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Carl Charles prepared to lead police force

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – Downey Police Capt. Carl Charles is a fan of the Lakers and, “to a lesser extent,” the Clippers.

I like him already.

Charles is set to take over as police chief Dec. 5, becoming Downey’s 10th police chief when he replaces Rick Esteves, who is retiring after three years in the top job.

Residents should not expect sweeping changes when Charles takes over for the simple reason that none are needed.

In an interview this week, Charles said he plans to emphasize technology at the department and “become more in tune with social media.”

In fact, the department is set to debut a Facebook page in the coming weeks.

“As a department we are running very smoothly,” Charles said from his office. “But I would like to see us become more technologically advanced.”

He will also oversee a newly-instituted police officer reserve program that will reinforce the ranks at a time when budget cuts have made hiring new officers unlikely in the foreseeable future.

The Downey Police Department has used reserve police officers in the past but never made the program a priority. This time around, the department will bring on up to 10 volunteer reserve officers, each of whom go through the same training and are held to the same standards as regular police officers, Charles said.

Another priority for Charles is to “strengthen the department’s relationship with the community.”

“It starts with the officer on patrol. The first impression is very important,” Charles said. “Every person is entitled to respect, even if you are a suspect.”

The department’s reputation in Downey is still top-notch among Downey residents, despite protests sparked by two fatal officer-involved shootings over the last two years. Both shootings were deemed justifiable by the L.A. County District Attorney.

A transparent police department is also important, Charles said, and when it comes to the media, “the age of no comment is over.”

Charles has already made moves within the department, elevating Dean Milligan from lieutenant to captain in charge of administration and investigations. (Capt. James Heckel retired last month but his position was frozen.)

Now married 16 years and with two children, Charles knew at a relatively early age what he wanted to do with his life. He was a sophomore at Morningside High School in Inglewood when a presentation by a canine officer convinced Charles to go into law enforcement.

It wasn’t easy announcing to his teenage friends that he wanted to become a police officer, but as Charles puts it, “I wanted to show to my friends that police officers could be trusted. And I wanted to make a difference.”

He earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Cal State Northridge and was hired by the Downey Police Department in 1990. He later got his master’s in public administration from USC.

• A lung donation by a teenage boy saved the life of Downey resident Carolyn Fagundo.

By Carolyn Fagundo
Special to The Downey Patriot

DOWNEY – This time of year I wonder how I can ever really say thank you for the gift of life. I am alive because someone gave me their loved ones two lungs. It was his lungs that saved my life 10 years ago.

Twelve years ago my lungs began to fail. I was 42 years old and had been diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) a severe lung disease, that the only treatment to survive was a double lung transplant.

When I was told what I had, and that I would not live much longer without a transplant, I was in total shock! I did not want to die – I had three teenagers that needed their Mom. Toward the end there was no longer any medicine to help. The only hope for life was a donated organ.

I had no idea lung transplants existed. When my pulmonologist told me they were being performed and with much success, I was very interested and eager to be considered a candidate. At the time of my diagnosis, I probably had 1 1/2 years to live, based on the facts that length of life at that time was 18 months after diagnosis.

After all the steps of evaluations, and interviews, and tests, and more tests that nearly took a year, I was in the last stages of my disease, and getting worse by the day. I was finally placed on the transplant list on Dec. 2, 2002, and was told it would be a 3-month wait. I remember asking God for lungs for New Years, because I wanted to spend Christmas with my family.

To God be the Glory, and His perfect timing, I received my call from the surgeons while I was on my knees praying on Dec. 29, 2002 at 11:30 p.m. The surgeon said, “Mrs. Fagundo, we have your donor, a 14-year-old boy. You must be here by 5:30 am to go to surgery.”

The Downey City Library celebrated the release of the film “Breaking Dawn 2” with a free raffle for Twilight merchandise.

Local teens Cynthia Villegas, Gissel Enriquez and Samantha Martinez each won a Twilight poster, pen, slap bracelet, keychain, bookmark and stickers. Raffle items were provided by the 42 West Video Company and the Reforma Library Association.

Copies of the popular Twilight books by Stephanie Meyer are available in English and Spanish at the Downey City Library.

The gift of life



I was sad and in shock, that a young little boy had to leave this earth to save my life. I cried, I prayed, I called all my family to pray for his family, and to pray for me, as I was going to receive his gift of life!

I went to surgery Dec. 30, 2002, my prayers had been answered, I received two healthy lungs for New Years Day, my miracle.

Receiving a second chance at life through organ donation has made me understand the importance of giving thanks. I thank God, for He has given me the best 10 years of my life! Seeing my teenagers grow up into the young aspiring adults they have become has been a great reward. Walking down the aisle with my husband, celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary has been my dream come true. Meeting so many beloved transplant friends these past 10 years has been an amazing support group for each of us. Losing some of those transplant friends has been the most painful experience, but knowing that we will meet again fills my heart with joy.

The best part of this 10-year journey has been sharing my story to those in need of transplants today; giving them hope, courage, strength, blessings and love, while guiding them into their new journey is the best feeling I have had all my life. I made a pact with God, that if He gave me my miracle I wanted to help all those in dire need of transplants, that were as sick or worse than I, that all He needed to do was put them in my path. And that He did these last 10 years, and continues to do so.

My Donor would be 24 yrs old today. I think of him and his family daily, and on Thanksgiving Day they are on my mind, and in my heart all day, as I thank the Lord for his precious lungs that breath for me.

Each of us has an opportunity to give of ourselves in a way that can save and enhance the lives of over 50 people. I am inspired daily that people take this opportunity and in a time of deep loss, complete strangers look beyond their own grief and give to others.

This Thanksgiving, as your



family gives thanks, please consider also giving life. During 2012, the donation community has a national goal of registering 20 million Americans as organ and tissue donors. Go to donatelifecalifornia.org today or check yes at the DMV. Your gift of life will be a lasting legacy of generosity and love.
Carolyn Fagundo is a Downey resident.

School board changes election system

• DUSD board adopts by-district election system hoping to avoid a lawsuit.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Prompted by the wave of lawsuits beleaguering school districts around the state, the Downey Unified School District board of education will forego at-large trustee elections in favor of a seven district, by-area voting system.

“We’ve been noticing the trend state-wide,” said Kevin Condon, assistant superintendent of business affairs. “We’ve heard the horror stories of groups going after school districts and the risk outweighs the benefits of keeping the at-large system. At the advice of counsel, the board decided to adopt a by-district system.”

Board members approved the switch on Aug. 21 after concerns arose regarding the California Voter’s Rights Act of 2002, which encourages the dismantlement of at-large elections in communities where they potentially disenfranchise voters.

Even though administrators insist the current trustee districts are drawn fairly, various school districts around California have become embroiled in fierce legal battles against proponents of the law.

In 2011, Downey resident Leonard Zuniga, along with Tom Chavez and Carmen Avalos, filed a lawsuit against Cerritos College stating the board of trustees was in violation of the California Voter’s Rights Act of 2002.

Although the suit was later settled, the legal action prompted the college to quickly adopt the by-area election system.

“If a lawsuit was filed against us, there’s very little chance of prevailing and it could incur millions of dollars in legal costs,” said Condon. “We see the handwriting on the wall.”

Before approving the switch to by-district elections, however, the board did make slight variations to the seven trustee areas to better reflect the population and meet state requirements.

According to a board analysis report, each of the seven trustee areas will incorporate approximately 17,000 residents in order to add up the more than 121,000 residents who live within the Downey Unified School District, which consists of a large Hispanic population.

“The demographics make it impossible to Gerrymander,” said Condon. “But in order to be in compliance, we needed to adjust plus or minus five percent of the population in each district.”

While the new by-district system should help the school district avoid a lawsuit, whether or not it makes re-election more difficult for longtime incumbents remains to be seen, Condon said.

“You could argue both sides of the case. There is an advantage for incumbents in at-large races, but it’s cheaper to run in by-district elections,” he said. “But given the odds, the board members are fine with everything.”





A comedy and magic act sold out the Epic Lounge in Downey on Nov. 10. Comedians Julio Gonzalez, Paul "Smokey" Deeze and Roger Rod performed stand-up comedy and Omar Covarrubias performed magic. Music was provided by Devin Clarke and the Avenue Band. Beny Mena and Gilbert Alarcon produced the show, which is slated to return in late January.

City toy drive starts Monday

DOWNEY – This holiday season, Downey residents and businesses will have the opportunity to join together to donate new toys for needy cheedy.

The toys will be distributed to children through the Downey Council PTA HELPS "holiday basket program," the fire department's "Operation Santa" and to other local children's organizations.

The toy collection runs Nov. 26 through Dec. 14 and is organized by the Public Works Department. Only new, unwrapped toys are accepted.

Drop-off bins are located at City Hall, the Downey City Library, the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, all Downey fire stations, all Downey public schools and select Downey businesses displaying a city toy collection box.

For more information on how you or your organization can get involved in the program, call Carol Rowland at (562) 904-7103.

Credit union hosting book drive

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

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

Books will be collected throughout the month of November.

Caltrans to begin bridge work Monday

NORWALK – Caltrans is expected to begin work Monday on a 10-lane bridge over the 5 Freeway at Carmentita Road.

The bridge will take about five months to build. The work does not require freeway lane, ramp or local street closures.

As part of the bridge building, crews will drive nearly 2,500 steel piles into the ground to provide structural support.

The Carmentita Road bridge only has two lanes in its current configuration.

Drivers can expect to see a large crane and pile-driving equipment in the work zone. A water truck will be on-site to minimize dust and construction noise will not exceed levels allowed by state and federal regulations, authorities said.

Work is scheduled to take place weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and last until April 2013.

The new bridge is part of an ongoing project to ease congestion on the 5 Freeway by adding a carpool and general purpose lane in each direction between Norwalk and the Orange County border.

Tree lighting at City Hall

DOWNEY – The city of Downey will host its annual tree-lighting ceremony Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m. in front of City Hall.

The free event will feature entertainment from local schools and a snow play area for children.

Families should bring cameras for photos with Santa Claus. The Downey Rose Float Association will sell food and refreshments.

