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Motorcyclist killed in traffic collision

DOWNEY – A motorcyclist was killed Monday after colliding with a pick-up truck during rainy weather.

The collision occurred at approximately 7:29 a.m. at Stewart and Gray Road and Orizaba Avenue.

Authorities say the motorcycle was traveling eastbound on Stewart and Gray when it collided with a 2005 Toyota Tacoma making a left turn from northbound Orizaba.

The motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene. His name was not released but he was described as a 48-year-old Downey resident.

The driver of the Tacoma was an 18-year-old resident of Downey. He suffered no injuries and did not appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, police said. He was cooperative and released after an interview.

The collision is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Haxton at (562) 904-2339 or Sgt. Miller at (562) 904-2342.

Multiple vehicles burn in possible arson

DOWNEY – Nine vehicles, including a Sheriff's patrol car, were badly burned Wednesday in the MTA Green Line Station parking lot, and investigators think the fire may have been intentionally set.

The fire was reported at 12:30 p.m. in the parking lot located on Lakewood Boulevard at the 105 Freeway.

Authorities described the fire as "possible arson" but said the investigation was continuing.

There were no injuries.

Meanwhile, also on Wednesday afternoon, multiple commercial trucks caught fire while parked near the 12200 block of Woodruff Avenue.

Authorities did not disclose the cause of the fire or whether it was related to the MTA incident.

Parking lot memorial to fallen officer is removed

DOWNEY – The makeshift memorial created in the parking lot where Downey police officer Ricky Galvez was killed last November has been cleared, and authorities are asking that future memorial items such as flowers and candles be placed at the fallen officer monument located between the police station and city hall.

The police department made the announcement in a Facebook post Wednesday.

"The men and women of the Downey Police Department want to thank you, our community, for whom we proudly protect and serve, for the overwhelming outpouring of support since the tragic passing of Officer Ricardo Galvez. An example of that support included creating and assisting in maintaining a memorial in the west parking lot of our police station.

"Going forward, we ask that any memorial items set up at the police station be appropriately placed at our Police Officer Memorial statue located adjacent to the main doors of the police station within the civic center complex.

"Again, thank you for your support and understanding. Words cannot express how much it continues to mean to us."

Galvez, 29, was shot and killed Nov. 18 during an attempted robbery, police said.

Three suspects charged with his murder are awaiting trial.

Downey High alumnus brings sports talk radio to Inland Empire



By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – If you don't know the name Brian S. Arrington, allow me to introduce him.

Since 2012, this on-air radio personality has brought something to the Inland Empire that sparsely existed before: local sports talk programming.

After noticing the void of quality sports talk radio, 40-year-old Arrington, also known as "Coach B," launched IE Sports Net, a weekly show dedicated to the Inland Empire sports base.

"We're technically in the L.A. radio/TV market, but there was nothing dedicated to this area," said Arrington. "My goal was to make IE Sports Net the sports center of San Bernardino County, but growth has exploded in the Inland Empire. We have an opportunity to ride that wave."

Arrington's show, which he co-hosts with Eddie Talbert, recently signed with Fox Sports Radio and now has the potential to become the staple sports talk show in the entire Southern California market.

However, before broadcasting and San Bernardino sports, Arrington was known for something else altogether: local Downey journalism.

"Everything I do in this business is because of Downey," said Arrington, who traces his start back to the corridors of Downey High School.

While a student at Downey High, Arrington recalls his former English teacher Lisa Lucke highlighting his work and suggesting he pursue journalism.

"She said, 'You have talent as a writer,' and that sparked something in me," said Arrington.

He soon began writing for the Downey High School newspaper, formerly

the Norseman, as both the sports and entertainment editor. From there, he freelanced for the Downey Eagle and the Downey Herald-American newspapers in the early 90s.

"During my junior year, I hosted a public access TV show on Downey's Continental CableVision and I was a member of the Teen Advisory Panel for the Long Beach Press-Telegram so I wrote articles for them too," Arrington said.

By the year 2000, Arrington's interest in radio began to rise and after he won a Power 106 Rock the Mic contest, he was sold on becoming an on-air radio host.

"I never wanted to do sports," he said with a laugh. "I wanted to do entertainment and commercial radio because I don't care for the music of today."

With a career in commercial music radio off the table, Arrington decided to go back to his bread and butter -- sports reporting.

A resident of Fontana, Arrington convinced NBC News affiliate KCAA 1050 AM to test run a 13-week locally-produced sports show. With Talbert's help, the show grew to become one of the top-rated shows on KCAA, giving local Inland Empire sports a home on major commercial radio station.

However, things changed for Arrington last August when Fox Sports radio opened up shop in Riverside.

"I sent them our stuff," he said. "We want to be on multiple Fox stations and dominate the San Bernardino market."

Fox Sports Radio signed a deal with IE Sports Net to bring Arrington's show under the Fox umbrella. It now airs on Fox Sports Radio 1350 AM on Saturdays at 8 a.m.

"In a matter of time, we'll be the experts out here. Folks will come to us when they want to know about Inland Empire," he said.

Arrington, who admitted the show makes little profit right now, hopes to place his radio show on TV like other popular on-air personalities. Currently, the radio show airs on KVMD-TV Ch 23 Los Angeles at 5 a.m. on Sundays. With his Fox connection, he believes a TV deal could happen in the future.

For Arrington, there's potential in the expansion of the Inland Empire and that translates into a larger audience. However, the show's influence is already spilling outside of the airwaves as IE Sports Net also helped re-launch the Inland Empire All-Star Classic games, which bring together the best high school athletes to compete regionally.

In April, Arrington and the Daily Bulletin newspaper hosted the first all-star game in five years, drawing nearly 2,200 people to watch the basketball teams play. However, Arrington said none of what he's accomplished could have happened without his inspiring upbringing in Downey.

"Everything I've got is because of that city," he said. "Now 20-plus years later, I have never forgot how it all started for me, back in Downey. All I can say is, 'Go Vikings!'"

Downey Theatre to host Beatles vs. Stones tribute show



DOWNEY – The debate between the Beatles and the Rolling Stones has been going on ever since they first crossed paths on the charts 52 years ago.

The argument at the time, and one that still persists, was that the Beatles were a pop group and the Stones were a rock band: the boys next door vs. the bad boys of rock. So who's better?

These two legendary bands will engage in an on-stage, throw down on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 pm at the Downey Civic Theatre courtesy of tribute bands Abbey Road and Jumping Jack Flash.

Tickets are regularly \$35-\$55 but a 20% discount is available through Jan. 22 by using promo code "Fab4".

Taking the side of the Fab Four is Abbey Road, one of the county's top

Beatles tribute bands. With brilliant musicianship and authentic costumes and gear, Abbey Road plays beloved songs spanning the Beatles' career.

They face off against renowned Stones tribute band Jumping Jack Flash, who offer a faithful rendition of the music and style of Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and the bad boys of the British Invasion.

Where did the idea for the show come from?

"Music fans never had a chance to see the Beatles and the Rolling Stones perform on the same marquee," said Young Hutchison, who plays "Keith Richards" in the show. "Now, music aficionados can watch this debate play out on stage."

The Downey show is part of a 125-stop tour of the U.S., Puerto Rico, Mexico and Canada and has been touring since 2011. The show also performs long-term residencies for a number of Harrah's Casino properties. The production includes some of the more popular songs from the two rock pioneers and covers the scope of their musical careers, although the set list for Jumping Jack Flash usually includes Rolling Stones songs up to the 1980s.

"They may have more pop songs, but we kill it on the live show. They're not even in the same league," said Joey Infante, who performs as Jagger.

During the two-hour show, the bands perform three sets each, trading places in quick set changes and ending the night with an all-out encore involving both bands. The band members have their outfits custom-made, since avid fans know exactly what the Beatles and Stones wore onstage during different time periods in their careers.

There's a lot of good-natured jabbing between the bands as well.

"Without Beatlemania, the Stones might still be a cover band in London," said Chris Overall, who plays "Paul." "There's no question that the Beatles set the standard."

Tickets can be purchased online at downeytheatre.com, in person at the theater box office, or by calling (562) 861-8211. The show is appropriate for all ages.

Lazy Dog announces grand opening date

DOWNEY – Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar will open to the public Jan. 19, becoming the first restaurant to open at the new Promenade development.

The restaurant will be Lazy Dog's 19th location.

"We're thrilled to announce that we'll be settling down roots at The Promenade as we continue to expand our Lazy Dog family in Southern California, our home base," said Chris Simms, founder and CEO of Lazy Dog. "It's exciting to become part of a new community for us, especially when we can create a space where people feel comfortable dining -- whether it be for a casual bite amongst family or a celebratory meal with friends."

The Downey restaurant covers more than 9,400 square feet and boasts

rustic decor and accents such as fireplaces. There is also a chandelier created using Aspen logs.

Multiple televisions are located throughout the bar and patio, which is dog-friendly.

Lazy Dog opened its first location near Huntington Beach in 2003. The upscale casual dining restaurant offers food made from scratch along with craft brews and hand-crafted cocktails.

