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CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

At 6:05 PM, officers responded to a report of a "purse snatching" at Lakewood and Deming. The victim, a Lakewood resident, was walking N/B Lakewood when the suspect, an adult male in his 20's, approached from behind and took her purse out of her hand. The victim chased the suspect W/B Deming, where he was last seen running W/B Golden out of sight. Detectives are investigating.

At 8:00 PM, detectives were checking the north parking lot of Rio San Gabriel park (9612 Ardine St) regarding a call of narcotics activity. They contacted three adult subjects inside a vehicle and found two of the three appeared intoxicated. Detectives saw several balloons and two nitrous oxide tanks on the floor of the vehicle. The suspects were arrested and later released on citations.

During the evening hours Crime Impact Team members issued 2 traffic citations, 4 parking citations, 2 possession of marijuana citations, 3 municipal code citations (all from Rio San Gabriel Park), 2 warrant arrests (both from Rio San Gabriel Park), and 1 DUI arrest.

SATURDAY, FEB. 6

At 1:40 PM, a male adult suspect entered the cellular phone store at 13451 Lakewood and approached an adult female who was shopping and demanded money. When she hesitated the suspect showed her the handle of a handgun in his waistband. She gave him her money and he then approached the store manager and demanded money. The manager complied and the suspect fled the scene. Detectives are investigating.

At 2:40 PM, officers responded to a report of a traffic accident with an armored car striking a building at 10415 Paramount Blvd. The armored car was north on Paramount when it was struck by a vehicle entering from Farm St. The armored truck continued across the S/B lanes and struck the apartment building. No injuries were reported.

At 7:50 PM, a resident in the 8700 block of Rosecrans called to report that he returned home to find an adult male subject inside his residence. The suspect fled the residence and was last seen running S/B out of sight. It appears the suspect forced open the rear sliding glass door to gain access. Once inside, the suspect ransacked the residence and took approx. \$7000 worth of woman's jewelry. Detectives are investigating.

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

At 10:30 AM, a resident called to report that her 13 year-old daughter was walking to church when a white van driven by an adult male passed by and "cat called" the juvenile. The driver then made a U-turn and approached her. The driver asked the girl to get into his vehicle however she refused. The victim's mother saw what was happening and approached the suspect and told him to leave her daughter alone. Detectives are investigating.

School board votes to honor Ricky Galvez

DOWNEY - The Downey board of education unanimously voted Tuesday to rename the Law Enforcement Pathway at Downey High and the "O" hallway at Warren High in memory of fallen Downey police officer Ricky Galvez.

"Officer Galvez was a true role model to the youth in our community," said board president D. Mark Morris. "This pathway and hallway will be something students can look to and emulate in the officer's honor."

"He made a difference in our community and will forever make a difference in our students' lives."

Galvez was a 5-year veteran of the Downey Police Department and a resource officer at Warren High when he was killed during a robbery attempt Nov. 18, authorities said. He was 29.

Tuesday's board meeting was attended by several members of the police department administration, including Capt. Dean Milligan and lieutenants Mark McDaniel, Scott Loughner and Alex Irizibal. Also in attendance was Galvez's brother, Pedro Galvez.

The school district will announce dedication dates at a later time.

Block captain meeting March 16

DOWNEY - The Downey Police Department's Neighborhood Watch program will hold its fourth annual block captain meeting Wednesday, March 16, from 6-8 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Guest speaker will be Downey's emergency manager, Andrew Stevens, who will introduce the "5 Step Neighborhood Preparedness Program."

Neighborhood watch block captains will learn how to use this outreach program to effectively organize and prepare their neighborhoods for emergency incidents and disasters.

Following the presentation, block captains will have an opportunity to discuss specific concerns related to their neighborhoods.

To RSVP, contact neighborhood watch coordinator Jennifer Burkhardt at (562) 904-2374 or jpreda@downeyca.org.

Leon Emerson, lawyer who helped Downey incorporate, dies at 90



DOWNEY - Judge Leon Emerson, who served as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in 1958, died in his sleep Feb. 11 at 90.

As a young local attorney, Emerson was an active member of the Steering Committee for the Incorporation of Downey. When the movement for incorporation won the vote in 1956 (a similar vote had failed in 1954) the instant city of 86,000 began to establish processes and take over services that had previously been supplied by the County.

He therefore led the Chamber at an important time in the city's early

history, when debates raged about what the services would be, and how much they would cost.

He also became president of the Exchange Club and several other local groups. He was a Scoutmaster, long-time member of Downey Kiwanis and the Shriners, and a founder of Downey Counseling Center.

In 1961, he was appointed to the Downey Municipal Court, and served most of his 30 years on the bench here. Judge Emerson was a local leader who ultimately left a national impact in his tireless crusade to get drunk drivers off the road. Time Magazine hailed him as a courtroom innovator.

He met Bud McDonald, a former child actor in the "Our Gang" series, and they became friends and collaborators. Together they developed what is known today as the court card, used by judges nationwide to confirm attendance at a local Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous meeting under a judge's order.

Emerson, a former Downey Toastmaster, spoke at judges' and lawyers' conferences all over the country to promote the concept. He campaigned for treatment programs, as well as tougher laws. McDonald

and Emerson founded the nonprofit Southern California Alcohol and Drug Programs (SCADP) to bring treatment, education and services to alcoholics and addicts.

Like many early Downeyites, Judge Emerson came from the heartland of America. The eleventh of 13 children, he grew up on an Oklahoma farm. In WWII, he fought at Iwo Jima and the Battle of Okinawa. He then used the G.I. Bill to attend Compton College and Loyola, and graduated from the Southwestern School of Law.

He is survived by his wife, Lora; daughter Julia; sons David and Donald; granddaughter Ayisha; two grandsons and two great-grandchildren; and an older sister, Cleo LeVally of Oklahoma.

A short military ceremony is set for 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 29 at Riverside National Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd.

Judge Emerson told his daughter he wanted a "fun funeral." So whether attending or not, those who wish to honor him are "encouraged to wear bright, fun colors on Leap Year day. And smile to remember the loud jackets and ties he often wore under his dark judicial robes."

The problem with senior housing (or lack of it)



By Sharon Smith
Contributor

DOWNEY - You can't read the newspaper today or turn on the radio and TV without hearing or seeing something on the subject of senior housing. I never would have known it to be such a drastic problem until it became reality for me.

After having worked from age 16 to 76, having two failed marriages, and making not-too-smart financial decisions, I was living in a mobile home in need of endless repairs. After 14 years of living there, I was persuaded to retire, and my Social Security became my sole source of income. Having lived with various relatives in situations not working for us, I decided it was time for me to check into senior housing. Was I ever in for a rude awakening!

I take a "Memoirs Writing Class" at the Norwalk Senior Center, and I asked the receptionist about senior housing, and she gave me a list covering a number of cities in the surrounding area. These were Norwalk, Downey, Bellflower, Lakewood, Santa Fe Springs, Pico Rivera, and Whittier. I began by phoning each listed facility and eliminated those offering assisted living, since I am fortunate enough to be in good health and capable of taking care of all my needs.

8 Housing Authorities are no longer taking applications. They, too, are inundated with seemingly endless waiting lists!

There's ongoing publicity surrounding the current and the impending homeless population due to the upcoming El Nino crisis and the influx of the immigrants. It tugs at my heart-strings, and we can all empathize with the lower income population, or when seeing the homeless living under pup tents on our streets, and out of shopping carts full of their meager belongings.

But, in my opinion, not enough is being brought to the forefront regarding the plight of senior citizens and the middle class with their ever-escalating costs of housing - be it buying or renting.

Not giving up too easily, my next approach to the problem was to check into the Whittier area, in particular, as they are known to have "casitas," "granny houses" or "mother-in-law quarters" behind the main house. The older section also has an ample variety of duplexes and triplexes as well. Those dear friends of mine again drove me up one street after another. We saw very few "For Rent" signs, and the several numbers I did call turned out to be for one bedrooms that went for as much as \$1,100 to \$1,300 which just about amounted to my total Income per month. So, that, too, turned out to be an effort in futility.

Feeling totally frustrated and "down in the dumps" about the situation, I decided to share my problem with my particular group at the writing class. Bless their hearts! Word got around, a classmate made an offer I couldn't refuse, and it has been a win-win situation in a lovely home that came with a cute and playful dog named Dency.

I'm back to my usual "attitude of gratitude," and thanking God for answering the prayers of my friends and loved ones and for always opening another window each time one is closed.

I even learned in one conversation that HUD and Section

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 66°

Saturday 73°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Bob Saget

Friday, Saturday - Brea Improv
The "Fuller House" star embraces his "dark side" in a stand-up comedy special. \$30



Murder Mystery

Saturday, Downey Elks Lodge - 5:30 p.m.

A murder-mystery dinner show benefiting the Downey Rose Float Assoc. \$50



Comic Expo

Saturday and Sunday, Long Beach Convention Center

All things comics, including actors, exhibitors, artists, and more. \$20-\$30



Roller Derby

Saturday, Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Culver City, 5:30 p.m.

Angel City Derby opens its 2016 season with a double-header. All ages. \$13

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Yelp names Porto's best place to eat in the U.S.

Mosha Mi Bombon: I agree about the pastries but for food Tropicana is still better to me.

Gabby Lopez: Yes! And we're fortunate to have a location in Downey....which, I visit WAY too often.

Karyn Lynn: Tropicana is WAY better than Portos!

Kimberley Toscas-Mrkoncic: I am craving anything from Porto's. Their pastries....yummy!