The actual tree lighting will take place at about 6:30 p.m. For more details, call (562) 904-1895.

International chorus to perform

DOWNEY – The International L.A. Oratorio Chorus will perform Handel's choral masterpiece, "Messiah," on Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Downey.

The program is the first concert by the chorus in Downey.


Maestro Ken Taguchi will lead the chorus in all three parts of this production of "Messiah," one of the most popular works in Western choral literature. Featured soloists are Dr. Susan Ali, soprano; Eun Ok Kim, alto; Bobby Casillas, tenor; Jong Jin Lee, bass; and Daniel Pok, pianist.

When it was first performed, "Messiah" was billed as "musical entertainment" and thought of as "opera for the mind." It was presented during Lent rather than at Christmas time.

Today, it inspires people of all faiths with its stirring choruses and sublime arias.

"Messiah" is a musical setting of biblical texts, suggesting scenes from the gospels without actually representing them theatrically.

Admission to the concert is free. Doors open at 5 p.m. and a dessert reception follows the performance.



CRIME REPORT

Saturday, Nov. 17

At 5:14 p.m., officers responded to an apartment complex in the 7300 block of Florence Ave. regarding a child endangerment complaint. Officers discovered two children (a 2-year-old and a 9-year-old) left at the residence without responsible supervision. Approximately 2 hours later the children's mother returned to the residence where she was arrested for child endangerment. Department of Children services was notified and responded to care for the children.

Sunday, Nov. 18

At 6:33 p.m., a subject entered the opened for business "Radio Shack" on Paramount Blvd. Once inside the suspect produced a metal object and shattered a display case, removed several digital cameras from the case, and fled on foot. Detectives are investigating.

Monday, Nov. 19

At 6:54 a.m., a victim was at the McDonald's restaurant located at 7740 Firestone Blvd. The victim was approached by the suspect who initially asked to borrow the victim's cell phone. The victim refused to allow the suspect to use the phone and continued with his food order. When the victim walked outside of the restaurant the suspect approached the victim and yelled out a gang name. As the suspect walked towards the victim he clenched his hands into a fist and demanded the victim's car keys and phone. The victim, an off-duty police officer, detained the suspect at gun point and called the police. A short time later police arrived and arrested the suspect for robbery and it was later discovered the suspect had an outstanding warrant for a previous robbery.

Information provided by the Downey Police Department

Rose Parade tickets on sale

DOWNEY – Grandstand tickets to the 124th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena are still available for purchase at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Tickets are \$67 for Downey residents and \$71 for non-residents.

The parade's theme is "Oh, the Places You'll Go" and features grand marshal Dr. Jane Goodall, whose work and protection of chimpanzees is known the world over.

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Rancho's talented artists to host winter boutique sale

• Artists and crafters will be selling jewelry, towels, Christmas items and more.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – More than 20 of Rancho's talented artists and crafters will be showing their newest creations at the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center's Arts & Crafts of Rancho Winter Boutique on Nov. 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hospital's Support Services Annex.

The event, which is sponsored by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, is free to the public.

The multi-talented Rancho graduate artisans will be displaying and selling items such as greeting cards, jewelry, Christmas specialty items, flower arrangements, hand-made scarves, placemats, towels, headbands, purses, hats, crochet items, plants, food items and much more to help guests get a head start on their holiday shopping.

Santa is scheduled to make a guest appearance along with holiday carolers from the Performing Arts of Rancho who will perform at noon and 12:30 p.m. each day and bring holiday cheer to the event. Attendees can also enjoy home-made baked goods and hot cider available for purchase to support the Brain Injury Day Rehabilitation Center. Plants and other items from Rancho's Restorative Gardening Group will also be available.

Here, in their own words, are the stories of six of the artists and crafters who will be participating in this special holiday event:

Jasmin Amador

"I was born with congenital Muscular Dystrophy. I was able to

walk until I was 8 years old, then never again. I always thank God for giving me the opportunity to experience what it means to walk.

"I focus on the things that I can do, such as art. Art is my passion! It gives me a meaningful way to express myself. Last year I decided to attend the Don Knabe Pediatric Arts classes at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. I loved the entire experience, and my teachers were especially amazing. They were very encouraging to me, and I am very happy to show my artworks at the Art of Rancho and Arts & Crafts shows.

"Rancho is a fascinating place with people who fight with you and help you to achieve a better life. My art teachers are people like this...encouraging and inspiring me every step of the way!"

Beatriz Ibarra

"One morning, more than ten years ago, I awoke and could not move. I was paralyzed! I was referred to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and remained an inpatient for five months.

"After extensive rehabilitation and therapy, I was able to go home and resume a useful life. Rancho has provided me with excellent treatment. Today I am seen as an outpatient there.

"I have found joy and meaning in the art of sewing, which keeps me active, happy and young at heart. I specialize in custom towels, placemats, kitchen appliance covers, hot pads, pillows and clothing.

"I find enjoyment in creating new and different ideas for each of my projects. Every day, as I bring a little beauty to others through my sewing art, I thank Rancho for assisting me in finding something wonderful to do with my life. And I love knowing that others take pleasure in my art each day."

Michael Seale

"A man must always seek knowledge and experience while continuing to do his best to keep his business instincts sharp. How does he do this, you might ask? He reads books from powerful leaders and takes massive action in small steps, time after time.

"Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center of Downey, California has been the beacon of light by providing me with lifelong friends, resources and business connections. The Art of Rancho and Arts and Crafts of Rancho shows are golden stepping stones to building my luxury retail art empire.

"Rancho has shown me through abstract art talents being expressed regularly and exposed to the community and the world, I too can make a great living and have a prosperous and powerful lifestyle.

"Rancho has taught me that self-sufficiency leads to wonderful opportunities of personal growth and a way to maximize my full potential as an artisan."

Blanca Perez

"I was born in Tulancingo, Hidalgo, Mexico. For as long as I can remember, art has been at the center of my life.

"After I got my degree in Business Administration, I came to California to continue my career. But I was soon involved in a serious car accident and my future looked bleak. I was transferred to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, where the therapy has made all the difference for me. I would especially like to thank Debbie Diaz, who has always encouraged and challenged me to do my best.

"After six months at Rancho, I was able to go home and live on my own again. My family's love and support has been very important

in my healing process. In my free time, I like to paint and decorate cloth, ceramic objects, and candles.

"It's something that allows me to express my feelings. I am thankful to my family and friends for providing the resources to help me create my art. I also wish to thank Rancho for always being there for me during some of the most challenging times of my life."

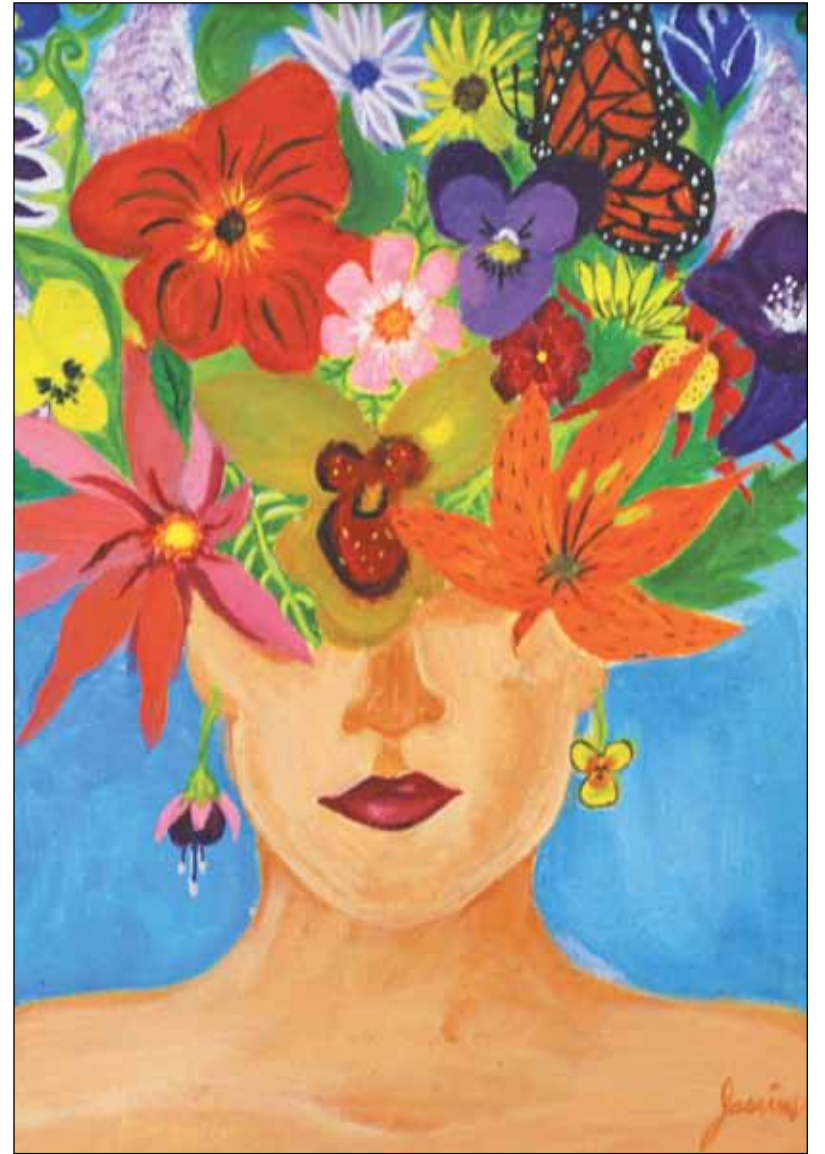
Lydia Chavez

"I was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, where I was stricken with polio before my first birthday. I came to the United States in 1973 at age 25 in hopes of finding better medical care. Soon I was at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and my life began to improve. "Polio has placed many obstacles before me. Dealing with post-polio syndrome and complications such as asthma sometimes makes me feel like I am at my limit. But every time I think I can take no more, something magical happens. Now when I work on my ceramics, I forget about the pain from polio. Each piece I create is like "my little children." I thank my ceramics teacher for keeping me motivated. "I am forever grateful to Rancho Los Amigos, not only for providing me with the best healthcare, but for nurturing me as an artist and allowing me to participate in the Arts and Crafts of Rancho program."