The restaurant will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to midnight, and weekends from 10 a.m. to midnight.

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 58°

Sunday 61°



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Saturday - Oak Street Gym in Torrance, 6 p.m.

Pacific Coast Wrestling puts on a live card, with a main event "lights out" match. \$15-\$20.



Nick Kroll

Saturday - Largo at the Coronet, 7 p.m.

The actor and comedian is joined on stage by his friends. \$30

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Downey float wins Founders Trophy

Hilda Contreras: Congratulations to the City of Downey for another beautiful float and a big Thank You to all volunteers

Kathy Crowe Perez: Thank you to all of the volunteers of the Downey Rose Float Association who devoted so many, many hours to make this possible and make all of us Downeyites so proud!

Alicia Edquist: Take time to enjoy my family, friends and outdoors. Also to get a job working in social media for a news outlet.

Pamela Jones-Tintle: It is so beautiful! Reminds me of a Lladro figurine. Congratulations to all that were involved.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyPatriot: Downey has won the Founder's Trophy for being the most beautiful entry built and decorated by volunteers from a community or organization.

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Sandra Thorstenson to retire as Whittier superintendent

WHITTIER – After a 39-year career as a teacher and administrator in the Whittier Union High School District – including over 14 years as district superintendent – Sandra Thorstenson has announced she will retire in June 2016.

“These 39 years at Whittier Union have been fulfilling, memorable and heart-filled. It has been a joy to be a part of the wonderful strides we’ve made to develop a culture of collaboration that supports student achievement and teacher and staff development,” Thorstenson said.

“The success of Whittier Union has always been about collaboration, about talented, deeply committed staff with a powerful conviction that demographics do not determine destiny, and that every decision we make be student-centered. Those core values have deep roots in our district that our Board of Trustees has promoted and stood behind, and our teachers and staff have embraced. There is no question that Whittier Union is special because of the people. I will truly miss everyone here.”

Raised in Whittier since the age of 5, Thorstenson, 60, is a Latina and graduate of Whittier High School and Whittier College. The first in her family to go to college, she earned a Master of Education in educational administration from Cal State Fullerton.

Thorstenson has served Whittier Union in multiple positions since 1977, including assistant superintendent of educational services, principal,

assistant principal and classroom teacher.

During her tenure, Thorstenson worked in four of the six campuses in the district and was a student and parent at each of the other two schools. As superintendent for more than 14 years, Thorstenson has made it a priority to visit every classroom throughout the district several times a year.

Whittier Union includes five comprehensive high schools, a continuation school, an independent studies program and the Whittier Adult School. Thorstenson has spearheaded the transformation of the district – which serves more than 13,000 mostly Latino high school students and 7,000 adult school students – into “a high-achieving district recognized across the nation as a model,” district officials said.

Whittier Union has achieved considerable distinction due to the fact that students at every school have demonstrated significant and ongoing increases in achievement on multiple indicators despite 69 percent of students being socio-economically disadvantaged.

The District’s “Whatever It Takes” initiative has focused on setting high expectations for all students, challenging and engaging them regardless of background or previous effort levels, and providing targeted intervention and support integrated into the overall instructional program. The result has been a significant increase in graduation rates and A-G

college entrance requirement rates and a significant decrease in dropout rates.

The district’s comprehensive high school graduation rate has been at 96 percent, compared to 80 percent statewide and 77 percent in Los Angeles County. The district’s dropout rate in 2013-14 was 4.5 percent, well below the state dropout rates of 11.6 percent and the county rate of 12.6 percent.

The District has also made great strides among English learners. The graduation rate among these students last year was 82.3 percent, 22.1 percentage points higher than county rates. The dropout rate was 7 percent, nearly 16 percentage points lower than county rates.

In addition, 57 percent of seniors at the comprehensive high schools complete A-G courses required for entrance into four-year universities, and 95 percent are going on to higher education or trade schools.

Thorstenson has been lauded by her peers for her leadership, including early efforts to implement the new California Standards in Whittier Union, her work supporting the success of English language learners, efforts to build and foster a collaborative culture of high expectations in Whittier Union, coaching of new superintendents and leadership of education efforts such as the Association of California School Administrators’ (ACSA) “One Voice for Students” state initiative.

Appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown, Thorstenson was selected by her peers to chair the inaugural five-member governing board of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, which advises, supports and assists school districts and county superintendents in achieving the goals set forth in Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) that are required under new state funding rules.

She is a member of Soroptimist International of Whittier and was a past board member of the Whittier Chamber.

Downey Symphony concert to feature world premiere



Bryan Kostors

DOWNY – The Downey Symphony will make musical history at its concert on Saturday, Jan. 23, at the Downey Theatre—and the audience will be part of it as well.

The orchestra will perform the world premiere of Bryan Kostors’ “To the Dust” and in fact commissioned the creation by the young composer.

Kostors lives in Owens Valley, and his piece is a musical response to the diversion of water from the Valley to Los Angeles more than a century ago. That diversion created an environmental disaster, leaving Owens Lake an alkali flat with punishing dust storms.

Court-ordered mitigation efforts are under way, but the Valley has never recovered. Despite El Niño, the work’s theme is highly relevant, given the persisting drought.

Kostors has also created a video that will accompany the music, making this an unusual and powerful multimedia event.

For information and a trailer, see bryancurtkostors.com/todust/.

The concert showcases the orchestra’s string section. Also on the program are Mozart’s perennial favorite “Eine kleine Nachtmusik” (“A Little Nightmusic”), the English composer Gustav Holst’s “St. Paul’s Suite” (named after the Anglican Cathedral in London), and the Czech composer Anton Dvořák’s beautifully melodic “Serenade for Strings.”

Maestra Sharon Lavery will give a free talk about the evening’s program at 7:15 pm.

Under Maestra Lavery, the Symphony has been committed to performing new music.

“Symphonic music is not only a great tradition but a living art,” says Lavery, “and we want our audience to have the chance to hear new music as well as familiar favorites.”

The Spanish composer Oscar Navarro’s “Downey Overture,” written for the orchestra and given its premiere in 2011, has since been performed widely in Europe and the

United States. It will be performed at the April 9 concert, along with the West Coast premiere of his new “Concerto for Clarinet.”

Last season, the orchestra performed the premiere of the string orchestra version of Kostors’ “Five Variations on Loss and Isolations,” which was received with enthusiastic applause.

As usual, in partnership with the Downey Arts Coalition, Pat Gil and E. J. Ball have organized an exhibit of work by artists local and far flung on the theme, “Tempest: A Storm of Light, Nature, and the Human Condition.” More than 20 artists will participate and works can be purchased.

The Theatre’s doors open at 6:30 p.m. so that patrons can enjoy refreshments and view the art before the performance as well as at intermission.

In addition, renowned local poet Frank Kearns has written a poem for this concert titled “Night Music.” It will be on a poster in the lobby and in the printed program as well.

Larry Lewis, President of the Downey Symphonic Society, notes that “the Symphony’s concerts are increasingly providing a center where all the arts can come together and offer patrons a live and memorable experience.”

Good seats are still available. Tickets are \$30 or \$35; students with ID \$10. The Box Office at 8435 Firestone Blvd. is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at (562) 904-7230 or online at downeysymphony.org. Free parking adjacent to Theatre.

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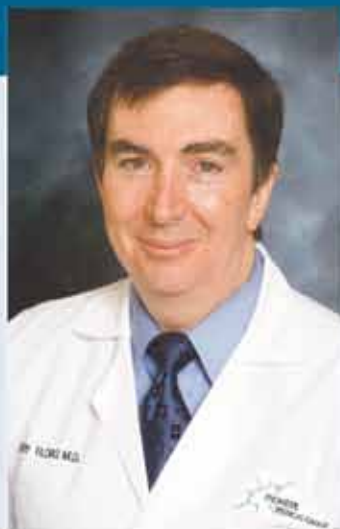
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Legislator wants to repeal ‘tampon tax’

DOWNY – Assemblymember Cristina Garcia has introduced a measure that would make feminine hygiene products exempt from sales tax.

Calling it a “tampon tax,” Garcia

says women are forced to pay more than \$20 million annually in taxes on tampons and sanitary napkins, paying on average \$7 per month for 40 years.

Feminine hygiene products are

a basic necessity and should be free instead of taxes, Garcia said.

“Basically we are being taxed for being women,” Garcia added. “This is a step in the right direction to fix this gender injustice. Women have no choice but to buy these products, so the economic effect is only felt by woman and women of color are particularly hard hit by this tax.

“You can’t just ignore your period, it’s not like you can just ignore the constant flow.”

California law already provides sales tax exemptions on certain health items, including walkers, medical identification tags, and prescription medication.

“When we look at other items that are tax exempt, I think it is only fair that these essential female products be included,” Garcia said.

“In fact, it is my hope that one day these necessary items will be free to all women.”

The proposed legislation is co-authored by Assemblymember Ling Ling Chang (R-Diamond Bar).

