll be singing in the sunshine wild and free -
playing tag with the wind while I wait for thee"***

(Author unknown however found in Rosalie's personal writings).

Judge Charles Frisco passes away

DOWNEY - Judge Charles E. Frisco passed away Oct. 15 at the age of 92.

He was born Dec. 20, 1922 in Detroit to Sicilian immigrants, Gandolfo and Giovanna Gianfisco. He had two older brothers, Sammy and Frank, and a younger sister, Delphine.

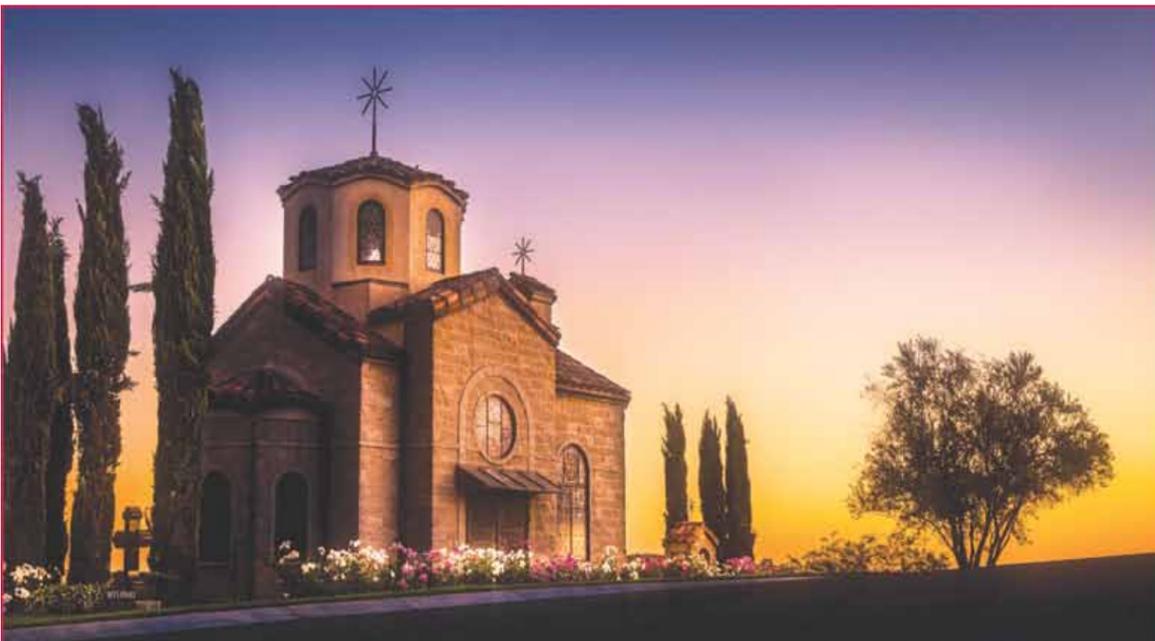
Judge Frisco attended Detroit Institute of Technology until activated as a United States Army Reservist. On March 8, 1943, he was assigned to the U.S Air Corps where he served at Algiers, Africa, Bastia, Corsica, Italy and Austria, and was among the first American troops to land in Corsica in 1943.

His brothers also fought in World War II. Sammy was killed Christmas Day, 1942.

After an honorable discharge, Frisco completed his education at Loyola University and Loyola Law School. He conducted a general practice in South Gate until his appointment by Gov. Jerry Brown as a judge to the Municipal Court of the Downey Judicial Court in 1966.

A rosary will be held Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Bruno Catholic Church in Whittier. Funeral services are Oct. 28 at 12 p.m., also at St. Bruno, with burial and reception to follow.

A full obituary will appear in next week's paper.



Like a silent stone sentry, the quaint St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Chapel watches over the green valley below. It's just one of dozens of one-of-a-kind landmarks here that inspire photographers like Jacob Abrams, as well as countless families who have made this serene setting theirs forever. If you'd like to see more images from our recent photo contest, visit RoseHillsPhotos.com. If you'd like to see what captivated these artists' imaginations first-hand, we invite you to come visit us in person. Call and we'll arrange a personal pre-need property tour. Be inspired.

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Obama's unholy trade policy

By Manuel Perez-Rocha

Pope Francis waxed radical on several big issues in his speech to Congress last September. He condemned the arms trade, called for climate action, and challenged lawmakers to protect the most vulnerable among us.

It was wonderful. But for some reason, there was one looming issue Francis chose not to confront: the Obama administration's corporate-friendly trade agenda.

I wish he had.

Just weeks after the pope's historic visit, the United States and 11 other countries announced an "agreement in principle" on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP — a huge "free trade" pact that could undermine crucial labor and environmental protections in countries making up 40 percent of the world's economy.

The Vatican's thinking on the matter is no secret.

When the pope visited Bolivia in July, he delivered an unmistakable invective against economic policies that exploit the world's poor. "Neocolonialism," Francis said, "takes on different faces" — including "some treaties named as 'free trade.'"

Other Vatican officials have spoken out directly against the TPP itself.

Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, for example, calls the TPP "asymmetric" against poor countries, since it requires them to loosen laws that protect local workers and consumers in exchange for trading with richer countries like the United States.

Doctors Without Borders and other groups have argued that the TPP will reduce poor countries' access to life-saving medicines, weaken food safety, coddle the fossil fuel industry, and make it harder to rein in Wall Street and the rest of the global financial casino.

Yet the Obama administration still insists on calling the TPP "the most progressive trade deal in history."

And indeed, an official summary of the agreement — the full version is still top-secret — offers up some nice-sounding commitments to shared prosperity, sustainability, and gender equality. But if you check the fine print, you'll see that the pact only promotes "voluntary cooperative work in these areas."

Compare that to the guaranteed perks big corporations would get, including "the basic investment protections found in other investment-related

agreements."

Those "basic protections" are exactly what make agreements like the TPP so dangerous. These measures allow corporations to sue governments for enforcing any laws — including common-sense health, safety, and environmental protections — that might affect a company's bottom line.

Take the El Salvador case that's been in the World Bank court's dock for six years. Under terms set by the Bush administration's "free-trade" agreement with Central American countries, the multinational Pacific Rim-Oceana Gold company tried to sue the small country for some \$300 million.

Why? Because El Salvador banned poisonous gold mining along a river that supplies over half of its drinking water. Pacific Rim essentially argued that investment rules favored its right to mine over Salvadorans' right to clean water.

Under NAFTA rules, meanwhile, Canada is being sued for revoking fracking permits and making medications like anti-depressants more widely available. And Mexico has paid out over \$200 million worth of penalties to rich corporations like Cargill.

Farther south, tobacco giant Philip Morris is suing Uruguay for \$25 million, claiming that the health warnings the country requires on cigarette packs violate a similar investment treaty.

No wonder, as Francis warned in Bolivia, "transnational companies are becoming stronger to the point that local economies are subordinated," leaving smaller countries "powerless to carry out development projects in the service of their populations."

The TPP would make this common practice for nearly half the globe. That's why it must be stopped.

The pope knows it. Politicians from Bernie Sanders to Donald Trump know it. Even Hillary Clinton, who once called the TPP "the gold standard in trade agreements," says she knows it now, too.

It's a pity the pope didn't try to talk some sense into U.S. lawmakers about trade deals. But it's not too late for him and others to make the moral case against the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Manuel Pérez-Rocha is an associate fellow of the Institute for Policy Studies. An earlier version of this op-ed appeared at FPIF.org.

