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## Actor opens frozen yogurt shop in Downey

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
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**DOWNEY** – Hoping Downey will serve as the launching pad for his latest creative venture, actor David Lipper, best known for his role as DJ's boyfriend, Viper, on the hit sitcom "Full House," is gearing up to officially open his first eatery, Menchie's, next weekend at Downey Landing.

"I was looking for a city that was family thick, that's our key demographic, and a place that needed a big name yogurt franchise," Lipper said. "Downey had all of that."



David Lipper

Lipper, who has also starred in several made-for-TV movies, said the Downey location is the first of eight Menchie's Frozen Yogurt stores that he plans to open this year.

Founded in 2007, Menchie's was the fastest-growing food concept in the United States last year, expanding to nearly 150 stores. This year, the Encino-based franchise, which makes and serves dozens of yogurt flavors, is expected to reach over 300 stores.

After visiting a Menchie's location near a friend's house in Sherman Oaks, Lipper decided to open several of his own Menchie's franchises, which he believes celebrate the values he often showcases in his family films and television roles.

"I've always invested well," said Lipper of his early days in show business. "I bought several apartment buildings that served me well in later years."

Recently, the 42-year-old television star sold some of his apartment buildings in an effort to invest in something different.

"I didn't want to invest in an oil company. I wanted to connect with people, something lucrative that make people feel good," said Lipper. "I went with Menchie's because they had the best mission statement – we make you smile."

Lipper, who lives in West Hollywood, has already begun to reach out to local schools and churches hoping to promote his yogurt shop among the community's children.

"I like this community, the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall have been great," said Lipper. "I really want to be a part of this community and make Menchie's a real community hangout."

In addition to the Downey store, Lipper is also planning to open a location at the Santa Fe Springs Plaza in Whittier, another in Long Beach, and five other locations in Montreal, Canada where he was born.

Nonetheless, Lipper said he has the greatest share of ownership in the Downey store, which is located next to GameStop and OneWest Bank.

Next weekend, Menchie's will celebrate its official grand opening, starting with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 5 p.m. on Jan. 13. Lipper said 10% of the sales that day will go to Penny Lane, a non-profit organization that finds homes for displaced children and teens.

On Saturday, Jan. 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Menchie's will be giving away free yogurt and t-shirts. The first person in line that day will win a month of free yogurt.

Lipper said several of his celebrity friends plan to attend the official grand opening of the store next Friday including actor Kevin Farley, director John Mallory Asher, actress and comedian Jenny McCarthy, Michael Cade of the 90s sitcom "California Dreams," and Brian Krause of The WB drama series "Charmed."

## Downey's Rose Parade float is an award-winner



Photos by Eric Pierce

"Enchanted Paradise," the Downey Rose Float Association's entry in the 123rd annual Tournament of Roses Parade, won the Founders' Trophy for most beautiful entry built by volunteers. The float is pictured in front of the Embassy Suites in Downey.

■ Award is the fourth in a row for Downey Rose Float Association, which begins planning for next year immediately.

BY HENRY VENERACION,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Rose Float Association has done it again.

Its entry in the just concluded 123rd Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, titled "Enchanted Paradise," which was concocted by the imaginations of designers Kelley Roberts, Jeff Shadic and Jason Redfox, on Monday once again won for the association the prized Founders' Trophy, awarded to the "most beautiful entry built and decorated by volunteers from a sponsoring community or organization."

Obviously aware of the admirably consistent winning ways of the DRFA (last year it also garnered the prestigious Lathrop K. Leishman trophy for its "A Stroll Down Memory Lane; two years prior, it bagged the Founders' Trophy for its "Jewels of the Pacific" entry, and the Founders' Trophy last year for "Broadway's Golden Age"), Bob Eubanks of KTLA-TV which has been covering the event for several years commented to his announcing partner, Stephanie Edwards: "Downey always comes through, doesn't it?"

Indeed, it does, and when asked how the association was able to win four consecutive trophies, Roberts, who is the current DRFA president as well as its longtime float construction chairman, replied, tongue-in-cheek: "Luck?"

It was apparent he was playing the modesty card. When he discerned that this reporter wanted a more logical explanation than that, Roberts said: "We are always trying to do our best. We want to



make sure we deliver for the city, make the community proud. Finishing the float on time is satisfaction enough. Winning a trophy, should it happen, is really icing on the cake."

According to Roberts, the float arrived at the Embassy Suites at 10 p.m. the night of Jan. 3 back from its post-parade site in Pasadena, to enable the thousands of enthusiasts from everywhere to view the floral decorations "up close and personal." The two-day stay in front of Embassy Suites was to provide Downey residents and others the chance to purchase the float's roses (they are kept fresh because the stems are held in place by water vials).

This pause at Embassy Suites effectively starts anew the fundraising cycle on which, in addition to donations from private and pub-

lic sources, special sales of all kinds, and other fundraising projects such as its concert-in-the-park, the association depends for its funding.

Then, he said, "We will tear the float apart and begin the planning, building, etc., process all over again."

Earlier, Roberts intimated that he'll take a month off from it all, before resuming his tasks as float construction chairman. Again, knowing the demands of his voluntary gig with the DRFA—with which he has been involved a thousand different ways since he was 10—how couldn't it be just something devoutly to be wished?

He said the theme of next year's Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade will be announced next week.

## Residents sound off on Tierra Luna proposal

■ Downey City Council is expected to discuss the 77-acre project this Tuesday.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN,  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Since the Planning Commission unanimously approved preliminary plans for the Tierra Luna Marketplace development at Downey Studios last month, many residents have expressed a wide range of sentiments, from enthusiasm and anticipation to bewilderment and disdain.

Over the last two weeks, several Downey residents have been engaged in lively debate on Facebook, discussing the merits of the city's proposal.

While a majority of citizens applaud the city's efforts to spur economic development and create jobs, others fear the project will erase decades of Downey's aerospace history leaving the community "just another strip mall."

The project, which has been under consideration for several years, covers the 77 acres between the Downey Landing retail center and the Kaiser Permanente Hospital.

Tierra Luna calls for two big box stores, 13 "junior anchor" retail stores, a 16-screen movie theater, up to 300,000 square feet of office space, a 150-room hotel, four stand-alone restaurants, a food court, gym and more. A new, four-lane private street – Aviation Boulevard – would run through the shopping center from Lakewood Boulevard to Bellflower Boulevard, according to the proposal.

While no retailers and tenants are attached to the project yet, the city submitted a list of pre-approved restaurants, retailers, and hotels it would welcome at Tierra Luna Marketplace. The list includes a number of outlets such as Whole Foods, Nordstrom, T.J. Maxx, Cheesecake Factory, Barnes & Noble, and 24 Hour Fitness.

The original 2009 plans called for 1,500 multi-family residences, but due to the recession, developers scrapped the idea.

Nonetheless, city officials claim the project would create nearly 3,286 new jobs, which many residents consider a dire necessity in Downey and the Southeast Los Angeles region.

"Our economy needs this right now," said resident Oseme Claire Jiménez-Galván. "I'll gladly deal with traffic, just leave home a little earlier for the sake of improving our city."

Downey resident George Manzanilla, on the other hand, believes the development will ultimately stifle small local-owned businesses.

"Krikorian Theaters in Downtown Downey would most likely go out of business, and countless other restaurants may be cannibalized by this development," he said. "Downey has always been

behind the curve and this development is no different. This is something that was done in the middle and late 90s... the city should focus its sights on developments that create wealth and good jobs in the region."

JC Mendoza agrees, unconvinced that the new jobs would benefit this community.

"The jobs being proposed will be part-time jobs that will be filled by people from other local cities," said Mendoza. "We will get more traffic and more crime by people from other cities. Do we really need this?"

Gus Fuenmayor, however, defended the new proposal, which he believes would be a welcomed expansion of the retailers nearby.

"I love the Downey Landing and I hope to fall in love with this new place," said Fuenmayor.

"We don't even have capacity at the Landing yet," noted Wil Stanton. "This is clearly a case of Downey leadership falling for the old 'something must be done, this is something so this must be done.'"

Mark Echmalian similarly called on the city to rethink the development taking into consideration the historic attributes of the former NASA site.

"What I don't think we want is the glorified strip mall that's currently proposed for that site, the site that took us to the moon and back, built an international space station, and helped lead to numerous advances in medicine and other sciences," he said. "The history of space flight deserves to be represented with so much more than a couple big box stores, food court and motel."

As mandated by federal law, the city would preserve a portion of Building 1, where rockets and landing capsules for the Apollo missions were built, but everything else on the property would be razed to make room for Tierra Luna.

While local resident John Zander acknowledged the new development might not bring in the technology and manufacturing jobs that many hope for, he encouraged everyone to embrace the Tierra Luna project.

"Well, having a large corporation bring in high-paying tech jobs would be wonderful, I just don't see that as being a reality," Zander said. "As planned, the project will provide hundreds of jobs, low paying, but jobs. And I'm sure it will be beautiful and bring dollars in from surrounding cities."

"To me, we're in a competition with the Valley, the Westside, San Gabriel Valley, Long Beach, etc. If we continue to do things that are just 'ordinary,' we're never going to get anywhere and do things better than those areas," said Manzanilla who envisions another possible use for the land. "A university/college would be amazing. Any educational use would be great for the region."

The City Council is scheduled to discuss the project this Tuesday, Jan. 10.

## Looking Back On... First Baptist Church of Downey

■ Church's history dates back to 1868, when it was founded by a group of seven local residents.

BY CHRISTIAN BROWN, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Character, faith, and conviction have always been an integral part of the development of Downey.

For the earliest settlers who journeyed across land and sea to the Golden West, civic life began with the building of the first communal structure: a house of worship.

Vital to these pioneers, the annals of religious life in Downey had their humble beginnings in the 1860s prior to the establishment of the actual township of Downey in 1873.

Those first services, conducted at the incipient communities of Gallatin and College Settlement, marked the establishment of several denominations in Downey including the Methodist, Catholic, and Christian churches.

The First Baptist Church of Downey was, likewise, founded by a little company of believers who not only had faith in God, but also in the possibility of creating a new life in the Los Nietos Valley. Since 1868, the church has had an unbroken history of Christian service.