Five U.S. states, Canada, the U.K. and Malaysia already have repealed sales tax on feminine hygiene items



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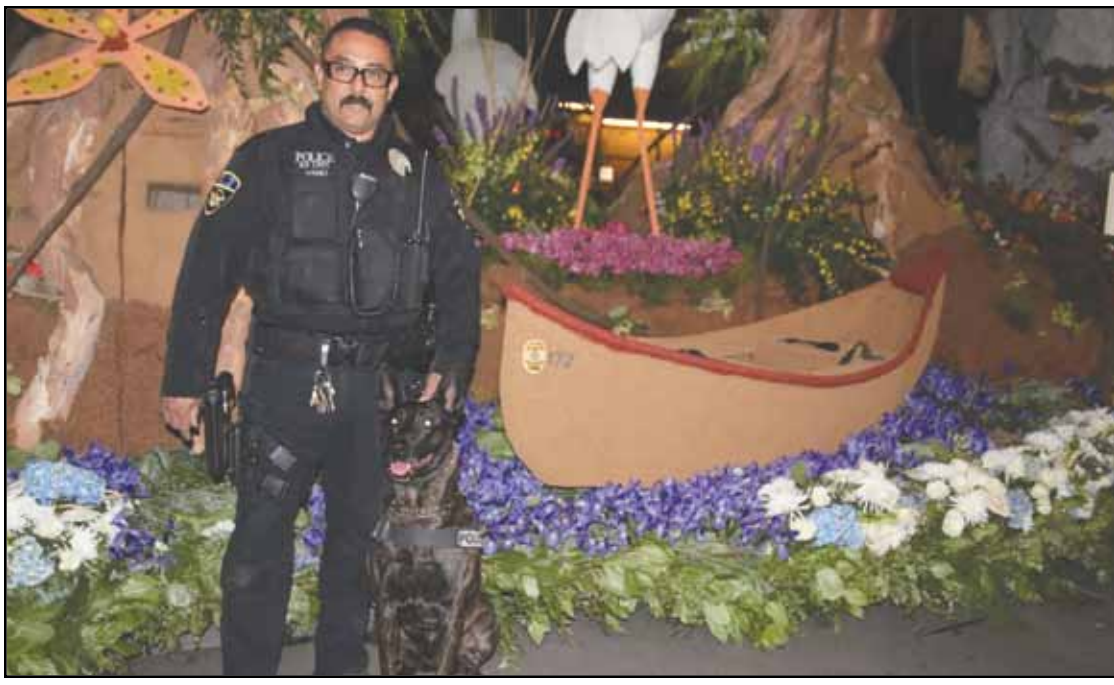


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Downey's float, "Exploring the Everglades," won the Founder's Trophy at the Tournament of Roses Parade last Friday.

Measuring at 55 feet long and 18 feet tall, the float featured three panthers and five blue herons, three of which were animated. Downey's float was also covered in thousands of flowers and various plant life of different species.

The float returned from Pasadena on Sunday and was on display at the Embassy Suites.

Cpl. Ed Hano of the Downey Police Department is pictured above in front of the float, which featured a tribute to fallen Downey police officer Ricky Galvez.



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CRIME REPORT

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

At 1:30 a.m., Downey police officers arrested a 37-year-old man from Pico Rivera after he was caught with narcotics and a firearm. Downey Police Officers responded to the 10000 block of Imperial Highway after receiving a report of a suspicious man sitting in a car.

When officers arrived, the driver ran from the car, but was caught nearby. Officers determined the driver was selling narcotics, was in possession of a firearm, and was a felon. He was arrested and later transported to the Los Angeles County Jail.

At 3:00 a.m., a 46-year-old man from Covina was driving under the influence of alcohol when he was involved in a traffic collision at Telegraph and True.

Nobody was injured in the collision, but the intoxicated driver was arrested by Downey Officers for drunk driving.

Provided by the Downey Police Department

Healthy Downey 5K now taking sign-ups

DOWNEY – Registration is underway for the fourth annual Healthy Downey 5K run/walk, taking place Feb. 27 at Apollo Park.

The event is a fundraiser for the TLC Family Resource Center, which provides counseling and resources to Downey students and their families.

Early registration before Feb. 15 is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 5-18, and includes a commemorative T-shirt.

Same-day registration is \$40 for adults and \$30 for kids, and does not include a T-shirt.

Check-in begins at 6:15 a.m., with opening remarks and warm-up at 7:30. The run/walk starts at 8 and concludes with an awards ceremony at 9:30.

No pets are allowed, and the walk will be held rain or shine. Online registration is available at dusd.net/tlc.

Vendor spaces are available for \$30, including a table and two chairs. Vendor registration deadline is Feb. 1.

There are also sponsorship opportunities, ranging from \$50-\$1,000.

For more information on signing up as a vendor or sponsor, call (562) 904-3577.

Prominent author Erika Lee to visit Cerritos

CERRITOS – Award-winning historian and one of the nation's preeminent scholars on the subject of Asian Americans, Erika Lee, will discuss her book "The Making of Asian America: A History" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room.

Copies of Lee's book will be available for purchase. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

The granddaughter of Chinese immigrants, Lee grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She teaches history at the University of Minnesota, where she is also the Rudolph J. Vecoli chair in immigration history and director of the Immigration History Research Center.

She also wrote "At America's Gates" and co-authored "Angel Island."

Lee's presentation is offered in conjunction with the Cerritos Library's exhibition "I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story" on display now through Sunday.

A celebration of Asian Pacific American history across a multitude of diverse cultures, the "I Want the Wide American Earth" exhibition explores how Asian Pacific Americans have shaped and been shaped by the course of our nation's history. Programs in the January "Library News" in the City's newsletter with the star symbol are offered in conjunction with the exhibition.

Program information is also available on the Library's website at cerritoslibrary.us.

Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

MAYOR'S CORNER

No. 1 priority is keep Downey community safe

Happy New Years Downey!

I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and are ready for an exciting and productive 2016. Thank you to the Downey Patriot for publishing the Mayor's Corner in an effort to keep everyone up to date of the many things happening in our great City. I look forward to using this column to discuss the many things taking place in Downey throughout the year.

I am honored to be the Mayor of Downey and am humbled at the opportunity to serve the community where I have lived my entire life and where, together with my wife Giggy, are raising our 3 children.

My vision for 2016 will be centered around the goals and priorities we have set as your City Council and as Mayor. Our No. 1 priority is, and will always be, to improve public safety and prevent crime. We have an outstanding Downey police department and are grateful for their service. Almost 70% of our \$162 million dollar budget is dedicated to police and fire services and it is worth every dollar.

We will continue to advocate for more accessible and transparent local government to better serve you and to ensure that all city funds and finances are managed in a fiscally conservative and responsible manner.

I look forward to continuing the positive business and economic growth trend in Downey. Aside from the businesses opening at the Promenade in the next few months, we will also focus on expanding and attracting medical related jobs by introducing a medical overlay zone later this year. This will enable us to attract skilled medical jobs, including research and university related jobs.

We will also focus on creating a plan to develop and attract businesses to the south side of town, such as along Imperial Highway. With the Promenade, the \$400 million upgrade at Rancho Los Amigos hospital and other new businesses opening soon, we look forward to positive growth in that area and we want to be prepared and plan accordingly.

This year is particularly special as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Downey. We will be honoring Downey's history throughout the year with various events, large and small. Stay tuned to Celebrate Downey in 2016!

One of my goals this year is to expand and embrace the arts and culture movement in our City through various programs, including a Downtown Art Walk. This year, I invite you to get involved, volunteer and become engaged to make a difference in our community. Join a service club, volunteer with our seniors, join our new Downey Special Olympic basketball team or participate in our monthly trash clean-up events. The more you get involved, the stronger the fabric of our community becomes and the greater the impact we make on Downey and the lives of others. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Stay tuned for frequent updates on projects that are underway and upcoming events. If you haven't already, sign up for the Downey Alerts on our City website at www.downeyca.org to receive important updates. Also download our City of Downey App to your phone to report graffiti, potholes, broken street lights, and more. It's easy and important we do our part.

As always, I invite you to contact me if you have questions, ideas, or comments about our City at (562) 904-7274, or by emailing me at asaab@downeyca.org.

We have a great year ahead of us and I'm eager to work together with you to accomplish our goals. Let's continue to work together to keep Downey moving forward. Here's to a great 2016! #DowneyFirst #DowneyStrong

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Opinion

Legislature failures

Dear Editor:

As we end the fabulous year of 2015 and start 2016, I would just like to remind everyone how productive our state officials have been in Sacramento. They champion themselves to care about “the people” but let’s just take a look at some the whopper legislation that has come from the Capital.

Assembly Bill 1343 which was authorized by Assemblyman Tony Thurman of Richmond passed 77-0 and 15-5 in the Senate. Governor Brown signed it into law and what this does is that for criminal cases, prosecutors should look for a plea bargain to avoid deportation for the undocumented. They made an argument for “hardship” or how the children born from undocumented parents might suffer.