Gladys Gomez

"After a devastating car accident left me incapacitated for more than two years, I found Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. I was placed under the care of Dr. Robert Waters, who became my guardian angel. He helped me regain my health, my mobility and my independence.

"As I improved, I became an advocate for individuals with disabilities. I began to learn about all the



A painting by Rancho artist Jasmin Amador.

available programs, and was able to help provide assistance to others in need. I find great joy in creating flower arrangements, which provide a satisfying outlet for my creativity.

"I have spent many, many hours developing my crafting skills, and it has helped me support the needs of my children and me.

"My sincere, heartfelt thanks to Rancho Los Amigos and all my

special Rancho friends who have brought such beauty and joy to my life!"

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For Maricela Scott, family memories center around Mexican bread

• Mexican bread was central to Maricela Scott's upbringing as a child.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

NORWALK – Local hairstylist Maricela Avelar Scott, an aunt to the children of her four older siblings, provided tips on "How to be a Fabulous Aunt" in a 44-page book (her first) she wrote two years ago.

Confessing to a creative streak ("I also love art, and like to draw, color, and paint"), Maricela has come up with a second book, this time narrating little anecdotes about her family through their experiences with Mexican bread.

Maricela says Mexican bread has played a central role in her family's scheme of things: "It represents our Mexican culture and a tradition that has been in my family for many years. From weddings to birthdays to funerals, Mexican bread was our companion... We laughed, we ate, we cried, we ate, we got angry, we ate."

Stories about her grandmother, mother, father, brothers, sisters, and a cousin or two who through the years shared joys, travails and adventures, and, of course, their favorite Mexican bread, fill much of the book. In the process, Maricela bares her heart and her soul, but always she speaks more of the other persons in her life, the people who moved in her intimate circle, beloved personalities who in more ways than one had much to do in shaping her own life.

Indeed, she calls the book "a family autobiography."

Of her grandmother (her *abuelita*), who took care of the children when her parents were at work, Maricela says it was her preparing Mexican-style breakfasts especially that "brought the whole family together... her homemade tortillas, made from flour or corn dough, were especially delicious because of the love, attention and detail she put into its preparation."

More important, she says, "She was the first to teach us how to read, write, and pray."

Her mother was "the acknowledged matriarch of our family," Maricela says. "She was a strong, determined, but loving woman. She was our confidant and friend. Like my grandmother, she was a great storyteller and she loved to sew dresses and costumes for us. She taught us how to sweep and wash dishes, how to fold one's laundry properly, how to mop with 'Pine Sol'. When my sisters started dating, she insisted I come along with them. I loved tagging along and being obnoxious around their boyfriends."

"In my Mexican bread family," Maricela says, "where we all have loud voices, her father had the "loudest voice I've ever heard. My mother thought it was in the family's genes... A giving, thoughtful man who loved to whistle, he was the type of man who would take off his jacket and give it to someone who needed it." He would bring home fresh-baked Mexican bread and insisted on clean and polished shoes. His favorite hobby was refereeing soccer games; a highlight was his meeting and getting photo-

graphed with the legendary Pele (the photo is in back of the book). He was the one who inspired me to become a hairstylist."

"My brother, the eldest in the family, was a man of many talents," she says. "His creativity extends to writing poetry, drawing and painting. Possessed with a tremendous work ethic, he had been a teacher, an outstanding one, for many years. He also enjoys cooking his own Mexican food. Several years ago, he had an opportunity to work on a radio talk show at a local station in Los Angeles. He talked on different topics and he developed a range of fans from all over Southern California. My mother was his number one fan; she never missed any of his radio shows. Today, my brother and two of my sisters are enjoying being grandparents themselves. I enjoy following what's going on with their lives. So what a great pleasure it is when we have the opportunity to get together."

Maricela also writes fondly about a cousin who came from Guadalajara to live with the family. "He was a wonderful, fun-loving but hardworking guy with a unique sense of humor, a trait that endeared him to my family. He was fifteen when his father brought him to our house. He came from a musical family, and he enjoyed playing the guitar and singing with my brother, sisters and friends. He also loved to eat large bowls of corn flakes, plain mayonnaise and tomato sandwiches. He was a big part of our family for a long time."

She also writes about another cousin who loved to buy old, used cars, and this spawned a lot of humorous tales. He worked in a gas station in East Los Angeles and had many opportunities to purchase old, beat-up vehicles.

"We never knew what kind of car he would bring home," Maricela says. "His first car had no upholstery... You can just imagine to what desperate lengths he - we - resorted to in order to make it work for our purposes (like stuffing the seats with newspapers). At another time he brought home a car with no muffler..."



Maricela also provides some "old world Mexican cooking" recipes towards the end of the book. She has recipes for *sopa seca de tortilla*, *ravioles Mexicanos*, *relleno de picadillo*, *chiles rellenos*, and good, old-fashioned *empanadas*. When asked for their English translations, she said no: she says it is her tribute to her Mexican heritage.

Maricela has been busy promoting her most recent book, which came out in August. She says she has talked at a couple of elementary schools at least, been on a radio talk show, and has had book signings at a few places. She's very gratified at how well her book has been received and that sales are doing well.

It's available at the following bookstores and websites: Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena; Gatsby Books in Long Beach; Barnes and Noble.com; BakerandTaylor.com; Amazon.com; and TheLatinoAuthor.com.

A hairstylist since 1999, Maricela says that she's done writing about her family.

"That's it," she says. "My next book will be a book of fiction."



Councilman David Gafin, who is being termed out of office in less than three weeks, will be roasted this Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. For tickets, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.



Mariby Rodriguez, a Downey resident for the last 11 years, traveled to Italy last month and took along *The Downey Patriot*. She's pictured above in front of the famous Trevi Fountain in Rome.

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Letters to the Editor:

Boeing site artifacts

Dear Editor:

As they close in on demolishing Building 290 at the old NAA/Rockwell/Boeing site, I was wondering if any attempts were being made to save building artifacts.

In particular, there is a sheet metal panel at the upper northwest (front) corner of Building 290 that has the old NAA logo embossed upon it – it's hard to see with the Downey Studios dark blue paint over it, but it's there – I'm sure some of the craftsmen from the space program made that panel.

It sure would be nice to save it for historical purposes (both the company and plant are now gone).

Matt Bauer
Downey

Firestone parking

Dear Editor:

I really don't think the city put much thought into the new no-parking ordinance on Firestone Boulevard.

I often shop on Firestone and now parking is just a nightmare. Most of us have no time to search for a spot behind the business, and believe me, I have tried and it's full most of the time.

Last time I checked, the city was collecting sales tax and business licenses, and this was a good thing for the city of Downey. I know many of the business owners up and down Firestone and they are upset with the change and they are losing business every day.

The city doesn't care. I'm sure the city just wants the big box stores and would rather have the new construction and all the permits that go with it.

They say this is just a test to see how it works but the construction adding another lane is already scheduled. They will drive all the small businesses out of Downey and we will be left with big, generic stores with long lines and no service at all. Have you ever been to the Ross at the Downey Landing on the weekend? Yeah, how was that?

Welcome to the future of Downey.

Cindy Pallard
Downey

Dear Editor:

No parking on Firestone is a great idea whose time has come. It should have been implemented many years ago.

Will it hurt some businesses? Yes. Will it inconvenience a few of us? Yes, but it's a small price to pay for safer, smoother flowing traffic.

Consider safety, cars trying to park and exit parking places cause traffic jams in addition to possibly intensifying the possibility of road rage.

Thousands of cars use Firestone daily for commuting. Often cars in all lanes are bumper to bumper. It's like a parking lot. Cars parked along the street would only cause further traffic problems.

Byron Dillon
Downey

Tree replacements

Dear Editor:

I have a suggestion to the Downey Public Works Department.

The original trees that were planted along Lakewood Boulevard adjacent to the concrete sidewalks also included plastic root barriers that were supposed to prevent the trees from sending out surface roots that are causing the problems with the sidewalks.

However, the trees were irrigated by a sprinkler head that sprinkles water on the surface, thereby causing the trees to send out surface roots.

When I worked for the L.A. County Department of Parks and Recreation, we specified root barriers on all trees planted within six feet of any pavement. We also installed a 4-6 inch vertical PVC pipe within the root barrier.

The pipe with bottom perforations extended to the depth of the excavated hole and was filled with gravel to allow the trees to be irrigated at the root level with drip irrigation, preventing the establishment of problem surface roots.

John Wehrly
Downey

Thanksgiving at West

Dear Editor:

Last Wednesday, Nov. 14, a free Thanksgiving meal for seniors was held at West Middle School. It was wonderful!

Mrs. Clark did a great job putting on the traditional dinner. The Art Department decorated the tables beautifully for the 200 diners. The band did such a good job of playing during the meal. There was bingo and prizes. The parents and staff prepared the delicious food. The students were such good waiters and waitresses.

It was a fun evening! A big thank you to all who made it happen.

Betty Logan
Downey

Get a flu shot – not the flu

By David Sayen

Now is the time to protect yourself against the flu by getting your flu vaccine early, before flu season hits full force. Medicare covers the flu vaccination, along with many other preventive-health services.

People with Medicare can get the flu shot at no cost to them. There's no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible.

Keep in mind that the flu shot helps prevent the flu; it doesn't give you the flu. Getting the vaccine is the best way to avoid getting sick this flu season. Also, by protecting yourself, you're protecting those you care about from getting the flu from you.

Who should get a flu shot? All adults, especially those 65 and older. People under 65 should get vaccinated if they have chronic illness, including heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, or End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure).

Here are some tips to follow during flu season:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze – and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also work.

- Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way.

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Stay home if you're sick. Wait at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100° Fahrenheit or 37.8° Celsius) or signs of a fever without using a fever-reducing medicine.

In addition to flu shots, Medicare also covers vaccinations for pneumonia and hepatitis B (if you're at medium to high risk for hepatitis B.)

And while we're on the subject, don't overlook other Medicare-covered preventive services such as cancer screenings (mammogram, colorectal, prostate) and cardiovascular screenings.