It was in the Gallatin settlement on Sept. 19, 1868 that seven people, John

Newton, his wife, and son Willis; Olive Payett; Melvina Cole and her two daughters, Ann Baker and Margaret Cole, gathered to start the valley's first Baptist church, called Los Nietos Baptist Church.

The new Los Nietos Baptist Church was the only church in a 10-mile radius. Before it was established, settlers had to travel to El Monte to worship.

The congregation of the Los Nietos Baptist Church, which originally met inside a two-story "little red school house," later known as Gallatin Elementary School, was one of the earliest to be established in the turbulent days following the California Gold Rush.

According to a *Downey LiveWire* newspaper article published in September 1930, "the Downey Baptist Church is the oldest active church of its denomination in Southern California. Organized by a few hardy pioneers...the organization was perfected under an arbor made of tall mustard stalks."

The Rev. Isham Fuqua, a farmer from Rincon, a community near present-day Chino, served as the church's first pastor.

Parson Fuqua, as he was commonly called, was the founder of a number of churches and pastored several Baptist church congregations, including those in El Monte, Azusa and Rincon. Today, Fuqua is numbered among the most influential pioneer clergymen of the Baptist church in California history.

One weekend every month, Fuqua

rode 50 miles to Downey to conduct church services. Due to the danger of bandits and outlaws, a group of men from Rincon usually rode with Fuqua half way through his journey until met by a group from the church who rode with him the remainder of the way.

The church never paid Fuqua despite the fact he often braved violent storms and flooded rivers to conduct services.

Historians remember him as a forceful speaker and preacher with sincerity and zeal, which made him a potent force in the work of the church. He preached for six years in Downey then left in 1874 to organize a new church in Azusa.

In his absence, the Rev. Israel C. Curtis became pastor of the church and oversaw the construction of the church's first building.

In 1870, Judge M.D. Crawford purchased 400 acres of land in the new township of Downey. He donated a lot to the Los Nietos Baptist Church, and in the spring of 1874 construction of the church edifice began.

When the church incorporated, it took the name of the "First Baptist Church of Downey" and settled at its current location at 8348 East Third St.

Like many houses of worship of that time, the new church building's design followed the rustic manner of traditional Gothic architecture, adapted to the simplicity of the American frontier.

Materials for the church building, which included square nails and redwood lumber shipped around the Horn and hauled by oxcart from the docks of

San Pedro to Downey, cost just \$300 and the labor was donated. The building was dedicated in March 1879.

Stained glass windows, which featured Christian symbols, were imported all the way from Belgium in 1899 and an Estey organ was purchased in New England in 1911. The new church also featured smooth dark wood pews, a pine floor and towering belfry. Palm and pepper trees were planted in front of the church and one of the first sidewalks in town was slated outside leading to the church building.

Initially, church services were held only once a month. The people would gather on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month to conduct the business of the church and to worship. Saturday morning was given to the preaching of the word and a general business meeting. In the evening the people would meet for a candle lighting service. Sunday at 11 a.m. the church would meet for morning worship followed by an evening evangelistic service.

The Baptists occupied the structure until 1921 when it was sold to St. Mark's Episcopal Church for \$500 and moved bodily from its original site to a new location at Fifth and Dolan streets.

Under the Rev. James Robertson, who led the First Baptist Church of Downey for 32 years from 1913-1945, the congregation erected a new mission-style church building with a seating capacity of 250 in 1923. It was a great undertaking at the time and cost about \$25,000 to construct.

Meanwhile St. Mark's took advantage of the old church building, which remained stable decades after its construction.

In the early 1940s, a representative from a redwood company expressed amazement at the soundness of the

wooden structure. In fact, even Hollywood took notice of the "little white church," which was featured in Columbia Pictures' 1931 film "The Miracle Woman" starring Barbara Stanwyck.

In 1955, however, though still sound, the building was vacated as the growing St. Mark's congregation began searching for another location. Also the nearly 80-year-old church was threatened by the expansion of Downey Community Hospital, which had been established next door.

Despite efforts by many residents, including prominent publisher K.C. Weiss, to keep the church in Downey, on Feb. 13, 1955, the vestry of St. Mark's voted to sell the church to Walter Knott.

Rather than let it be demolished, Knott acquired the building, dismantled it, and preserving as much of the original as possible, reconstructed it according to modern safety codes in the heart of Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

Knott's beloved father was an ordained minister, and Knott explained at the time that he moved it to the park because he wanted to create "a financially independent church."

The church, which was placed alongside a lake, was renamed the Church of Reflections, becoming both a tourist attraction and worship center for employees and local residents for years.

In 2004, the non-denominational church, which continues to host dozens of weddings and special events each year, was moved again and placed across the street from the amusement park, where it still stands as a memorial to Downey's pioneer heritage.

In the 1950s, one of the most pop-

ular pastors at the First Baptist Church of Downey was Dr. John (Jack) M. MacArthur, a preaching evangelist who had a radio program with a large listening audience. During his ministry, the church was filled to capacity every Sunday, according to church records.

MacArthur even once held a four-week tent crusade at the corner of Lakewood and Firestone boulevards, hoping to take his message outside the church walls. In 1954, MacArthur left the church and started his own in Burbank. However, today, his son, John F. MacArthur is a nationally known preacher-teacher with a large ministry of his own in Sun Valley.

In 1965, the present sanctuary was completed with new administrative offices, an educational unit, and a seating capacity of 928, at a cost of \$600,000 under the leadership of then-pastor Dr. Milton Gould, who soon left the church to accept a position at Biola College in La Mirada. At the time the new structure was completed, the church's membership was 1800, with 1400 enrolled in weekly Sunday school classes.

In subsequent years, the First Baptist Church of Downey started many community outreach programs, supported evangelical ministries around the world, and helped launch Baptist churches in Whittier, Huntington Park, Pico Rivera, and Compton.

Wanting to accommodate the increasing Spanish-speaking population in Downey, the church began services in Spanish in 1991.

Today, the First Baptist Church of Downey, which is led by interim senior pastors Jon Castillo and Steve Shangraw, hosts multiple Sunday services and weekly Bible studies. In addition to the Spanish church, First Baptist also offers a variety of Sunday school classes and a traditional evening service with hymns, testimonies and prayer.

In 1968, during the church's centennial celebration, then-pastor Dr. Harold Adams was asked about the next 100 years of the church. Adams boldly predicted the church would flourish but not only preaching the Bible, but also living the Bible.

"We will – I pray – be a strong, Bible-preaching, evangelical church with a real concern for the needs of men," Adams said. "We will continue to minister with renewed zeal in the heart of Downey, with Downey at heart, preaching and demonstrating the heart of our Lord until He comes."

After nearly 150 years of successful ministry, it's quite possible that Pastor Adams' prayer will come to pass as the First Baptist Church of Downey continues to stand as an emblem of Downey's rich heritage, longstanding faith and unshakable dedication to character, integrity and goodwill.

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## All-American building to be demolished

**DOWNEY** — All-American Home Center, the home improvement store that closed last month after more than 50 years in business, will be demolished as early as Jan. 16.

City officials would not confirm the exact date, but did say a demolition permit was expected to be issued this week.

Several sources told the Patriot that demolition would start Jan. 16.

There is no word yet on what will replace All-American.

## Motel to build new front porch

**DOWNEY** — A local motel received permission from the Planning Commission this week to build an 85-square foot front entry porch.

According to planning documents, the porch will provide a "dramatic entryway" to the Regency Inn & Suites, located at 9050 Imperial Hwy.

The porch, to be constructed outside the motel's administration building, will measure 17 feet wide by five feet deep.

"The proposed architectural style can best be characterized as contemporary," city planners wrote in a report to planning commissioners.

The porch will feature a Spanish tile roof and a stucco finish, with corbels painted in Navajo white.

Stacked stone veneer will be placed along the bottom of the porch's columns to match the motel's existing buildings, according to the report.

City planners recommended the Planning Commission approve the porch construction on grounds that it will "promote architectural design of the highest quality," "promote quality design for new, expanded and remodeled construction" and "attract and retain businesses."

"In summary, staff is pleased with the architectural style selected for building, its colors and accent materials," city planners wrote in the report. "Staff feels the selected colors and materials will work well with the building's architectural features. Staff also feels that the architect has designed an attractive entry porch that will substantially complement the existing surroundings."

The motel's lot measures more than 39,000 square feet, including two detached buildings and a stand-alone convenience store.

## Travel agency leaving downtown office

■ After decades in business, Robert and Lettie Zavala will begin operating their travel agency from home.

By ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** — After more than 20 years in operation, Freedom Vacations travel agency will move out of its location in Downtown Downey next month to become a home-based business.

The store's last day is Feb. 29, confirmed owner Robert Zavala.

Zavala cited the daily 3-hour roundtrip commute from Jurupa Valley, a newly-incorporated city located near Riverside, as the primary reason behind the store's closure.

Zavala and his wife, Lettie, will continue to operate the business from home.

"We don't want to commute anymore," said Zavala, a former president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. "The economy was another factor. When the economy comes back, people will start fixing their homes. We're what we call a discretionary dollar. People save up for a vacation or trip. People don't have confidence we're on solid ground yet."

Freedom Vacations also faced competition from the Internet, where it's easy and relatively cheap to book trips and purchase airline tickets. And twenty percent of Freedom Vacation's business came from local realtors, "but that obviously went away," said Zavala.

Violence in Mexico hasn't helped things either, he added.

Located in a prime corner office at Downey Avenue and 3rd Street, Zavala signed a five-year office lease in 2007. The economy tanked soon after.

Zavala and his wife never renegotiated on the contract, but when it came time to extend the lease, they knew it was time to get out.

"We'll continue to service our clients in Downey, and hopefully pick up some new business in Riverside," Zavala said.

Along with businessman Bill Hanan, Zavala purchased the company in 1992. At the time, 12 travel agencies operated in Downey. Today, only Freedom Vacations



Photo by Eric Pierce

and the Auto Club sell vacation packages in the city, not counting home-based businesses.

As a Downey business owner, Zavala quickly immersed himself in the local community. He was an inaugural member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Merchants Committee in 1993, which recommended the angular parking we see downtown today.