It was based in case law Padilla V Kentucky (2010), about a legal resident from Honduras that was trafficking marijuana illegally. They also used the 6th Amendment of the Constitution that guarantees a criminal defense council. The purpose is that attorneys have to advise non-citizens that a guilty plea could result in possible deportation. My question is why? There are consequences for criminal activity.

Another whopper would be Senate Bill 1310 which reduces the chance of deportation for minor crimes for people that were convicted of misdemeanors. Under our current Federal law, a felony is a crime punishable by 365 days or more so this bill reduced it to 364 days instead so these crimes would be counted as misdemeanors. This means that now crimes such as theft, forgery, and fraud won’t carry such a stigma, encouraging people to be held less accountable for their criminal behavior.

Don’t forget about Proposition 47 which reduced overcrowding releasing many criminals out of jail back onto our streets. My questions are once again why? There should be consequences for criminal activity.

AB 1461 also passed and this one is called “The New Motor Voter Act.” The purpose is to encourage more people to vote in the state due to our record low turnout by automatically registering voters when they receive their driver’s licenses or state ID cards. Last year, let me remind you, that AB 60 which is called “The Safe and Responsible Driver Act (2013)” was passed in the state. This law allows the DMV not to refer to past cases of perjury or fraud for people when obtaining licenses if the person did commit criminal activity.

So in conjunction with AB 1461, AB60 not only benefits people who shouldn’t be driving in the first place, but it also essentially could lead to voter fraud because someone could be undocumented with driving privileges and registered to vote automatically. I know that some have argued that it won’t happen, but just think of the likelihood? By the way, or State Senator Tony Mendoza and our Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia both voted yes on them.

As we start 2016 I can’t wait to see what our legislators will pass this year to make our lives less safe and our communities more dangerous. It is almost unbelievable to me that they keep getting reelected after the conditions that they have created.

Johnathan Quevedo
Downey

Republicans vs. Democrats

Dear Editor:

The article “Republicans Know Nothing About Syria” acts as if to imply that only Democrats are knowledgeable about the Middle East, particularly Syria.

If they are the smartest and brightest among American politicos, how come this fiasco is still continuing unabated, and unsolvable, and in fact increasing more so than decreasing?

That fellow writer seems to be a die hard Democrat who only sees the Republicans as our enemy. He must have had a BS degree in diplomacy, and I don’t mean brilliant speech.

Blaming only Republican candidates for this worldwide fiasco makes me think he is a Democrat perfectionist. He ain’t blaming present administration and President Obama for any failures while we are in a downward spiral as a legitimate world power. They have done more damage to America’s image as a world power than all previous presidents combined.

These Republican presidential candidates are not causing our world problems but they are the only ones trying to fix it, not Hillary or Bernie Sanders. Republicans are the only hope that America will survive as a nation in these times.

That two-bit country would not have lasted four weeks if we had true American leaders like Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and generals like George Patton. You know diplomacy coming from Obama’s mouth is just a lot of hot air, and no amount of sweet talk will ever pacify or soothe those fanatical people.

We need more true candidates of both parties who don’t have stomach problems, meaning no guts.

Joe Cvetko
Bellflower

Taking the initiative

Dear Editor:

In Jack Russell’s interesting letter to the editor (“Picking Up Trash,” 12/31/15), he tells of picking up trash in his neighborhood on his morning walks. He states he is not a youth, he is 76 years old.

A few years ago graffiti was rampant in my area so I bought several cases of a chemical spray for removing those tags. In a case carried over my shoulder, I had cans of spray, spatulas for removing signs affixed to posts, on walls, on telephone booths and rags for cleaning up the area.

It was a great feeling of satisfaction to clean up the area but in addition it saved the city great sums of money for me to clean those areas.

Downey graffiti lead worker Lisa Fox was kind enough to give me many tips for removing and cleaning up these areas. With my equipment I could quickly remove the graffiti and leave the area clean.

Jack Russell stated in his letter that he is not a youth; he is 76 years old while I am 94.

Byron Dillon
Downey

Reaction to President Obama’s executive action on gun control

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez: President Obama today took necessary executive actions to address the problem of gun violence in our country. However, his executive order can only go so far to making our country safer.

Gun violence is an epidemic in the US with an average of more than 30 people killed every day by someone using a gun. Congress needs to do its part and pass common sense gun control legislation. Too many people are victims of gun violence every day in our country; and too many guns are ending up in the wrong hands.

It is time to get past the overheated political rhetoric and allow common sense to prevail.

Donald Trump: They are not going to screw around with the Second Amendment. It is not going to happen. That is the way it is.

Jeb Bush: Barack Obama has proved again why he will go down as one of the most liberal and divisive presidents in the history of our nation. Obama’s declaration that he will impose his gun control agenda by executive order shows an utter disregard for the Second Amendment as well as the proper constitutional process for making laws in our nation.

Liberals like Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton seize on every opportunity to advance a gun-grabbing agenda. After the ISIS-inspired terrorist attack in San Bernardino, Obama and Clinton called for sweeping gun control provisions that would trample on the Second Amendment. Recognizing that there is no chance to push their agenda through Congress, where even less liberal Democrats oppose their gun control policies, Obama has once again turned to unlawful executive orders to bypass Congress. Similar to his executive orders to grant legal status to millions of immigrants here illegally without securing the border or the support of Congress, Obama is now trying to do an end-run on the Second Amendment.

Bernie Sanders: “It’s become clear that no mass shooting, no matter how big or bloody, will inspire Republicans to put children and innocent Americans over the interests of the NRA. They are simply more loyal to gun lobbyists than our children. That’s why I support President Obama’s executive actions to make our communities safer.

Ben Carson: The President’s actions have everything to do with advancing his political agenda & little to do with actually protecting American citizens.

Hillary Clinton: Thank you for taking a crucial step forward on gun violence. Our next president has to build on that progress—not rip it away.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard: Today, I am heartened to see that President Obama has committed to reducing gun violence through executive action. I agree with the President that we must conduct background checks to keep dangerous firearms out of the wrong hands and protect our communities from gun violence. I also strongly support the President’s call for increased funding for access to mental health services. These common sense reforms to our gun policies are long overdue. As a steward of America’s public safety, I welcome the President’s efforts.

Mike Huckabee: President Obama, you say if we can save one life we should. Well, apply 5th & 14th amendments to the unborn and save 4,000 lives a day.

Martin O’Malley: As President, I will build on President Obama’s progress by taking further executive actions to reform our gun laws. These include using the purchasing power of our federal government -- the biggest customer gun companies have -- to advance gun safety, banning ‘cop killer’ ammunition, declaring blanket immunity for gun dealers and manufacturers unconstitutional, and ceasing to defend the federal immunity law.

Rand Paul: In the United States, we do not have a king, but we do have a Constitution. We also have the Second Amendment, and I will fight tooth and nail to protect it.

Marco Rubio: Barack Obama released terrorists from Guantanamo, and now they are plotting to attack us.

Instead of fighting to fund our troops, he fights to fund Planned Parenthood.

He spies on Israel, and cut a deal with Iran.

His plan after the attack in San Bernardino: take away our guns.

While ISIS is beheading people, burning them in cages, he says climate change is our greatest threat.

I’m Marco Rubio. I approve this message because America needs a real commander-in-chief and a president that will keep us safe.

Carly Fiorina: Obama’s latest executive order on guns is another lawless, unconstitutional overreach. The 2nd Amendment is an individual right. Mr. President, how about enforcing the laws we have?

Nancy Pelosi: Gun violence is an epidemic in America. We have a moral responsibility to address the daily tragedy of gun deaths in our communities, and the vast majority of Americans support commonsense action to reduce gun violence. Yet the Republican Congress refuses to even keep guns out of the hands of suspects on the FBI’s Terrorist Watchlist.

We cannot fail to act while so many Americans are dying. While Republicans continue their outrageous obstruction, the President is taking commonsense steps to reduce gun violence. The President is using his clear authority to toughen the application and enforcement of existing law to help save lives. Congress should support the increased resources needed for law enforcement and mental health care.

Of course, the President’s common sense steps cannot substitute for Congressional action on gun violence. Congress must come together to build on the President’s steps to curb gun violence and pass the bipartisan King-Thompson legislation to strengthen background checks and keep guns out of the wrong hands.

Tax credits for working families, not corporations

By Richard Kirsch

The conventional wisdom in Washington is that tax breaks for corporations lead to economic growth. Tax assistance for working families, on the other hand, may help them make ends meet, but it doesn’t have much impact on the economy.

The conventional wisdom has it backwards. And so did Congress, when it wrestled through a huge tax package that gave corporations plenty to celebrate as lawmakers finished their work for 2015.

If we’re going to drive our economy forward and provide economic security to Americans, we need to get this right. And so does the next president.

In the year-end deal, Republicans led the charge for extending corporate tax breaks, racking up more than \$351 billion worth over 10 years. Democrats, meanwhile, pushed for boosting tax credits for low-wage workers and people with children. In all, those breaks for the rest of us added up to \$118 billion — less than half as much as the corporate tax breaks.

This balance fits the pro-corporate prescription for economic growth put out by virtually every Republican presidential candidate.