Each of these services is critical to your overall health and can help you prevent diseases or detect them early, when treatment works best. Check

with your doctor or other healthcare provider to see if you might need other vaccines, in addition to the flu vaccine.

For more information, visit www.medicare.gov/share-the-health or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also visit flu.gov for specific information about the flu. More information is available at healthcare.gov.

If you have or know of a child 6 months or older that qualifies for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, the child may qualify for a flu vaccination at no cost. Check with your state Medicaid office.

Friendly reminder: Medicare's annual open enrollment period ends Dec. 7. If you want to sign up for, or switch, a Medicare Advantage health plan or Medicare prescription drug plan, this is the time to do it.

Plans can change their costs and benefits from year to year, so be sure to review your coverage and make sure it still works for you. Medicare has these resources to help you:

- Visit medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with all of the options that are available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if you decide to make a change.

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

- Review the 'Medicare & You 2013' handbook. It is mailed to people with Medicare in September.

- Get free, personalized help from a counselor from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Visit medicare.gov/contacts or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number for your state. Counseling is available over the phone or in person.

David Sayen is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Letters to the Editor:

Stauffer's generosity

Dear Editor:

If any proof was needed that Dr. Mary Stauffer deserves to have a school named after her as I suggested (*The Downey Patriot*, 11/11/12), it was shown in the Nov. 15 edition of *The Downey Patriot* which showed the extent of Dr. Stauffer philanthropic activities on behalf of the children and schools of Downey.

What I found remarkable is not only the large amount of money involved this year but also the fact that Dr. Stauffer has been doing it for so many years previously.

High schools, middle schools and elementary schools and their teachers and students will benefit tremendously for many years from Dr. Stauffer's generosity and investment into education.

I respectfully suggest to the principals and teachers of Downey who have received so much help from Dr. Stauffer for so many years to endorse the idea of naming a school after Dr. Mary Stauffer by writing letters to the Downey Unified School Board supporting the motion that a school be named after Dr. Mary Stauffer.

Everybody should agree that we can not think of anyone else in Downey who is more deserving of such honor.

Jorge Montero
Downey

Homelessness solution

Dear Editor:

In last week's publication of *The Downey Patriot*, Greta Campbell highlighted an interesting dilemma facing our City Council: do we buy a fire engine or fund a homeless shelter? So let's try to solve this dilemma and find Ms. Campbell's idea a home.

The answer lies in her and in any of us for that matter. If the issue of homelessness moves us so much, then it is incumbent upon us to do something. We should want more than to bait our city officials into posing the aforementioned dilemma. Putting the issue squarely on them allows them to rank the issue among a list of priorities, and that's too easy.

But what if we approach the city with some knowledge, grit and know how? We tell them that we've read-up on the law of nonprofits, we've researched in on the Internet from the comfort of our homes, and we've started a nonprofit agency for the homeless by filing the requisite paperwork with city, county, state and federal offices. Then we disclose to our beloved council members that, in fact, we are allotting 50 cents of every dollar we collect for administrative costs -- for our salaries, as permitted by law, and for additional part-time employees and miscellaneous service providers. Heck, time is money and our efforts should be compensated given the challenge we are facing.

Before the council members can tell us our time is up, we provide them with a list of Downey businesses and organizations that have allowed us to place donation containers in their establishments as well as how much money we have collected thus far. We tell them about how we are in talks with the school district to gather volunteers and donations from students and faculty from elementary schools to the adult schools. We include in our plans to partner with city, police and fire officials to hold events that foster education, awareness and donations, of course. That ought to get the ball rolling.

Then we ask the city to consider administering a fund where we could deposit the other 50 cents from every dollar we collect for auditing and safekeeping to provide whatever it may for the city's homeless. We may be rash enough to ask that they match our collection or a fraction thereof.

Since the ball is rolling pretty fast now, we may ask that the council accept some of the money to start a campaign to establish a shelter in a vacant city property or something along those lines.

We may not have a shelter yet, but if we do this, we could suddenly be on our way to getting one. Ms. Campbell lit the torch, who is going to carry it now?

Dan Chantre
Downey

Lights out

Dear Editor:

If your street light goes out, don't count on the Edison Company fixing it in any reasonable time.

On Nov. 12, I reported two lights out by my house – one at an intersection. They took all the information and told me it would probably be 5-7 days before they came out to fix it.

On Nov. 14, an Edison truck pulled up to the pole by my house, looked the pole up and down, then drove to the other pole. Again, the driver (who never left his truck) looked up and down the pole at the intersection. He drove off.

On Nov. 19, I called to ask when they might be out and was told they would file another report. I asked if it could be marked "second request" and was told "no." They write it up as a new report.

Now it will be another 5-7 days before they come, if they do. Some service!

Doris Hannon
Downey

Monday morning quarterback

Dear Editor:

I see Elsa Van Leuven hasn't lost her animosity toward the ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) for its failed "Fast and Furious" gun tracking venture in December 2010, which unfortunately involved the death of agent Brian Terry.

She cites the fact that the guns lost in the program caused the deaths of 2,000 people, but there is no way to authenticate that number. That number was speculative.

The fact is, the drug cartels, or groups inclined to use drugs, would obtain them, irrespective of the ATF's misguided policy. Sure it was an ill-conceived, poorly implemented plan, but then that tends to happen occasionally whenever human beings are involved.

It is so easy to engage in "Monday morning quarterbacking," calmly picking everything apart from the comfort of one's easy chair. I wonder if Ms. Van Leuven's plans turn out perfectly?

Let her or she whose plans are always perfect cast the first stone.

Jack Russell
Downey

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for publishing Elsa Van Leuven's 550-word letter of whining and sour grapes over the Republican's loss of the Presidential election.

Her letter fortified and intensified my belief that the better candidate won.

Thanks again.

George W. Morris
Downey

Wheelchair access at theater

Dear Editor:

Marsha Moode is wonderful managing the Downey Civic Light Opera and so is the Downey Theater.

We would go to every show but it is a great hardship. There are no wheelchair ramps on the northside by the ticket booths and will call, where we must go first.

Please, you put someone in a wheelchair and try it for yourself.

The Downey Patriot is passed on to me and it is read cover to cover. Very good information on what is going on.

Thank you so much -- here is a way the city can help many and increase attendance.

Gonah Schreckengast
Bellflower

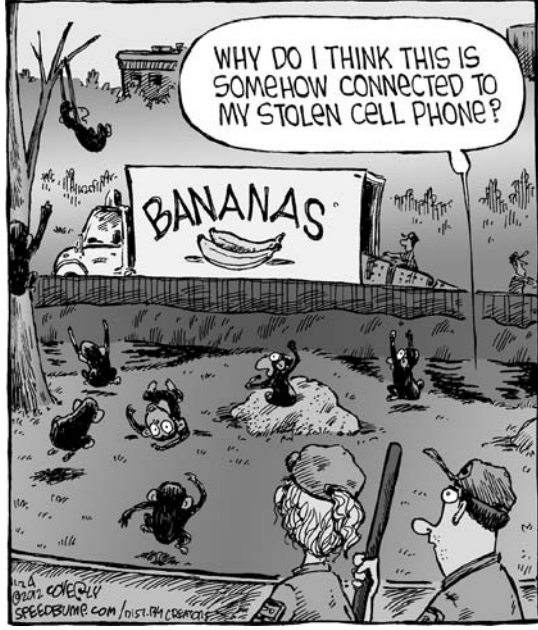
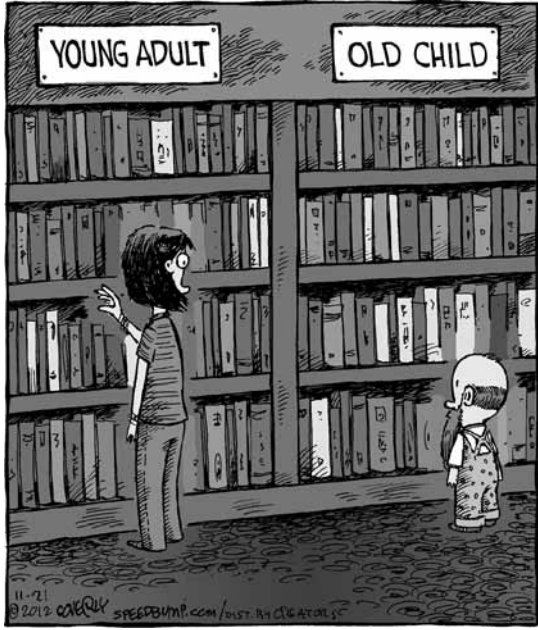
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Wed. Nov. 28: **Roast of Councilman David Gafin**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 12 p.m.
 Wed. & Thurs. Nov. 28 & 29: **Arts & Crafts winter boutique**, Rancho Los Amigos, 10 a.m.

City Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council**, 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 806-2100.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
 6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
 1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
 1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
 2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
 3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
 2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

On This Day...

Nov. 22, 1963: President John F. Kennedy was assassinated while riding in a motorcade in Dallas. Suspected gunman Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th president of the United States.
1998: "60 Minutes" aired video of Dr. Jack Kevorkian administering lethal drugs to a terminally ill patient.
2005: The Microsoft video game console Xbox 360 went on sale.
Birthdays: Tennis hall of famer Billie Jean King (69), actress Jamie Lee Curtis (54), actor Mark Ruffalo (45) and actress Scarlett Johansson (28).