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

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Mayor's Corner: Many great things happening in our City of Downey



I had a great time Wednesday morning speaking to Warren High School students about local government. The students were very interested to learn how city government works and had very good questions. Thanks Diane S. Sanchez for having your awesome granddaughter invite me to speak to her class. One of the best parts of being Mayor is speaking with our future leaders about the importance of getting involved and motivating them to make a difference in our community.

DOWNEY – Hello Downey! The City of Downey is proud to announce that we have received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second year in a row. As Mayor and a resident, I am so proud our city received this recognition because it validates the enormous effort we, your public servants, make in ensuring every taxpayer dollar is accounted for and responsibly used. I want to commend my Council colleagues

and the City Management team for their hard work. I want to thank Kiwanian Alex Gaytan and the dozens of high school students who recently volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to fill hundreds of sandbags in anticipation of El Niño. The unexpected heat this month has a lot of us wondering, "Where is El Niño?" But experts say we shouldn't let our guard down just yet. For tips and more information on how to prepare for the rain, please visit our city website

at downeyca.org. For those who may not know, our successful Downey Neighborhood Watch Program works by creating proactive partnerships with our residents and the Downey Police Department to address local issues related to crime. The goals are always to maintain the integrity of our neighborhood, while improving and enhancing the quality of life for all. Remember that we are the extra eyes and ears of our community and for our Police Department. As of today, we are proud to announce that we have an unprecedented 179 neighborhood watch groups in Downey! Our goal is to reach 200 by the end of this year. If your neighborhood doesn't have a group yet, I encourage you to reach out to us and we will be happy to organize one on your block. We can really make a difference in our community if we get more involved and this is a great way to do so.

There are many exciting events coming up which I invite you to participate. The City of Downey's first ever "Ride and Stride" event is scheduled for Sunday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m. Ride and Stride is a car-free day through several of our streets where we will transform the streets into safe places for thousands of Downeyites to ride their bike, walk, play, and spend quality family time along friends and neighbors. The idea is to promote more community interaction and a healthy lifestyle all while having fun. Most importantly, Ride and Stride allows people to connect in a way that isn't possible via a car. For more information, visit downeyrideandstride.com

The Keep Downey Beautiful team continues to do great things to help keep our city clean and free

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of trash. This is a wonderful way you and your family can help and do some community service. The next cleanup is this Saturday, Feb. 20 at 8:45 a.m. in front of Old River School Elementary. The following cleanup is on March 19 at 9400 Hall Road. Thank you to Stonewood Center for your continued support in sponsoring the monthly clean ups. Also, on Saturday Feb. 20, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Keep Downey Beautiful will be hosting a Used Oil Filter Exchange at O'Reiley Auto Parts at 7839 Firestone Blvd, Downey, CA 90241. Residents may receive up to two new filters in exchange for two used filters.

On Saturday, February 27 at 9:30 a.m., the City of Downey will be hosting a Smart Gardening Workshop at Wilderness Park. I encourage you to attend the free event to help improve your lawn and garden skills and to continue doing your part in conserving water.

Also on February 27, the 4th Annual Healthy Downey 5k for TLC run/walk event will take place at Apollo Park. This is an incredible event with all proceeds benefiting Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center which helps Downey families and students in need. TLC changes lives every day and we are grateful for their commitment to Downey families.

The City of Downey's Columbia Memorial Space Center is truly a gem in our city. Through world-class programs and engaging exhibits, the Space Center strives to ignite a community of critical and creative thinkers. The Center offers great programs and continues to make an impact in our community. In just last year alone, the Space

Center's attendance jumped from 25,000 to 48,000. The Space Center will again take part in the Long Beach Comic Con Expo. For more information, please visit their website at columbiaspacescience.org

Gangs Out of Downey will be having their annual luncheon on March 9, at 11:15 a.m. at Rio Hondo. This year will be extra special as we dedicate the lunch to fallen Downey Officer Ricky Galvez (RIP). The guest speaker will be Supervisor Don Knabe and it promises to be another special event.

And lastly, mark your calendars for the Arc Walk on March 12 at 8:00 a.m. at Stonewood Mall. If you've never attended the ARC Walk before, I promise you won't be disappointed. We are grateful for the members of ARC for making an impact on the lives of our community members with developmental and intellectual disabilities. I invite you to attend and walk with me to show our support.

As you can see, there are a lot of things happening in our great City of Downey. We are grateful to have many new businesses open in our city. There are lots of opportunities for our residents to get involved. Mahatma Gandhi said "The future depends on what we do in the present." I encourage you to join a service club, volunteer at our library, or work with our seniors at the Barbara Riley Center.

As always, I encourage and welcome your suggestions and concerns. You can reach me at asaab@downeyca.org or at (562) 904-7274. The more we get involved, the greater Downey becomes. #Downeystrong, #Downeyfirst

Alex Saab
Mayor

Mayor to deliver State of the City

DOWNEY – Mayor Alex Saab will deliver Downey's annual State of the City address April 26 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The mayor is expected to provide details on current and upcoming development projects, the city's financial standing, and his short- and long-term goals for Downey.

The event is put on by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public. Tickets are \$35 for lunch, or free without a meal.

"I look forward to discussing what the future holds for Downey, as there are many exciting projects taking place in 2016," said Saab.

For tickets, call the Downey Chamber at (562) 923-2191. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

Ashton holding town hall meeting

DOWNEY – Councilman Sean Ashton will hold a town hall meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Ashton will discuss current events and upcoming development projects. There will also be time for the public to speak and ask questions.

"One of my goals that I had while I was running for City Council was to help make our government more accessible to the residents," said Ashton. "With my town hall meetings, I believe that I have sparked an interest in our city's officials to do just that."

For questions or more information, call (562) 904-7274 or email council@downeyca.org.

Jimmy John's now hiring

DOWNEY – Jimmy John's restaurant will hold a job fair Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon

The restaurant, which is moving into the former Quizno's location at Downey Landing, is hiring for assistant managers, delivery drivers and sandwich makers.

Applicants should bring a resume.

Historical society meeting

DOWNEY – The Downey Historical Society monthly meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Historical society board member Jeff Vilencia will share video clips from the early days of television, mainly from KTLA.

Rose Float fundraiser at Pina Pizza

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association will hold a fundraiser at Pina Pizza this Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Soroptimist International of Downey recently made a \$700 donation to member Dr. Nina Smart to support her school, Royal King Academy in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Here both girls and boys are protected from harmful traditional practices including FGM (female genital mutilation). Education, school supplies and food are free for all children.

Dr. Nina Smart has also written a book entitled "Wild Flower" that shares her personal experience as a young girl escaping this practice. For further information on this cause or to join Soroptimist, contact Dorothy Pemberton (310)717-3637.

Downey students sweep SkillsUSA regionals

DOWNEY – Nearly 300 Downey Unified students competed against high schools from Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles and Orange Counties at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition last month.

Preparing students for their prospective careers or to continue their education, this two-day competition was held Jan. 23 and Jan. 31, with the first day challenging students on topics that center around "skills" while the second day focused on the "leadership" portion of SkillsUSA.

Currently with over 15,000 school chapters, Downey Unified is the largest chapter involved in SkillsUSA, with one or more students qualifying for Nationals every year since 2009. Last year resulted in 500 students competing in the Regional Championships, 225 qualifying for the State Championships, 26 making it to Nationals and ultimately culminating with having four finish as national champions.

This was the first year for Downey Unified to have students from the middle and adult education levels competing in the SkillsUSA Regional Competition. Students from the Downey Adult School Vocational Nursing Program swept the competition in Practical Nursing, taking bronze, silver and gold medals.

The Stauffer Robotics Club, along

with up-and-coming engineers from Stauffer Middle School, competed in Mobile Robotics Technology and Team Engineering Challenge, bringing home all three medals in both competitions.

Downey Unified students brought home a combined total of 77 gold medals, 48 silver medals and 34 bronze medals between Downey High, Warren High, Stauffer Middle and Downey Adult School.

Students competed in a variety of "skills" based contests that comprised of Principles of Engineering/Technology, Mobile Robotics Technology, Automotive Service Technology, Broadcast News Production, Digital Cinema Production, Crime Scene Investigation and Broadcast News Production. "Leadership" contests such as Health Knowledge Bowl, Quiz Bowl, Prepared Speech and Extemporaneous Speaking, focused on soft skills students need when moving onto their prospective careers or progressing their education.

Downey Unified students swept, taking bronze, silver and gold medals in the following competitions: Health Science, Creed, Criminal Justice, Customer Service, Electrical Construction Wiring, Esthetics, Masonry, Mobile Robotics Technology (both at the high school and middle school levels), Practical Nursing, Quiz Bowl,

Related Technical Math and Team Engineering Challenge.

Approximately 300 students from within Downey Unified will be traveling to San Diego at the end of March to compete in the SkillsUSA State Competition where students from all over California will come together to compete in skills and leadership contests.

Beginning the SkillsUSA journey in 2009 with a team of four Warren High School construction technology students, Downey Unified has grown exponentially within SkillsUSA and is dedicated to do whatever it takes to provide technical skills and leadership experiences to students, preparing them to be globally competitive and college and career ready.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Launched in 1967, this National Championship has grown from 54 competitors in three contests to more than 6,000 competitors in 99 hands-on occupational and leadership skill areas. Adding contests to the championships to meet the demands of new and expanding occupations, their affiliated instructional programs represent 130 different occupational areas.

SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

My Talented Mother

Even though Janice Collins's mother was a farm girl, she could do so much more. She was good at algebra, geometry, and construction, as well as making cottage cheese and raising chickens to sell the eggs. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

By Janice Collins

I wish to acknowledge my mother, Gladys Josephine Fouts Hager Husler, for who she was and the many things she did. She faced many hardships in her life.

Mom was born in Missouri in 1906 and was the seventh of eight children. Her father died at an early age, and her mother had all of the children gathered around the deathbed of their father, telling him goodbye and praying. She was seven at the time and her younger sister was five. The hardship came to everyone because even she and her little sister had to help in anyway they could.

One thing was enjoyable for them as children. She and her sister liked to sing. They sang a duet for their school program.

My grandmother couldn't earn enough money keeping books for the grain elevator in Passaic, Missouri, and she heard of a managing job at a restaurant in Butler, Missouri. They moved to Butler and everyone helped run the restaurant.

Later in life, as the children were becoming of age to manage better at other jobs, the family made a move to Belpre, Kansas, where Mom's uncle lived.

Mom was in high school and doing well. She was an intelligent person and earned enough credits to graduate a year early. Mom was always good at reasoning problems and algebra, as well as geometry. The teacher would always send her to the blackboard to do these problems and explain them to her classmates.

Since my mother had her credits, my grandmother allowed her to quit school and get married. Andy Hager asked Mom to marry him, and since her mother liked Andy, she agreed. Andy owned a farm. He was good to Mom. Since Mom liked horses, he bought a horse for her to ride. He also taught her to drive.

After four years of marriage, Andy had a swelling of his throat, and the doctor traveled to Hutchinson, Kansas, to get the necessary medication. Andy died, however, before the doctor could get back to Belpre. Mom was by his side, and he told her he probably wouldn't make it. The swelling cut off his oxygen and he stopped breathing.

Mom and Andy had two children at that time – my half-sister Juanita who was three years old, and my half-brother Arthur who was only six months. Arthur had double pneumonia and a nurse was caring for him.

Mom delivered milk to the people in Belpre, and she tried to keep the farm going by using a plow behind a mule. This was in the late 1920's. Times got hard again, and she could not make the necessary money to pay her taxes. So the farm was taken from her.

My grandmother and mother moved into a place together so my grandmother could take care of Juanita and Arthur, and also make money by babysitting other children. My mother went to work for the Larned Mental Hospital as head cook. Together they made a living.

After a while, my mother started dating the man who would become my father, Louis Husler. They dated three years before they were married. They made a good couple. My mother had two more children – my brother Edward and myself.

My father had been working his father's farm at this time, and when his father died, the farm was sold because his siblings didn't want to keep it. Dad rented land in Kansas to continue farming, and then later, when I was twelve, we moved to Colorado.

During these years Mom helped Dad with farm work, raised a large garden, and canned fruits and vegetables. She also raised chickens and gathered eggs to take to St. John, Kansas to sell.

My parents separated cream and sold the cream to a creamery. Mom made our own cottage cheese and churned the butter. Chickens and steers were butchered and taken to a rented freezer in town.

We moved to Stratton, Colorado, where Dad bought his own farm. Colorado had a serious drought in the 1950's and both of my parents had to get outside jobs. Once again Mom became a cook – this time at the Stratton Café. She was known to be good at it.

When a trailer factory opened up in Stratton, both of my parents got a job there. My mother was good at measuring to perfection when put to carpentry work. She could use an electric saw and turned out good looking cabinets for the trailers.

Mom stayed on the farm after dad died, but she finally hired people to do the work since she was in her '70's.

At the age of 80, my brother Edward told her she needed to be with someone. They noticed that she would fall asleep and drop necessary pills under her rocker. Also, she would forget which day it was. People would come from Stratton to check up on her because they worried. Her driving skills weren't good anymore.

Mom went to live in the Boulder Mountains where my brother owns a large house. He gave her a beautiful bedroom with a veranda by the mountain. She was happy there. His wife was a nurse practitioner.

Mom died at the age of 92. She had many hardships in her life, but she was good at anything she put her mind to. She was buried in a Stratton cemetery with Dad.

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Library's February auction list

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent auctions to raise money for library programs. This month's items include:

“Washington's Crossing” (The startling victory of Washington in New Jersey was a pivotal moment of American history);

“Make Me” (lots of action in this new Lee Child thriller with Jack Reacher, “the coolest continuing series character”);

“Wonders of the African World” (a series of journeys into the African past by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.);

“Sabuda & Heinart Present Castle-Medieval Days and Knights” (learn about medieval castles with this remarkable pop-up book);

“Glorious Technicolor-The Movies' Magic Rainbow” (the films, the stars, the showmen....all the elements behind the phenomenon that changed movies forever);

“The Smithsonian book of Books” (from the days of clay tablets to electronic books – how the book has evolved along with the history of man);

“Modern Classics – Cookies, Biscuits...” (the classic cakes, desserts and cookies of the past with up to date ingredients);

“The Ancient World”(complete with maps, timelines, dynastic lists, and fascinating discussions on everything from ancient tomb robbers to hieroglyphic writing);

“Eric Clapton-Thirty Years of Music and Memorabilia” (beginning with the Yardbirds in 1963, here is the story);

The Beatles - 3 items (The Beatle Book of Recorded Hits-Souvenir Song Album; The Complete Beatles Recording Sessions-The Official Story of Abbey Road Years 1962-1970; 45 RPM record: “I Saw Her Standing There”) all items in used condition.

“Completely Mad” (a look behind the scenes of one of the world's most loved, and hated, humor magazines)

“The Hidden World of Birthdays and Relationships” (learn more about someone just by knowing their birthday).

Books have opening bids from \$6-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday, Feb. 27, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

Porto's named best place to eat in U.S.

DOWNEY – Porto's Bakery & Cafe in Burbank topped Yelp's list of the best places to eat in the United States, earning the title of the highest rated restaurant in 2016.

Yelp analyzed a variety of data points from past reviews to assemble the “Top Place to Eat in the US” and named the Porto's Burbank location as the number one restaurant in the country.

Each restaurant was ranked based on a combination of factors, including the total number of reviews and average rating. Businesses with multiple locations listed were ranked based on the highest rated location.

Porto's Bakery locations in Glendale and Downey were also ranked in the Top 100 of this year's list. The 2016 ranking is based on the aggregate popularity of each restaurant and reviews were considered since the founding of Yelp in 2014.

Porto's Bakery was founded by Rosa Porto in Manzanillo, Cuba shortly before the Porto family emigrated to California. The demand for her cakes grew from the humble origins of the family's home to the three current locations in Glendale, Burbank, and Downey. New locations are also expected to open in West Covina and Buena Park.

Vice President of Community Relations Betty Porto said she was thrilled to learn about the restaurant's placement atop Yelp's list:

“This kind of recognition is so incredibly meaningful and something we never take for granted. Our philosophy is to work hard, use the best ingredients possible, and bring the passion for this food to each of our restaurants every day,” she said.

“To see that so many people have visited Porto's and enjoyed their experience at our restaurant brings us a tremendous amount of joy.”

USC official to discuss NCAA eligibility

DOWNEY – USC senior associate athletic director Donna Heinel will be at Downey High this Monday, Feb. 22, from 6:30-8 p.m. to speak about NCAA academic requirements.

Heinel also will cover NCAA core classes, college athletic scholarships, national letters of intent, recruiting, the differences between Divisions I, II and III, and more.

The forum is intended for Downey High athletes and their parents and will take place in the gym.

Christian club meets March 9

DOWNEY – Emergency preparedness will be the topic of the Downey Christian Women's Club's next meeting March 9, at Los Amigos Country Club.

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch. Men are invited.

Reservations are requested by calling Helen at (562) 864-7319.

Library hosting citizenship clinic

NORWALK – Norwalk Library will host a citizenship clinic Thursday, March 10, from 5-7:30 p.m.

Participants will receive free application support, legal advice, study materials and a fee waiver application.

Register by calling the library at (562) 868-0775. The clinic is held in partnership with the South Asian Network.

Tickets are now on sale for the Gangs Out of Downey luncheon taking place March 9 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$50, or \$500 for a table of 10.

To reserve seats, call Downey Federal Credit Union at (562) 862-8141, ext. 777.

Pictured is Rick Rodriguez, current president of Gangs Out of Downey.



Senator calls for safety alarm systems on California school buses

WHITTIER – State Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) on Tuesday introduced a measure that would require school buses in California to be equipped with child-safety alarm systems to ensure that children are not left on buses unattended and in potentially hazardous circumstances.

Mendoza's proposal comes after an autistic student died last September after being forgotten on a school bus in Whittier. Authorities say Hun Joon Lee was left inside the hot bus for seven hours after being forgotten by a substitute bus driver.

“California should join other states that require child safety alarm systems on school buses. It is vital that we do everything we can to protect the many thousands of children transported daily to and from school,” said Mendoza. “It is my hope that we can find some meaning in the recent tragic loss of a Whittier student on a school bus, in the form of meaningful change that will safeguard other children. It should not take events like this one to spur us into action on these issues.”

Specifically, SB 1072 will:

*Require all school buses to be equipped with an operational child-safety alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect all seats before leaving the bus. The system must be approved by the CHP and hard-wired into the vehicle's electrical system and activated when the ignition is turned on.

*Require drivers upon a renewal of their annual school bus driver safety certificate to receive training in child-safety check procedures.

*Impose a penalty for a driver, school district or contractor who knowingly permits a child to be transported in a bus in which a child safety alarm has not been installed, is not properly maintained, or is not in good working order.