Taking out the trash burners

By Annie Leonard

Having scored one big victory for jobs and the environment, a group of Baltimore activists is trying to take things to the next level. Curtis Bay, their heavily polluted Baltimore neighborhood, had been bracing for a \$1 billion garbage incinerator that would have lowered Maryland's already poor air quality.

Energy Answers, the company that won approval six years ago to build this boondoggle, tried to greenwash the burner, falsely claiming that it would generate "clean" power. But the incinerator would have emitted dangerous levels of mercury, lead, dioxins, and other substances linked to neurological problems, cancer, and asthma — all within a mile of local schools.

That's why a youth-led organization called Free Your Voice joined with environmental groups in a campaign against the incinerator and in favor of real solutions for dignified jobs and authentically green initiatives. Free Your Voice grew out of a human rights group called United Workers, which was founded in 2002 by homeless day laborers.

Earlier this year, community groups persuaded local school systems, the Baltimore City government, and 19 other key institutions to cancel their plans to purchase electricity from the dirty burner. That dealt a crippling blow to the incinerator. Baltimore will be better off without it.

Burning trash is hazardous to any community's economy, environment, and public health, which is why I've been joining community groups to fight incinerators my entire adult life — from this country to South Africa, India, and the Philippines.

Still, the Maryland Department of the Environment hasn't yet declared the project dead — even though Energy Answers has failed to do anything on the land for more than 18 months running, violating the terms of its permit. Free Your Voice is now calling upon the environmental agency to officially cancel the

company's permit.

While Energy Answers holds the 97-acre site hostage, people from the emboldened Curtis Bay community are coming up with solutions of their own. Among the ideas that Free Your Voice and its allies are proposing are a community-owned solar farm and an eco-industrial park that would host recycling, reuse, and composting companies. Recycling is better for the environment than burning trash and our discarded possessions, and it creates 10 to 20 times more jobs per ton of material processed.

Nationally, most of our trash ends up in landfills that leach toxins into the soil and water, or goes into incinerators that release toxic fumes — often in inner-city neighborhoods. The result is an assault on public health, an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, and a tremendous waste of materials that could have been reused.

Just imagine what would happen if the Baltimore story were repeated across the country. According to a Tellus Institute study, the United States could create over a million jobs by 2030 by transforming the way we manage our waste.

Instead of destroying resources in incinerators and landfills, we could conserve them through recycling and composting. Many of the industry's jobs could shift from large private corporations to municipal unions. This transformation would aid the environment, public health, equity, and racial justice all in one shot.

When the people of Baltimore got organized, they won the incinerator fight. Now they're building bridges between movements that too often are pitted against one another, particularly workers and environmentalists. It's an inspiration to other groups to do the same thing across Maryland and the whole country.

Annie Leonard is the executive director of Greenpeace USA and the creator of the Story of Stuff's viral videos about the dangers of consumerism.

The great pumpkin shortage is coming

By Emily Schwartz Greco

Pumpkin fever is back.

The latest bout of this seasonal disorder has infected Hostess Twinkies and moved Starbucks to put a smidge of real pumpkin in its pumpkin spice lattes. Previously, the ubiquitous coffee purveyor used a common ploy: It evoked agrarian and holiday nostalgia with artificial food coloring, a cloying mix of spices, and loads of sugar.

Whether you're hooked on making your own pumpkin coffee with a blob of the canned stuff or just want to avoid a last-minute scramble before baking a Thanksgiving pie or two, you better stock up now.

The Libby's canned food company says that overly wet weather near its Morton, Illinois factory halved this year's harvest. The quintessentially American brand — in reality a division of Nestle SA, a sprawling Switzerland-based food conglomerate — produces the bulk of our nation's pumpkin puree. And it buys all

of its pumpkins from dozens of family farms located near its only packing plant.

In fact, the imminent pumpkin shortage is only the latest example of how changing weather patterns are endangering some of our favorite foods and drinks. Thanks for nothing, global warming. If this is news to you, try this sampler plate:

According to The Guardian, a "coffee catastrophe beckons as climate change threatens [the] Arabica plant" from Brazil to Burundi.

Salon has declared that "climate change could mean the end of chocolate" due to drier weather in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.

And the click-baiting Upworthy has warned that "climate change has crossed the line. It's ruining beer now," by endangering the hops supply.

Despite the vulnerability seen from time to time in Illinois — Libby's ran into the same problem in 2009 — pumpkin is more versatile and less imperiled than those other specialty crops required for treats and libations.

What we call pumpkins are just varieties of winter squashes. Native to the Americas, they were among the first plants cultivated in this hemisphere. Originating in Mexico at least 7,000 years ago, this nutritious staple was widely cultivated by indigenous people long before English settlers landed at Jamestown.

Yet the machines smashing pumpkins in Libby's sole factory can only accommodate a single kind of squash not grown elsewhere. Hauling different ones from other areas to cook, peel, seed, mash, and can wouldn't work without planning ahead.

If the Libby's label disappears from your grocer's shelves before Thanksgiving, why not make a pumpkin pie from scratch? Choose a hard-skinned squash that wouldn't make a good jack-o-lantern, because those big carving pumpkins are usually stringy and inedible. Small orange "sugar" or "pie" pumpkins taste better, as do blue hubbards and many other kinds you'll find at farmers' markets this time of year.

Even the Dickinson variety that Libby's stuffs into that can you probably rely on to make your mother's pumpkin pie recipe looks nothing like what you probably picture. Oblong with pale peach-toned skins, it's more akin to butternut squash.

There are some alternatives to Libby's that will help meet any excess demand created by the bad Illinois harvest. Trader Joe's sources its house-branded puree from Oregon family farmers who have a bumper crop on their orange-stained hands this year. That may help the grocer meet its customers' demands for the pumpkin dog treats, crackers, cheese, and body butter it sells.

"OK, we really have a thing for pumpkins," the offbeat chain confessed in the October edition of its Fearless Flyer newsletter. "It's true, we'll add pumpkin to anything."

Columnist Emily Schwartz Greco is the managing editor of OtherWords, a non-profit national editorial service run by the Institute for Policy Studies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

An endorsement for Saldana

Dear Editor:

Looking at our upcoming school board election, I have to vote for one person out of the three names on my ballot but it appears to me this is just another big waste of our taxpayer dollars.

I bet only about 12%-18% of the registered voters will even show up and most of them will be friends and family of the incumbents who will probably get re-elected anyway. My suggestion is that we combine the school board election with our annual political election to get a better turnout and save hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars.

Past newly-elected Downey city councilman Mario Guerra's first big mistake, just weeks after getting into office, he had us pay for a special election to get rid of term limits for city council members, even though we Downey citizens had already made it clear by voting for term limits. Mario insisted on a special vote and the cost to Downey citizens back then was said to be \$75,000. We won the vote but paid the price. Mario lost, this was his deal.

This happened even before Mario got his three other council member buddies to pull off a nasty trick by doing a first time ever rotten stunt, when they voted Ann Bayer out of the mayor position and put Mario in because he was such an important person. We don't vote for mayor, they rotate into that position.

Mario thought he was such an important person at that time but guess what? His mayor term failed. Just look at what Tesla Motors did to him when they signed with San Jose for their manufacturing plant instead of signing with Downey.