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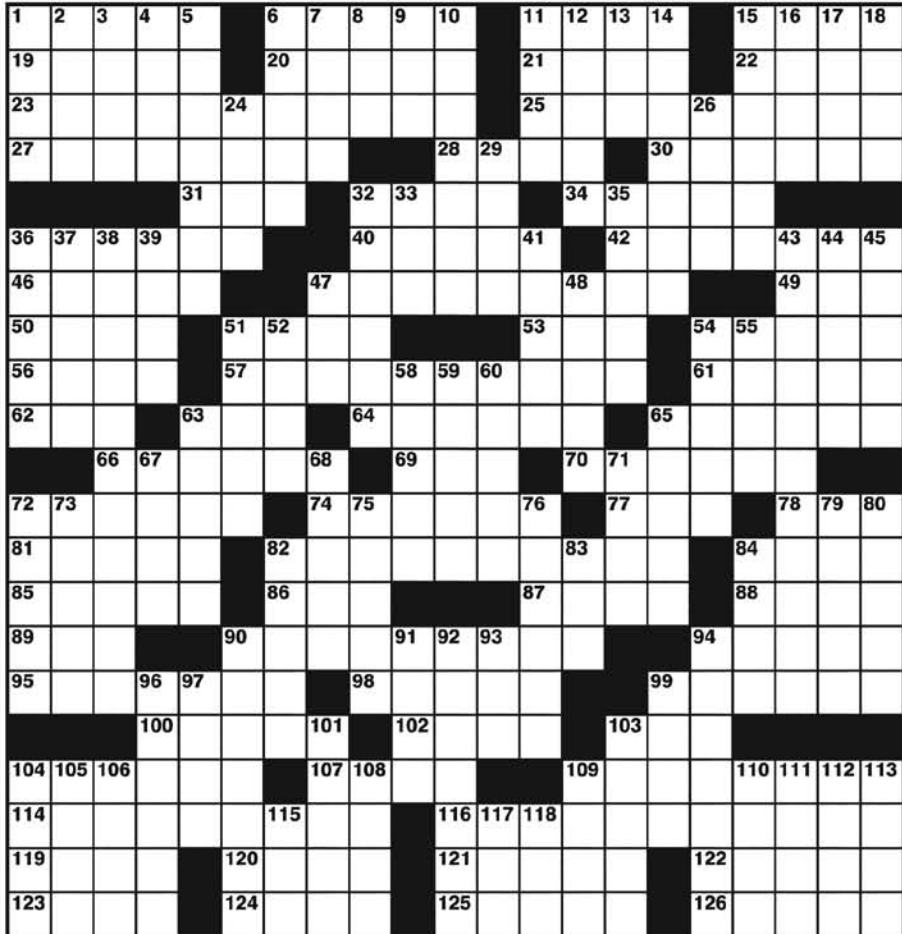
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by Fred Piscop

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



els change from day to day, and throughout the day, especially in younger men. They are highest in the morning, and are ideally measured between 8 and 10am. Low blood protein levels also can cause low testosterone levels.

Once the diagnosis is made, the next step is to understand why. Further lab tests can help narrow the cause to either the testes or the pituitary gland. A brain MRI may be required to examine the pituitary gland.

The condition that we will explore today often remains undiagnosed. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that up to five million American men have it, and only five percent of them receive treatment. The symptoms are subtle and may be mistaken for other conditions. If you are guessing low testosterone, then you are correct.

Symptoms of low testosterone include fatigue, depression, weakness, loss of sexual desire (libido), difficulty with erections, loss of endurance, loss of muscle mass, increased body fat, and slowed growth of facial and body hair. This condition is worse when it affects young boys or teenagers. For them, lack of testosterone may also result in a failure to go through normal puberty, infertility, and osteoporosis.

Testosterone is made in the testes, which produce sperm as well. The process is controlled by the pituitary gland. The cause of low testosterone levels lies either with the testes or the pituitary gland. When the problem is with the testes, it can be the result of damage from injury, undescended testes from birth, mumps, infection, medications (including chemotherapy), or an inherited genetic abnormality (Klinefelter's syndrome).

The other source of this condition lies within the brain's pituitary gland. The cause is often unknown, but possibilities include a tumor, high iron levels, inflammatory diseases such as sarcoidosis, infections such as tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, and medications like opioids and hormones. Finally, obesity and simply getting older can lower testosterone levels.

Fortunately, a simple lab test can detect low testosterone levels. However, the test needs to be specifically ordered, and due to the vagueness of the symptoms, it's not always among the first things that your doctor will think of. Also, testosterone lev-

els change from day to day, and throughout the day, especially in younger men. They are highest in the morning, and are ideally measured between 8 and 10am. Low blood protein levels also can cause low testosterone levels.

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Treatment for low testosterone has expanded greatly in recent years. Assuming that the underlying problem cannot be fixed, which is usually the case, replacement therapy is started. Testosterone replacement therapy includes injections, patches, gel, or a tablet that sticks to the inside of the mouth. The oldest and cheapest treatment is the injection, but it has largely been replaced by a variety of gels that rub onto various parts of the body, including the arms, chest, and armpits.

Diagnosing and treating low testosterone levels may have even greater significance. One 18-year study funded by the National Institute on Aging and the American Heart Association showed that men, aged 50 to 91, with low testosterone levels, had a 33% greater risk of death.

Treatment is generally safe and well tolerated. However, prostate cancer is common among men as they age, and it is felt that although testosterone treatment does not cause the cancer, it can stimulate its growth. Therefore, proper screening for prostate cancer is a must before starting treatment. Treatment can also cause elevations in the red blood cell count, breast tenderness, worsening of sleep apnea, and possibly more problems with urinary flow due to prostate growth.

If you are a man in your 40's or older, and start to notice some of these symptoms of low testosterone, you will want to see your doctor and request a testosterone blood test. At the very least, correcting low testosterone levels will increase the quality of your life!

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

Secondhand smoke at airports puts travelers at risk, report says

• CDC study finds higher levels of air pollutions at airports that allow limited smoking.

Average air pollution levels from secondhand smoke directly outside designated smoking areas in airports are five times higher than levels in smoke-free airports, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The study conducted in five large hub U.S. airports also showed that air pollution levels inside designated smoking areas were 23 times higher than levels in smoke-free airports. In the study, designated smoking areas in airports included restaurants, bars, and ventilated smoking rooms.

Five of the 29 largest airports in

the United States allow smoking in designated areas that are accessible to the public. The airports that allow smoking include Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Washington Dulles International Airport, McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Denver International Airport, and Salt Lake City International Airport.

More than 110 million passenger boardings—about 15 percent of all U.S. air travel—occurred at these five airports last year.

"The findings in [this week's] report further confirm that ventilated smoking rooms and designated smoking areas are not effective," said Tim McAfee, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. "Prohibiting smoking in all indoor areas is the only effective way to fully eliminate exposure

to secondhand smoke."

A 2006 Surgeon General's Report concluded that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Although smoking was banned on all U.S. domestic and international commercial airline flights through a series of federal laws adopted from 1987 to 2000, no federal policy requires airports to be smoke-free.

"Instead of going entirely smoke-free, five airports continue to allow smoking in restaurants, bars or ventilated smoking rooms. However, research shows that separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air and ventilating buildings cannot fully eliminate secondhand smoke exposure," said Brian King, Ph.D., an epidemiologist with CDC's Office on Smoking and Health and co-author of the

report. "People who spend time in, pass by, clean, or work near these rooms are at risk of exposure to secondhand smoke."

Secondhand smoke causes heart disease and lung cancer in nonsmoking adults and is a known cause of sudden infant death syndrome or SIDS, respiratory problems, ear infections, and asthma attacks in infants and children. Even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can trigger acute cardiac events such as heart attack.

Cigarette use kills an estimated 443,000 Americans each year, including 46,000 heart disease deaths and 3,400 lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Overcoming a parent's worse nightmare

Perhaps the worst thing that can happen to a parent is experiencing the loss of a child. However, as one mother shares, it's possible to turn one's devastation into spiritual enlightenment and to weave the tragedy into the fabric of your life and your family.

"I don't think any parent ever gets over the loss of a child," says Caroline Flohr, whose memoir "Heaven's Child," (heavenschild.com), recounts the transformative death of her 16-year-old twin daughter, Sarah.

"Through the web of pain, I have been amazed by the power of family, love and faith in healing. I have learned that death defines not the end of the journey, but a beginning."

Flohr reviews some of the milestones in her journey to inner peace:

- Deeper meaning: Through the death of someone so important, you will be changed. The question is how you will be changed. Will you grow, or become diminished? Flohr grew with the realization that death – so often viewed as an end – is just the beginning of another phase of existence. "One of my favorite quotes is from poet Rabindranath Tagore: "Death is not extinguishing the light. It is putting out the lamp because dawn has come."

- Celebrate life: When the bereaved are able to look at the life of a person who has passed and see more beauty than pain, they should rejoice. The reality of a person's absence will always have an element of sadness, but the joy of wonderful memories is even more powerful. When loved ones leave this Earth, graces are given to those relationships left behind. These are gifts. When we can acknowledge them, our lives can expand in the present.

- Ready for anything: Once you've experienced the worst and pulled through, you know you will be able to weather just about any adversity. Maya Angelou wrote, "You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it." Have faith in that inner strength we all harbor, Flohr says.

- Appreciate what you have: Life as we know it will come to an end. This includes everyone we know, love and care about; it's a fact that we often forget, and it's as startling to remember as it is true. Come good or

bad, we do not know what the future will bring, which means we should take every opportunity to fully embrace the present, and our loved ones.

Caroline Flohr was a busy wife and mother to five children when her 16-year-old twin daughter, Sarah, was killed in an accident. She was forced to dig into the deeper meaning of existence and came away with profound edification. Flohr lives with her husband and children on Bainbridge Island, a suburb of Seattle.

Health screenings at church

DOWNEY – Downey residents can receive discounted stroke and osteoporosis screenings at Cornerstone Christian Worship Center on Nov. 29.

Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease.

A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered to men and women.

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Paul Mathys didn't choose accounting, it chose him

• Longtime Downey resident is partner in "the largest accounting firm in Downey."

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Paul J. Mathys, managing partner of the Downey accounting firm Muller, King, Mathys, Acker & Lopez, found his calling early.

Born and raised in Farmington, Mich., just outside Detroit, he learned his three R's at the local parochial school run by nuns, the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School (grades 1-8), and really got his physical, mental and moral faculties revved up at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School (1961-1965) before getting his BS in accounting degree in 1969 from Wayne State University.

Paul didn't choose accounting for his life's work: it chose him. He had started working as a

stock boy for Fil-Mar Markets in Farmington at age 16, as he began his third year of high school. He worked there for five years, from 1963-1968, covering his first three years of college. In his senior year, he was already working for the Detroit accounting firm of Svagr, Kraus & Gorski, where he cut his teeth in bookkeeping and tax preparation work.