*Direct the CHP to promulgate rules to implement this section and provide a list of child-safety alarms that are approved for use in school busses and a qualified technician or mechanic that can install the system.

*Grant school districts and school bus contractors a grace period of three months after the date that the CHP issues the rules to install a child safety alarm.

Current law requires public and private school districts to create and follow a transportation safety plan containing procedures for school personnel to follow to ensure the safe transportation of pupils. The plans must include specific procedures on boarding and exiting a school bus at each pupil's bus stop and at the final trip destination.

Additionally, to operate a school bus, a driver is required to obtain a California Special Driver Certificate from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), which entails classroom instruction, special training, and testing. Annual renewal of the certificate is required and involves 10 hours of renewal classroom instruction, or behind-the-wheel or in-service training.

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Supreme Court vacancy

President Obama: “This is the Supreme Court, the highest court in the land. It’s the one court where we would expect elected officials to rise above day-to-day politics. I understand the stakes. I understand the pressure that Republican senators are undoubtedly under. This would be a deciding vote. But that’s not how the system is supposed to work.”

Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-New Hampshire): “We’re in the midst of a consequential presidential election year, and Americans deserve an opportunity to weigh in given the significant implications this nomination could have for the Supreme Court and our country for decades to come. I believe the Senate should not move forward with the confirmation process until the American people have spoken by electing a new president.”

Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa): “I would wait until the nominee is made before I would make any decision. In other words, take it a step at a time.”

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina): “I think we fall into the trap if [we] just simply say, sight unseen, we fall into the trap of being obstructionists. [But] if he puts forth someone that we think is in the mold of President Obama’s vision for America, then we’ll use every device available to block that nomination.”

House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin): “The Supreme Court is not an extension of the White House. The president has absolutely every right to nominate someone to the Supreme Court, but Congress as an equal branch also has every right not to confirm someone.

The president has tried everything he can to empower the executive branch at the expense of the legislative one. His Supreme Court nominees have all contributed to that, those that he has placed on the bench already. So not only does Congress have the authority to stop a nominee, it has an obligation to defend itself against a president and a radically altered court that would continue to seize its powers.”

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut): “Rejecting this constitutional obligation will rightly prompt public outcry and outrage — eventually forcing

the right outcome. The Republican leadership can spare the court and the country damage by doing the right thing.”

Hillary Clinton: “Justice Scalia’s passing means the court hangs in the balance. Now the Republicans say they’ll reject anyone President Obama nominates, no matter how qualified. Some are even saying he doesn’t have the right to nominate anyone, as if somehow he’s not the real president.

“That’s in keeping with what we’ve heard all along, isn’t it? Many Republicans talk in coded, racial language about takers and losers. They demonize President Obama and encourage the ugliest impulses of the paranoid fringe. This kind of hatred and bigotry has no place in our politics or our country.”

Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vermont): “It appears that some of my Republican colleagues in the Senate have a very interesting view of the Constitution of the United States, and apparently they believe that the Constitution does not allow a Democratic president to bring forth a nominee to replace Justice Scalia. I strongly disagree with that. And I very much hope that President Obama will bring forth a strong nominee, and that we can get that nominee confirmed as soon as possible.

“The Supreme Court of the United States has nine members, not eight. We need that ninth member. A lot of important issues coming up.”

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas): “We have 80 years of precedent of not confirming Supreme Court justices in an election year... There is a long tradition that you don’t do this.”

Donald Trump: “Ted Cruz, along with Jeb Bush, pushed Justice John Roberts onto the Supreme Court. Roberts could have killed ObamaCare twice, but didn’t!

“Jeb Bush and Ted Cruz are not electable presidential candidates, Hillary would destroy them. Ted may not be eligible to run - born in Canada.”

The missing half of Congress’s job

By Lee Hamilton

Every now and then, I’m asked if I miss serving in Congress. My stock answer is that no, I don’t really miss it, but there are definitely times when I’d like to jump right into a policy debate or be in a position to call congressional hearings.

This is one of those times.

Over the last few weeks, several media outlets have reported that U.S. military commanders are suggesting that they need more American troops on the ground in places like Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and, most recently, Libya. And last month, talking about our efforts to defeat ISIS, Defense Secretary Ash Carter told CNBC, “We’re looking for opportunities to do more and there will be boots on the ground and I want to be clear about that.”

This ought to have Congress working overtime to prepare for these requests. It’s rare to find a military commander who doesn’t want more troops: they face serious security challenges, especially in the Middle East. But one can be sympathetic and at the same time skeptical, or at least probing.

So Congress should be pushing very hard to get answers to some very tough questions. Where are we headed with these proposed troop increases? If they don’t work, what’s next? What’s our exit strategy? What are the prospects for negotiations? We keep saying we’re going to support the moderate opposition in Syria: who are they, what do they bring to the table, and how are we recalibrating our approach in the face of Russian airstrikes on behalf of the current regime?

We insist that we’re going to destroy ISIS, but no other country in the international coalition fighting the Islamic State seems willing to put forces on the ground. Are we going to be the only one? And just how does the administration propose to destroy ISIS?

Congress has two key functions in our system of government: legislation and oversight. Most public attention — and certainly most media attention — focuses on policy-making and legislative maneuvering. But Capitol Hill’s role in overseeing the executive branch is just as important.

That’s because in seeking answers, Congress can force the President and his top advisors to articulate and defend their policies, their objectives, the

steps they’re taking (or proposing) to implement those objectives, and the impact they expect from their policies. In other words, Congress needs to act on behalf of the American people to ensure that major policy requests are looked at from every angle and fleshed out as thoroughly as possible so that we go into new situations — like putting young American men and women on the ground against a dangerous enemy — with a clear-headed understanding of why we’re taking these steps.

This means that our representatives on Capitol Hill should ask tough questions, demand responsive answers, and insist on a crystal-clear explanation of what the policy is and what alternatives are available. They need to bring in experts from outside the administration to critique the administration’s proposals and outline alternatives of their own. They need to press the administration on what resources are needed to obtain its objectives: in this case, how many troops, how much money, what are the risks to American lives and interests?

This demands walking a careful line that Congress hasn’t been especially good at negotiating of late. It has to be both a partner and a critic, supporting the President when it thinks he’s doing something right, criticizing him when it thinks he’s wrong, helping the administration craft policy that is in tune with the nation’s needs, and putting alternatives forward when it sees a better way.

Simply put, government functions better when Congress pursues robust oversight. It sharpens objectives, improves government performance, makes the bureaucracy more responsive, and curtails wasteful spending.

Sadly, this key responsibility has fallen into disrepair. Really tough overseers of the administration’s policies — lawmakers who are interested in government performance, not political one-upmanship — have grown scarce on Capitol Hill. But if we want to restore the vigor of the Congress, getting it to look into every nook and cranny of government is vital. The military’s pursuit of growing troop strength and new strategies in the Middle East would be a good place to start.

Lee Hamilton is a Distinguished Scholar, Indiana University School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

What’s at stake with the Supreme Court

By Marge Baker

Nearly every issue that matters to the American people eventually finds its way before the Supreme Court.

Whether it’s access to health care, the right of women to make personal medical decisions, the ability of workers to defend themselves against discrimination, or simply having access to the voting booth, it’s difficult to look at any part of our lives and not find evidence for the importance of our nation’s highest court.

But even that list of challenges doesn’t convey the total importance of filling the seat vacated by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. With Republican senators threatening to block any replacement put forward by President Barack Obama, the integrity of our political system is also at stake.

What happens next will shed light on whether our political process is so broken that one party can ignore the plain language of our Constitution — which entrusts nominations to the president, in every year of his or her term — and do serious harm to our federal courts, all to score political points against a president they don’t like and tilt the Supreme Court towards the

decisions they prefer.

The Constitution is clear about how we should handle vacancies on the Supreme Court. Article II, Section 2 says that the president shall “with the advice and consent of the Senate” name a new justice. That’s pretty simple, right?

Yet within minutes of media reports of Scalia’s passing, Senate Republicans, led by presidential candidate Ted Cruz, announced that they wouldn’t even consider anyone Obama might nominate. It didn’t take long for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to say the same, and for senators like Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania to line up behind him.

Their refusal to fulfill their constitutional obligation is, to put it kindly, breathtaking. Over the past three decades, the longest confirmation process took 99 days. The last four justices, spanning two administrations, were confirmed in an average of 75 days. There are more than 300 days left before the end of the Obama administration.

If Congress fails to act, the Supreme Court will go two terms — well over a year — with a vacancy. Since the 1980s, Congress has almost never left a vacancy during a Supreme Court session.

But more important than the numbers is the idea that the Supreme Court — an institution Americans have traditionally thought of as operating above politics, where ordinary individuals are supposed to get the same shot at justice as enormous corporations or powerful special interests — is just another political pawn that Republicans can hold hostage.

Obama has said that despite the threats, he intends to nominate someone to fill Scalia’s seat. And already a few conservatives are rejecting the GOP’s partisan attacks on the Supreme Court. Senator Susan Collins of Maine and former Attorney Alberto Gonzales have made clear that the Senate should evaluate a nominee based on his or her merits.

Are Republican leaders willing to put partisanship aside, to honor our Constitution and give President Obama’s nominee fair consideration? Or will they let partisan rancor and petty politics damage our nation’s highest court?

There’s a lot at stake with pending Supreme Court cases. But the question of whether Republicans are willing to fulfill their constitutional obligations may be the biggest question of all.