He continued to volunteer on various committees, culminating in his election as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in 2009.

Zavala put his volunteer experience to use in Jurupa Valley, where he helped lead an effort to incorporate the city. Residents voted in favor of incorporation last March, and Zavala is considering running

for City Council there.

"I've learned so much from Downey. Having so many contacts and friends in the city, it's really been a model for all the effort we did out there," Zavala said. "When we envisioned what we wanted Jurupa Valley to be, Downey was the vision."

It's not lost on Zavala that they are leaving Downtown Downey at a time when the area is enjoying an invigoration of sorts.

"I think downtown is on the path to be a great thing in the future," Zavala said. "I hope our landlord works closely with the city to bring a business that will add to the city. I think we have enough beauty shops and real estate offices here."

To contact Freedom Vacations, call (562) 862-1126.

## Crime Report

Thursday, Dec. 29

At 1:30 p.m., a woman was robbed as she stood outside a Laundromat located in the 13100 block of Lakewood. The suspect approached the victim and grabbed a pendant from her neck before running away.

Sunday, Jan. 1

At 2:00 a.m., a male suffering from a moderate leg injury and multiple abrasions claimed he was being followed by men with guns and drove to the police station calling for help. Officers determined that the man was earlier involved in a hit and run traffic collision on the 405 Freeway, fled the scene, and then stole the truck he was now driving from a commercial lot. Officers from the California Highway Patrol responded and took custody of the suspect.

At 2:30 a.m., officers arrested a 22-year-old male after he was caught breaking into a car in the 8800 block of Golden Avenue.

At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a report of a male driving a white Ford SUV and firing gunshots into the air in the 11700 block of Bellflower Boulevard. Officers found bullet casings in the area but did not locate the vehicle. Nobody was injured.

At 11:00 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old man after he led officers on a vehicle pursuit through downtown Downey. Officers initially attempted to stop the suspect for a traffic violation. The suspect was captured after he crashed his car into a tree and stop sign near New and 2nd, while attempting to flee from officers because he didn't have a license. He was booked for felony evading.

Monday, Jan. 2

A strong-arm robbery occurred in the 8700 block of Imperial at about 1:00 p.m. where the suspect pushed the victim from behind and took her cell phone. The suspect entered a white vehicle and drove away out of sight; detectives are investigating.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

At 8:15 a.m., officers arrested two suspects for a residential burglary that occurred near the 12300 block of Lakewood. Officers were given the description and license plate of a suspicious vehicle that was parked to the front of the location. A short time later, South Gate Police Department went in pursuit of a vehicle that had been involved in a burglary in their City and had a similar description to the Downey burglary suspect vehicle. South Gate officers detained the suspects and Downey officers responded to the location. Officers recovered the loss from both burglaries, and the suspects were transported to the Los Angeles County Jail.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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## Audit finds more fiscal abuse in Montebello

State audit accuses Montebello of spiking an administrator's pension and failing to fix payroll errors.

**MONTEBELLO** - State Controller John Chiang last week released his final review of the City of Montebello, exposing possible pension spiking, payroll errors, a loose petty cash drawer, and "systemic" problems in the city's internal controls of its finances.

"Lax spending controls and poor bookkeeping contributed greatly to Montebello's recent fiscal distress," State Controller John Chiang said in a statement. "While the roots of Montebello's problems are different from Bell's, they both share the common trouble of having little or, at times, no accountability in their spending of public dollars."

The review claimed that the city's practices were not adequate to protect taxpayer dollars in the control areas of financial integrity and ethics, commitment and competence, and management and operations. Of the 74 control

measures reviewed, only eight (11 percent) were considered to be adequate.

Auditors used standards adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in their evaluation of the city.

Some of the largest errors were found in the city's handling of personnel matters. On April 15, 2007, the Montebello City Council voted to terminate its city administrator. The administrator contested the termination, was placed on administrative leave and continued to receive a monthly salary of \$10,934.

On November 2, 2007, he reached a termination settlement agreement with the city. But the Human Resources office never implemented the settlement agreement, and continued to treat the administrator as a full-time employee, thereby inappropriately crediting additional time toward his retirement, Chiang said.

On January 16, 2008, the City Council, now including two new members as part of a recall election, "re-hired" the administrator with a 49 percent salary increase (bringing his monthly pay to \$16,250). The adminis-

trator retired two years later.

This could be a large case of pension spiking, since he was the only official to receive a salary increase of this magnitude and his monthly retirement benefits rose by \$4,000, Chiang said.

The Controller's Office has asked the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to look into the matter.

The city also allegedly mishandled the retirement for its director of community development, whose employment was terminated through a mutual agreement with the city on July 18, 2006. The city agreed to pay 12 months' severance including salary, benefits and retirement, and -- even though a terminated employee can no longer earn service credit -- the city credited those 12 months towards the director's retirement.

In 2007, CalPERS reviewed the records and instructed the city to reverse those credits. However, Montebello staff members did not make those adjustments until June 2011, when auditors from the Controller's Office raised the issue as part of their investigation, the audit alleges.

Chiang found that some staff members were allowed full access to the human resources system and the programs controlling payroll (which control time-card data and generate checks), allowing either system to be manipulated and abused for personal gain.

In the controller's most recent review of the Montebello Redevelopment Agency, the report noted that a previous city administrator approved his own petty cash reimbursements for "questionable" expenses. Further reviews showed a police officer also circumventing petty cash policy. The police officer made a purchase of food for approximately \$250 for a city function. While reimbursement claim from petty cash are limited to \$100, the officer had the restaurant break up the approximately \$250 purchase into three different receipts.

Other problems found in the city's personnel transactions included several failures to follow tax reporting rules.

The city gave retention bonuses of \$5,000 to full-time employees (\$2,500 to part-time employees) in 2008, totaling \$2 million. It also gave additional stipends as "miscellaneous" income to city council members for board meeting attendance. Yet none of these payments were properly reported to the Internal Revenue Service, as they were instead considered "miscellaneous" payments instead of bonuses.

The city also failed to withhold and deduct the appropriate payroll tax on these amounts.

Generally, the Controller's review found a lack of reliability, accuracy, and timeliness in the city's data, Chiang said. Specifically, the review notes:

- Differences between bank statement and general ledger amounts
- Unreconciled outstanding checks
- Missing deposit slips for the city transit department
- Untimely recording of corrections to payroll checks
- Bank accounts established for the RDA were not included in that agency's financial records

As in past reviews, the controller also noted that some funds may have been impaired by commingling them with the other funds and the city's general fund. While Montebello officials contend that special funds were never impaired, they could not provide documentation to prove that restricted accounts outside the General Fund were not used by the city for cash-flow purposes throughout the course of the fiscal year, said Chiang.

This is the final in a series of four reviews the controller will perform for the city of Montebello. The previous reviews, which focused on the city's Redevelopment Agency, its gas tax fund, and its use of State and Federal dollars, can be found online at [www.sco.ca.gov](http://www.sco.ca.gov).

"The objective of this review was to identify the internal problems that destabilized Montebello's fiscal footing, and provide a roadmap to recovery," said Chiang. "To its credit, Montebello has embraced the majority of my office's findings and has agreed to implement the necessary reforms."

### PROMOTION



Sal Piscitelli, right, pictured above with Fire Chief Lonnie Croom, has been promoted to fire captain.

## Piscitelli promoted to fire captain

**DOWNEY** - Firefighter Sal Piscitelli has been promoted to fire captain effective Dec. 26, 2011, the Downey Fire Department announced Wednesday.

Piscitelli (pronounced "Pishitelli") replaces Capt. Bob Rapp, who retired last month after 34 years of service.

As a high school student Piscitelli was a fire explorer with the Pasadena Fire Department. He attended Cal State Northridge where he earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology in 1994, before enrolling in Rio Hondo College's Fire Academy in pursuit of his lifelong dream of becoming a firefighter.

Piscitelli began volunteering as an auxiliary firefighter with Downey in 1996 until he was hired as a full-time firefighter in 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Engineer in 2002.

A union board member, Piscitelli has spearheaded many charitable causes, including the St. Baldrick's pediatric cancer fundraiser and MDA's "fill the boot" fundraiser. He also supports the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life fundraiser at Columbus High School.

A certified state fire officer, he attended a firefighting course at the National Fire Academy in Maryland and has been assigned as an urban search and rescue coordinator for the department's special operations division.

Piscitelli also belongs to the fire department's Apparatus Committee, which recently replaced two of the city's fire engines. Piscitelli even traveled to Wisconsin to inspect the progress of the two fire engines, which are currently in service here.

Most recently, Piscitelli was elected to the L.A. Operational Area's professional standards peer group, where he reviews training qualifications from fire departments in Downey, Compton, Montebello, Santa Fe Springs, Vernon and Long Beach.

In 2010, he was awarded the Metropolitan Lodge Community Leadership Award.

Piscitelli will be assigned to the engine company at Fire Station No. 3, located at 9900 Paramount Blvd., on the "A" platoon.

Piscitelli and his wife, Yvette, were married in 1996. They currently reside in Sylmar with their two children, Jack and Hope.

## Patricial Cornair passes away at 91

**DOWNEY** - Patricia Helen Cornair, who was born in Detroit but spent the past year living in Downey, passed away at home on Dec. 30. She was 91.

She graduated magna cum laude with a BA in liberal arts from Michigan State University, where she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority.

She worked in the styling department for General Motors before becoming a full-time wife and mother.

She is survived by her children and their spouses: Pam and Bill Rothwell, Renee Cornair, Mike and Yolanda Cornair, and Therese and Tim Imhoff; and six grandchildren, Matt, Danielle, Nick, Tiffany, Devin and Kira.

Visitation will take place Jan. 9 from 6-7 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary. A Rosary service begins at 7 p.m.

The funeral Mass takes place Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Fr. Joseph Magdaong and Fr. Mark Warnstedt will officiate.

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## Donna Dorn owned local dry cleaners

**DOWNEY** - Donna Caroline Dorn, of South Gate, passed away peacefully on Dec. 28.

She was 85, born 1926 in Elrod South Dakota and relocated to Long Beach in 1941. She graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach.

She met, fell in love and married her late husband Lester Dorn in 1945.