But according to an economic analysis by Moody’s — an economic research service aimed at the business world — working family tax credits would boost the economy by many times more than corporate tax breaks.

Moody’s reports that allowing businesses to write off investment expenses more quickly leads to 29 cents in economic growth for every one dollar in reduced corporate taxes. More generally, they say, cutting corporate tax rates leads to 32 cents in economic growth for every dollar corporations don’t pay in taxes.

There’s much more bang for our buck in the credits for working families. The biggest of those is the Earned Income Tax Credit, a break for low-wage working people that boosts the economy by \$1.23 for every dollar. The tax credit for childcare is even better, with a return of \$1.38.

The bottom line is that these \$351 billion in corporate tax breaks over

ten years will increase economic growth by about \$105 billion. But the \$118 billion in tax credits for working families will boost the economy by about \$149 billion.

In other words, working family tax credits will drive over 40 percent more economic growth at one-third the cost.

The reason? Virtually every dollar returned to working people gets pumped back into the local economy. Families spend the money on basics, like rent, childcare, groceries, getting to work, and doctor’s bills.

Despite what big businesses tell us, reducing corporate taxes has little impact on investment or jobs. Corporations only decide to invest in a new place or hire more people when they believe they can sell more products — not when the taxes they pay on those sales go down. Instead of spending those tax breaks on new hires, corporations are more likely to hike CEO pay and pad their stock price and dividends.

So why is the conventional wisdom so wrong?

Because corporate front groups and lobbyists — some 1,400 of them in Congress — have spent years peddling the tall tale that corporations are job creators who need lower taxes to do what they do best. Like any myth, repeating it over and over again makes it more believable, even when it’s not true.

Clearly, working and middle-class families are the engines of the economy. When people have good jobs that can support their families, that provides more customers for businesses and boosts the economy.

Remember this when the Republican candidate for president tells you that instead of raising the minimum wage or making childcare or college tuition more affordable, we should cut corporate taxes. It’s not just a matter of what’s fair — it’s that fairness is the biggest driver of economic growth.

Richard Kirsch is a senior fellow at the Roosevelt Institute, the author of Fighting for Our Health: The Epic Battle to Make Health Care a Right in the United States, and a senior adviser to USAction.

Government needs to work better

By Lee H. Hamilton

Whoever wins next November’s presidential election, it’s a sure bet that at some point he or she will vow to set the federal government on the straight and narrow. Maybe the new President will even resort to the time-honored pledge to create a government “as good as the people.” It’s a bracing sentiment. But you’ll want to take it with a grain of salt.

Our history is filled with remarkable government accomplishments. Our involvement in World War II and hands-on approach to the postwar reconstruction of Europe and Japan, our role in ending the Cold War, the interstate highway system, extending the right to vote to all our citizens, federal research and support for ending diseases such as polio... There’s a long list of crucially important efforts the federal government has executed well.

Yet every American ought also to be alarmed by an expanding list of missteps and blunders. In a report last month for the highly capable and too-little-noticed Volcker Alliance — whose goal is to improve government effectiveness — NYU Professor Paul C. Light drew attention to what he calls “a shocking acceleration in the federal government’s production of highly visible mistakes, miscalculations, and maladministration.” He went on to say, “[T]he aging bureaucracy can no longer guarantee faithful execution of all the laws, and it has become increasingly unpredictable in where and how it will err.”

A moment’s reflection will call to mind a sobering litany of failures: the inability to stop the 9/11 attacks; the confused, inadequate response to Hurricane Katrina; the even more confused response to the 2008 financial collapse; shortfalls in the care of our veterans; bridge collapses, mining accidents, and other failures caused by inadequate funding for inspection and regulation; the breaches in White House security; the fact that we’ve now been fighting a war on terror for nearly 15 years with no end in sight... It’s enough to make the staunchest champion of government action lose hope.

These failures can occur for many reasons: muddled policy, insufficient resources, poor organization, lack of leadership, lack of skills, sometimes even outright misconduct. The question isn’t really what or who is to blame. It’s how we turn things around and reverse the accelerating pace of breakdowns.

To start, the executive and the legislative branches need to focus on the implementation of policy. A lot of hard work goes into its creation, both on Capitol Hill and in the agencies, but the sad truth is that much less attention goes to how it’s going to be carried out. This is largely in the hands of the President, but Congress has a crucial role to play both in crafting the law to account for how it will be implemented, and then in pursuing oversight afterward. Both branches need to pay attention to how they will assess effectiveness, anticipate problems, make sure that staffing is adequate, and provide necessary resources.

Second, if making policy today is complicated, so is implementing it. This means that we need skillful people within the government to carry it out. Let’s be blunt. You don’t want a second-rate lawyer negotiating arms control or trade agreements. You don’t want third-rate scientists defining drinking-water requirements. Getting things right means hiring good people, retaining them, and then making sure they’re held to account with well-conceived metrics.

Finally, we have to put an end to the politics that so often stymies policy. Too often these days, the losers of a policy debate immediately turn to torpedoing it. They block the filling of key positions, cut funding, twist the objectives, or impose hiring freezes. They block policy changes that would improve implementation, put unqualified executives in control, or tolerate misconduct and confusion. Some government failures aren’t the result of muddled policy, lack of leadership, or incompetence; they’re the result of what amounts to calculated sabotage.

Most Americans want government to work well. We want it to enhance the quality of our lives and our communities. Arguments over the appropriate size of government are important, but that’s not the issue here. The issue is that when a policy is adopted, it needs to be executed effectively. Whoever our next President turns out to be, let’s hope he or she takes that charge seriously.

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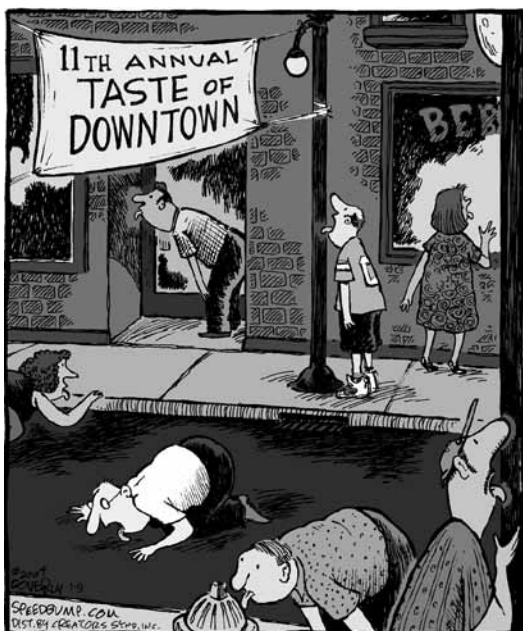
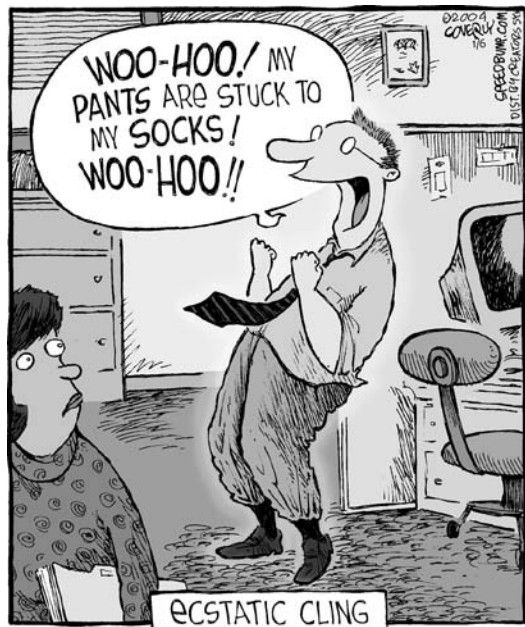
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EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Wednesday, Jan. 13: City Affairs meeting, Farmers & Merchant Bank, 12 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day...

Jan. 7, 1953: President Harry S. Truman announced in his State of the Union address that the United States had developed a hydrogen bomb.

1959: The United States recognized Fidel Castro's new government in Cuba.

2005: Actor Brad Pitt and actress Jennifer Aniston announced they were separating after four years of marriage.

BIRTHDAYS: Mexican singer Juan Gabriel (66), actor David Caruso (60), TV show host Katie Couric (59), politician Rand Paul (53), actor Nicolas Cage (52), former Dodgers closer Eric Gagne (40), actor Dustin Diamond (39) and football player Michael Sam (26).