Marge Baker is the executive vice president of People For the American Way. PFAW.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No to increased sales tax

Dear Editor:

I’m writing to tell the City Council that a city sales tax increase is a bad idea.

One would think that the permit fees to build all the new buildings and the tax on food on all the new restaurants would increase the city coffers. The city collects enough.

It always bothers me when the city pays thousands of dollars for surveying the feasibility of putting something on the ballot (this one to be in November), then thousands more for phone calls. I well remember the \$28,000-plus paid regarding McMansions and the citizens got nothing for it. It was all for the city to collect building fees.

Worse than that was the \$80,000 spent on a special election to do away with term limits. Then a previous City Council awarded Police Chief Roy Campos the highest retirement of any police chief in California. Maybe the council should look at the budget and see where they can cut.

The council needs to realize Downey citizens are tired of the extravagance at all levels of government. This is the reason people and businesses are leaving California.

**Betty Logan
Downey**

City merchandise

Dear Editor:

My wife and I moved to Downey when we got married almost 13 years ago. I have been wondering for years how come Downey does not have a city store like Bellflower.

We are proud to live in Downey and like many others would love to share our pride through t-shirts, coffee mugs, calendars, etc. There is no place to buy such items. Especially with the new Downey logo this would be a great time to start.

Are there any plans to open a city store? If there’s any doubt put it on social media and Downey Patriot and see what type of support you get.

Oh, in the meantime, lucky for me I’m an artist I’ll be making my home Downey t-shirts.

**Daryel Foster
Downey**

Jail CEOs

Dear Editor:

When six Republican and two Democratic presidential candidates don’t have the intellect to see the differences between the symptoms and the cause of the illegal immigration problem it shows the serious leadership crisis we have in the country.

Solving the illegal immigration problem is not rocket science once you understand why illegal immigrants come to this country. They don’t come escaping religious intolerance or political instability. They only come because they can find jobs here.

Illegal immigrants find jobs because it is financially advantageous for a company to hire illegal aliens who are willing to do a job for less money than an American citizen or a legal immigrant.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Walmart has employed illegal immigrants in their janitorial crews. Does this hint to the solution to the problem? Of course, throw in jail the CEO of any company that employs illegal immigrants and the problem will disappear.

I suggest to send every CEO whose company employs illegal immigrants to jail one month for every illegal immigrant they have employed. Once this is implemented there will not be jobs available for illegal immigrants and the problem will be resolved.

The word will get around that they can not get jobs so illegals will stop coming to the USA. We can also apply this solution to illegal immigrants that are already here. Simply castigate the employers who hired them and once the illegals realize they will not be able to get a job they will leave.

This is a practical and pragmatic solution that uses common sense on solving the illegal immigrant problem. For this reasons it will never be implemented and we will be debating how to stop illegal immigration until hell freezes over.

**Jorge Montero
Downey**

People over corporations

Dear Editor:

I don’t care about corporations, I care about the treatment of animals, human beings, and our environment in this country.

The criminal minds that introduced and passed legislation that states corporations are people should face criminal prosecution.

There is no democracy when elections can be bought by corporations. Their track records have proven that they don’t care about the three life forces on this planet; we are nothing more than dollar signs to them, from the moment we are born, until the moment that we die.

I urge everyone to contact their senators, Congress members, and Assembly members, and ask them to please introduce and support legislation that protects all life forces, and not corporate interests.

**Patty Jackson
Downey**

Supreme Court nominee

Dear Editor:

At the beginning of President Obama’s first term as President, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that his main goal for the next four years was to make sure that Obama would be a one-term president. He failed in that, and now McConnell is again playing politics instead of doing his job as the leader of the Senate.

The same day that Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia passed away, McConnell announced that he was not inclined to schedule a Senate hearing on any nomination for the Supreme Court made by President Obama and that, “This vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president.”

In other words, McConnell would leave a vacancy on the Court open for almost a year. In the debate on Saturday night, all the Republican candidates for President echoed his words.

President Obama has 342 more days until his term expires. His previous two Supreme Court nominees, Elena Kagan and Sylvia Sotomayor, required an average of 76 days from nomination to confirmation by the Senate. President Obama has stated that he wants to fulfill his constitutional mandate of appointing a new Supreme Court Justice. He has the time and the desire to do so. The statement of McConnell and the Republicans that they would refuse to even consider anyone that Obama nominates is really a declaration of political war.

It is past time for Republicans to stop their obstructionism and take their responsibility to govern seriously. They need to stop playing political games with the American people and do their job to work with President Obama to nominate the next Supreme Court Justice of the United States.

**Anita Rivero
Downey**

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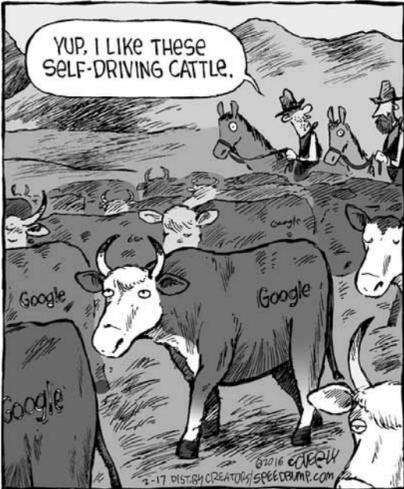
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb. 20: **Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up**, Old River Elementary, 9 a.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 20: **Dinner murder-mystery show**, Elks Lodge, 5:30 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.
 1 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 Helen 864-7319.
 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

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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.

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Feb. 18, 1930: Photographic evidence of Pluto was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.
1953: "Bwana Devil," the movie that heralded the 3-D fad of the 1950s, opened in New York City.
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SPORTS BRIEFS: CIF releases postseason brackets

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The 2015-16 winter sports seasons have concluded their regular seasons and C.I.F. has released their playoff brackets. Boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' water polo and wrestling will all begin their runs to their respective team and individual championships.

In boys' basketball, Warren (13-13, 3-7) traveled to Windward (10-14, 7-2) on Wednesday in their first round game (score unavailable at press time). Windward is from the Gold Coast League.

In girls' basketball, Warren (4-21, 4-6) traveled to Long Beach Millikan (18-9, 10-2) yesterday in their first round game (score unavailable at press time). Millikan is from the Moore League.

In boys' soccer, Warren (15-5-2, 7-1-2) will host Moorpark (8-7-4, 3-4-1) later today. Moorpark is from the Coastal Canyon League.

In girls' soccer, Warren (19-2-3, 10-0) hosted Kennedy (12-4-7, 4-2-5) yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Kennedy is from the Empire League.

In girls' water polo, Warren (10-3, 5-0) hosted Claremont (20-10, 4-4) yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Claremont is from the Palomares League.

In wrestling, C.I.F. Individuals will be held this weekend (2/19-20), the Masters Meet will be held next weekend (2/26-27) in Ontario and the state meet will be held the following weekend (3/4-5) in Bakersfield.

At Downey High, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' water polo and wrestling will all begin their runs to their respective team and individual championships.

In boys' basketball, Downey (18-9, 3-7) traveled to Montclair (9-16, 4-6) on Wednesday in their first round game (score unavailable at press time). Montclair is from the Mount Baldy League.

In girls' basketball, Downey (18-8, 7-3) hosted Rancho Cucamonga (12-13, 4-6) yesterday in their first round game (score unavailable at press time). Rancho Cucamonga is from the Baseline League.

In boys' soccer, Downey (12-9-2, 6-3-1) will travel to Royal (16-7-2, 6-1-1) later today. Royal is from the Coastal

Canyon League.

In girls' soccer, Downey (12-6-6, 8-2) traveled to Yorba Linda (13-4-3, 4-2-3) yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Yorba Linda is from the North Hills League.

In girls' water polo, Downey did not qualify for postseason competition.

Downey had 14 C.I.F. qualifiers from S.G.V.L. Finals. These 14 qualifiers included seven league champions, two second place finishers and five third place finishers.

In wrestling, C.I.F. Individuals will be held this weekend (2/19-20), the Masters Meet will be held next weekend (2/26-27) in Ontario and the state meet will be held the following weekend (3/4-5) in Bakersfield.

The Downey High School Athletic Department is presenting an NCAA Athletic Eligibility Information Night featuring USC Senior Associate Athletic Director Donna Heinel.

The information night will be held this Monday evening, February 22, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Downey High School Gymnasium and is open for all Downey High School Athletes and Parents.

There will be several topics addressed at this information night. Some of the topics on the agenda are: NCAA Academic Requirements, NCAA Core Classes, the NCAA Eligibility Center and National Letter of Intent.

Other topics on the agenda include: Differences between Divisions I, II and III, College Athletic Scholarships, Recruiting and 2.3 or take a knee.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this information night. Questions can be asked and answered and student-athletes can gain a better understanding of how this process actually works.

Any further questions can be addressed to Downey High School Athletic Director Mark Rand at mrand@dusd.net. Mr. Rand and the Downey High School Athletic Department hope to see all interested athletes and parents at the information night.

The third rotation of middle school sports has concluded and eight city championships have been determined in boys' and girls' basketball and boys' soccer.

Championships were determined

in sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball, sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball and boys' varsity (8th grade) and junior varsity (6th and 7th grade) soccer.

In eighth grade boys' basketball, Stauffer was the city champion with a record of 5-1. Griffiths was second at 4-2, Sussman was third at 2-4 and Doty was fourth at 1-5.

In seventh grade boys' basketball, Sussman was the city champion with a record of 6-0. Doty and Stauffer tied for second with records of 3-3 and Griffiths was fourth with a record of 0-6.