However, I do believe he set a new record of having pictures of himself in the *Downey Patriot* every Friday. And still to this day in 2015, you can almost guarantee Mario's picture will be in the paper on Friday.

**Susan DiLoreto Neff, Esq
Downey**

Disrepair at the post office

Dear Editor:

There is a hole in the outer wall of the United States Post Office on Imperial Highway in Downey (near Paramount and Imperial Hwy.) Looks like someone ran into the building.

They have put a board over the hole . It has remained that way for months now.

Why can't it be fixed? It looks ridiculous.

**Donna Siemann
Downey**

Huntington Park

Dear Editor:

If you think for one minute that your America is not being corrupted and exploited, and leading to anarchy, then you'd better take a good hard look at the Huntington Park City Council -- at least four of them -- and their disgraceful action in appointing two illegal aliens to a commission position in that city.

These four supposed lawmakers have now turned into lawbreakers in my opinion. These four are not the councilmen the decent, good people of Huntington Park need to rule them, and should resign or be recalled as soon as possible before they inflict more damage on the good people of their city.

The oath of office they took does not mean a daggone thing to them, or else they would not have acted that way. It is such a plain, open, defiant misuse and abuse of power that it smacks of arrogant anarchy against America.

The good people of Huntington Park have one admirable, decent, brave, honest and intelligent American councilman, Valentin Amenquita, who had the guts to step down from his council seat, go to the public speaker's podium, and denounce all four as anarchists for their actions, and rightfully so. He has more honor than all four other council members put together, and I commend him for his honest, honorable stand.

Valentin Amenquita is living up to his oath of faithfulness to American, and I, for one, heartily commend him for his actions that night. The people of Huntington Park should be very proud to have such an honest man serving them. Unlike the other four disgraceful members.

**Joe Cvetko
Bellflower**

Who can corral the crazy caucus?

By Jim Hightower

House Republicans are in turmoil.

House Speaker John Boehner gave up his position because he couldn't stand the job anymore. Next in line was Rep. Kevin McCarthy, who started running but quickly backed off. Rep. Paul Ryan says he's thinking about taking the job, even though he doesn't want it.

What's at work here is the Crazy Caucus.

At one level or another, nearly all Republican House members belong to it. But I'm talking here about 50 or so hyper-crazies who believe that the greatest problems facing our country are Hillary Clinton's emails, Planned Parenthood, the existence of public services, and Mexicans who sneak into our country so they can vote for Democrats.

It's the job of the House Speaker to try "leading" these mad dogs on an occasional bit of sanity, like voting to fund the government. Who really wants to do that — or even thinks it's possible anymore?

Well, several of the mad dogs themselves say they should be put in charge.

Daniel Webster — not the smart guy who compiled the dictionary, but a tea party know-nothing bozo from Florida — says he's available. Bill Flores, a little known fellow-traveler of Webster's from Texas, says he would unite the House by getting all the members to "spend enough time on our knees praying for each other."

Yes, that's silly, but the idea of keeping lawmakers on their knees is appealing at least.

Mike Pompeo of Kansas, a prince of right-wing pomposity who was elected by the billionaire Koch brothers to be their personal representative in Washington, also says he's ready to lead the House...toward a Koch-headed plutocracy.

That's pathetic. But wait — we have another surprising choice. It's a little known fact, but the speaker of our House of Representatives doesn't actually have to be a member of Congress.

So why don't we choose someone who isn't even a politician? How about a kindergarten teacher, a minimum wage worker, or an organic farmer? If they're not up to the job, how about a circus ringmaster?

Maybe a group psychologist is what the place really needs.

OtherWords columnist Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker. He's also the editor of the populist newsletter, The Hightower Lowdown, and a member of the Public Citizen board.

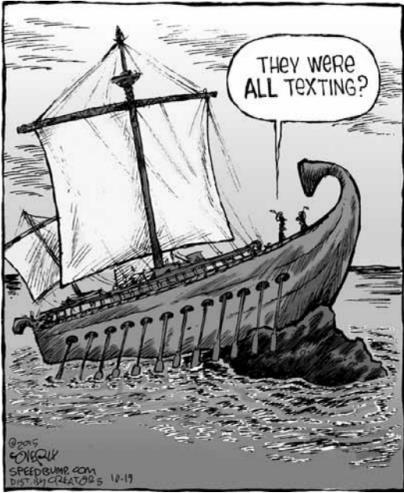
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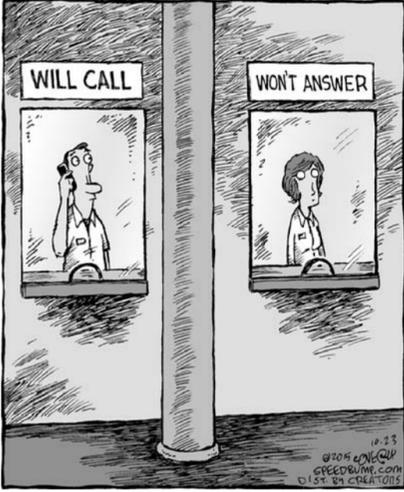
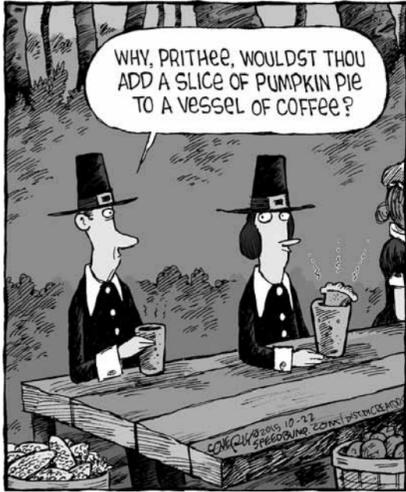
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Friday, Oct. 23: Catch 22 – an exhibit by Don Lamkin, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 24: Open house and marketplace, Downey City Library, 10 a.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 24: Trunk or treat, Bob's Big Boy, 4-8:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Oct. 24: Downey Symphony concert, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 25: Parade of Winners, Rio Hondo Event Center, 12 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3477.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, call Karika Austin 260-3856.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

On This Day...

Oct. 22, 1797: French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet.
1962: President John F. Kennedy announced an air and naval blockade of Cuba, following the discovery of Soviet missile bases on the island.
2002: A bus driver was shot to death in the 13th and final attack by the Washington-area sniper.
BIRTHDAYS: Actor Christopher Lloyd (77), actor Jeff Goldblum (63), pop singer Shaggy (47), baseball player Ichiro Suzuki (42) and actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson (40).

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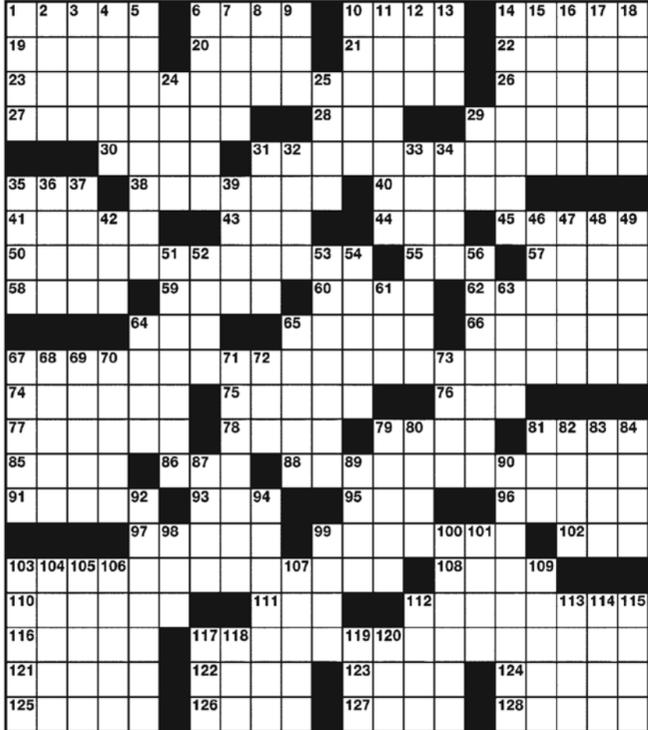
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Butter or margarine? It's complicated! Let's explore the pros and cons of each.