Paul's interaction with the ownership of the accounting firm's clientele fascinated him and pointed him towards an accounting career.

Paul says he found his college studies actually much easier than his high school courses: at his Jesuit high school, given course program alternatives, he chose to take the rigorous Latin-scientific curriculum (since terminated) which required the students to read Homer's Iliad in Latin.

With his accounting degree, Paul accepted a position with Touche Ross & Co. in Los Ange-

les. He worked an entire year as an auditor at the prestigious firm before joining the accounting firm of Muller & King, then based in South Gate. Three years later, Paul became a partner.

Two more partners, Roy Acker and Arlene Lopez, later came aboard. The firm then became known as Muller, King, Mathys, Acker & Lopez. Jack Muller has since passed away.

Deciding to move to Downey, the firm bought the land near the corner of Florence and Western Avenues in 1977 and, the following year, constructed its current building. Paul says it's one of the best investments the firm has ever made.

Paul says Muller, King, Mathys, Acker & Lopez is, first and foremost, a good place to work: "We have no turnover. Our newest staff member has been with us three years now, more than half of our 11-member staff have been here at least fifteen years, and some have been serving for twenty years. This is a good place to work."

Paul goes on: "We believe we have a good working environment because we treat our employees with respect. Even with our mostly built-in checks and balances, an employee might commit a mistake. We don't shout at them, we don't reprimand them. Instead we discuss the matter over with them and seek ways to prevent mistakes from happening again."

He says that at the peak of the tax preparation season, from February 1 to April 30, "We have lots of overtime, and we work 10 hours a day, seven days a week!"

The rest of the year is spent on bookkeeping chores, meeting with clients, reviewing accounts, etc.

Interaction with the owners of

businesses is important, Paul says, "We are after all in the business of helping them run their businesses well."

Paul adds that the firm's work may be divided into three major areas: audits, reviews (of financial operations), and compilations (of financial statements), distinguished by the level of service each provides, with audits the "most time-consuming and most expensive service we provide."

He agrees with the notion, when mentioned, that with a total of over 1,000 individual tax return accounts, 500 business tax returns, 108 compilations, six review and ten audit accounts a year, Muller, King, Mathys, Acker & Lopez may well be "the largest accounting firm in Downey."

Business clients include: corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, trusts, exempt organizations, and estates.

Paul says Roy Acker, who belongs to the Optimist Club, handles Technical Review matters, Kiwanian and Senior Partner Charlie King handles business development, Soroptimist Arlene Lopez' expertise is in tax returns and tax research, and he (Paul) is responsible for audits and reviews.

The division of duties and responsibilities is not hard and fast, he says, as much as it is a matter of convenience: "We're a firm, and we all work together. If new business comes up, it goes to the partner who is not so busy at the moment."

Paul also says he's the business writer in residence and, given his Jesuit training, appreciates the value of good writing. He has two basic writing rules: order your thoughts/ideas logically; and be concise and to the point.

Married in 1974 ("I met my



Christmas show at Methodist church

DOWNEY – Bob Baker and his Marionettes will perform a Christmas show at Downey United Methodist Church on Dec. 7.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, or \$20 for a family of four. The event begins with a spaghetti dinner from 6-7 p.m., followed by a puppet show at 7:30.

Reservations are requested by calling (562) 861-9777.

Kaiser accepting grant applications

DOWNEY – Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center is accepting applications for its annual Community Benefit grant program, which awards grants to qualified non-profit health and human services organizations, schools, cities and government entities with an emphasis on providing health services for underserved populations in the Downey area.

Interested organizations can review requirements and apply online at community.kp.org/downey.

Submissions are due by 4 p.m. on Jan. 11.

Child immunizations offered

DOWNEY – Children ages 4-18 can receive free immunizations Dec. 5 from 3-6:30 p.m. in the Alameda Elementary cafeteria.

St. Francis Medical Center, in cooperation with the Downey Unified School District, will administer immunizations for chicken pox, hepatitis A and B, DTP, tdap, MMR, polio, meningococcal, HPV and TB skin testing.

All immunizations are free and no appointment is necessary. A parent or guardian must be present and in possession of the child's official immunization card with past immunization history.

Credit union launches mobile bill pay

DOWNEY – Financial Partners Credit Union launched a mobile bill pay application last Friday, allowing its members to pay their bills anywhere, anytime using their smartphone.

FPCU's mobile bill pay app is available for the iPhone, Android and Blackberry. It's also available on the credit union's mobile site, m.fpcu.org.

According to FPCU president and CEO Nader Moghaddam, members have been paying bills using online banking for sometime now. But they did not have the convenience of mobile applications, which is growing more prevalent in today's financial technology services.

"Since the members have been asking for it, now they have it," Moghaddam said.

The mobile app allows members to pay their bills when they want – on payday, the payment due date or whenever they choose.

Members can also transfer funds between FPCU accounts or even accounts at other banks.

The app also allows members to pay almost anyone through bill pay, including friends and family, while FPCU pays for the stamp.

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Shoppers warned not to buy counterfeit gifts

• Authorities say counterfeit goods can be linked to organized crime.

NORWALK – With the holiday shopping season here, Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers is warning consumers about the dangers of buying counterfeit goods such as DVDs, CDs, computers, designer purses, clothing, jewelry and other items.

Crime Stoppers, a non-profit organization, has partnered with law enforcement and a number of companies to combat counterfeiting and piracy in Los Angeles County. This anti-counterfeiting initiative increases public awareness, education, and provides communities with the means to anonymously report counterfeiting and piracy.

Counterfeiting and piracy crimes are a growing problem in Los Angeles County. As many consumers have found out, counterfeit items are often poor quality, and if they break, there's no return policy from the seller. Black market tobacco products, drugs and pet food also pose health risks to consumers.

What consumers may not know is that organized crime, including street gangs, are a major part of the counterfeit merchandise sales market, authorities said. The profits from counterfeit merchandise sales can be higher than drug sales profits and the penalties are much lighter than traditional crimes such as drug dealing.

Sales of fake "name brand" items have a huge economic impact statewide. The California State Board of Equalization estimates that fake designer clothes, computers, drugs and other items coming through Califor-

nia's seaports drain about \$8 billion each year in tax revenue from state coffers.

The illegal funds from sales of counterfeit goods are usually channeled through the "underground economy" of organized crime gangs to fund illegal human, drug and gun smuggling operations. Counterfeit products usually arrive through Southern California ports and are sold by vendors at flea markets, independent shops, swap meets and online.

Local street gangs are not the only one's involved in counterfeiting and piracy. International terrorist organizations such as Hezbollah and Al Qaeda operating in several states, including California, have been linked to selling and distributing counterfeit merchandise to fund terrorism.

Over the past three years, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Counterfeiting and Piracy Enforcement Team has seized approximately \$320 million worth of knockoff designer products and arrested more than 200 suspected smugglers and counterfeiters. "The bottom line is, if the deal you're being offered seems too good to be true, then you're probably buying a fake and hurting us all in the process," said sheriff's Commander Todd Rogers, who also serves as an advisor to Crime Stoppers.

If you know someone, or see someone, involved in making or selling counterfeit goods, please contact your local law enforcement agency or if you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477).

Meanwhile, Crime Stoppers of-

fered the following suggestions for staying safe during the holidays:

Shopping

When you're out doing your holiday shopping, use common sense.

- Stay alert to your surroundings. If you shop at night, don't go alone. Park in a secure, well-lighted parking lot or parking structure.

- Don't leave your purchases in plain view of a thief. Put your packages in the trunk of the car; lock the car doors and trunk.

- Be extra-careful if you carry a purse or a wallet. They're the prime target of criminals in crowded shopping areas and mass transit stations.

ATMs and Debit Cards

- If you use an ATM to get cash, choose one that's located inside a police station, mall, grocery store, or other well-lighted area. Withdraw only the amount of cash you need.

- Shield the ATM keypad from the view of anyone standing near you, so they won't be able to see your PIN number.

- Don't throw away your ATM receipt at the ATM location.

- Keep the cash in your front pocket.

- If your debit card or credit card is lost or stolen, report it immediately to your bank or credit card company.

At Home

- Be sure to lock your doors and windows when you leave the house or apartment, even for a few minutes.

- If you'll be away from home for an extended time, have a neighbor or family member watch your house and pick up your newspapers and mail.



Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center retirees present a check for \$500 to the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation to benefit the hospital's KnowBarriers Patient Achievement Program. The funds were raised at the recent Rancho Retiree Reunion.



Downey residents Jennifer and Luis Nelson, pictured above in Anvaya Cove, Bataan, Philippines with *The Downey Patriot*.

1st Sgt. Ret. Nick Rangel and Sgt. Ret. USMC Pastor Frank Orzio are pictured above during the Veterans Day presentation at Downey Regional Medical Center last week.



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Cirque du Soleil performers at Stonewood

DOWNEY – To celebrate the release of its upcoming 3D film, "Cirque Du Soleil: World's Away," the films feature performers will appear exclusively at Stonewood Center this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The performers will be perched aboard their "vessel of dreams," allowing shoppers to "experience the magic of the movie event of the year before it hits theaters" on Dec. 21.

Fans will also be able to purchase discounted tickets and enter to win a trip for two to Las Vegas to see a Cirque du Soleil show or a year of free movie passes.

Performances on Saturday will take place directly inside the south-east entrance.

"Cirque du Soleil: World's Away" tells the story of a young couple who is separated and must journey through the worlds of Cirque du Soleil to find each other.

The movie opens Dec. 21 with 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. showtimes. Additional showtimes begin Christmas Day.

For more information on the movie, go online to worldsaway3d.com or fandango.com/cirque.

Thanksgiving: so much to be thankful for

By Bryan Golden

Thanksgiving is much more than a big meal with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on, and be thankful for, all of the good things you have. Even with all of the uncertainty and turmoil in the world, you have so much to be thankful for. It's important to be grateful, not just on Thanksgiving, but each and every day. Rather than lamenting what you feel is lacking in your life, begin each new day by developing an attitude of gratitude. Take inventory of your blessings and you will be surprised at just how much you have to be thankful for.

If you have enough to eat, a place to live, a way to get around, people who care about you, or people you care about, then you are wealthy. If you lack any of these elements, you must still be grateful for what you do have, while striving to obtain what ever is absent.