She is survived by her two children, Jo Lynn and Randy, two sisters Jeanette and Judy, brother Robert, and five grandsons Gregory, Bryan, Steven, Brandon and Tyler, as well as great-grandsons Nicholas and Matthew.

Donna was well known throughout the community as the owner of Donna's Dry Cleaners located in Downey. Her grandson Gregory has assumed the daily operations of the business.

# Tierra Luna isn't what we expected

By Eric Pierce

On Nov. 6, 1958, Downey mayor Scott Temple fired off a letter to Los Angeles Dodgers owner Walter O'Malley. The Dodgers had just relocated to Los Angeles from Brooklyn and were playing their home games at the Coliseum until a permanent stadium could be secured.

"The City of Downey, with a historical background dating back to California's Civil War Governor, John Gately Downey, is a community of 100,000 citizens ready to proudly support the Dodgers," Temple wrote in his letter to O'Malley. "Located only 20 minutes from downtown Los Angeles, Downey will soon be surrounded by freeways providing quick and easy access from all sections of the Metropolitan Basin.

"With the cooperation of the Downey Board of Realtors, The Downey Chamber of Commerce, and the Citizens of Downey, we are happy to submit an excellent location for the permanent home of the Dodgers," Temple continued. "Options have been secured for 55 acres of land, properly zoned, with access to all freeways."

The Dodgers never came, of course, and Dodger Stadium opened at Chavez Ravine four years later.

But wow, was Temple swinging for the fences or what?

Downey may have struck out with the Dodgers, but the consolation prize wasn't so bad. North American Aviation used the site to begin production of the Apollo command module and by the 1960s Rockwell International boasted more than 30,000 employees. The entire 160-acre property is steeped in NASA history.

With the collapse of the aerospace industry, the city purchased the land from the federal government about a decade ago. The property's northern half was developed into the Downey Landing shopping center, while the southern half became home to Downey Studios, the Columbia Memorial Space Center, the Kaiser Permanente hospital and Discovery Sports Complex.

As it turns out, Downey Studios was a massive failure, losing \$13 mil-

lion over the last seven years, according to city officials.

Downey Studios is likely headed for demolition, along with the majority of the warehouses previously used by aerospace workers.

In its place, developers are proposing to build the "Tierra Luna Marketplace," a 77-acre shopping center. Developers and city officials have refrained from calling it a shopping center, however, preferring instead to use terms such as "pedestrian village," "destination point" and other marketing lingo. But anything anchored by a WalMart, Target, Lowe's, Home Depot (all possibilities) or the like is just another giant shopping center, at least in my book.

This isn't to say Tierra Luna Marketplace is a bad idea, but at minimum it is one giant letdown, considering the build up. For years residents had been promised an upscale shopping destination. A 16-screen multiplex theater is fine, but it's not the entertainment and media center we were promised.

What's so special about Sport Chalet, Babies R Us, Fry's, Claim Jumper, Outback Steakhouse or Anna's Linens? They're all fine establishments, but they would do little to distinguish Downey, or for that matter, Tierra Luna.

When Downey courted Tesla Motors two years ago, the city really came together in its recruiting campaign, personally delivering gift baskets to Tesla's headquarters and taking out a full-color advertisement in the *L.A. Times*. There's no reason the same can't be done for another innovative business or industry.

Tierra Luna Marketplace is OK as a final resort, but that's exactly what it should be: a final resort.

Perhaps we can take a cue from Scott Temple and take one last swing for a homerun. At least then we could avoid speculation on what might have been.



## Justice for Michael Nida

Dear Editor,

I feel the need to write because of some of the letters that have been submitted regarding my husband's late friend, Michael Nida, and his recent death at the hands of the Downey Police Department. I am appalled at how he has been referred to as a criminal, as well as how his family upbringing has been brought under attack.

Scott Ramey, who wrote "Lack of Common Sense" on 12/22/11 (in response to "Police Shootings" by Kevin Solis on 12/11/11) says, "In the last couple of months we had two criminals killed by the police," one of them being Michael Nida. If Ramey suggests that being pursued by a police officer makes someone a criminal, then that reasoning would also make me a criminal, as well as my husband, friends, family members, and all other victims of racial profiling. The treatment we have received at the hands of law enforcement is what one would only expect to witness or experience before the Civil Rights movement reminded our nation that it is illegal to discriminate against others because of race or ethnicity. It has been discouraging as a law abiding citizen to know that in a country where even criminals have rights, that I can be verbally, physically and sexually abused by sworn officers of the law.

Maybe Scott Ramey has had the luxury of living a life free of harassment from the police. I envy that. As a 30-year old wife, mother, and homeowner, I truly hope that my three children never have to go through what my husband and I have experienced in our lifetime. I've been called profane and derogatory names by police officers, and once was even told that the CA EXEMPT on their license plates means they can do whatever they want. I've been teaching for seven years, and it breaks my heart to hear how my students have had similar horrific experiences. How can anyone respect or trust a system that continues to abuse the innocent?

In another letter, "Praise for Police" from 12/8/11, Byron Dillon also responds to Kevin Solis by stating that as a war veteran, he remembers how "Soldiers causing trouble were ordered to comply and move on. Resistance brought a few painful body blows from the night stick. Running could bring a few rounds from a 45 automatic. The lifelong lesson learned: keep your mouth shut, quickly obey an order, and never, ever run unless you want a few slugs in your backside." It is amazing that someone could compare our community streets to that of a war zone! It is scary enough to know that some officers abuse their authority, but to say that it is acceptable for an officer to shoot or kill someone for running is even more harrowing. Justification for shooting is if someone is yielding a weapon and poses a threat to another person's life. Certainly, running while unarmed does not pose a threat to anyone! Michael ran because he knew their intent was to kill him. What other use is there for a machine gun?

Dillon also states that "law officers have a difficult job." I would agree, which is why it is pertinent that our City Council ensures that the Police Department is operating with integrity at all times and is also adequately trained to do the job that they are required to do. The family, friends, and supporters of Michael Nida have made this evident at the past four City Council meetings, and we will continue to do so until we see change. In his letter, Kevin Solis stated, "Everyone knows the reputation of the Downey Police; the citizens know it, the police know it, people hundreds of miles away know it." Unfortunately, I know exactly what Solis means. Ramey and Dillon seem to believe that the idea that there could be institutionalized racism in our police departments and any degree of misconduct is a farce. How blessed are they to have had this American privilege that the rest of us can only dream of.

Michael Nida comes from a family of law enforcement officers and military veterans. We are not against police officers. We are against the disgusting pattern of unlawful police activity. In 2002, video footage captured Gonzalo Martinez being killed by the Downey PD using the same MP5 submachine gun that ended Michael Nida's life. Last year, they also killed Steven Bours, a decorated Iraq War veteran, and ten days before Michael's death, they killed a homeless man, Manuel Vargas. These are just a few examples. Some people blame Michael because he ran, but I would say his only fault that night was in not listening to his family members. His father and older brothers had always told him to steer clear of Downey because of the aggressive PD, and despite having experienced it firsthand time and time again, he didn't listen. Perhaps he was naive to believe that he had the right to take his wife out that night in any city he pleased to celebrate what would've been his 32nd birthday.

We need good officers to step up and speak out against their evil counterparts. We need well-trained officers out there to act with integrity when they protect and serve our communities. We need to fight against rogue officers who wrongfully use racial profiling to "identify" alleged criminals, and then fail to follow protocol when it comes to apprehending them. No non-lethal methods were used in apprehending Michael Nida. There were no tasers, bean bags, or rubber bullets used in the supposed pursuit of what they thought was an armed bank robber. What well-trained, effective police officer would use a machine gun to stop an unarmed person running from them? And are we really supposed to believe this bank robber story, when the police call put out on police scanners indicated that the bank robbers were African American males, dressed in blue shorts and black hoodies? Michael Nida, who was half white and half Puerto-Rican, was wearing a polo shirt and pants, and clearly, did not fit this description. Why was he a target? The only crime committed that night was the murder of a devoted husband, dedicated father, hard-working union carpenter, and dedicated community volunteer, whose Latino appearance made him "guilty" enough to warrant his death.

Anyone who knows Michael Nida and his family knows that their generosity extends beyond the traditions of Christmas. I have always admired how much they give to those in need all year round. As we celebrate the New Year, let me remind you that Mrs. Nida and her four children were forced to spend Christmas without their husband and father, not because he was a criminal, but because he was the victim of a crime committed by the Downey PD. I sincerely hope that the residents of Downey recognize that there is a problem in their Police Department, and that all it takes is one bad officer to ruin the reputation of the entire force. The people have a right to demand answers and change! I hope that 2012 brings everyone good health, happiness, and Justice for Michael Nida.

-- Lima Harris,  
Downey

## Letters to the Editor:

### Hefty salaries

Dear Editor:

According to recent newspaper reports this week, Gov. Jerry Brown appointed six L.A. County Superior Court judges, all of whom had no previous judging experience.

These judges will have a starting salary of \$178,789 plus plenty of thousands of dollars worth of perks. A salary of this amount should be unacceptable in this economy. Soon there will be no taxpayers left to pay these exorbitant paychecks.

Also reported this week were his automatic cuts. More cuts to the University of California and Cal State University. Most of the cuts involve the poor, including in-home services, juvenile justice, child care assistance, libraries, Medi-Cal, community colleges and more.

Something is not evening out here. Gov. Brown should go to the unions and change these salary guidelines.

-- Dee Simpson,  
Downey

### Bad living conditions

Dear Editor:

About two years ago, my husband and I wanted to scale down and move to a senior building here in Downey. Before deciding to purchase, we made a decision to rent and we are so glad we did. What an education we have received.

It is very disappointing to see the quality of senior living deteriorate where a building is managed by a board of aging seniors who can no longer keep up with the demands of effectively managing a facility of this capacity. Board meetings are virtually non-existent, the hired local property management company does not return telephone calls nor respond to written correspondence, carpets are unsanitary, and repairs are not expeditiously taken care of.

It is very undesirable and unsanitary to live with urine puddles in the elevator (almost weekly) and feces in the lobby, torn painting on the wall, dogs who are allowed to run free and urinate in the hallways, safety rules that are neither enforced or adhered to, citing just a few. It took two years plus to install security cameras after cars had been repeatedly vandalized and stolen in what is advertised as a secure building.