This long-time debate has been a battle of culture, nutrition, finances, and marketing. For most of the time, margarine was badly outmatched. Margarine was developed in the 1800s in France when butter was scarce and expensive. In 1911, the average American ate almost 19 pounds of butter per year, while consuming about a single pound of margarine. The butter industry even managed to successfully lobby that in many states, yellow margarine could not be sold. During World War II, however, there were butter shortages and a rise in margarine use. By 1957, Americans ate as much margarine as butter – about 8.5 pounds per year of each. Margarine was marketed as healthier and cheaper.



spread is healthier for the heart? The American Heart Association's answer is margarine that typically comes in a tub (not a stick), which does not contain either saturated and trans fats. And, since margarine is made from vegetable oils, it contains polyunsaturated and monounsaturated "good" fats. These fats help reduce low-density lipoprotein (LDL), the "bad" cholesterol.

If you do choose butter, it comes with some choices. It can be salted or unsalted. Most butter sticks contain 100 calories per tablespoon, with 11 grams of fat, seven of which are saturated. That is one third of an entire day's recommended amount of saturated fat. However, note that the process of whipping can add air to butter, making it lighter and less dense. If you stick to the same tablespoon size portion, you might save about half the calories and fat. Butter can also be found with an even higher fat content, like Kerrygold Pure Irish Butter. If you're watching your fat, beware of words like "rich," "cultured," or "European style."

If you do choose margarine, some are blended with added olive or canola oil. While this does not cut the calories, it does lower the amounts of saturated fats and cholesterol. These butter blends are typically softer and easier to spread. "Light," "low fat," "whipped," or "soft spread" usually means that a spread has added water, air, or fillers that can lower the calories to as few as 50 in a tablespoon.

Consider the healthiest option of all: skip butter and margarine altogether. Try avocado, or nut butters. These alternatives still contain fat, but it's a healthful fat that will help, not harm, the heart.

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So, butter contains saturated fats, and some margarine contains trans fats (and possibly some saturated fats as well). Which

Excessive alcohol use continues to be a drain on the economy

Excessive alcohol use continues to be a drain on the American economy, according to a study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Excessive drinking cost the U.S. \$249 billion in 2010, or \$2.05 per drink, a significant increase from \$223.5 billion, or \$1.90 per drink, in 2006.

Most of these costs were due to reduced workplace productivity, crime, and the cost of treating people for health problems caused by excessive drinking.

Binge drinking, defined as drinking five or more drinks on one

occasion for men or four or more drinks on one occasion for women, was responsible for most of these costs (77 percent). Two of every 5 dollars of costs -- over \$100 billion -- were paid by governments.

"The increase in the costs of excessive drinking from 2006 to 2010 is concerning, particularly given the severe economic recession that occurred during these years," said Robert Brewer, M.D., M.S.P.H., head of CDC's Alcohol Program and one of the study's authors. "Effective prevention strategies can reduce excessive drinking and related costs in states and communities, but they are

under used."

Excessive alcohol consumption is responsible for an average of 88,000 deaths each year, including 1 in 10 deaths among working-age Americans ages 20-64.

Excessive alcohol use cost states and the District of Columbia a median of \$3.5 billion in 2010, ranging from \$488 million in North Dakota to \$35 billion in California. Washington D.C. had the highest cost per person (\$1,526, compared to the \$807 national average), and New Mexico had the highest cost per drink (\$2.77, compared to the \$2.05 national average).

The 2010 cost estimates were based on changes in the occurrence of alcohol-related problems and the cost of paying for them since 2006. Even so, the researchers believe that the study underestimates the cost of excessive drinking because information on alcohol is often underreported or unavailable, and the study did not include other costs, such as pain and suffering due to alcohol-attributable harms.

Prescriptions may hold clues to drug abuse

Drug overdose is the leading cause of injury death in the United States – mostly due to abuse and misuse of prescription opioid pain relievers, benzodiazepines (sedatives/tranquilizers), and stimulants.

Information from state prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMs) can be used to detect and measure prescribing patterns that suggest abuse and misuse of controlled substances, according to a report released in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Surveillance Summary.

It is the first multi-state report from the CDC- and FDA-funded Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (PBSS), which analyzes data from state PDMs. The eight states that submitted 2013 data—California, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Ohio and West Virginia—represent about a quarter of the U.S. population.

The study found that prescribing practices varied widely among states despite the fact that states are similar in the prevalence of the conditions these drugs are used to treat. Moreover, differences in population characteristics, such as

ethnicity and social status, likely explain only a fraction of the variation in prescribing practices. The findings point to the urgent need for improved prescribing practices, particularly for opioids – which in all eight states were prescribed twice as often as stimulants or benzodiazepines.

"Every day, 44 people die in American communities from an overdose of prescription opioids and many more become addicted," said CDC director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "States are on the frontline of witnessing these overdose deaths. This research can help inform their prescription overdose prevention efforts and save lives."

Prescribing rates varied widely by state: twofold for opioids, fourfold for stimulants, and nearly twofold for benzodiazepines. Among the study's other findings:

A small minority of prescribers are responsible for most opioid

prescriptions.

The top 1 percent of prescribers wrote 1 in 4 opioid prescriptions in Delaware, compared with 1 in 8 in Maine.

People who receive opioid prescriptions often receive benzodiazepine prescriptions as well, despite the risk for adverse drug interactions.

The percentage of controlled substance prescriptions paid for in cash – an indicator of abuse – varied almost threefold among five states reporting this measure.

"A more comprehensive approach is needed to address the prescription opioid overdose epidemic, including guidance to providers on the risks and benefits of these medications," said Debra Houry, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Lecture on aging eyes

CERRITOS – Dr. Arthur Pazornik, an optometrist from Pioneer Medical Group, will lead a lecture on aging eyes Wednesday, Oct. 28, starting at 1 p.m. at the Cerritos Senior Center.

The lecture is free to adults ages 50 and older.

CDC awards \$22.8M in grants for colorectal cancer screenings

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced it has awarded a total of \$22.8 million to 24 state health departments -- including California -- as well as six universities, and one American Indian tribe to increase colorectal screening.

The grants, awarded in a competitive process, are designed to increase colorectal (colon) cancer screening rates among men and women aged 50 to 75 years.

"Colorectal cancer is the second leading cancer killer of both men and women in the United States, but most colorectal cancer can be prevented," said Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Screening saves lives and funds we are providing the states will support doctors, nurses, and others to save lives."

Colorectal cancer screening can find precancerous polyps—abnormal growths in the colon or rectum—so they can be removed before turning into cancer. Screening also helps reduce deaths due to colorectal cancer.