Focus on all positive aspects of your life. Take nothing for granted. Every morning, recharge your appreciation. Be happy for everything there is, not upset over what you feel is missing.

Dreams of the future shouldn't diminish appreciation for the present. If all you do is concentrate on what you want, you won't enjoy today. Don't be jealous of others; what they do or have has no bearing on you.

You can feel bitter or resentful for a variety of reasons. Perhaps you feel something is missing from your life, things aren't going your way, or you have been treated unfairly. You may wonder, "why do these things always happen to me?"

Life's problems tend to dominate your thoughts, turning your focus to what you feel is wrong. You may start to resent those who appear to be better off. You're apt to dwell on things you think would make your life better if you had them. If only you had more money, more time, a bigger house, a different car, a different job, a different boss, had picked a different career, etc.

Once your attitude becomes one

of deficiency instead of abundance and appreciation, you can become overwhelmed by feelings of frustration and feel like a victim. As this happens, a consuming vicious cycle starts.

Being bitter or resentful blows situations out of proportion. People who are bitter frequently find that their situations deteriorate and their mental and physical health decays.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to achieve your goals while you are bitter or resentful. Regardless of what challenges might befall you, bitterness makes finding solutions much more elusive.

There is no point to feeling bitter

since it accomplishes nothing, harms you and makes things worse. Filling yourself with gratitude on a daily basis makes you feel good, while driving out negative feelings.

Begin your practice of gratitude each morning as soon as you wake. Every day is a great day. If you have any doubts, try missing one. Take inventory of everything, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, that is good in your life.

If it helps, make a written list of all things you are grateful for. Read your list every day. As you do this, you will build and reinforce your attitude of gratitude. Don't waste any time with what you feel you don't

have. Keep things in perspective. Consider all the people who have overcome difficulties far worse than yours. Don't be consumed by your problems, there is always a solution. Maintaining an attitude of gratitude allows your mind to devise a resolution for your circumstances.

Make everyday a day of Thanksgiving and you will be amazed how much better your life will become.

Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Visit www.DareToLiveWithoutLimits.com or your bookstore.

Restaurant Spotlight:



"My family has been doing business in Downey for three generations," confirmed Bill Ortmann, owner-operator of Drinx drive thru espresso bars on the corner of Gallatin and Lakewood Ave. just near the 5 Freeway. (The Market Place @ Gallatin road) Both sets of my grandparents lived less than a mile from where I sell my coffee. Its the same neighborhood where my mom and dad grew up." Ortmann studied and played high school football at St. John Bosco and after graduating college from St. Mary's in Moraga, he returned to Downey, started a family and a business in his hometown. Today, fifteen years later, Ortmann's Drinx drive thru espresso bars continues to serve this community. He attributes his success to the loyalty of his customers. His wife Jeanette works along side him as a partner. His two older children, now in college, often could be found serving Drinx customers during their summer break. "My Grandpa, Roger Williams, opened the first independently franchised McDonalds on the corner of Lakewood and Florence Ave. in the early 1950's." Ortmann believes it was

natural for him to return to Downey to start his business in the footsteps of his Grandpa. "You might say I grew up in the shadow of Speedy," referring to the character perched atop the iconic McDonald's sign at this location. "I serve coffee to the same folks who paid 17 cents for a McDonalds hamburger. "Hiring a steady stream of students from high schools, this coffee lover believes in giving back to Downey. His barista-students have served coffee to customers as they worked their way through high school & college. A couple of former employees now teach in the Downey school system. "We pride ourselves in serving the best coffee, having a positive attitude and giving great service." Ortmann believes that what matters most is how he does business in a small community. "Fifteen years is just a happy beginning for Drinx. I smile when I recognize our stream of regulars. They gather on sunny mornings in the garden patio. We're a community! It's exactly the way I want it!"



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Assistance League Christmas Brunch

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Nearly 300 attendees celebrated the season by watching happy children win four of the beautifully decorated theme trees and listening to Sounds of the Season from the renowned Citrus Singers at the Assistance League of Downey's 44th Annual Christmas Tree Brunch last Sunday at the Long Beach Hilton Hotel. Proceeds from the classy event, co-chaired by Judy Berg and Charlene Roche, will help fund the Assistance League's many Downey philanthropies.



Travel basketball team needs players

DOWNEY – The Downey House of Handlez, a travel basketball team for boys in grades 2-3, is looking for players.

For information on tryouts, call Cynthia Jackson at (562) 416-3298.

Learn to lower your property taxes

LAKESWOOD – L.A. County homeowners who think their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in the value of their property are invited to attend a free seminar next month in Lakewood.

The seminar is conducted by L.A. County and is intended to help taxpayers better understand the assessment appeals process, which many find confusing.

The seminar will cover taxpayers appeal rights and when to file an application for reduction in assessment. The seminar will also cover how to prepare for a hearing, what qualifies as admissible evidence, what will happen at the hearing and what to expect after the hearing.

The free seminar will be held Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Angela M. Iacoboni Library in Lakewood. Other seminar dates include Jan. 10 at the Culver City Public Library, Feb. 13 at the Glendale Public Library and March 21 at the Jack Crippen Senior Center in El Monte.

For more information, call (213) 974-7953.

Cruz finishes Air Force training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman Esteban R. Cruz has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base.

Cruz completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

He also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the community College of the Air Force.

The son of Norma Cruz, he graduated from Warren High School in 2010.

Ruvalcaba finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Army Pvt. Carlo P. Ruvalcaba has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Ruvalcaba studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, and physical fitness.

He also received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

He is the son of Patricia Ruvalcaba, of Downey.

Parents invited to select free tutors

DOWNEY – Parents with students in Downey elementary or middle schools are invited to a "provider fair" Dec. 1 where they can meet tutors who provide free after-school services.

Parents can also ask questions that will help them select a tutor for their child.

Free after-school tutoring is available only for students who receive free or reduced-price meals at school.

The fair is open to parents with children attending Imperial, Lewis, Old River, Rio Hondo or Williams elementary or East, West, Griffiths or Sussman middle school.

The fair is from 9 a.m. to noon inside the cafeteria at Pace Elementary, 9625 Van Ruiten St. in Bellflower.

Stateline bus trip to benefit Warren baseball

DOWNEY – Warren High School's baseball program is sponsoring a turnaround trip to Stateline, NV, on Dec. 8.

Stateline is home to Primm Valley Casino and Whiskey Pete's, along with an outlet mall and more.

The bus will depart from the Downey City Library at 7 a.m. and return at about 11 p.m.

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Trustee Sale No. 22574CA Loan No. 0598547727 Title Order No. 6530024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/04/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11/29/2012 at 09:00 A.M., MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE f/k/a MTDIS, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded 12/19/2006, Book , Page, Instrument 06 2819427 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by: LUIS ENRIQUE RAMIREZ, AS A SINGLE MAN as Trustor, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR GREENPOINT MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., 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 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 or to be held by the trustee 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 notes (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: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Civil Description: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The total amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$476,215.69. The street address and other common designation of the real property purported as: 11945 LESSER STREET , NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8054-0116-004 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER**: The sale date shown on this notice may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22574CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd, CA6-914-0194 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. A-FN437117 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 12/06/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 73982C Loan No. 0598547727 Title Order No. 100727282-CA-MAI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST 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 11-29-2012 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 V. PENA, AS A SINGLE MAN, AND LIZET PENA 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 Deed of Trust recorded in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, 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. CIVIL Description: LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 161110, 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: \$572,233.51 (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; or 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: 11-06-2012 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY, as Trustee BRENDA BATTEN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, California Reconveyance Company 2000 Oakdale Avenue Mail Stop: CA2-4379 Chatsworth, CA 91311 800-892-6902 For Sales Information: www.lpsasap.com or 1-714-730-2727 www.priorityposting.com or 1-714-573-1965 www.auction.com or 1-800-280-2832 CALIFORNIA RECONVEYANCE COMPANY IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER**: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case 11-06-2012. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd, CA6-914-0194 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. A-FN437117 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 12/06/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0068008 Doc ID #000788255362005N Title Order No. 12-01976 Investor's Sale No. 169183233 APN: 8024-034-008 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/03/2004. 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 RAFAELA A. BATES AND LOURDES BATES, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 11/03/2004 and recorded 11/15/2004, as Instrument No. 04 2949172, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, will sell on 12/06/2012 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom 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: 11852 DUNE 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 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 \$313,910.64. 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 shall 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 late charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust as of the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title to the property, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER**: The sale date shown on this notice may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0068008. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd, CA6-914-0194 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. A-FN437117 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 12/06/2012

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postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd., CA6-914-0194 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. A-FN437117 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 12/06/2012

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T.S. No. 12-1763-11 Loan No. 3013346824 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/22/2007. 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 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: GREGORIO MARTINEZ AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND LORETTA FERRO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION Recorded 3/1/2007 as Instrument No. 20070446352 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 12/14/2012 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$279,615.19, estimated Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7318 S. DUNE STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 6233-034-031 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS**: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER**: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case 12-1763-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 11/14/2012 THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION 2955 Main Street, 2nd Floor Irvine, California 92614 Foreclosure Department (949) 720-9200 Sale Information Only: (714) 573-1965 www.StateofCalifornia.com or www.FirmLead P1002279 11/22, 11/29, 12/06/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 1364322-31 APN: 6248-026-003 TRA: 3304 LOAN No: XXXXXX1234 REF: Gutierrez, Cesario IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED February 20, 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. On **November 28, 2012**, at 9:00am, Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded February 27, 2004, as Inst. No. 04 0457989 in book XX, page 1234 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Cesario Gutierrez, a married man, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the financial code and authorized to do business in this state: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, California, 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: 11849 Horton 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. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$368,136.91. If the Trustee is unable to convey title to the property, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER**: The sale date shown on this notice may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0068008. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd, CA6-914-0194 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. A-FN437117 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 12/06/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-12-517879-JB Order No.: 120252936-CA-GTI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/17/2006. 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 national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by 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: 11849 Horton 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. Said sale shall be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$368,136.91. If the Trustee is unable to convey title to the property, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER**: The sale date shown on this notice may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 11-0144624. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd., CA6-914-0194 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. A-FN437117 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 12/06/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0060544 Doc ID #00073355582005N Title Order No. 12-0108715 Investor/Insurer No. 1103617614 APN No. 8076-020-007 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/25/2006. 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 CHARLOTTE M. DUBLETREE AND PATRICK W. DUBLETREE, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 09/25/2006 and recorded 10/04/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2209978, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/03/2012 at 11:00AM, Behind 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: 15503 DOMART AVENUE, NORWALK, CA, 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance 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 \$481,812.98. 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. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. 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Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, 1800 Tapa Canyon Rd., CA6-914-0194 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. A-4322573 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 11-0144624 Doc ID #0007173101602005N Title Order No. 11-0281933 Investor's Sale No. 1702965183 APN No. 7011-026-005 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/25/2007. 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 ALVARO GONZALEZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, dated 01/25/2007 and recorded 2/2/2007, as Instrument No. 2007028255, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/06/2012 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom 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: 12053 166TH 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 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 \$500,332.13. 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. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction,

telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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. A-4323370 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012