I recently took a trip to other senior 55-plus communities outside of Downey to see if it was the same elsewhere and to my enlightenment it was not. Why do we have to allow such deplorable conditions to exist in the beautiful community of Downey? I, along with other residents, am embarrassed to have friends and family visit. This facility is comprised of renters and owners, and moving is not an option for most.

I want to expose these conditions in hopes that someone in our community has any suggestions for improvement.

-- Rosa Wijesiriwardena,  
Downey

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### Rising costs

Dear Editor:

I've read some articles of Lars Clutterham, contributor, Downey Patriot and others regarding doing away with plastic bags and other environmental issues and sense the passion they feel to rid the planet from pollution. But I'm far more concerned by the pollution and sleaze of so many leaders of our federal and state elected officials.

Trillions of dollars have been spent on "green" energy with little to show for our borrowed or printed money, except debt, only to find out how much of it was payback to companies that contributed to President Obama, then went bankrupt, leaving the taxpayer to pay for it. I just learned that \$14.3 million more goes to Solyndra's laid-off employees who get \$13,000 each - severance pay.

But still worse is the EPA wants to take over and regulate our economy with a \$10 billion a year budget. No growth, no nuclear energy, no coal mining, cut backs on gas, and of course, no drilling for oil. Should we just dismiss Congress and let Obama appoint czars and their minions take over? We've only lost 2 1/2 million jobs since Obama took office.

President Obama wants a job bill passed. Maybe all the stupid projects weren't covered in the first stimulus package. Yet Obama won't pass the Keystone Pipeline which would create tens of thousands of jobs. Guess he's buying into Nancy Pelosi's statement that "unemployment insurance will create more jobs than the pipeline would."

The theme of this administration seems to be "get on some government giveaway program and cleanse the planet," even if people can't afford to live on it. Note that Canada had the good sense to opt out of the Kyoto Agreement, as many nations have done. Do we all realize if the U.S. doesn't take this oil, China will get it, along with the foreign aid we borrow from them, pay interest on and then send it back to them?

Guess what? Our military is required to use only bio-fuel at \$14 a gallon. We use fossil fuel at under \$4 a gallon. Wind energy takes as much fuel to produce as it produces. We need solar energy to pay Solyndra, Beacon Power, Sun Power and Nancy Pelosi's brother-in-law in Oregon and others, so Obama will pay back his contributors. Don't forget the \$100,000 Al Gore made from public and private "investments" on global warming. Have you heard over 500 emails were found by scientists, stating that the reports of global warming were "doctored" by other scientists' reports and much what the public was fed was false? Then we have congressmen who can do insider trading but Martha Stewart served time for doing it.

The DEA has put more stringent requirement on mining coal. Look for higher electric bills. Remember Obama said "of necessity we will have higher electric bills." Now Lars Clutterham seems happy that water rates have gone up, in order to prevent people from using so much.

Wake up America!

--Elsa Van Leuven,  
Downey

### Lakewood Boulevard lights

Dear Editor:

I went shopping at Best Buy at Downey Landing and for the first time experienced the new re-aligned Lakewood-Clark (I refuse to recognize the puff name for the street between Imperial and Lakewood - just ridiculous) intersection, and just wonder: what were they thinking?

To put another signal in without ripping out the one for Downey Studios, plus the one at Lakewood-Donovan/Ross which was only (or largely) put in to accommodate southbound traffic needing to access Clark Street (or at least, that's how the motoring public saw it as flow down that narrow, apartment-building lined street sky-rocketed) is...what is the word I'm searching for...nuts!

You now have a stretch of Lakewood Boulevard (which was a great conduit for travel through Downey as it had a minimum of signal-controlled intersections - usually restricted to major cross streets) jammed up with signals at Donovan/Ross, Columbia Way, Downey Studios and Alameda - all in a space of approximately 1/4 mile. Aren't there some guidelines from DOT/CalTrans on the minimum proximity of signal placement that are relevant? This is nothing but a recipe for gridlock; or would be if we actually had a functioning economy where goods/services/people were in motion.

Why is Downey Studios still given Lakewood Boulevard access, and not re-aligned over to Bellflower Boulevard at that signal for Steve Horn Way, which would be much more logical, and still have easy freeway access?

-- Drew Kelley,  
Downey

## SPEED BUMP



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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

Sat. Jan. 7: Northwest Downey Little League sign-ups, Furman Park, 10:30 a.m.  
Tues. Jan. 10: Downey Symphony fundraiser, Cafe Opa, 11 a.m.  
Wed. Jan. 11: Ribbon cutting, Hookah Time, 4 p.m.

### City Meetings

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.  
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church.  
3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: American Legion Post #270, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call (626) 445-2582.  
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.  
10 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.  
6:00 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, for info call John McAllister 869-0928.  
1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.  
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.  
2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.  
3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.  
Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

#### Wednesdays

7 a.m.: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
7 p.m.: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.  
1st Weds., 11 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.  
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.  
2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Sonja 862-4347.  
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.  
2nd & 4th Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey AARP, at Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, for info. call Pearl Koday 633-4355.  
2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: Lions Club, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.  
3rd Weds., - Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.  
3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.  
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.  
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

#### Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.  
6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.  
7 p.m.: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.  
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.  
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

#### Fridays

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

#### Saturdays

9 a.m.: Farmers Market, Second Street at New Avenue, for information call 904-7246.  
2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: AAUW, Los Amigos Country Club.

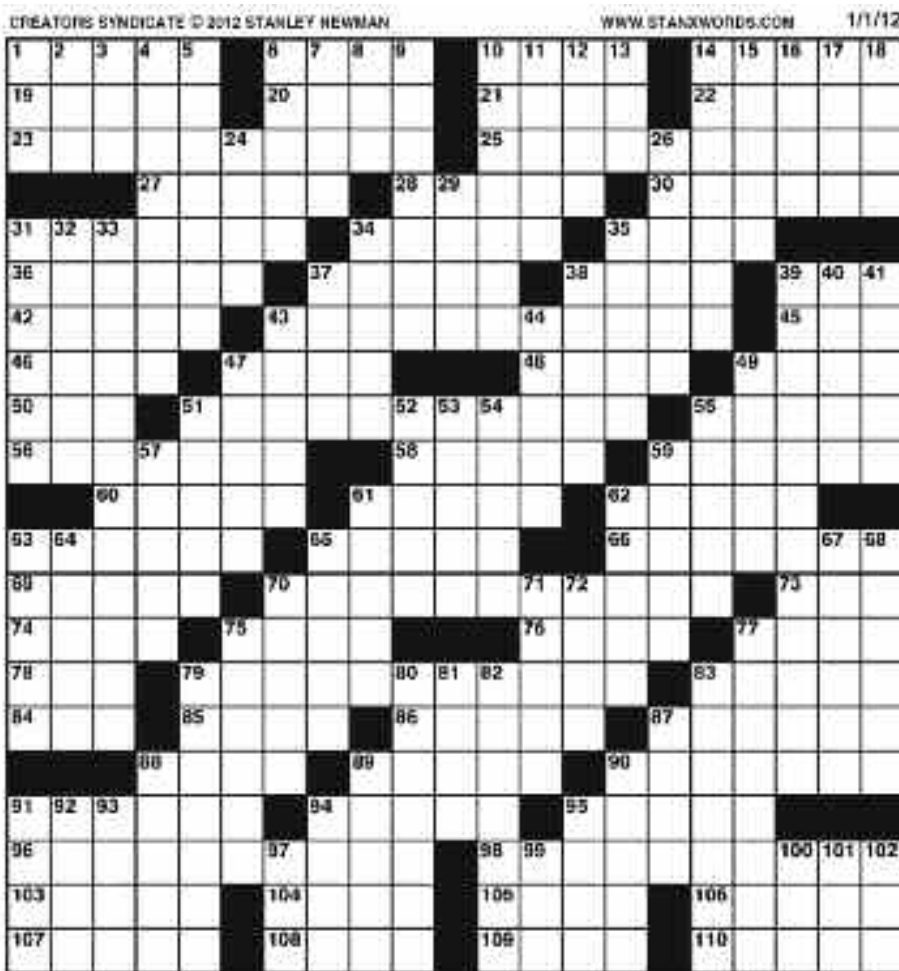
## On This Day...

**Jan. 5, 1914:** Henry Ford, head of the Ford Motor Company, introduced a minimum wage scale of \$5 per day.  
**1970:** "All My Children" premiered on ABC.  
**1972:** President Richard Nixon ordered development of the space shuttle.  
**2004:** After 14 years of denials, Pete Rose publicly admitted that he'd bet on baseball while manager of the Cincinnati Reds.  
**Birthdays:** Actor Robert Duvall (81), broadcast journalist Charlie Rose (70), actress Diane Keaton (66), Dancing With the Stars judge Carrie Ann Inaba (44), rock singer Marilyn Manson (43), actor Bradley Cooper (37), actress January Jones (34) and model Amanda Hearst (28).

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**ONE CENTURY AGO: Happenings of 1912**  
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**Jay Leno**  
**When:** Sunday, Jan. 8  
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**How much:** \$30



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**When:** Sunday, Jan. 8  
**Where:** Barnsdall Art Park in Hollywood  
**How much:** \$25-\$45



**Bethenny Frankel**  
**When:** Friday, Jan. 6  
**Where:** Barnes & Noble in Santa Monica  
**How much:** Free

## Betty Porto to tell family story

**DOWNEY** – Betty Porto, vice president of Porto's Bakery, will speak on her life's journey and how her family achieved incredible success when the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild meets Jan. 18 in the church's Parish Center.

Admission is \$10 and includes lunch and bingo. The meeting begins at 10 a.m.

Parking is available on the south side of OLPH School.

## Church offering new classes

**DOWNEY** – Trinity Baptist Church is launching a series of clubs and classes aimed at children of every age level.

The Kidz Club and Junior Varsity clubs (for elementary age through high school) meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. The clubs focus on the Bible as it relates to a young person's life today.

There will also be songs, games, crafts and snacks, all in a relaxed atmosphere.