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Downey High's Darrian Franklin stays humble despite success



By Michelle Melendrez
Contributor

DOWNEY – In society today we see how torn the world we live in is. So much rivalry, so much jealousy, so much pride. It is always refreshing when you come across an athlete who doesn't just say all the right things, but rather you see a leader walking through the crowds and leading by example.

Humbled by his beginnings and praised for his talents, make no mistake that this athlete has every right to brag. But instead he prays and pays it forward.

It is no secret that Head Coach Jack Williams's football program at Downey High School has always been strong, with a pool of talented players walking the halls. The same halls that USC outside linebacker Jabari Ruffin once roamed are also home to another extremely talented player. With 24 offers from D1 schools such as Oregon, Cal Berkeley, UCLA, USC, Notre Dame, Alabama, Florida, and Arizona, just to name a few, this athlete could go to any school not just his football talents, but also for his strong academics and charity work within the community.

Standing at 6 ft. 2 and 215 lbs., Vikings wide receiver and linebacker Darrian Franklin (#9) is a jack of many trades and skills, and he comes in full force on and off the field.

Football is not just a sport to Darrian, it is a family affair since he comes from a strong family lineage of football. His mother is the one who taught him how to throw a football and would help him run drills. His uncles and cousins all played football and helped coach him, offering tips to make him more effective in each play.

"I'm grateful to have such a strong family background. My

uncles, Devin and Demel, text quotes before every game to inspire and pump up not just me, but also my teammates," said Darrian. "They always give me tips to avoid injuries and to take care of my body."

"My father also played professional football and he gives me good advice because he understands what it's like on the field and in the real world. It's great to have my family stand by me and support me and want me to get the best education I can over playing professional football. It's one less pressure knowing that win or lose they all stand by me."

Darrian started playing football at the age of 5 with Bellflower youth. He has played on various football travel teams, attended football camps all over California, and has seized every opportunity to learn and build on his skills. His most memorable football moment was going up against Alex Redmond, who now plays for UCLA, who stands 6 ft. 5 and weighs 305 lbs. and was a senior linebacker when Darrian was just a freshman playing on varsity for Los Altos High school.

"Redmond would just straight pancake me at practices like nothing," Darrian laughs. "I'll admit it was good practice and helped me get ready for some of these players I go up against."

Being an athlete is not just about playing a sport but about the passion and dedication to push forward. Darrian does not play football because he has to, but because he loves to. This is what separates him from other athletes. So what keeps this talented individual going?

"Gospel music or something calming like BB King 'Stand By Me', and I always get a text from my uncle T-Man from Texas who sends me a prayer for love and protection. Then I look in the

mirror and say 'Am I going to do the best I can or am I going to be better than I was yesterday?'"

"To me, being able to get a scholarship to one of the best schools in the country is the biggest way I can repay both my parents and all those who have stood by me and cheered me along the way," Darrian continues. "It is the greatest accomplishment for me to know that my parents won't have to worry about how to pay for my college tuition or worry about my education. My mom and dad have always expected my best both academically and in athletics. I was never allowed any excuses, I was taught to be accountable, and to always hold myself to the highest integrity."

Those who see him play football Friday nights see a talented player and legend in the making, but those close to Darrian, including former teammates from last season, all agree that he will be the one to inspire future youths to follow their dreams.

"I want you to be better than me, I've made some mistakes but from every situation there is always a positive in life," Darrian says. "Through good times and bad times, I've always tried to be the best. If someone is working for you then you should appreciate that and work harder and stay focused. Don't let the excuses or problems get the best of you and use it as a way to why you didn't succeed. In those situations you need to pray because God doesn't give you anything you cannot handle. If you put in the work, something good will happen."

In his spare time, Darrian spends his time paying it forward by volunteering to feed the homeless and partnering with Downey High's school program called SWAB.

"I am working on planning a surprise visit to a local Pop

Warner team and share my story that anything is possible if you work hard for it. I not only want to inspire youth, but also a way to give thanks to all the great coaches out there. I've been very blessed to have great coaches who have helped me become the athlete I am today," Darrian says.

"The coaching staff at Downey High school I can't thank them enough because they are tough on us. They know how great we are and at the end of the day I can go to any of them and talk to them about anything and they always give the best advice. I especially want to give a special thanks to Coach Jack Williams because he has always been there for me; we may not always agree on everything but at the end of the day I trust him and he always has the players' backs. He expects us all to be great, and he knows the difference between your great and your best. He is one of the most supportive coaches I've ever had. He doesn't care about just winning he also cares about us after high school and wants to see great things from us."

"I also want to thank my principal Mr. Houts at Downey

because he looks out for the school and is dedicated to the sports program. He does a lot to make Downey High school to be one of the best schools out there. I look up to him as a role model.

"But this season, I have dedicated it to my mother because through thick and thin she has always been there for me. Seeing me play puts a smile on her face because I've been playing since I was 5 years old and I know it is bittersweet for her to see me all grown up and ready to go off to college soon. My Gammy is my backbone because she always gives me the best advice. She has always stressed the importance of family to me and is the one who unifies everyone together."

As a writer, I meet with athletes and tell their stories. This is the first athlete that I have met who has remained the same individual regardless of all the attention he has received. We wish Darrian Franklin nothing but the best of luck in his future endeavors as he has committed to attend the University of Oregon.



Football coaches Jack Williams (Downey) and Raul Lara (Warren) visited the Downey Rotary Club this week as part of Spirit Week. They are pictured with Rotarian Mario Guerra and the city championship trophy, which is presented to the winner of the rivalry game.

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Downey-Warren win, setting up huge game

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Lynwood at Downey last Friday night, 33-12.

With the win, Downey improved to 4-3 overall and 2-0 in S.G.V.L. play. With the loss, Lynwood fell to 4-3

overall and 0-2 in S.G.V.L. play.

Downey will travel to cross-town rival Warren (6-1, 2-0) later today and face a Bear team that is on a five-game win streak.

Downey was in a tough situation last week. The Vikings had to finish 1/2 quarters against Dominguez two days earlier, on Wednesday, from the “no lights” game last Friday. Downey

won the completed Dominguez game 27-14 after leading 13-0 in “part 1” from Friday. It was a delicate situation that turned out well for Downey.

In the Lynwood game, Downey jumped out to a 14-0 lead and closed the first quarter with that same score. The Vikings added 13 points in the second quarter and led 27-0 at halftime. Lynwood outscored Downey 6-3 in the third quarter but Downey still led 30-6 as the quarter came to a close. Lynwood outscored Downey 6-3 in the fourth quarter as well but Downey had already secured the 33-12 win.

Downey quarterbacks Rafeeq Rahim and Trevor Hill combined to complete 15/26 pass attempts for 171 yards. The Viking ground game was led by Asfunso Elam who had 69 yards on four carries. Hinkley Ropati had two carries for 61 yards and Emari Demarcado had nine carries for 56 yards. Downey’s run game combined for 330 yards on 37 carries.

The Viking receiving corps was led by Ricky Hickson’s 44 yards on two receptions. Noah Lopez had 41 yards on three receptions and Albert Padilla had 36 yards on four receptions. Downey receivers combined for 171 yards on 15 receptions.

The Warren High School football team defeated Gahr at Gahr last Friday night, 42-21, to improve to 2-0 in SGVL play and 6-1 overall.

Warren will host cross-town rival Downey (4-3, 2-0) later today and Gahr will travel to Dominguez (4-3, 1-1) for their game against the Dons.