In sixth grade boys' basketball, Doty was the city champion with a record of 6-0. Sussman was second at 4-2, Stauffer was third with a record of 2-4 and Griffiths was fourth with a record of 0-6.

In eighth grade girls' basketball, Doty was the city champion with a record of 5-1. Griffiths was second at 4-2, Stauffer was third with a record of 3-3 and Sussman was fourth with a record of 0-6.

In seventh grade girls' basketball, Doty was the city champion with a record of 6-0. Stauffer was second with a record of 4-2, Sussman was third with a record of 1-4-1 and Griffiths was fourth with a record of 0-5-1.

In sixth grade girls' basketball, Doty was the city champion with a record of 6-0. Griffiths was second with a record of 4-2, Stauffer was third with a record of 2-4 and Sussman was fourth with a record of 0-6.

In boys' varsity soccer, Griffiths was the city champion with a record of 4-2. Doty was second with a record of

3-1-2, Stauffer was third with a record of 2-2-2 and Sussman was fourth with a record of 1-5.

In boys' junior varsity soccer, Doty and Stauffer were co-champions with 5-1 records. Griffiths was third with a record of 2-4 and Sussman was fourth with a record of 0-6.

Baseball and softball are the two sports featured in the fourth rotation. There will be varsity (8th grade) and junior varsity (6th and 7th grade) teams for both baseball and softball.

Cal High teacher chosen to help develop statewide curriculum

WHITTIER – California High School arts teacher Julie Tonkovich is one of only 10 public school teachers appointed to serve on the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC), an advisory body to the State Board of Education, providing her the opportunity to help develop and strengthen education standards that will benefit students across the state.

Tonkovich – who has been teaching visual arts at her alma mater for 24 years – will begin serving her four-year term in January 2017. She will work with an 18-member commission to help revise and update the framework for education, drawing on her experience as a visual and performing arts teacher and utilizing her English and social science credentials within her art classes.

Under this appointment, Tonkovich will advise the state Board of Education on curriculum and recommend instructional materials that will assist teachers in successfully implementing standards-based instruction.

"I try to keep up on education

trends by attending development classes and conferences. If my students are going to be entering this modern 21st-century workforce, I need to teach them how to navigate it ahead of time," Tonkovich said. "I am so fortunate to have this opportunity and am excited to make a difference in the education community."

Tonkovich was selected as the California Art Education Association's Outstanding Visual Art Educator in 2013 and has developed a keen ability to establish new arts standards and curriculum at the local level, while meeting the needs of a diverse student population.

At Cal High, Tonkovich teaches Art 1 and 2, Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art for 2-D and drawing, AP Art History, and Video and Cinematic Arts — a course she developed. She keeps current on trends in the art world by constantly reading blogs and news articles, attending conferences and workshops, and continuously trying to improve her knowledge of technology with opportunities such as iMovie lessons, bringing up-to-date,

21st century teaching to her students.

In addition to teaching AP classes, Tonkovich has also been teaching arts courses for English learners and special education students for more than two decades. She has attended trainings to assist English learners and participated in several conferences and workshops on Asperger's syndrome and autism to learn more about special education teaching.

"I work well with a diverse student population," Tonkovich said. "Every student learns differently, so I alter my teaching style to address the diverse backgrounds and preferences of my students."

Field trips and art exhibitions are also a regular part of Tonkovich's curriculum. Students attend monthly trips outside the classroom to deepen their understanding of art and also exhibit their work at campus, local or national competitions. Her students have also been taught to reflect themselves in their artwork, think critically and make deliberate choices in the creative process.

"I want my students to always get

the 'big idea' when it comes to their projects," Tonkovich said. "I make sure everything they do has a lasting value outside the classroom. I hope to bring all of this with me when I begin my work with IQC."

Additionally, Tonkovich has presented lectures at the National Art Educator Association conventions for eight years and is a mentor and peer coach at several area universities.

"Julie has demonstrated her ability to strengthen standards, instruction and assessment, while capturing the attention of her students through her engaging, inclusive teaching style," Whittier Union High School District Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson said. "Our District student achievement rate continues to grow thanks to our quality teachers, our collaborative culture and the innovative frameworks our teachers help to develop, and I am confident that Julie will inspire that same forward thinking at the state level."

NFL awards golden footballs to 5 Whittier schools

WHITTIER – As football fans around the world revel in the Denver Broncos' victory in Super Bowl 50, Whittier Union is celebrating five coveted Golden Footballs that four of its comprehensive high schools received from the National Football League to recognize distinguished alumni who participated in 10 Super Bowls and amassed eight championships.

Whittier Union schools earned a place in the NFL's Super Bowl High School Honor Roll for graduates and NFL greats: Joe Gibbs (Santa Fe High School '59); Jim Vellone (California High School '62); George Buehler (Whittier High School '65); Bob Chandler (Whittier High School '67); and Dave Dalby (La Serna High School '68).

"We are honored to commemorate our esteemed alumni, who are part of a rich history of Whittier athletics and have left a lasting imprint on the football community," Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson said. "In addition to gaining a first-rate education at our schools, these former students and NFL stars demonstrate the hard work, dedication and perseverance of our student-athletes."

In September 2015, the NFL announced the High School Honor Roll initiative as part of its Super Bowl 50 outreach program. The initiative links the past 49 Super Bowls to this year's game and honors the high schools and communities that have benefited the game of football. More

than 2,000 high schools across the country and nearly 3,000 Super Bowl players and head coaches will receive commemorative Wilson Golden Footballs.

The NFL Foundation will provide the schools with a new character education curriculum and the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to support and grow their football programs.

Below are brief profiles of the players and their athletic careers.

Joe Gibbs (Santa Fe '59): A star quarterback while at Santa Fe, Gibbs is an NFL Hall of Fame head coach who helmed the Washington Redskins from 1981-92 and 2004-07, leading them to nine playoff appearances, four NFC championships and three Super Bowl victories.

Gibbs, who was offensive line coach at USC from 1969-70, winning the 1970 Rose Bowl, was the architect of the Redskins' stellar offensive line, nicknamed "The Hogs," and developed numerous strategies on offense. Under Gibbs, Washington appeared in four Super Bowls in 10 years, emerging victorious in Super Bowls XVII (27-17 over the Miami Dolphins); XXII (42-10 over the Denver Broncos); and XXVI (37-24 over the Buffalo Bills).

After retiring from football, Gibbs became a NASCAR Championship team owner.

Jim Vellone (Cal '62): An All-American guard at Cerritos College, Vellone played two years at USC

before being drafted by the Minnesota Vikings in 1966.

He played five seasons for the Vikings, and was a starting lineman in Super Bowl IV. The Vikings lost the game to the Kansas City Chiefs, 23-7. Vellone's career was cut short by Hodgkin lymphoma. He died in 1977.

George Buehler (Whittier '65): While at Whittier, Buehler was CIF Southern Section Player of the Year in 1964, as well as a champion wrestler and track member. He attended Stanford and was drafted by the Oakland Raiders in 1969.

Starting at right guard, Buehler anchored a strong offensive line from 1971-77, and played a key role in the Raiders' 32-14 victory over the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl XI.

Bob Chandler (Whittier '67): At Whittier High, Chandler was All-CIF in football and basketball and was one of the top high school decathletes in the region.

An exceptional wide receiver, Chandler attended USC and played in two Rose Bowl games; he was chosen Most Valuable Player in the 1970 Rose Bowl game – in which Gibbs was the offensive line coach – after USC's 10-3 win over Michigan.

Drafted by the Buffalo Bills in 1971, he played nine seasons before moving to the Oakland Raiders and catching four passes in the Raiders' 27-10 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XV.

Chandler is the uncle of La Serna High teacher and football coach Andy George. Chandler died in 1995.

Dave Dalby (La Serna '68): Dalby was a standout center for UCLA, where he was selected to the All-Century team and named a member of the UCLA Hall of Fame.

Drafted by the Raiders in 1972, Dalby would not miss a game in 14 years, appearing in three Super Bowl victories – Super Bowl XI (with Buehler), Super Bowl XV (with Chandler) and the Los Angeles Raiders' 38-9 Super Bowl XVIII victory over Joe Gibbs' Washington Redskins.

Dalby died in 2002.

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College celebrates Chinese New Year

By Raul Samaniego
Contributor

NORWALK – The 2016 Lunar New Year Celebration or Year of the Monkey was held Wednesday at the Student Center on the campus of Cerritos College.

“I want to share our (Chinese) culture,” said a smiling Cerritos College Board President Dr. Shin Liu regarding the day’s program.

It had been at least four years

since the last celebration.

“It is celebrated by Chinese, Japanese, Korean and all Asian cultures,” Dr. Liu added.

The day was filled with traditional colorful lion dancers, demonstrations of martial arts, Erhu (pronounced ir-hu) musicians and additional assortment of dances complete with feats of beautiful renditions of Asian dances.

Food and drink was provided also.

Dr. Liu not only can lead the Board of Trustees, but she joined the Erhu players on stage to join in playing her “Two-string” Chinese violin.

Sporting a new beard and welcoming the crowd was Cerritos President Jose Fierro.

By having the event on a school day, rather on a weekend, it was hoped that more students would attend.

The turnout showed that the planning was correct.



POETRY MATTERS

The Desired Change Will Occur

I release a magenta tetragonal lattice kite into the storm: soon only the black string remains.

In the snow, cattle kneel, rafter mewl. No color, no playground. There are times it seems we

only know each other by a thread— but we love that thread.