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ONE CENTURY AGO: What happened in 1916

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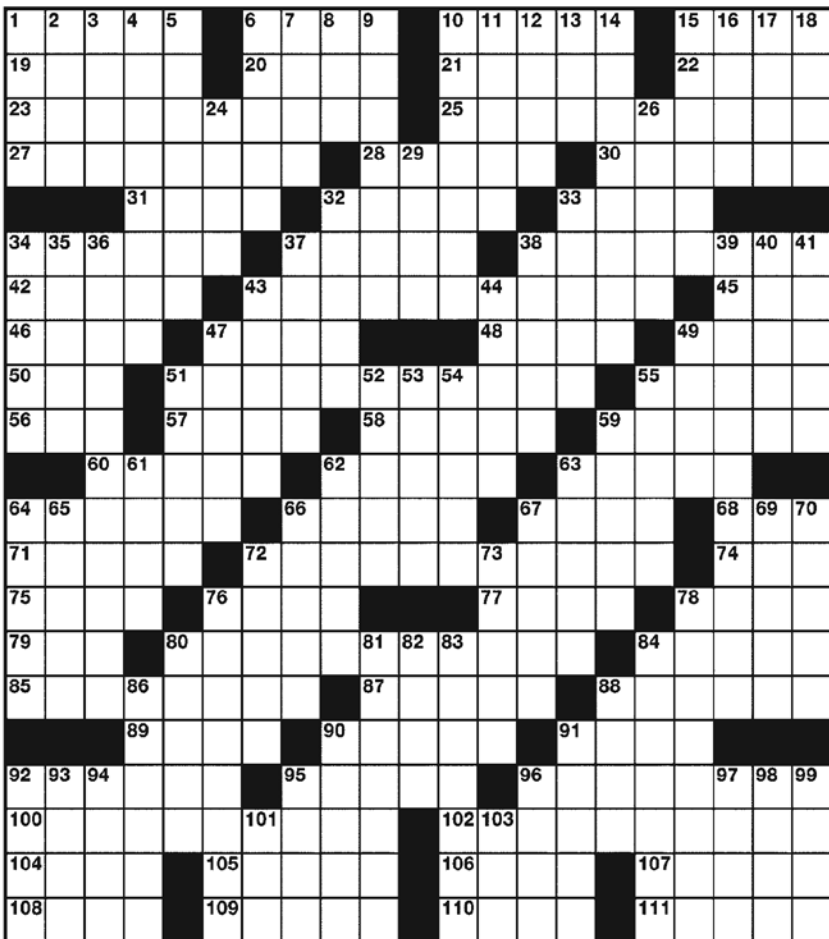
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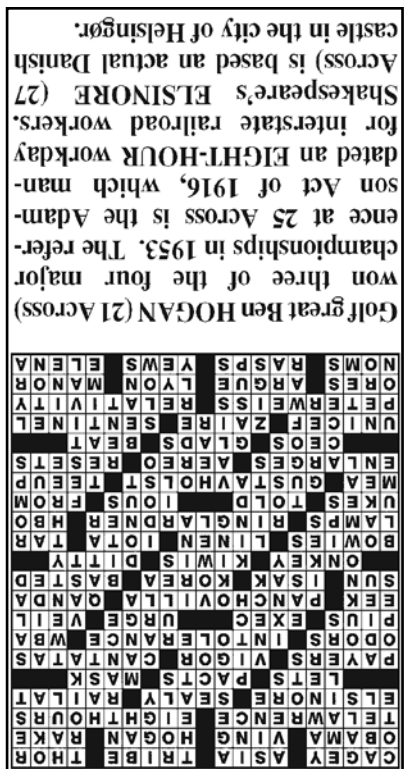
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State Senate adjourns in memory of Ricky Galvez

DOWNEY – In his first legislative act of the New Year, Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) adjourned the California State Senate in memory of three area residents: Downey police officer Ricky Galvez, special needs student Hun Joon “Paul” Lee and California State University Long Beach student Nohemi Gonzalez.

“It is an honor for me to adjourn the California State Senate in memory of these area residents. My thoughts and prayers are with their families, friends and colleagues during this difficult time,” said Mendoza.

“It is my hope that the special ‘Adjournments in Memory’ by the California State Senate help in acknowledging the impact that Downey Police Officer Ricky Galvez, Whittier Union High School District student Hun Joon ‘Paul’ Lee, and California State University, Long Beach student Nohemi Gonzalez have had on their families and communities. All three will sorely be missed.”

Galvez, 29, a resident of Whittier, was killed during a robbery attempt on Nov. 18. Galvez was a Marine who served two tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and joined the Downey Police Department in 2006 as a police aide.

Galvez graduated from Bell Gardens High School. He is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

Hun Joon “Paul” Lee, 19, lost his life on Sept. 11 after being left unattended on a school bus parked at the Whittier Union High School District. He attended a special-needs extended adult learning transitional program at the Sierra Education Center.

“His tragic passing was a shock to the community and our thoughts and prayers are with his family,” Mendoza said. “Paul was known for bringing joy and peace to those around him and he was celebrated for being a happy young man who was the center of his family.”

He is survived by his father, mother and his sister.

Nohemi Gonzalez, 23, of El Monte, was tragically killed during the terrorist attack in Paris on Nov. 13. She was a senior at Cal State Long Beach studying industrial design and one of 17 CSULB students attending Strate College of Design in Paris, as part of a study abroad program.

Nohemi attended Edwards Middle School in Whittier and Whittier High School, graduating in 2010. She achieved her dream of being the first in her family to go to college.

Nohemi was known for being a hardworking student, and took a rigorous course of study while at Whittier High School. She ran on the Whittier High School cross country and track teams and was known for motivating and pushing others to work hard.

“She had a very positive attitude, resilient in overcoming challenges, and treated others with respect and kindness and is remembered as an energetic friend with a zest for life and never-ending willingness to reach out to others,” Mendoza said.

She is survived by her parents.


Winter formal gowns available for free

DOWNEY – High school girls in need of a gown for winter formal can receive one for free this Saturday, Jan. 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The giveaway is sponsored by the Assisteens of the Assistance League of Downey and will take place at the Casa de Parley Johnson House, 7749 Florence Ave.


Another giveaway is scheduled for Jan. 16. For questions, call Stacy Brabant at (310) 991-3757.

In Memory of
Robert Elliott Garstang
April 3, 1945 to December 28, 2015



Robert Elliot Garstang of Vista, California passed away on December 28, 2015. Robert was born in South Gate, California and grew up in Downey. He resided in Lakewood for many years, and, six years ago, moved to Vista with his life partner, Donna Blackmon. Robert was loved and will be missed terribly by his friends and family: Kurt and Lorraine Pickus; Janet Garstang; Don and Mary Garstang; Kirsten Pickus and Stephanie Fisher and Mattea Pickus Fisher; Derek and Kristen Pickus and Zane and Aaron Pickus; and Huckleberry, his loyal sidekick. A Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, January 6 at 11:00 am at Bethany Christian Reformed Church 17054 Bixby Avenue, Bellflower, Ca 90706. Donations in Robert’s name can be made to the San Diego Humane Society, the organization from which he and Huckleberry adopted each other.

In Memory of
Milton Smith Higgins
March 14, 1916 to December 27, 2015
A 65 year Downey resident



Milton Smith Higgins was born in Garden City, Alabama on March 14, 1916, the third of seven children of Lodusca Irene Dunman and James Monroe Higgins, who was a stationmaster for the L and N Railroad. He was in high school when the family moved south to Thorsby, where he graduated from Thorsby Institute. He worked for four years after high school to earn enough money to go to college and work his way through. He received his B.S. from Bowling Green College in Kentucky and began his business career with General Shoe in Nashville, Tennessee. Milton had been in the Naval Reserve, and after the Pearl Harbor attack, he was called to the Navy for active duty. His duty as communications officer on the Battleship Arkansas included the Pacific as well as the invasion of Normandy on the French coast in 1944. It was while on liberty in New York on April 30, 1943, that on a blind date he met the love of his life, Helen Kindergan, and they married on March 12, 1944. After the Navy and receiving his MBA and CPA from Northwestern University, they struck out for the West Coast in the first car either had ever owned and with everything they owned in the back seat. The first job was CPA for a large company that grew carrots—owned by “the carrot king” who knew nothing about office procedure and very little English! After two years of life next to the Mexican border, they moved back to “civilization” for a job with Hughes Aircraft, which lasted for the rest of his career. He enjoyed his work and didn’t retire until the age of 72. He was a devoted family man was very proud of his 3 children, Sharron, Linda, and Keith. The summer vacation each year was devoted to visiting the folks in Maine and Alabama and having them here for Christmas. In retirement he loved to travel and those 26 years were blessed with continued good health to enjoy visiting distant places around the world. He was the epitome of a gentleman with his steady and calm demeanor. His quiet presence and quick wit was loved by all. We will miss him more than words can convey. Services will be held at the Garden City Cemetery, Saturday, January 9, 2015 at 2pm.

Man gets 13 years for swap meet killing

SANTA FE SPRINGS – A 23-year-old man was sentenced Tuesday to 13 years in state prison for killing a woman at a Santa Fe Springs swap meet parking lot.

On Aug. 14, a jury found defendant Reggie Cervantes guilty of one felony count of voluntary manslaughter.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge John A. Torribio also found true that the defendant was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 2009 and receiving stolen property exceeding \$950 in value in 2010.

Deputy District Attorney Andrea Mader, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 17, 2014, the victim, Elizabeth Yanez, drove to a Santa Fe Springs swap meet with her two adult children.

As the family was looking for a parking spot, Yanez reportedly got into an argument with Cervantes, who was in a separate vehicle.