Warren quarterback Jordan Yancy completed 13/19 pass attempts for 246 yards two touchdowns and one interception. The Bear ground game accumulated 205 yards on 38 carries and four touchdowns. The Warren receiving corps had 13 receptions for 246 yards and two touchdowns.

Antwan Mims led the Bear ground attack with 93 yards on seven carries and one touchdown. Ulises Cota led the Bear receiving corps with five receptions for 123 yards and one touchdown.

In the Gahr game, the Bears took an early 15-0 lead and held that lead as the first quarter came to a close. Warren added to their lead in the second quarter and went into the locker room at halftime leading 28-7.

It was more of the same for the Bears in the second half. The Bears scored two more touchdowns in the third quarter and led 42-14. Gahr added a fourth quarter touchdown to close the score to 42-21. The game ended with that same 42-21 score.

Coach Lara, his staff and players are looking forward to playing Downey later tonight. Downey won last year’s game 49-19 in Raul Lara’s first season as head coach. The winner of this game will have the inside track to an undefeated San Gabriel Valley League season and league championship.

The Warren High School girls’ volleyball team currently has an overall record of 11-6 and are 5-1 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Lady Bears defeated Paramount at Warren 3-0 on 10/1, were defeated by Gahr at Gahr 3-2 on 10/6 and defeated cross-town rival Downey at Warren 3-1 on 10/13.

The Lady Bears defeated Dominguez at Dominguez 3-0 on 10/15 and defeated Paramount at Paramount 3-0 on 10/20. Warren hosted Gahr yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to cross-town rival Downey next Tuesday. Warren will conclude S.G.V.L. play when they host Dominguez on 10/29 and travel to Lynwood on 11/3.

There is a three-way tie in the San Gabriel Valley League standings. Gahr (14-8, 4-1), Warren (11-6, 5-1) and Downey (7-10, 4-1) are all tied atop the standings. Paramount (10-8, 2-3), Lynwood (5-7, 1-4) and Dominguez (0-7, 0-5) round out the S.G.V.L. standings.

Warren is currently ranked 24th in the Southern Section 2AA standings. Gahr is ranked 18th, Paramount is ranked 34th and Downey is ranked 38th. The second half of league play will be exciting with several teams battling for a league title and C.I.F. league seeding spots.

The middle school sport’s first rotation concluded Wednesday and six – actually seven – city champions were crowned.

There were city championships earned in 6th, 7th and 8th grade football and 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls’ volleyball. There was a co-championship in 8th grade girls’ volleyball.

The 6th grade football city champion was Stauffer. Stauffer finished their season at 5-1, Doty finished at 4-2, Sussman finished at 3-3 and Griffiths finished at 0-6.

The 7th grade city champion is Doty. Doty finished their season at 5-1, Stauffer finished their season at 4-2, Sussman finished their season at 2-4 and Griffiths finished their season at 1-5.

The 8th grade football city champion is Stauffer. Stauffer finished their season at 5-1, Doty finished their season at 4-2, Sussman finished their season at 3-3 and Griffiths finished their season at 0-6.

The 6th grade volleyball girls’ city champion is Doty. Doty finished their season at 6-0, Sussman finished their season at 2-4, Griffiths finished their season at 2-4 and Stauffer finished their season at 2-4.

The 7th grade volleyball girls’ city champion is Doty. Doty finished their season at 6-0, Griffiths finished their season at 3-3, Sussman finished their season at 3-3 and Stauffer finished their season at 0-6.

The 8th grade volleyball girls’ city champion is Griffiths and Stauffer. Griffiths and Stauffer are co-champions. Both teams finished at 4-2 and share the city championship. Doty and Sussman both finished their seasons at 2-4, respectively.

The next rotation of sports is boys’ volleyball and girls’ soccer. There will be three grade level teams for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys’ volleyball and two girl teams consisting of a varsity (8th grade) and junior varsity (6th and 7th grade) team.

Voter registration drive at Golden Park

DOWNEY – A voter registration drive will take place this Saturday at Golden Park from 1:15-2:45 p.m.

Residents can learn about voter registration and civic engagement, immigration, access to health and education, gender equality, workplace equality, community development, and more.

For questions or more information, call (562) 659-9503 or email downeyawareness@gmail.com.

‘Spooky Science Night’ at space center

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host its annual Spooky Science Night on Friday, Oct. 23, and Saturday, Oct. 24, from 5-9 p.m.

The space center will offer a variety of activities and demonstrations each night, including make your own slime, static ghost, robotics labs, a spooky maze, and more.

There will also be food trucks and a costume parades, so visitors are encouraged to dress in a Halloween costume.

Admission is \$5 (free for space center members).

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

Author Louise Mathews to speak about cooking behind bars

DOWNEY – Louise Mathews, author of “Jail House Cuisine,” will speak in the Cormack Room at the Downey Library on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Her book is the first to take a look at what it is like to cook and to eat behind bars, examining in detail the many challenges and the unusual and unbelievable events which occurred each day while serving over 10 million meals per year.

It is the story of her 21 years “behind bars” as the Chief of Food Services for the San Diego Sheriff.

Mathews went to school to become a writer, but along the way her experiences led her to a career in food services. She has won numerous awards for her work. Among them, the prestigious International Diamond Award for the best correctional food and the Silver Plate, which is akin to winning an Oscar in her career.

She is currently at work on a novel about a Native American character and reincarnation.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey Library and is free. Refreshments will include treats from some of the recipes in her book.

Library’s October silent auction items

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent book auctions to raise money for library programs. October’s items:

“John Lennon,” “Imagine-John Lennon” and “Best of Lennon & McCartney for Acoustic Guitar” (two books and one DVD on the famous Beatle);

“The Elements of Pop-Up” (instructions and examples to show you how to create your own pop-up book);

“Scary Story Collection” and “Skippy Jones in Mummy Trouble” (the first by Disney Press and the latter includes the Skippy Jones stuffed toy-two nice books for Halloween!);

“Hollywood Urban Legends” (Did Carson really say that to Zsa Zsa? “Play it again Sam” never happened. Hollywood legends, some of which are true.)

“Phantom of the Opera” (in print and on stage for over a hundred years; part horror, part romance and part detective story);

“Dracula” (the author takes us on a tour of the legend and myth as well as the history and facts of the character Dracula);

“People of the First Man” (the firsthand account of Prince Maximilian’s expedition up the Missouri River, 1833-34)

“Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good” (one of the stories in the Mitford series, one of the most popular collections of stories);

“You Staying Young” (an explanation of the mechanics of aging and what you can do about it);

“Nightmares in the Sky” (most people never look up to see these sometimes scary, sometimes funny creations in our night sky);

“Masters of Starlight-Photographers in Hollywood” (The motion picture gives us the story but the pictures linger in our perception of what Hollywood was...the story of the photographers who took those pictures.)

“The Splendid Table’s-How to Eat Weekends” (experience new dishes, new flavors and new cooking methods);

Books have opening bids from \$6-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Oct. 31, on cards in the Friend’s Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

Children’s book giveaway Oct. 24

DOWNEY – The Assistance League of Downey will give away books to children Oct. 24 at the Second Tyme Around Shoppe in downtown Downey.

The giveaway is part of national “Make a difference Day” celebrated by the 93 Assistance League chapters. Last year, more than 100 books were distributed in Downey.