--Bill Carty, *Pleiades*

Originally from a small town in coastal Maine, Bill Carty moved to Seattle where he teaches and writes. Of his poetry he has said, “I read widely and allow myself to follow my distractions.” His kite is a direct descendant of the Imagist’s Red Wheelbarrow by William Carlos Williams. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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In La Mirada, parents educated on cyber safety

LA MIRADA – Vigilance and strong communication are the keys to maintaining a safe and rewarding online experience for school-age children, concerned parents learned at a Cyber Safety workshop at Dollard Elementary School on Feb. 5.

The workshop, presented by the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Instructional Technology Department, centered on common sense practices that parent and child can agree on, as well as an overview of popular mobile phone apps and the proliferation of cyber threats such as bullying, predators, ID theft and online addiction.

“Cyber safety is a paramount concern for our community,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said, “We are committed to providing education and resources for parents who have had difficulty keeping pace with rapidly evolving modern technology.”

Cathy De Alba, a District Technology Integration Coach, led the discussion with a PowerPoint presentation outlining numerous strategies for being a good digital citizen. De Alba urged Dollard parents to sit down with their children to discuss and sign an Internet Agreement detailing family rules and safe habits regarding online activity.

De Alba stressed that although parents cannot monitor their children's online activity 24 hours a day, they can take steps to ensure children keep themselves safe, think first and keep a healthy balance between their online and physical activities. She advised parents that building trust with their children and paying close attention to their moods were invaluable tools in helping children develop safe online habits.

“If your child is on the computer, make sure they are where you can see them,” De Alba said. “Make them



Cathy DeAlba and Dollard Principal Lorena Sierra meet with concerned parents to discuss tips on how to maintain a safe and rewarding Internet experience for their children after a cyber safety workshop.

understand you have the right to look at what is on their phone and delete anything that may be inappropriate. However, you cannot be too strict. Communication is the key.”

Graciela Romero, who has two children that attend Dollard, signed the Internet Agreement after attending a Coffee with the Superintendent monthly meeting. The Cyber Safety workshop was organized as a direct result of parent consultations with Dr. Danielian.

“It’s a matter of safety. Your child is online and you don’t know who is on the other side,” Romero said. “I worry about bullying, but also, in many cases, it is the parents trying to catch up with their children. There is always something new to learn.”

In addition to the Cyber workshop, a 10-week computer class for adults has begun at Waite Middle School. Parents who have never had an email address or touched a computer keyboard before are meeting twice weekly for ten weeks. They are learning the Microsoft Office suite of programs with curriculum centered on how to

protect their children on the Internet by monitoring their use and adding filters to their computers. They are also learning how to use the Internet to support their students in other ways, including the college and financial aid application process – much of which is now accomplished online.

“I congratulate our parents for participating in the workshop and in the computer classes,” NLMUSD Board of Education President Karen Morrison said. “As a District, we want to do everything we can to help parents understand the importance of cyber-safety. These parents are taking the time to learn about the importance of Internet safety and stepping out of their comfort zones to learn new skills.”

NLMUSD has also built a comprehensive Digital Citizen and Online Safety Resource Library for parents, students and teachers on its website with a series of links, including suggestions for setting rules for mobile phone use and “myths and truths about internet safety” supporting the concepts of digital citizenship.

Legislation would require nursing homes to publicly post number of nurses on duty

WHITTIER – Assemblymember Ian Calderon (D–Whittier) introduced Assembly Bill 2079 (AB 2079) Wednesday, which would raise the minimum number of direct care service hours for nursing assistants in order to improve the quality of care in nursing facilities.

“Nursing assistants are the primary providers of direct care who meet the needs of seniors and people with disabilities,” stated Calderon. “Residents of Skilled Nursing Facilities and their families deserve a safe living environment to help patients recover and heal in a timely manner.”

Current staff requirements for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) do not meet the direct care needs of nursing home residents. The California Department of Public Health enacted

regulations that converted the 3.2-hour requirement into ratios; however these regulations do not differentiate between types of direct caregivers. This means operators of SNFs can include non-direct caregiving personnel to meet the 3.2 nursing hours per patient care requirement. This causes chronic under-staffing of registered nurses (RNs), licensed vocational nurses (LVNs), and certified nursing assistants (CNAs) in these facilities and creates potentially unsafe living conditions for residents as they are subject to sub-par care and greater risk of hospitalization.

AB 2079 requires SNFs to publicly post, at all times, the number of direct caregivers on duty and assure a minimum number of hours of care provided by CNAs by instituting specified staff-to-patient

ratios per shift. This bill would raise the minimum number of direct care service hours, transforming the care and environment in nursing homes to provide a more person centered level of care.

“AB 2079 helps to ensure that direct care staff are available to meet the needs of seniors, people with disabilities, and people recovering from illness and injury,” stated Assemblymember Ian Calderon. “Specified staff-to-patient ratios per shift will also help avoid hospital re-admittance, stabilize high staff turnover rates, and improve patient discharge back to their home and community.”

AB 2079 is supported by SEIU California and SEIU Local 2015.

Governor proposes \$176.6M to clean up Exide neighborhood

VERNON – Governor Jerry Brown on Wednesday proposed a \$176.6 million spending plan to fund expedited and expanded testing and cleanup of residential properties, schools, daycare centers and parks around the former Exide Technologies facility in Vernon.

“This Exide battery recycling facility has been a problem for a very long time,” said Brown. “With this funding plan, we’re opening a new chapter that will help protect the community and hold Exide responsible.”

The administration’s plan was detailed in a Department of Finance letter sent to the California State Senate and Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committee chairs.

The \$176.6 million plan will ensure all residential properties,

schools, daycare centers and parks within the 1.7 mile radius of the Exide Technologies facility are tested and contaminated soil removed where lead levels are the highest and potential exposure the greatest.

This plan expedites and expands efforts already underway and includes an exemption to the California Environmental Quality Act, authorities said.

Local legislators reacted positively to the plan.

“I am very pleased to hear that Governor Brown is proposing \$176.6 million in funds to test and clean up land around the former Exide plant. Residents of these contaminated areas have been clamoring for urgent relief,” said Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.

“Governor Brown’s funding proposal, and his support for expediting the cleanup process, are important steps in making our communities safe once again. To date, the state’s effort has been dangerously slow and underfunded. This announcement is a much-needed change of direction in the state’s work to clean up Exide. I am hopeful the governor’s announcement will help ensure that the DTSC will have all the funds needed to test and clean up the affected properties.”

“Given the urgency of this crisis, I implore the state legislature to immediately approve this funding in order to expedite the critical work of cleaning up the poisons in our contaminated neighborhoods. The health and well-being of our communities depends on swift and sustained action by the state.”

LEGAL NOTICES

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 047607

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
 (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: TACOS MEXICO, INC., 7852 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
 (4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: PETER POLITIS, 7852 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: ALL STOCK IN TRADE INCLUDING INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, MERCHANDISE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 7852 FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241
 (6) The business name used by the Seller(s) at said location is: TACOS MEXICO
 (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MARCH 7, 2016, at the office of SECURITY LAND ESCROW COMPANY, 10805 PARAMOUNT BLVD, STE A, DOWNEY, CA 90241, ESCROW NO. 047607, Escrow Officer: LAWRENCE GARCES
 (8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above.
 (9) The last date for filing claims is: MARCH 4, 2016
 (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
 (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE
 Dated: JANUARY 28, 2016
 TRANSFEREES: PETER POLITIS
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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): PSC1501161 NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO)- WAL-MART STORES, INC., a California corporation; and DOES 1 through 25, Inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): LISA M. CAVALLI-DELLORA

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court’s lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión de abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California County of Riverside 3255 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way Palm Springs, CA 92262 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff’s attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Anthony C. Caronna/SBN 134117 Caronna, Johnson & Zamora, LLP 71650 Sahara Road, Suite 2 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270 (760) 773-4849 f (760) 773-0849 t Date (Fecha): March 11, 2015 Clerk, by (Secretario), H. CARVER, Deputy (Adjunto)

AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT FICTITIOUS NAME (No order required) Upon filing the complaint hereto, plaintiff being ignorant of the true name of a defendant and having designated said defendant in the complaint by the fictitious name of DOE 1 and having discovered the true name of the said defendant to be LIBERTY FIRE PROTECTION, A BUSINESS, FORM UNKNOWN hereby amends the complaint by inserting such true name in the place and stead of such fictitious name wherever it appears in said complaint Date: November 2, 2015 By: Anthony C. Caronna, Attorney for plaintiff Lisa Cavalli-Dellora

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2016025478

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOVETTA’S PRECIOUS BLOOD, 12034 ORR AND DAY ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEPH LORENZO TAYLOR, 12034 ORR AND DAY ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) GAIL TAYLOR, 12034 ORR AND DAY ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by Copartners 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/ JOSEPH LORENZO TAYLOR, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 2, 2016 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 2016020973

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) IMEX USA, 12440 FIRESTONE BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY, 13320 CLEARWATER DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YOUNG KYUNG HAN, 13320 CLEARWATER DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638 (2) JUNG HWA PARK, 13320 CLEARWATER DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a General Partnership The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ YOUNG KYUNG HAN, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 27, 2016 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 2016033004

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JSF ELECTRIC (2) JSF ELECTRIC SERVICES, 1520 W. HARRIS ST, APT. 201, BIRCH CA 90810, LA COUNTY, 5716 TAFT AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESSE FELIX, 5716 TAFT AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 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/ JESSE FELIX, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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 2016001157