Also on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. is the ALPHA class for adults. The class will explore different topics of religion each week "in a challenging environment."

The group is open to all adults who are looking for answers "to issues of lasting significance."

A free dinner will be offered at 6 p.m. to all who attend the classes.

For more information, call (562) 927-1473.

## Free event at Latin art museum

**LONG BEACH** – Long Beach Councilman Robert Garcia will host "En La Noche" at the Museum of Latin American Art on Jan. 19.

The free event includes a tour of the museum's new MEX/LA exhibit, complimentary tequila tastings and a performance by Latin Grammy-winning hip-hop group Akwid.

For more information, call Garcia's council office at (562) 570-6919.

## Broadway star to be honored

**LONG BEACH** – Tony Award nominee Susan Watson, currently performing on Broadway alongside Bernadette Peters in "Follies," will be the Artistic Honoree at California Repertory Company's second annual "Big Bash" taking place May 21 aboard the Queen Mary.

Watson, a Cal Rep alumna, has had an extensive career playing many leading roles, including Kim on Broadway in "Bye Bye Birdie" and creating the role of Luisa in "The Fantasticks."

Her performance as Jenny in "A Joyful Noise" was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Musical.

"Susan Watson is musical theatre," said Joanne Gordon, artistic director at Cal Rep. "You know you have become an icon when you are appearing on Broadway with Bernadette Peters and quoted as a cultural phenomenon on 'Mad Men.' Susie has achieved everything an actor could wish for and has remained one of the nicest people I have ever met."

Now in its 22nd season, Cal Rep, a resident company onboard the Queen Mary, is comprised of graduate students, faculty and staff from the Theatre Arts Department at Cal State Long Beach.

## Casting set in 'Man of La Mancha'

**LONG BEACH** – Oliver Award-winning actress Lesli Margherita has been cast to star in "Man of La Mancha," opening Feb. 10 at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach.

Margherita won London's Olivier Award for her performance in the West End production of "Zorro."

Davis Gaines will play the role of Don Quixote. Gaines performed the title role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" more than 2,000 times during his run on Broadway, in Los Angeles and in San Francisco.

"Man of La Mancha," one of the all-time great musicals, opened on Broadway in 1965 and takes place during the height of the Spanish Inquisition. While awaiting a hearing with the Inquisition, Miguel de Cervantes presents a play as his defense in a mock trial for the prisoners. In it, he plays Alonso Quijana, a man who has set his own reality aside and become Don Quixote De La Mancha.

Assisted by Sancho Panza, Quixote attempts to avoid his mortal enemy, the Enchanter, and woo the serving wench and prostitute, Aldonza, who he takes to be the lady Dulcinea.

Tickets to see "Man of La Mancha" start at \$20 and can be purchased online at musical.org or by calling (562) 856-1999, ext. 4.

## Symphony previewing concert

**WHITTIER** – The Rio Hondo Symphony Guild will give a preview of its upcoming concert Feb. 5 at First Friends Church starting at 10 a.m.

The actual concert is scheduled for Feb. 7 in the Whittier High School auditorium.

Concertmistress Agnes Szekeley Schwartz will speak at the concert preview. The concert, titled "No Strings Attached," will explore the music of Bach, Mozart, Holst and Tchaikovsky.

Both the preview and concert are free.



Writers' Workshop West's next writing contest will be in Memoirs. Winners of the fiction writing contest are pictured above.

## Sciortino wins writing contest

**DOWNEY** – Rosalie Sciortino won first place in Writers' Workshop West's most popular writing contest – fiction – held at the club's November meeting.

Sciortino won for "The American Remedy."

Yolanda Adele's "Inflatable Idea" won second place and Margaret Hehman-Smith won third for "Something Fishy."

The organization, which meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Downey High School library, sponsors several contests each year.

The next contest category is "Memoirs," with judging taking place at the February meeting. Stories have a word count of 500 minimum and 1,500 maximum.

For additional information, call (562) 862-3106.

## Scholarships offered to students

**DOWNEY** – Graduating seniors Downey Unified high schools are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered by the Assistance League of Downey.

To qualify, students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, be in good standing with citizenship and attendance, and have "excelled as community volunteers."

Applications are available at school guidance offices. Winners will be announced at an annual awards assembly held at local high schools.

## Masonic lodge to install officers

**DOWNEY** – Downey United Masonic Lodge No. 220 will conduct its 142nd annual installation of officers on Jan. 15 at the Masonic Temple located on the corner of 3rd Street and Downey Avenue.

The installation ceremony starts at 2 p.m.

This year's presiding officer, known as the Worshipful Master, is Carlos Castro. He will be supported by the lodge's 380 members and 11 other elected and appointed officers, including: Howard Phillips, sr. warden; Steven White, jr. warden; Bob Udoff, treasurer; Glenn Blackwood, secretary; Bill Wood, chaplain; Szu-Yu Chang, sr. deacon; Patrick Green, jr. deacon; Jose Valdez, marshal; Raj Champeneri, sr. steward; Jesus Cosio, organist; and David McLintock, tiler.

The history of the Downey Masonic Lodge goes back to 1871, when the area was still known as Los Nietos. It has met at its current location since 1923 and in its current building since 1966.

Membership in the fraternity is open to "all good men and true who may apply for the purpose and may be found worthy."

For more information, call the lodge at (562) 862-4176.

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THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN 3D (DIGITAL 3DX) (7:45, 14:25, 2:15, 9:55)

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN (9:15, 1:55)

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (12:00, 3:30, 7:50, 10:30)

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - GHOST PROTOCOL (7:15, 10:45, 1:55, 1:45, 4:55, 8:45, 7:35, 7:45, 10:25, 10:45)

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45)

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## Preseason schedule no cakewalk for Warren

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School girls varsity basketball team currently has a 7-7 record.

Despite their 7-7 record however, the Lady Bears currently have the 28.2 most difficult strength of schedule according to calpreps. In other words, the Lady Bears are playing a difficult preseason schedule.

Coach Palmer is confident this strategy will pay off once their league season starts. The Lady Bears played in the Edison Tournament over Christmas break and went 3-1. The Lady Bears lost to Redondo Union in overtime 63-60 but defeated a ranked Yorba Linda squad in the consolation bracket 58-52.

Warren is currently ranked 9th in Division 1AA and are looking to do better than their league championship mark of 9-1 last year.

The Lady Bears traveled to Torrance High School on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time), host North Torrance on Friday and start league play on Jan. 11 against Downey at Warren. The Lady Bears will then travel to Dominguez on Jan. 13 and then host co-league champ Lynwood on Jan. 18.

Coach Palmer also stated how pleased she is with the progress that her squad has made and how well they play as a team. Palmer sees Jacinda Reyes, Priscilla Gaxiola, Justene Reyes and Julie DeLeon as stepping up and playing key roles.

Senior captain and returning all-league performer Danielle Rodriguez mentioned that Warren is playing with energy and has improved each game this season. Rodriguez really likes her team's focus and how well her team is competing in close games.

Several of Coach Palmer's leading players, such as Tahja Matthews, Julie DeLeon and Justene Reyes, mentioned that the Lady Bears play with fire, fight and a very strong desire to finish games. This league season should be extremely exciting as the road to another league title may very well go through the gym at Warren High School.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## PG Joseph Campos misses game due to illness

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School boys basketball team currently has a 13-3 record.

Warren participated in the Whittier High School Basketball Tournament over Christmas break and finished with a 3-1 record. Their lone defeat was to a talented Lawndale squad 55-52.

Interestingly, and to the Bears misfortune, standout point guard and all-league selection from last season Joseph Campos was unavailable to play in this loss due to an illness. However, Coach Hart's reserves stepped up and kept this game close while gaining much needed game time experience. This will certainly benefit a young Bear squad as league season begins.

Warren will start league play against Downey at Warren on Jan. 11, travel to play Dominguez on Jan. 13 and host Lynwood on Jan. 18.

Coach Hart believes that the key to the Bears success in league this season will be playing good defense, rebounding and taking care of the ball. The Bears are looking forward to improving upon their 3-7 league record from last year.

Coach Hart is pleased with the play of standout sophomores, and former East Knights, Lorel Johnson and Luis Medearis. Coach Hart sees these two as coming into their own and improving each game.

Coach Hart also sees the perimeter defense of Miguel Nunez and the post presence of John Elam as keys to the Bears success.

Coach Hart is very much looking forward to a challenging league season and maintains that the road to the San Gabriel Valley League title will most likely go through the gym at Downey High School.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

## Downey rallies to tie Schurr, 2-2

■ **SOCCER:** Misael Samayoa scores tying goal with an assist from Javier Reveles.

By **MARILYN RAMIREZ**, CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – Although Downey High boys' soccer team only succeeded up to group stage during their tournament over the Christmas break, they returned to their first game of the year with persistence as they played and tied 2-2 with Schurr High School on Jan. 3 at Downey High.

The first few slow minutes of the game quickly changed as both Downey's and Schurr's defense was put into action. Schurr's first throw-in was intercepted by Downey, as well as Schurr's first attempt at a goal, which hit the post.

Downey's Javier Reveles made a pass to teammate Adam Lopez who lost the ball to Schurr where it was once more intercepted by Downey's Justin Dimas. Kicked out of bounds, Downey's Jaime Alvarez threw in the ball which was passed between both teams until Reveles took the final steal and ran down field into Schurr territory, where the ball was fought over once more.

Downey's Bacilio Hernandez stole the ball twice before a teammate kicked it out of bounds. After a Schurr player waited for his teammates to set themselves up, he kicked the ball in only to have Downey intercept. Alvarez got it down the field while Schurr quickly pursued and took the ball once more, forcing Alvarez and his teammates to fight for the ball.

Twenty-five minutes into the game, Downey and Schurr battled it out for the ball with defensive blocks and quick passes. The ball flows between Dimas, Lopez, and teammate Kevin Baker, who ran the ball into Schurr territory. Stolen and retrieved, Downey failed a shot.

After a second attempt, Downey retrieved the ball. Baker passes it to Reveles who kicks it to Downey's Daniel Uribe. Uribe makes a precise kick only to have Schurr catch the ball and kick it to a teammate. Schurr runs down into Downey territory, where it is intercepted between Schurr and Downey until Schurr makes a quick play and makes the first goal of the game, putting them ahead 1-0.