At some point, Cervantes exited his car, walked over to Yanez and stabbed her.

After the assault, Cervantes fled the scene. Authorities were called and Yanez was taken to a hospital, where she later died of other causes.

A day after the stabbing, police located Cervantes and he was arrested in connection with the incident.

DUI, driver’s license checkpoint in Norwalk

NORWALK – A DUI and driver’s license checkpoint will be held this Friday, Jan. 8, at an undisclosed location in Norwalk.

From 6 p.m. to midnight, sheriff’s deputies will be checking for property driver’s licenses and signs of alcohol or drug impairment.



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POETRY MATTERS

Bird Watching

Every time we put crumbs out and sunflower seeds something comes. Most often sparrows. Frequently a jay. Now and then a junco or a cardinal. And once – immediately and never again, but as commonly as any miracle while it is happening, and then instantly incredible forever – the tiniest (was it?) yellow warbler as nearly as I could thumb through the bird book for it, or was it an escaped canary? or simply the one impossible bright bird that is always there during a miracle, and then never?

I, certainly, do not know all that comes to us at times. A bird is a bird as long as it is there. Then it is a miracle our crumbs and sunflower seeds caught and let go. Is there a book to look through for the identity of a miracle? No bird that is there is miracle enough. Every bird that has been is entirely one. And if some miracles are rarer than others, every incredible bird has crumbs and seeds in common with every other. Let there be bread and seed in time: all else will follow.

By John Ciardi

Ciardi was master of what he liked to call the Unimportant Poem, the sort of poem written to celebrate nothing more important than watching birds in the backyard. But as Einstein said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." John Ciardi, 1916-1986, was the long-time poetry editor of Saturday Review and directed the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in Vermont. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Shared Stories: Teaching comes alive

Kay Halsey was a teacher in the 1960's and one day she planned a lesson with the goal of making history come alive for her students. *Shared Stories* is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

By Kay Halsey

Schools in the 1960's were designed to teach reading, writing, spelling, social studies, and math to all the children in every community. There were crowded classes in small spaces and no air conditioning. We had sets of old books if we were lucky. It took lots of collecting of materials by the teacher.

I was assigned to teach fifth grade. I decided to be creative in teaching

early American history. Several restored villages on the east coast had costumed workers demonstrating what life was like when the first colonies were established. I decided to demonstrate for the class how lye soap was made long ago.

The recipe for making soap included lard. During this time of my teaching career, housewives cooked bacon and drained the fat into a container on the back of the stove. To involve the class I asked the children to bring some bacon fat from home. I took their contributions to my home, I clarified the fat, and I stored it outside by the garbage can.

Next morning, while preparing the equipment for school, I couldn't find the fat. My husband had thrown it away. I immediately decided to ask my neighbors for their bacon fat, explaining my dilemma. They

were happy to help. Putting all of the equipment and materials in a box, I went to school. Before school opened, I prepared the table for this soap-making demonstration.

In those days we didn't have aides in the classroom. A parent had volunteered to come in that morning, and I hoped she would be helpful. I wrote the recipe for making soap on the blackboard.

I took the can of lye and started stirring it into the can of fat. After a few minutes it started bubbling up. The bubbles turned into foam and began spilling over the can onto the table. Then it spilled onto the floor. The foam scattered onto my legs and burned my nose. I began jumping up and down as the class roared with laughter. I couldn't stop its foaming.

The parent stepped up and told me she could take the class out to

recess so I could clean up. The parent became my angel!

I stripped the hose, washed my legs, which were burning, and called for the custodian to come and clean up the floor while I planned a quiet activity for the afternoon.

When asked what happened by the teachers in the Teachers Lounge, I confessed to more laughter from my peers. I hoped that none would mention this ever again!

Christmas came and teachers exchanged gifts. One teacher from the Midwest gave me a beautifully wrapped gift of lye soap that she had found in a store there.

So much for my idea "Teaching Comes Alive." The laughs never stopped.

SPORTS BRIEFS: Warren girls' soccer ranked 20th in California, 74th in the nation

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 14-2 and will begin league play next Wednesday at Dominguez.

Downey defeated California High at Downey 60-45 on Tuesday night and will travel to Sunny Hills later today in their last preseason

game.

Downey won their Division at the MaxPreps Holiday Classic in Palm Springs over the Christmas Break. Downey defeated King 45-38 on 12/26, defeated Rincon/University of Tucson 66-56 on 12/28, defeated Simi Valley 73-52 on 12/29 and defeated Capistrano Valley 51-34 on 12/30 in the championship game.

The Vikings will host Lynwood on 1/15, will travel to cross-town rival Warren on 1/20, will travel to Gahr on 1/22 and will host Paramount on 1/27.

The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 10-4 and will begin league play next Wednesday at Dominguez. Downey finished

the Maxpreps Holiday Tournament (12/26-30) with a record of 3-1.

The Lady Vikings played Mater Dei at Mater Dei on Tuesday and finished their preseason schedule against Schurr at Downey yesterday (scores unavailable at press time).

The Lady Vikings will host Lynwood on 1/15, will travel to cross-town rival Warren on 1/20, will travel to Gahr on 1/22 and will host Paramount on 1/27. Lynwood and Warren will once again be the teams to beat in S.G.V.L. play.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 15-12 and a S.G.V.L. record of 6-4. The Lady Vikings were defeated by Great Oak 47-38 at Great Oak in the first round of the C.I.F. Division IAA playoffs. Coach Harris, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of league play.

The Downey High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 2-3-5 and have not begun

S.G.V.L. play yet.

The Lady Vikings competed in the Best in the West Tournament as a host school from 12/12-19. Downey finished their tournament with a record of 1-2-1.

The Lady Vikings tied Grand Terrace 3-3 on 12/12 at 9:30 a.m. and were defeated by Vista Murrieta 5-0 at 3:20 p.m. the same day. Downey tied Newport Harbor 2-2 on 12/18 and resumed the Best in the West Tournament by defeating Redlands 2-1 at 9:30 a.m. on 12/19 and were defeated by Canyon 2-0 at 2:00 p.m. on the same day.

Downey tied Bellflower at Bellflower 1-1 on 12/28 and tied Pacifica 1-1 on 12/29. The Lady Vikings traveled to Valley Christian on Tuesday and hosted the Lady Crusaders on Wednesday (scores unavailable at press time).

Downey traveled to St. Joseph's on 1/7 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play against Dominguez at Downey next Tuesday. The Lady Vikings will travel to Lynwood on 1/14, will host Gahr on 1/21 and will travel to Paramount on 1/26.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 9-7-6 and were defeated by Brea-Olinda 2-0 in

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She weighed in at six pounds, six ounces and was 19 inches long.

Labor and Delivery staff presented parents Dan and Elnai Gortanrez with a PIH Health blanket.



Juliette Perez was born seconds after midnight Jan. 1 at White Memorial Medical Center to parents Jose and Jackelyn Perez.

The Downey couple says Juliette was born 10 days ahead of schedule but weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs., 4 ounces.

E-waste collection Jan. 30

DOWNEY – Warren High's girls soccer team will be collecting unwanted electronic waste Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school parking lot.

Items that can be dropped include computers, DVD players, printers, monitors, cell phones, video game consoles, mixed metals, telephones, televisions, electric cords, remote controls and similar items.

Appliances such as refrigerators and ovens, along with batteries and light bulbs, can not be accepted.

Money from the fundraiser will help the team purchase new uniforms, equipment and make field improvements.

Discount pet adoptions Feb. 13

DOWNEY – SEACA will be discounting the price of adoptions for a Valentine's Day promotion on Feb. 13.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adoption fees are only \$14, including spay/neuter, microchip, flea treatment and first set of vaccines.

The promotion is valid for all animals ages 1 year and older.

Temple Ner Tamid dinner event March 12

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is inviting the public to its Havdalah, dinner and Klezmer event on March 12.

The event begins with dinner at 5:45 p.m., followed by Havdalah at 6:35 and music and refreshments at 7. The band Klezmer Juice will perform.

Cost is \$18 (12 and younger free) if reserved before March 3. To RSVP, call Sophia at the temple office at (562) 861-9276.