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LG REAL ESTATE GROUP, 17785 CENTER COURT DR, SUITE 120, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LG PROPERTIES INCORPORATED, 11418 STUDEBAKER RD, NORWALK CA 90650 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 12/24/2008 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/ LG PROPERTIES INCORPORATED, PRESIDENT, LUIS MARIO GUEVARA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 4, 2016 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 2016006381

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ULTIMATE DRYWALL INTERIORS, 8504 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE 173, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTONIO NUNEZ LARIOS, 8504 FIRESTONE BLVD SUITE 173, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/25/2009 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/ ANTONIO NUNEZ LARIOS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 11, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2016026797

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) J&S JANITORIAL SERVICES, 7503 4TH PL, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CAROLINA ALVAREZ, 7503 4TH PL, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ CAROLINA ALVAREZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 3, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2016035628

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) IDEA562, 12350 DEL AMO BLVD APT. #2219, LAKEWOOD CA 90715, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JEM LACASANDILE, 12350 DEL AMO BLVD APT. #2219, LAKEWOOD CA 90715 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/15/2016 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/ JEM LACASANDILE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 16, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2016032202

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HDZ SPORTS APPAREL, 9252 ELM VISTA DRIVE UNIT B, CITY CA 90242, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAMIRO J. HERNANDEZ-MARROQUIN, 9252 ELM VISTA DRIVE UNIT B, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/09/2016 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/ RAMIRO J. HERNANDEZ-MARROQUIN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2016

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bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 028231-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

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Deed of Trust Recorded 06/21/2006 as Document No.: 06 1359721, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: JUAN L SOLIS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE 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: 03/10/2016 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: 12051 HAYFORD STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in "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: \$417,831.74 (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 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.# 9462-2872. 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. NPP0272681 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/18/2016, 02/25/2016, 03/03/2016

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T.S. No. 028231-CA APN: 6364-006-004 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PURSUANT TO CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/26/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 3/2/2016 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/3/2005, as Instrument No. 05-2375126, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by: DANIEL B. MARTIN, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 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: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8121 PAGEANT ST DOWNEY, CA 90240-2744 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$501,184.32 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful

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TSG No.: 8585547 TS No.: CA1500271208 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6388-004-013 Property Address: 9016 ARRINGTON AVE DOWNEY, CA 90240 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/18/2012. 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. On 03/17/2016 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/26/2012, as Instrument No. 20122001890, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: KARINA VENEZAS, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(h)(b). (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 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# 6388-004-013 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9016 ARRINGTON AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street

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T.S. No.: 9462-2872 TSG Order No.: 150217136-CA-VOI A.P.N.: 8080-031-037 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 06/12/2006. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain

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Termite inspections a necessity when buying a home

A home is the biggest financial investment most people will make in their lifetime. However, dream homes can quickly turn to nightmares if destructive termites find their way into the structure.

With warmer weather on the way, the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) warns that termite swarms will be on the hunt for vulnerable homes where they can establish new colonies and inflict costly property damage that is often not covered by homeowners insurance. Termites, known as "silent destroyers," feed 24-hours a day, seven days a week on the cellulose found in wood and

paper products and cost U.S. homeowners about \$5 billion each year.

As spring also kicks off the house-buying season, the NPMA encourages all homebuyers to obtain a wood-destroying organism (WDO) inspection separate from their home inspection, and all homeowners to have a termite inspection completed every one to three years. According to a recent survey by the NPMA, 52 percent of Americans have never had their homes inspected for termites.

WDO inspectors are specially trained to recognize the often-subtle signs that termites may

be present in a home, while the average home inspector will look only at the structural soundness of a building. WDO inspectors are also able to determine if conditions in a home are conducive to infestations or if there is evidence of past treatment for termites.

A WDO inspection is a vital part of the home-buying process and always in the buyer's best interest as any undetected damage from a termite infestation becomes the buyer's responsibility after the home is purchased.

Homeowners should also be aware of the following signs of possible termite infestations in

their homes:

1. Mud tubes (used by termites to reach a food source) on the exterior of the home.
2. Soft wood in the home that sounds hollow when tapped.
3. Darkening or blistering of wood structures.
4. Cracked or bubbling paint.
5. Small piles of feces that resemble sawdust near a termite nest.
6. Discarded wings near doors or on windowsills, indicating swarms have entered the home.

If you believe you may have a termite infestation, contact a pest management professional immediately. For additional information and prevention tips, visit www.pestworld.org.

Homeowners still prefer granite counters

By overwhelming majorities, American adults prefer granite to any other countertop surface for their dream kitchens, and believe granite countertops increase home resale values, according to a new national survey's findings.

The survey of 2,021 U.S. adults aged 18 and over was conducted in October by Harris Interactive on behalf of the Marble Institute of America (MIA). It asked respondents which countertop they would most want in their dream kitchen. At 55 percent, "granite countertops" was the most popular choice, followed distantly by "synthetic stone" at 12 percent.

Asked how much they agree with the statement "granite countertops increase the resale value of a home," 90 percent

of respondents strongly or somewhat agreed.

"After months of inaccurate reporting and questionable research aimed at raising doubts about granite, it's gratifying to know consumers believe granite countertops are as safe as they are beautiful, practical and durable," said MIA President Guido Gliori.

In fact, 84 percent strongly

or somewhat agreed with the statement "Granite countertops are among the most safe, beautiful and durable kitchen counter surfaces on the market today."

"The survey results show consumers' preferences for granite countertops are virtually the same across all regions, genders and age groups," Gliori said.



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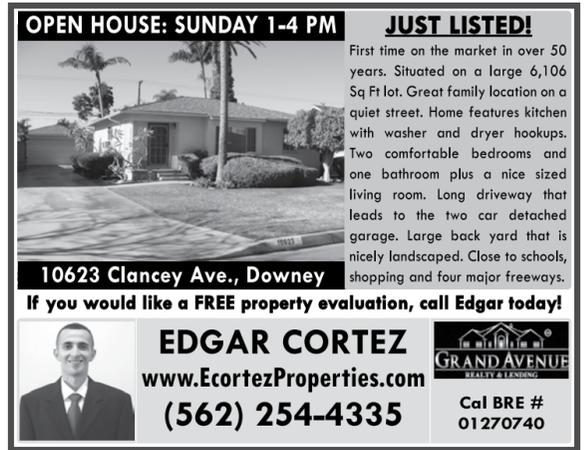


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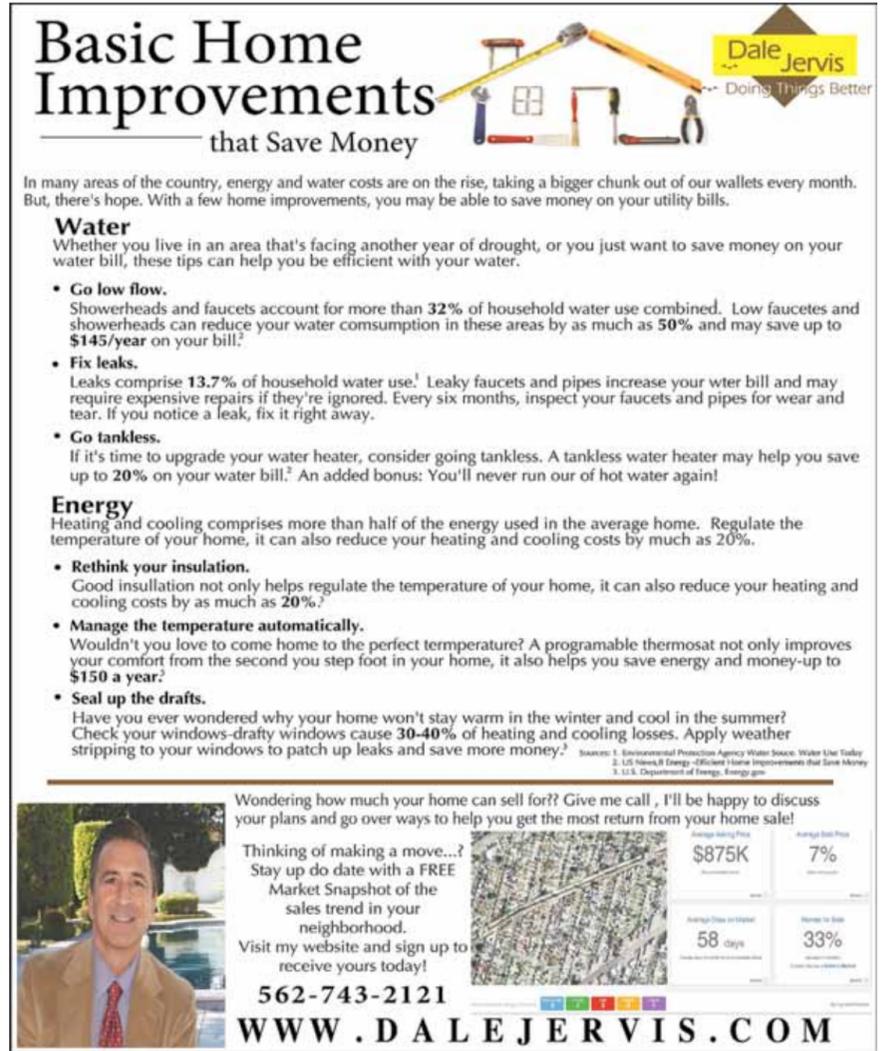
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- **Rethink your insulation.** Good insulation not only helps regulate the temperature of your home, it can also reduce your heating and cooling costs by as much as 20%.²
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