Downey maintained the ball in the goal zone with Andrew Reveles and teammate Misael Samayoa as they dribbled the ball between each other, giving time for Downey to catch up with them. Samayoa then kept the ball and made an effort to score a goal.

"I think we played good second half and everyone worked hard, myself as well. My goal is to win league and get to finals for CIF," said Reveles.

Schurr made a second easy goal, forcing Downey to strengthen its defense. By the second half, Downey took control as they made their first goal, setting the score at 1-2.

"We played bad in the first half but we stepped up completely in the second half. Overall it was a strong performance," Downey's Mario Galvan stated. "Our goals for season are to beat Paramount and Warren and to win league."

Reveles maintains the ball on Downey offense, even after some steals from Schurr. Once it is kicked out of bounds, Samayoa, with an assist by Reveles, makes in the last goal, tying the game at 2-2.



Downey High School's girls varsity basketball team took first place at the Don Lugo High School Tournament held Dec. 30. Tournament MVP Rayana Villalpando scored 22 points to lead the Vikings past Upland, 57-35, in the finals. Kaylen Lane added 14 points and was named to the All Tournament team.



The Downey High School JV boys basketball team finished in first place at the Kennedy High JV Basketball Tournament last week.



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**The Downey Patriot 12/22/11, 12/29/11, 1/5/12**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 113230 Title No. 95500236 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/13/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/25/2012 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/23/2003, as Instrument No. 03 1472461, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Jesse Blaniand and Yvonne Blaniand, Husband and Wife, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), By the fountain located at 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 as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15032 Neartree Rd., La Mirada, CA 90638 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$196,704.87 The beneficiary of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. The mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for the mortgagee or beneficiary, pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code Section 2923.5. Dated: 1/5/2012 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC, Attention: Mariana Moreno/authorized Signatures FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4164141 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012, 01/19/2012

**The Downey Patriot 1/5/12, 1/12/12, 1/19/12**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-11-470242-Tc Order #: 110449541-CA-GT YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **YAHIEL ARAUJO, A SINGLE WOMAN AND RICARDO ARAUJO, A MARRIED MAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY.** Recorded: 11/21/2007 as Instrument No. 20072584933 in book xxx, page xxx of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 1/26/2012 at 9:00am PST Place of Sale: At The Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Scomar Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, in the Winyard Ballroom. Assessor's Parcel No. 8059-025-018 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 FOR NON SALE information only Sale Line: 800-280-2891 or Login to: www.auction.com Reinstatement Line: 619-645-7711 Ext. 3704 Quality Loan Service, Corp. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. **THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-002422 Title Order No. 11-0075298 Investor/Insurer No. 144000614 APN No. 6282-003-069 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/28/2006. 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by ALEJANDRO ANAYA JR. AND CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 08/28/2006 and recorded 9/6/2006, as Instrument No. 06 1384933, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/23/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13227 ARDIS AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA, 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$513,127.59. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/24/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-414-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4153873 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

**The Downey Patriot 12/29/11, 1/5/12, 1/12/12**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 09-0028528 Title Order No. 09-8-084503 Investor/Insurer No. 162158022 APN No. 8037-042-013 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 06/05/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by NYUN A FANG, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 06/05/2007 and recorded 6/15/2007, as Instrument No. 20071449262, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/23/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 16013 RIDGEVIEW LANE, LA MIRADA, CA, 90638. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$704,912.03. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/29/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-414-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4161813 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

**The Downey Patriot 12/29/11, 1/5/12, 1/12/12**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0109370 Title Order No. 11-0089393 Investor/Insurer No. 158891478 APN No. 8041-002-015 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/26/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GUILLERMO CAMPBELL, AN UNMARRIED MAN AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST, AND ALMA D FLORES, A SINGLE WOMAN AS TO AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST AS TENANTS IN COMMON, dated 02/26/2007 and recorded 3/9/2007, as Instrument No. 20070518902, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/30/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14956 TACUBA DRIVE, LA MIRADA, CA, 906382225. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$497,331.87. It is possible that at the time of

sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/30/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-414-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4159758 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012, 01/19/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 737769CA Loan No. 3062760131 Title Order No. 3206-252298 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10-05-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-19-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 10-12-2006, Book (Page ), Instrument No. 02267076, of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: MINA MONTEJANO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN AND JUAN MORALES, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 45, OF TRACT NO. 18006, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 445 PAGE(S) 1 AND 2 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,365.64 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 10040 MATTOCK AVE DOWNEY, CA 90240 APN Number: 6391-016-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-29-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ISAAC PACHECO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: 224-015-066 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (714) 730-2727 or www.ipsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4158817 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0096523 Title Order No. 11-0077715 Investor/Insurer No. 10098865341 APN No. 224-015-066 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/07/2006. 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JAVIER G VARGAS AND MARIA A VARGAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 09/07/2006 and recorded 9/27/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2146410, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/17/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8510 BOYSON STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,046,665.48. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/17/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-414-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4142621 12/22/2011, 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0105416 Title Order No. 11-0085536 Investor/Insurer No. 1547645 APN No. 8050-022-020 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/22/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by DAVID ALFARO AND VILMA A FLORES MAZARIEGO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 07/22/2004 and recorded 8/5/2004, as Instrument No. 04 2012972, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/23/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11017 ADORNE 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$429,879.97. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/28/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-414-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4153045 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

**The Downey Patriot 12/29/11, 1/5/12, 1/12/12**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale

No. 454228CA Loan No. 3014962363 Title Order No. 978672 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12-12-2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-19-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12-19-2007, Book N/A, Page N/A, Instrument 20072784715 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: DEBORAH PATRICIA JR A MARRIED WOMAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 124 OF TRACT NO. 140355, IN THE CITY OF NORWALK, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 333, PAGE(S) 26 THROUGH 30, INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$529,476.30(estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 14639 MADRIS AVENUE NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 5072-024-020 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-29-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee RIKKI JACOBS RIKKI JACOBS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY California Reveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: 224-015-066 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. (714) 730-2727 or www.ipsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4158817 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

**The Downey Patriot 12/29/11, 1/5/12, 1/12/12**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0102772 Title Order No. 11-00083672 Investor/Insurer No. 106085773 APN No. 8015-002-025 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/28/2006. 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." Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by MATTHEW J WELSH AND ANNE SANDY, MARRIED WIFE AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 09/28/2006 and recorded 10/5/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2222156, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/23/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12148 HERMES 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. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$489,411.44. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/29/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-619-414-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4157339 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

**The Downey Patriot 12/29/11, 1/5/12, 1/12/12**

T.S. No.: 2011-13052 Loan No.: 6293484 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/8/2005. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: **ADRIAN QUAN, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY** Duly Appointed Trustee: **Western Progressive, LLC** Recorded 9/21/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2240452, in Book (Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/23/2012 at 9:30 AM Place of Sale: **By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$336,772.66 Street Address or other common designation of the real property: **13339 REICHARD AVENUE NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 A.P.N.: 8045-009-009** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property to be sold may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the commissioner of Corporations a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the timeframe for giving Notice of Sale Specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements. Date: 12/29/11 Mortgagee: **PROGRESSIVE, LLC, as Trustee, c/o 18377 Beach Blvd., Suite 210 Huntington Beach, California 92648 Automated Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 240-3530**

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Tulisha Jennings, Trustee Sale Assistant

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-08-149306-SH Order #: E818090 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/1/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.</**

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DATED 12-12-2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-19-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12-20-2005, Book , Page . Instrument 05 3128168, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: EDGAR VELASQUEZ A SINGLE MAN AND LIZZET PEÑA A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 16110, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 363 PAGE(S) 26 TO 27 OF MISCELLANEOUS MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$558,489.27 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 10302 TRISTAN DR DOWNEY, CA 90241 APN Number: 6252-002-001 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-28-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee ISAAC PACHECO ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.ppsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4155986 12/29/2011, 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012

Deed of Trust executed by MYRINA H HANDY, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 05/02/2005 and recorded 05/09/2005, as Instrument No. 05-1080193, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/26/2012 at 01:00 PM, At the Pomona Valley Masonic Temple Building, located at 395 South Thomas Street, Pomona, California at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9191 FLORENCE AVENUE UNIT 17, DOWNEY, CA 90240-3452. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$311,617.64. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/30/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4159251 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012, 01/19/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0109251 Title Order No. 11-0090028 Investor/Insurer No. 133282072 APN No. 8049-017-023 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 03/14/2006. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by GUILLERMO MEZA, AND VICTORINA MEZA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 03/14/2006 and recorded 3/21/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0596567, in Book , Page ), of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 01/30/2012 at 11:00AM, By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11545 MAZA STREET, NORWALK, CA, 906502739. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of

the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$586,263.70. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks 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. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. DATED: 12/30/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone: (800) 281 8219, Sale Information (626) 927-4399 By Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. ASAP# 4159251 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012, 01/19/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 230587CA Loan No. 0729851865 Title Order No. 602118496 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12-18-2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01-26-2012 at 11:00 A.M., CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 01-11-2007, Book , Page . Instrument 2007006088, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: ISRAEL VILLADA, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Sale will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to the Deed of Trust. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Place of Sale: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. Legal Description: LOT 26 OF TRACT 16069 IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 431, PAGES 34 TO 37 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$592,149.96 (estimated) Street address and other common designation of the real property: 9129 BORSON STREET DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN Number: 6256-011-006 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". In compliance with California Civil Code 2923.5(c) the mortgagee, trustee, beneficiary, or authorized agent declares: that it has contacted the borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure; or that it has made efforts to contact the

borrower(s) to assess their financial situation and to explore options to avoid foreclosure by one of the following methods: by telephone; by United States mail; either 1st class or certified; by overnight delivery; by personal delivery; by e-mail; by face to face meeting. DATE: 12-28-2011 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee RIKKI JACOBS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. California Reconveyance Company 9200 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: (714) 730-2727 or www.ppsasap.com (714) 573-1965 or www.priorityposting.com ASAP# 4165693 01/05/2012, 01/12/2012, 01/19/2012