The giveaway is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

Parking lot sale Saturday

DOWNEY – The Moravian Church of Downey is hosting a parking lot sale this Saturday, Oct. 24, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For informaton, call the church office at (562) 927-0718.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2015259183
File Number 2014027052 DATE FILED: JANUARY 31, 2014
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): JACINTA DISCOUNT OUTLET
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 2818 E. FLORENCE AVE #A, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA. 90255
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARICELA RIVERA, 10828 NEWMILL AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual 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/ MARICELA RIVERA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on OCTOBER 8, 2015

The Downey Patriot
10/15/15, 10/22/15, 10/29/15, 11/5/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015244232

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TD SHRUM ENTERPRISES (2) MY GRANDMA'S STUFF (3) TD SUPPLIES, 9929 MINA AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DEBORAH LYNN GUERRA, 9929 MINA AVE, WHITTIER CA 90605
State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ DEBORAH LYNN GUERRA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 22, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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
10/1/15, 10/8/15, 10/15/15, 10/22/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015246343

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOOR WORKS, 9732 WASHBURN ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAVID RODRIGUEZ, 16236 ORIZABA AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
State of Incorporation: (1) 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 MAY 6, 03
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/ DAVID RODRIGUEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 24, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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10/1/15, 10/8/15, 10/15/15, 10/22/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015253798

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE GLAMOUR SPOT SALON, 649 E. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, CARSON CA 90746, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHAUNTY ROUZAN, 649 E. UNIVERSITY DRIVE, CARSON CA 90746
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 12/01/2007
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/ CHAUNTY ROUZAN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 02, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015244086

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A FIRST CLASS LIMOUSINE & TRANSPORTATION

COMPANY (2) DSS OUTLET, 18300 S PIONEER BLVD UNIT 109, ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KISSUN LAL, 18300 S PIONEER BLVD UNIT 109, ARTESIA CA 90701
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/ KISSUN LAL, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 22, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015242142

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXCELLENCE PREMIER REAL ESTATE, 5207 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EXCELLENCE RE REAL ESTATE INC, 5207 ROSEMEAD BLVD 5207 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA CA 90660
State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ EXCELLENCE RE REAL ESTATE INC, PRESIDENT, MIGUEL OYOQUE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 18, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2015250141

File Number 2012051022 DATE FILED: MARCH 26, 2012
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): K DISCOUNT STORE
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 8029 S. EASTERN AVE, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HYUN SOOK KO, 4816 GRAND AVE, LA CANADA, CA 91011 (2) HYUNG MOO KO, 4816 GRAND AVE, LA CANADA, CA 91011
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
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/ HYUNG MOO KO, HUSBAND
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

The Downey Patriot
10/1/15, 10/8/15, 10/15/15, 10/22/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015237720

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) UNIK TOWING, 6611 E 72ND ST, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARILU GONZALEZ, 6611 E 72ND ST, PARAMOUNT CA 90723 (2) CHRISTIAN GUILLERMO SARMIENTO MILLAN, 6611 E 72ND ST, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
State of Incorporation: (1) CA
This business is conducted by a Married Couple
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/ MARILU GONZALEZ, WIFE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015249450

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VETA EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, 8060

FLORENCE AVE SUITE 207, DOWNEY, CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MOSA CORPORATION, 8651 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240
State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ FADIA MOSRI-AYUB, MOSA CORPORATON, SECRETARY
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
10/1/15, 10/8/15, 10/15/15, 10/22/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015243173

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KINGDOM PROMOTIONS, 2805 KISKA AVE., HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS HARB, 2805 KISKA AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745
State of Incorporation: (1) 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 true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ CARLOS HARB, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
10/1/15, 10/8/15, 10/15/15, 10/22/15

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2015262976

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AARON S. IRON WORKS, 3004 N. ALAMEDA ST., COMPTON CA 90222, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MOISES AARON CORTIDOR, 1010 WEST 87TH ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90044
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 10/1/15
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/ MOISES AARON CORTIDOR, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 14, 2015
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. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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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GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PLN-15-00176

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 4th day of November, 2015, 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 the following:

PLN-15-00176 (Conditional Use Permit) – A request to operate a martial arts center (Commercial Recreation), on property located at 9948 Lakewood Blvd., and zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/gov/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical 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.

For more information contact Associate Planner Jessica Flores at 562-904-7154.

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10/22/15

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: TS019101

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VIVIANA VARGAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ARIEL EMMANUEL HUESCA-VARGAS to Proposed name (1) EMMANUEL ARIEL HUESCA-VARGAS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: November 12, 2015, Time: 8:30 pm, Department 3, Room 906

The address of the court is 200 W. Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**, September 22, 2015
William Barry
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Viviana Vargas
4203 Platt Ave.
Lynwood, CA 90262
(310) 431-8868

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: ES019926

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ZARMIK ALLAHDAI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ZARMIK ALLAHDAI to Proposed name (1) ZARMIK ALDOYAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: December 04, 2015, Time: 8:30 am, Department NCB-A

The address of the court is LASC-NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT, BURBANK COURTHOUSE, 300 EAST OLIVE AVENUE, BURBANK, CA 91503
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**, October 16, 2015
Mary Thornton House
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Zarmik Allahdadi
115 N. Kenneth Rd.
Burbank, CA 91501
(818) 967-0043

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: NS031024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NIA CORRYN D'ATTARAY BY AND THROUGH MAINAK & MELANIE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) NIA CORRYN D'ATTARAY to Proposed name (1) CORRYN ELISE D'ATTARAY
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: November 30, 2015, Time: 8:30 am, Department 26

The address of the court is 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, California 90802
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**, October 13, 2015
Michael P. Vicencia
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Mainak D'Attaray, Esq. (SBN 283999)
D'Attaraylaw | Law Office of Mainak D'Attaray
111 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 400
Long Beach, California 90802
(424) 703-5294
(855) 706-5294
mdattaray@dattaraylaw.com

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10/22/15, 10/29/15, 11/5/15, 11/12/15

TRUSTEE SALES

Trustee Sale No. : 0000005305636 Title Order No. : 8559120 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 197-613929 4 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/29/2012. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/05/2012 as Instrument No. 20121674353 of official records in

the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: MIRIAM G. MURILLO, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 11/19/2015 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12118 163RD STREET, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 7009-022-015 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 \$239,475.79. 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, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9462-1182. 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 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. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Vanessa Gomez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP026007 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 10/15/2015, 10/22/2015, 10/29/2015

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10/15/15, 10/22/15, 10/29/15

TSG No.: 8568678 TS No.: CA1500270694 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 6000215916 APN: 8021-012-005 Property Address: 10612 FOIX AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/06/2006. 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 11/12/2015 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/13/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0324729, in book , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: DONALD S TAULBEE, A WIDOWER AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 8021-012-005 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10612 FOIX 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 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 \$299,069.54. 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 executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: DANIEL E YOS, AND CLARISA YOS

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The Downey Patriot 10/22/15, 10/29/15, 11/5/15

Trustee Sale No.: 0000004646576 Title Order No.: 140180130 FHA/VP/MI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/29/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 02/12/2003 as Instrument No. 03-0424031 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: DARNLEY SMITH AND MIRLYN SMITH, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 11/12/2015 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12321 BEATY AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8025-006-006 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 \$298,158.29. 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 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000004646576. 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. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 1180 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 100 FOLSOM, CA 95630 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee Dated: 10/09/2015 NPP0260338 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 10/22/2015, 10/29/2015, 11/05/2015