LEGAL NOTICES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015315113
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LAKEWOOD BAIL BONDS (2) PATEL BAIL BONDS, INC., 5220 CLARK AVE SUITE # 110, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATEL BAIL BONDS, INC., 5220 CLARK AVE SUITE #110, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ PATEL BAIL BONDS, INC., PRESIDENT, ASHISH PATEL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015318677
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COMPLETE PLUS HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING INC., 10515 EGLISE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COMPLETE PLUS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., 10515 EGLISE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ COMPLETE PLUS HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC., PRESIDENT, UBALDO ROBLEDC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 18, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The Downey Patriot 12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015310506
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) IONIS PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES (2) ION CATHODIC PROTECTION TECHNOLOGIES, 6475 E PACIFIC COAST HWY #396, LONG BEACH CA 90803, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NANCY MARTINEZ, 6475 E PACIFIC COAST HWY #396, LONG BEACH CA 90803

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/20/2014

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ NANCY MARTINEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015325165
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SM INVESTMENTS, 15864 COBBLESTONE ROAD, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIO BARBA MURILLO, 15864 COBBLESTONE ROAD, LA MIRADA CA 90638 (2) VERONICA PERERA, 15864 COBBLESTONE ROAD, LA MIRADA CA 90638

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by a Married Couple

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ MARIO BARBA MURILLO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 29, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015305817
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VARGAS FLOORING INSTALLATIONS, 117 N 3RD ST APT A, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL VARGAS CARDENAS, 117 N 3RD ST APT A, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ MIGUEL VARGAS CARDENAS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 03, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015315042
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOWNEY BAIL BONDS, 5220 CLARK AVE, SUITE # 110, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ASHISH G PATEL, 5220 CLARK AVE, SUITE # 110, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ASHISH G PATEL, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2014050330 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 25, 2014
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): RED KOMODO PROMOTIONS
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 11020 NEWVILLE AVE. APT. D, DOWNEY, CA, 90241

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE ESPARZA, 11020 NEWVILLE AVE. APT. D, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) BRYAN RACE, 1846 1/2 S. LONGWOOD AVE., LOS ANGELES CA 90019

State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by Copartners

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ JOSE ESPARZA, COPARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016001406
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HAPPY BELLY KITCHEN, 5820 SHULL ST, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY, 10623 LAKEFRONT DR, NORWALK CA 90650

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY CARLO LA PIETRA, 10623 LAKEFRONT DR, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ANTHONY CARLO LA PIETRA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 5, 2016

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The Downey Patriot 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16, 1/28/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015319409
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LIL FASHION OUTLET, 3288 TWEEDY BLVD UNIT B, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD LICERIO, 3288 TWEEDY BLVD UNIT B, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ RICHARD LICERIO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The Downey Patriot 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015314764
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SILVER MOON CLEANERS, 3061 S. HACIENDA BLVD., HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745-5333, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLANCA ANAYA, 1316 N. HACIENDA BLVD, LA PUENTE CA 91744

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ BLANCA ANAYA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 15, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015313568
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MARIACHI TIERRA QUERIDA, 2561 HILL ST., HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN J. SANJUAN III, 9512 KARMONT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ JUAN J. SANJUAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015319739
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DA TRUCKING, 2824 1/2 N EASTERN AV, LOS ANGELES CA 90032, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NOE D DERAS MEJIA, 2824 1/2 N EASTER, LOS ANGELES CA 90032

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ NOE D DERAS MEJIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015316272
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SIGI MORALES UPHOLLSTERY, 8690 WESTMAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90606, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTHA MORALES, 8690 WESTMAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90606 (3) SIGIFREDO MORALES, 8690 WESTMAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90606

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by a Married

Couple The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ MARTHA MORALES & SIGIFREDO MORALES, OWNER / OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/24/15, 12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015321359
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C.V. SECURITY CONSULTANT, 6484 VIA VERDE, COMMERCE CA 90040, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) CHRISTOPHER VALENTE, 6484 VIA VERDE, COMMERCE CA 90040

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ CHRISTOPHER VALENTE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 12/31/15, 1/7/16, 1/14/16, 1/21/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015319379
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DA TRUCKING, 2824 1/2 N EASTERN AV, LOS ANGELES CA 90032, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NOE D DERAS MEJIA, 2824 1/2 N EASTER, LOS ANGELES CA 90032

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ NOE D DERAS MEJIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2015

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T.S. No.: 9985-4173 TSG Order No.: 97322 A.P.N.: 8074-004-004 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/16/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 03/22/2012 as Document No.: 20120444464, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: MANUEL CISNEROS, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/23/2016 at 09:00 AM Sale Location: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14524 HARVEST AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$313,982.00 (Estimated) as of 12/31/2015. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence,

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 15-01254 Loan No.: *****698 APN: 6248-015-013 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/15/2006 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW. 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 payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) 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: JOSÉ LUIS GARCIA, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC Recorded 7/3/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1461781 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 1/22/2016 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona,

CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$663,845.55 The purported property address is: 11553 JULIUS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6248-015-013 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property 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 Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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

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www.servicelinkasap.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, 15-01254 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: 12/17/2015 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC Diane Weifenbach, Trustee Sale Officer 5120 E. LaPalma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: 714-730-2727 Sales Website: www.servicelinkasap.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. A-4555876 12/31/2015, 01/07/2016, 01/14/2016

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SPORTS: Teams preparing for start of league play next week



Downey AYSO GU14 Region 24 kicked off the tournament season with a championship at the High Five Tournament in Fountain Valley. The team is coached by Oscar Hernandez.

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the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Downey was the S.G.V.L. co-champion with cross-town rival Warren. Both schools finished league play with 8-1-1 records. Downey tied Warren at Warren 1-1 and was defeated by Warren at Downey 2-0. Warren tied Downey 1-1 at Warren and was defeated by Paramount at Paramount 2-0.

Coach Fresquez, her staff and players are looking forward to the start of league play. Warren will once again be the team to beat in San Gabriel Valley League play.

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will travel to Dominguez on 1/21 and will host Lynwood on 1/26.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 23-3-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 9-0-1. Warren is the 2015 defending league champion. The Bears were eliminated by Edison 1-1 (5-4 on PK's) in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs.

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The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 8-2-3 and will begin S.G.V.L. play next Tuesday against Paramount at Paramount. The Lady Bears tied Ocean View 1-1 at Ocean View on Tuesday in their last preseason game.

Warren will host Gahr on 1/14, will host Dominguez on 1/21 and will travel to Lynwood on 1/26. Downey will once again be the team to beat in league play. Warren finished last season with an overall record of 18-4-3 and a league record of 8-1-1.

Downey and Warren were 2015 co-S.G.V.L. champions.

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The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 9-5 and have not begun S.G.V.L. play yet. The Bears finished the Maxpreps Holiday Tournament (12/26-30) with a record of 3-1.

Warren also competed in the 2nd Annual Massey Classic against Cabrillo of Long Beach and Long Beach Wilson. Warren was defeated by Cabrillo 63-55 on 1/2 and defeated Long Beach Wilson 53-42 on 1/4. The Bears traveled to La Salle of Pasadena on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will host Renaissance Academy of Altadena tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Warren will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Paramount next Wednesday. The Bears will travel to

Gahr on 1/15, will host cross-town rival Downey on 1/20, will travel to Dominguez on 1/22 and will host Lynwood on 1/27.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 6-17 and did not qualify for postseason competition. Coach Morrison, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2016 league season.

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The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record 5-6 and have not begun S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Bears competed in the Larry Doyle/Dan Wiley Tournament of Champions (12/26-30) where they defeated Valencia 64-33 on 12/26 and were defeated by Edison 59-58 on 12/28.

The Lady Bears hosted Orange Lutheran on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to El Rancho to play the Lady

Dons later today. Warren will begin S.G.V.L. play on 1/13 when they host Paramount.

The Lady Bears will travel to Gahr on 1/15, will host cross-town rival Downey on 1/20, will travel to Dominguez on 1/22 and will host Lynwood on 1/27. Warren finished last season with an overall record of 17-11 and were 8-2 in S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Bears were defeated by Millikan at Millikan 75-63 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 1AA playoffs.

Lynwood will once again be the team to beat in league play.

The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 5-4 and have not begun league play yet.

The Bears competed in the Oceanside-Southern California Classic Tournament over the Christmas Break and finished the tournament 1-1. Warren defeated Chula Vista 2-1 on 12/29 and were defeated by San Pasqual of Escondido 2-1 on 12/30 in the semifinal round.

Warren will conclude its preseason schedule against Katella (6-1-2) at Warren later today. The Bears will begin S.G.V.L. play against Paramount at Warren next Tuesday. Warren will travel to Gahr on 1/14,

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Housing & The Economy

Buying a home not only impacts homeowner's financial situation, it also impacts the local and national economies. Since 2016 is an election year, there's no doubt the economy and housing's role within it will be a hot topic in the news. Let's take a look at the impact of housing on the local economy and on the larger national economy.

22: The number of subcontractors it takes to build the average single-family home.

Housing's impact on the local economy

When you buy or sell a home, you not only build your financial portfolio, you benefit your local economy as well. Typically, there are 26 services involved in a single real estate transaction in the 30 days before and after a real estate transaction has closed. Additionally, buyers may continue to use these services and more while they own the home.

The Impact of New Homes

While the true economic impact of new home building varies by community, the National Association of Home Builders calculated the figures for a typical metro area.

	Private Local Income		Local Jobs Required
	Earned	Generated	
One-year impact	\$28.7 million	\$3.6 million	394
Annual recurring impact	\$4.1 million	\$1.0 million	69

The Impact of Remodeling

Renovations contribute to the economy through the use of local labor and businesses, as well as permitting and other government-related fees. The National Association of Home Builders also conducted a study on the one-year impacts of residential renovations on the local economy. Spending one million in remodeling generates an estimated \$841,000 in private income and an estimated \$71,000 in government revenue. It also creates an average of 11 local jobs.

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