The Downey Patriot 11/8/12, 11/15/12, 11/22/12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Loan Number: 0177350204 Trustee Sale Number: CA1100038554 APN: 6260-012-011 Title Order No. 110294152-CA-MSI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/20/2005. 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 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. 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 said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: DANIEL CRUZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded 04/30/2007 as Instrument No. 20071030933 in B124. Sale page: 714-730-2727. Registration office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California Date of Sale: 12/17/2012 at 11:00 A.M. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Property Address is purported to be: 12720 ORIZABA AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 APN#: 6260-012-011. 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 \$430,654.34 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, plus interest. The purchaser shall have no responsibility for the condition of the property, the Trustor or the trustee. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this www.lpsasap.com Internet Web site address for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case file number. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATE: 11/14/2012 Executive Trustee Services, LLC dba ETS Services, LLC 2255 North Ontario Street, Suite 400 Burbank, CA 91504-3140 Sale Line: 714-730-2727 Reinstatement and Payoff Requests: 800.665.3932 Liane Petersen, Authorized Signatory Sale Info Website: www.lpsasap.com Automated Sales Line: 714-730-2727 Reinstatement and Payoff Requests: (800)-665-3932 THIS OFFICE IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX WEST, L.L.C. 11/22/2012, 11/29/2012, 12/06/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 20120015002841 Title Order No.: 120284508 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/09/2005. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 05/16/2005 as Instrument No. 05 1142738 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: VANESSA S. CRUZ AND MERYDIA FORD (EQUATEE) TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/12/2012 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS AND other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 11539 HORLEY AVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6248-010-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The property hereof described is being sold "as is". 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0070245. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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. A-4326097 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012, 11/29/2012

courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.lpsasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case #: 20120015002841. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 2 3210 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 200 IRVINE, CA 92602 714-730-2727 www.lpsasap.com NDEX WEST, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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 under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/20/2005 as Instrument No. 06 2433854, in Book / Page, as Instrument No. 06 2433854, in Book / Page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/13/2012 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel, Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom 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 total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13325 FLATBUSH AVE, 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 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 \$639,732.76. It is possible that at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$639,732.76. It is possible that at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$639,732.76. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0070245. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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. A-4326097 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012, 11/29/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0070245 Doc ID #000237054572005N Title Order No. 1021214149 Investor/Insurer No. 1044794830 APN No. 8051-026-034 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/24/2005. 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. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/24/2005 as Instrument No. 06 2433854, in Book / Page, as Instrument No. 06 2433854, in Book / Page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/13/2012 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel, Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom 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 total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13325 FLATBUSH AVE, 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 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 \$639,732.76. It is possible that at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$639,732.76. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. 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. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0070245. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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. A-4326097 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012, 11/29/2012

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Trustee Sale No. 223238CA Title Order No. 110294152-CA-MSI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/25/2007. 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 12/5/2012 NDEX WEST, L.L.C. as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 08/01/2007, Book, Page, Instrument 20071815547 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: RAYMOND RANGEL AND LISA RANGEL HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS as Trustor. MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK, as Beneficiary, will sell at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on 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, payable in full at time of sale, 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 notes (s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances 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: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Legal Description: Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The total amount of unpaid balance and other charges \$477,438.53 The street address and other

common designation of the real property purported as: 14323 SEAFORTH AVENUE , NORWALK, CA 90650 APN Number: 8072-008-008 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 573-1965 or visit this Internet Web site www.priorityposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case P1000643. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. 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". DATE: 11/7/2012 MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE 1/k/a MTDs, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DBA MERIDIAN TRUST DEED SERVICE 3 DAN JOAQUIN PLAZA, SUITE 215, NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 Sales Line: (714) 573-1965 OR (702) 586-4500 STEPHANIE GARCIA FORECLOSURE OFFICER MERIDIAN FORECLOSURE SERVICE IS ASSISTING THE BENEFICIARY TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1000643 11/15, 11/22, 11/29/2012

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Trustee Sale No. : 20110187500394 Title Order No.: 754850 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/15/2007. 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. NDEX WEST, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/15/2007 as Instrument No. 20072447556, MODIFIED 04/19/2010; INST No. 20100530060 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: LUIS AGUILAR AND LAURA AGUILAR, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/12/2012 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, A. STREET ADDRESS AND other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 13913 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8053-031-0003 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, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case TS No. 12-0070245. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA-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. A-4324151 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALES TS No. 07-0034189 Doc ID #000699306782005N Title Order No. 07-8-13421 Investor/Insurer No. 000699306782005N YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/18/2004. 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 CYNTHIA CORREA, A SINGLE WOMAN, dated 11/18/2004 and recorded 12/2/2004, as Instrument No. 04 3113613, in Book / Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, will sell on 12/26/2012 at 9:00AM, Doubletree Hotel, Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650, Vineyard Ballroom 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: 12641 EASTBROOK AVENUE, 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 \$428,393.28. It is possible that at the time of the 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 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. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case P1000643. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1757 TAPO CANYON ROAD, 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. A-4324151 11/08/2012, 11/15/2012, 11/22/2012

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Downey High beats Norwalk

photos by Martin Trejo

Downey High School forced a late turnover and held on for a thrilling 45-42 win over Norwalk last week in a second-round CIF matchup. Downey will now host Santa Fe on Friday night in the semifinals.



Downey coach Jack Williams celebrates after Mario Galvan kicked a 34-yard field goal to put Downey up 54-35 late in the fourth quarter against Norwalk.



Justin Huff leaps across the goal line to give Downey a 41-35 lead against Norwalk.



Bill Rancic to speak to realtors

DOWNEY – Real estate developer and reality TV star Bill Rancic will be the guest speaker when the Downey Association of Realtors hosts its membership luncheon Dec. 12.

Rancic is host of the nationally syndicated television show, "America Now" with Leeza Gibbons and stars in the reality TV show "Giuliana and Bill" with wife Giuliana Rancic.

Bill also won the first season of Donald Trump's hit show "The Apprentice."

The membership luncheon is open to the public. Tickets are \$20 and include a lunch.

For more details, go online to daor.com.

Nursing student earns scholarship

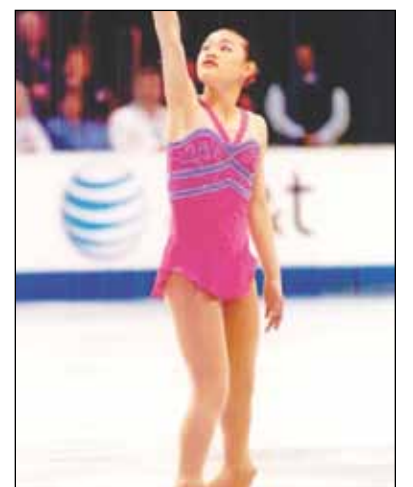
NORWALK – Whittier resident Darlene Rodriguez received a \$1,600 scholarship at the Cerritos College Foundation's Nov. 15 board meeting.

The Carmen Solis Pratt Re-Entry Scholarship was established in 2001 by retired Norwalk Superior Court Judge Dan Pratt in memory of his mother, who valued education but was never able to attend college herself.

Each year, a recipient is selected among applicants who are re-entry students at Cerritos College and are 35 years of age or older.

Rodriguez is pursuing her associate degree in nursing. She serves as class president and is an active member of the Student Nurses Association of Cerritos College.

Upon completed of her studies at Cerritos College in April, Rodriguez plans to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing and eventually become a nurse practitioner.



Lam qualifies for U.S. Nationals

DOWNEY – Downey's Vanessa Lam captured her second Pacific Coast Senior Ladies figure skating title this week in Provo, Utah.

She skated a flawless short program and free skate to win the event with a personal best score of 177.73, nearly 15 points ahead of her closest rival.

Lam's score of 118.30 in the freeskiing portion is the fifth highest score this season in the world; only one American U.S. champion, Ashley Wagner, has scored higher.

The victory in Provo earned Lam a berth at the U.S. National Championships in Omaha this January.

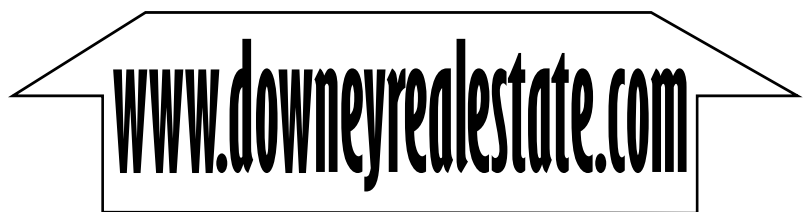
Lam has won two Jr. Grand Prix Gold medals in international competition. The Downey High School senior trains daily at The Rinks Westminster Ice with former Olympic team coach Doug Chapman and Olympic silver medalist Dianne DeLeeuw.

Holiday boutique at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Catholic Church is hosting a holiday boutique Dec. 2 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in its large hall.

Local crafters, artists and businesses will be selling unique items. There will also be a raffle with prizes such as a \$300 bicycle, a Kindle Fire, cash and more.

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

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