The Downey Patriot 10/22/15, 10/29/15, 11/5/15

T.S. No.: 9551-2955 TSG Order No.: 8562173 A.P.N.: 6259-017-012 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/09/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 09/28/2004 as Document No.: 04 2484063, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: CYNTHIA CASTANEDA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 10/28/2015 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8231 QUOIT STREET, 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 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees,

charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$265,357.97 (Estimated) as of 10/16/2015. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9551-2955. 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 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. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Nicole Rodriguez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have received a discharge of the debt referenced herein in a bankruptcy proceeding, this is not an attempt to impose personal liability upon you for payment of that debt. In the event you have received a bankruptcy discharge, any action to enforce the debt will be taken against the property only. NPP0259220 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 10/08/2015, 10/15/2015, 10/22/2015

The Downey Patriot 10/8/15, 10/15/15, 10/22/15

T.S. No.: 9411-8284 TSG Order No.: 8528968 A.P.N.: 6280-009-016 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/27/2012. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 02/21/2012 as Document No.: 20120277067, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: KELLI M. HORTON-HANDY, INDIVIDUAL, MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPERATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 11/12/2015 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10206 ANGELL ST, DOWNEY, CA 90242-5004 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 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s),

advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$403,646.78 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. 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

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Follow these tips when buying your first home

Buying a residence can be a hair raising experience. You will experience a roller coaster of emotions while finding the right place, securing the loan and finally moving in. For most of us, the first time home purchase is the largest investment we've ever considered. The emotions of purchasing something so expensive and personal can often cloud our business judgment.

Most home purchasers do little or no research before they invest their nest egg. Doesn't it make sense to become as completely informed as possible before you buy your first home? This special report is designed to help you avoid 10 common and crucial mistakes. The right real estate professional can help you make good sound business decisions based on your personal situation.

Inspect, Inspect and Inspect - Go over the inspection report with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the report was done by a professional organization. For condo purchases go over the CC&R's, By-Laws, and Association Fees. Don't take anything for granted... inspect everything!

Imagine the Property Vacant - Your furnishings and decorations will be the ones filling this new residence. Don't be swayed by beautiful furniture; it leaves with the owner.

Income + Lifestyle = Mortgage Payment - Sit down with your professional real estate agent and honestly discuss your income level and living expenses. Take into account future considerations, children, additions, amenities, and fix-ups. Your dream home is certainly worth a sacrifice but don't mortgage your entire future.

View Several Homes - See at least 7-10 properties. Don't move too slow but don't move on the first property you see. With your agent's help you should be able to view enough properties to get a good overall perspective of the home market. When you find the right property all the leg work will be worth it.

Utilize Your Team - By aligning yourself with the right real estate professional you will have an entire team at your disposal. Utilize your lender, title rep and agent. Each of them should work hand in hand for your benefit. Explore all the options before you sign.

Be Columbo - Check out all costs and expenses before you sign. Utilities, taxes, insurance, maintenance and home owner dues if applicable. Make sure all utilities (gas, electricity, and water) are on during your walk-through so you can inspect everything in working order. Ask lots of questions and be very detail conscious.

Do a Final Walk-Through - Visit the property after all furnishings have been moved out to be sure there are no surprises. Be absolutely positive the property was left exactly as you had agreed upon in the contract. Things that could have been spotted in a final walk-through are often unintentionally overlooked.

Plan For Flexibility - Closing dates are not written in stone. Allow for contingencies and have a back-up plan. If you or the sellers need a little more time to conclude the final arrangements, don't let these delays upset or frustrate you. These types of circumstances are not uncommon in a real estate transaction.

If It's Not In Writing, It Doesn't Exist - All promises and discussions should be in writing. Don't make any assumptions or believe any assurances. Even the best intentions can be misinterpreted. Have your professional keep an ongoing log in writing of all discussions and get the seller's written approval on all agreements.

Loyalty Breeds Loyalty - Be open, honest and up front with your Realtor. Hard feelings and disloyalty will cause head aches, delays or may even keep you from getting into the home you worked so hard to locate. Take the time to select the right Realtor in the beginning and your first home purchase will be a pleasing and memorable experience.

By Nathaniel Sillin

Planning an eco-friendly home renovation

Plenty of people are now putting the sun, wind and water to work to cut their energy bill. Should you join them?

Before any shift to renewable energy technology, you've got to do some very individualized research and above all, work the numbers.

Solar energy seems to be getting the most attention. You might have heard recent news reports about solar energy's sliding costs and rising support in Washington. A recent White House report (<https://www.whitehouse.gov>) noted that the average cost of a solar electric system has dropped by 50 percent since 2010 and that federal agencies are working to make it easier for lower-income taxpayers to borrow up to \$25,000 for solar and energy efficient home improvements.

And many are rushing to do installations by the current year-end 2016 expiration date for the 30 percent federal consumer energy efficiency tax credits (http://www.energystar.gov/about/federal_tax_credits) covering solar energy systems, small wind turbines and geothermal heat pumps.

How should you evaluate the cost of a renewable energy project? Consider these questions first:

Could incremental energy-saving projects be more practical? Start with baby steps. Before you decide on an expensive solar or other renewables project, see if smaller changes around the home could save money. You can improve the performance of heating and air conditioning systems and seal air leaks from windows,

doors and other areas of the home. A do-it-yourself or professional energy audit (<http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/energy-audits>) might be a good first step in detecting energy waste.

What's going on locally? When it comes to renewable energy, geography matters, and not just for tax breaks and credits for systems. Generally, weather, temperature, wind and sun exposure measurements matter when you're choosing a particular project. For example, the Solar Energy Industries Association reports that solar installations are more common on the East and West Coasts, mainly because - that's because sun exposure is greater on the coasts than in the center of the country. State and local organizations dealing with renewables can offer guidance to cost, effectiveness, installation and many other issues you'll need to evaluate. A local evaluation of options is essential.

Do you really understand the technology? There is no doubt that technology is always evolving, and this is one of the reasons why solar and other renewable energy options are becoming cheaper. However, falling costs are one thing, but you need to fully understand what you're buying so you can hire the best people to install it and service the system over time. For the basics, a good place to start is the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy.gov site's renewable energy section.

Should you buy, lease or borrow? One of the drivers behind the recent growth

in solar is a new generation of vendors who provide one-stop shopping, installation and billing for systems at little or no initial cost. These vendors facilitate both purchase by loan and lease options. As convenient as this option might be, watch for inflation clauses, fees and penalties that could drive you above what you're paying for conventional, utility-produced electricity.

How will it affect resale? There's a fair amount of debate as to whether green home improvements actually boost home prices. Also, many real estate experts have mixed opinions about how prospective buyers feel about purchasing a home with existing renewable energy equipment that's

either been bought or leased.

Should I involve my financial and tax advisors? Whether you plan to buy, borrow or lease a system or do intermediary energy improvements around the home, talking to a qualified financial or tax advisor isn't just worthwhile, it's essential. It is also a good idea to speak with your homeowners insurance agent to see if your project will affect your coverage.

Bottom line: Want to save money while saving the planet? Do your homework and make sure an investment in renewable energy works for you.



Downey Association of Realtors members are pictured at a Region 22 luncheon with California Association of Realtors 2016 President Pat "Ziggy" Zicarelli. The luncheon was held at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

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