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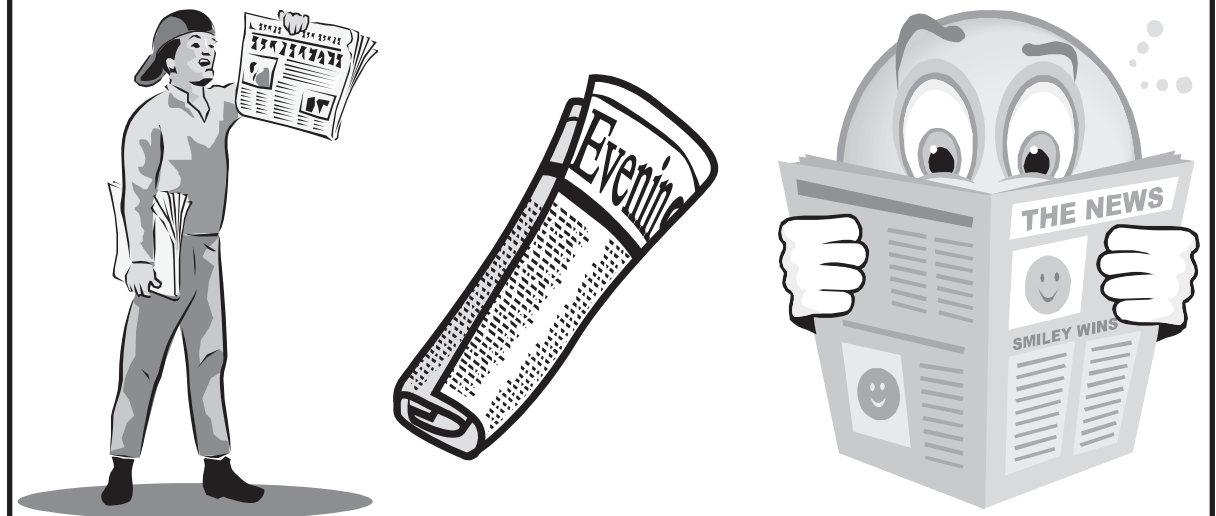
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## Neighbor helps police nab burglar

**DOWNEY** – Thanks to a neighbor's quick actions, Downey Police arrested a 19-year-old Pico Rivera man after he allegedly burglarized a house.

At about 9 a.m. Wednesday, police were dispatched to the 10300 block of Hasty Avenue after a local resident reported seeing an unfamiliar man jump over a neighbor's fence and into the backyard.

Police officers arrived just as the suspect, Joseph Barraza, was leaving, authorities said.

Police say Barraza forced his way into a house with the intent of stealing belongings inside.

Barraza was arrested and booked for residential burglary. His court date is pending.

"This is an outstanding example of the importance of concerned residents looking out for one another and notifying the police when suspicious activity is observed," Downey Police said in a statement. "As a result of the neighbor's quick actions, the police were able to detain and arrest this suspect before he was able to flee the area."

Anyone with information regarding this case is asked to contact Detective Jerry Price at 562-904-2359.

—Eric Pierce, city editor

## DUI checkpoint Friday

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department will conduct a DUI/driver's license checkpoint on Friday, Jan. 6, at an undisclosed location in Downey from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Police officers will be checking motorists for signs of alcohol or drug impairment, or drivers operating a vehicle without a proper license.

Motorists caught driving impaired can expect their driver's license to be suspended, insurance increases, plus fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000, authorities warned.

## Final Little League sign-ups

**DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League will hold its final sign-ups for the 2012 season this Saturday at Furman Park from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Kids ages 4-18 (as of May 1, 2012) are eligible to play.

For more information, call Guillermo Valdez at (213) 503-1365 or James Veloff at (562) 861-2696.

Registration can also be completed online at [nwdll.org](http://nwdll.org).



## Abused cat finds new home

**BALDWIN PARK** – Lily, the domestic short-haired cat rescued from an abusive home in La Puente three weeks ago, has been adopted into a new home in Tujunga, animal control officials have announced.

The cat, only eight months old, had been punched, slammed against the wall and thrown across the room. She was fed only table scraps, authorities said.

"Lily, now renamed Pepper by her new owner, is acclimating nicely and recovering on schedule according to their family veterinarian," said Marcia Mayeda, director for the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control. "Our officer made a home visit to the new owner, which revealed a loving and safe environment for her. She had it rough in her last home...she is a deserving little girl."

Willis So, 18, accepted a plea deal at his preliminary hearing in El Monte Court on Dec. 20. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 36 months probation and fined \$1,000.

He was also ordered to complete 300 days of community service and pay \$100 in restitution.

## Former therapist returns to Rancho as an executive

**DOWNEY** – Shawn Phipps, PhD, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA, this week began a new assignment as Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's chief strategic development officer.

"Dr. Phipps will drive service line development, leadership growth, direct the implementation of key strategic initiatives and engage all levels of our organization in developing a culture and commitment to quality improvement and innovation," said Rancho Chief Executive Officer Jorge Orozco.

"I am honored to return to Rancho to serve the patients, families, and staff," Shawn said. "Rancho has a long tradition of excellence, and I hope to build on the strong foundations of Rancho's past to promote the highest level of organizational performance and to position Rancho as the international leader in medical rehabilitation."

Dr. Phipps returns to Rancho after three and one-half years at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Children's Medical Services, where he served as the Regional Manager for the California Children's Services Medical Therapy Program. In this capacity, he managed a large team of therapists and support staff in several therapy units throughout the county. "Shawn also developed and implemented a leadership development program, led the departmental planning process and executed key strategic initiatives," Jorge said.

During his time away from Rancho, Shawn completed his PhD in Healthcare Administration at Touro University with an emphasis on healthcare leadership, management, strategic planning and the utilization of research methodologies to measure organizational performance and patient outcomes. He also holds a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from San Jose State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Occupational Therapy from USC.

He came to Rancho as an Occupational Therapist in 1998 and four years later was promoted to an Occupational Therapist II position. He advanced to Occupational Therapy Clinical Specialist in 2004, a position he held until 2008. He has also served on the clinical faculty of Cal State Dominguez Hills.

"In addition to being a master clinician, Shawn's leadership abilities and creativity came to the fore as a leader in our Service Excellence Initiative and many innovative patient-centered Rancho programs," Jorge said.

Dr. Phipps has also been a leader in the Occupational Therapy Association of California, where he has served two elected terms as President. He is a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association, has published extensively, and has presented at many state, national and international conferences.



## More on water conservation in Downey

■ Dry winter forecast again highlights the need for careful use of water.

BY LARS CLUTTERHAM, CONTRIBUTOR

Much has been written in this space on water conservation since these articles began this past July, as the city of Downey implemented its first water rate increase in 16 years. Not long before that, California Gov. Jerry Brown declared that an almost four-year drought was over.

Downey is fortunate to be able to supply the water needs of this community from its own wells, and consequently--despite the rate increase--continues to provide water at some of the lowest rates in the region. Nevertheless, the National Weather Service expects an ongoing moderate La Niña weather system to continue through about February, 2012. This could produce drier weather than normal in Southern California, once again highlighting the need for careful use of water.

Further, both city officials and concerned citizens are anxious to assist the community in improving water conservation. Broadly speaking, such efforts need to address aspects of both quality and quantity, recognizing that these improvements constitute both big and little choices, both for the city and for its residents.

For example, the city is planning on providing two new wells in the near future--a big investment to help insure that the city can continue to provide sufficient quantities of water to the community. On the other hand, as was strongly encouraged in this space two weeks ago, an individual citizen can help maintain water quality in the community by making the small--that is to say simple and inexpensive--choice to sweep the driveway, instead of hosing it down with

water. Which, by the way, is illegal anyway.

Moreover, the city's Department of Public Works Utilities Division has recently published a brochure full of helpful suggestions for conscientious water use. Over the next several weeks we will focus here on those specific aspects of water conservation, which include the following:

**Indoors:** Toilets, Showerheads, Faucets, Clothes Washers and Dishwashers, Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling

**Outdoors:** Sidewalks, Driveways, Parking, Patios, Pools, Spas, Ponds, and Landscape Irrigation

Last, and most importantly, as the spring planting season begins, we will discuss one of the most comprehensive concepts available to residents for conserving water,

not only because it promises some of the greatest water savings, but also because it requires one of the biggest shifts in cultural and aesthetic perspective related to water conservation: namely, drought-tolerant and California-native landscaping.

Lars Clutterham is the co-founder of *downeygreen*, a local non-profit organization advocating sustainability.

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This is a very clean property! This cute and cozy Downey home features a formal dining room for entertaining, fresh interior paint and central air & heat. The updated bathroom has a separate shower and tub. This home also includes copper plumbing, new carpet in the bedrooms and dual pane windows. Priced to sell at \$329,000

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**Another Satisfied Client!**

This beautifully upgraded home is ready for new owners. The property features 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom that has been upgraded with a new tile floor, vanity and beautiful tile in bath. The kitchen has new appliances, new cabinets and recessed lighting. This is a must see at \$344,999.

**IN ESCROW**

**The Sales Keep Coming in 2012!**

You don't see this everyday! This unique Downey property features a studio unit and a 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom main house. There is also a conversion that features a 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom unit and a large room that was being used as a library. Located on a private st. and having a 15,000 sq.ft. lot makes this a must see at \$399,999.

**Downey Delight**

This is a nice home located in North Downey. It features 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and formal dining room with french doors leading to the large backyard with a pool. This property has had some recent remodeling done and is turnkey. Priced to sell at \$405,000.

**Spectacular!**

This spacious condo features 2 large bedrooms with plantation shutters, 1 full bath and 1 half bath with granite counter tops. This property also has a comfortable living room and a light filled kitchen with an attached private patio. This is a must see at \$415,000.

**A Must See!**

You don't want to miss this one. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, hardwood floors and a cozy brick fireplace in the living room. This property also features a large backyard with fruit trees. This is a must see at \$300,000.

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**Downey Charming**

This is an adorable North Downey home! The property features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1700 sq.ft. of living space, and a large family room. Relax by the fireplace in the formal living room or step outside and enjoy it's nearly 6000 sq. ft. lot. Put this one at the top of your list because it's priced to sell at \$395,000.

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