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Downey preps to count homeless population

DOWNEY – Downey will once again participate in the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless Count, scheduled to take place in just a few weeks.

Volunteers in the count will comb the streets of Downey in order to tally individuals' currently experiencing homelessness. The count will help determine the number, demographic, and location of homeless persons, while also ultimately aiding in the determination of how resources will be allocated to combat homelessness.

Last year's count showed an increase of estimated individuals experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County, increasing from 44,359 to 46,874, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. However, there were also showings of significant drops in veteran and family homelessness.

This year's count will take place January 24th- 26th. Downey's portion will be held on Tuesday the 24th, kicking off from First Baptist Church at 8348 3rd Street.

Those wishing to participate will need to register at theywillcountyou.org. For more information on the Count, please visit lahsa.org.

—Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Norwalk shootings may be gang-related

NORWALK – Authorities are investigating a possible gang shooting that occurred Tuesday afternoon near a shopping center.

Deputies from the sheriff's Norwalk station responded at 2:45 p.m. to shots fired at 11637 The Plaza near Rosecrans Avenue and Pioneer Boulevard, Lt. Jeff Dusky said.

When deputies arrived on scene, no suspect or victim were located, he said. Witnesses, however, described a man with a handgun who approached and shot at another man as he ate.

The gunman shot at least three rounds, Dusky said, but none struck the other man.

After the incident, the two men ran in opposite directions, Dusky said.

Shell casings were recovered at the location, and the incident is being investigated by Operation Safe Streets, the sheriff's gang investigation unit.

The reported shooting comes just days after a man in his 30s who may have strayed too close to gang territory was shot and wounded during the early hours of Jan. 5, authorities said.

The shooting occurred at 12:03 a.m. near Foster Road and San Antonio Drive, said Lt. Jeff Dusky of the Sheriff's Norwalk Station.

The victim told authorities he was walking west on Foster when a man driving a silver four-door hatchback pulled alongside of him and asked where he was from, a typical gang challenge.

After the victim replied he wasn't from anywhere, the assailant shot at him four times, striking him once in the upper body before fleeing, Dusky said, adding the victim was taken to a hospital in stable condition.



Johnnie's Broiler after its illegal demolition in 2007. Photo by Eric Pierce

JOHNNIE'S BROILER 10 YEARS LATER

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Several community members gathered at Bob's Big Boy Sunday afternoon to celebrate the history behind one of Downey's most iconic locations.

The celebration comes near the ten year anniversary of the illegal demolition of the former Johnnie's Broiler, which closed its doors as a restaurant in 2001, then nearly met its complete demise in 2007.

One individual at the celebration, 76 year-old Helen Burns, witnessed the beginning – and end – of Johnnie's.

"I just happened to be coming by on a Sunday...and I saw someone back in the back tearing it down with a big wrecking something or another," said Burns. "...I was actually 17, not quite 18 when this was built...it was awesome in the day..."

The fight to save Johnnie's began 16 years ago on the night that the restaurant closed, and was fought in large part by the Friend's of Johnnie's community group.

"We really didn't know what we were doing as a group of citizen's," said Analisa Ridenour-Sanders, who was one of the original members of the group Friend's with Johnnie's. "We saw a notice that 'to anyone concerned about the building, join us for a meeting,' and there we were – just a bunch of concerned citizens in the community that met and thought 'what can we do?'"

We started having rallies. We started emailing. We talked to everyone we could.

"We were pounding the pavement, knocking on doors, making phone calls, and working with the conservancy..."

The building was eventually rebuilt and turned into a Bob's Big Boy Broiler in 2009.

Community members gathered around tables with milkshakes and hamburgers in hand Sunday, while being attentive to several speakers and slideshows depicting the location's historic past.

"This is a really important place," said Richard Schave, who runs Esotouric Bus Adventures alongside his wife. "This place brings together all the stuff about Southern California in the 60's... this is a great success story for a lot of ideas and people and things that people care about and are threatened. So this is a great peg to hang a lot of hats on and say 'yay!'"

...there are a lot of people that are coming here today that are just going to celebrate that this place is back after many years of struggle. This is a great preservation story."

Downey Councilman Rick Rodriguez was on



hand to join in the celebration.

"This is a great piece of our Downey rich history," said Rodriguez. "The idea of hot rods, the finest hamburgers in the world, and a place to gather is part of our history. It's not only a landmark, but it's a family restaurant."

Jim Louder, owner of Downey's Bob's Big Boy, described the "birth of a culture" that began at Johnnie's.

"The hot rod culture – a lot of it started here with clothing styles and haircuts and cars," said Louder. "I can't tell you how many people have told me stories – some with tears in their eyes – about what happened here and the things that they did. So it's really a thrill to be a part of that and to have that history here."

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 61°

Saturday 69°

Sunday 65°

THINGS TO DO



Twenty One Pilots

Sunday - Honda Center, 7 pm
The music duo behind the hit "Heathens" performs as part of the Emotional Roadshow World Tour.



Neil Sedaka

Saturday - Saban Theatre, 8 pm
Neil Sedaka rose to fame in the '50s with hits "Breaking Up is Hard to Do" and "Calendar Girl."



L.A. Art Show

Saturday - L.A. Convention Center
Giant art show featuring more than 90 galleries from 18 countries; plus stage performances, talks, and more.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Girl Scouts pay tribute to Pete the Tailor

Ashley Finn-Ericson: I love Mr. Patsios! He does great work and will always help when you are in a bind. Even when I wasn't living in Downey, I would save my clothes that needed tailoring until I could bring them to him. He's the best!

Dee Valle Schubert: He is the best. Only tailor I would go to and have for years plus he's very reasonable. He's in a little shop on Lakewood Blvd in a strip mall south of Pep Boys. You won't be sorry taking your clothes there.

Manuel Ruiz: He does great work...a little grumpy though

Noemy Morales: Love these little ladies. Thanks Pete for making us look awesome in our uniforms.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyPolice: Officers will be working as servers on Wed., January 18th @ Lazy Dog from 5-9PM accepting tips benefiting Downey's Special Olympic Athletes

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Plans to extend Green Line to the MetroLink enter preliminary stages

NORWALK – Possible plans for the connection of two of Norwalk's public transit stations are currently under study.

The project in question would connect the Green Line to the Norwalk / Santa Fe Springs MetroLink Station.

Currently, the Southern California Association of Governments is doing the research into the idea's potential.

"We're in the very early stages, and we're sharing the information we've gathered so far about what's out there today in terms of the

demographics, and what are the travel needs of the population here, what are the potential benefits of this project regionally and locally," said Phillip Law, project manager for the study.

"We really haven't done any work in terms of trying to design or plan out the solution, because we want to hear from the people who will benefit from this project potentially - the residents of Norwalk, the people that use the Green Line and the MetroLink lines - we want to hear from them on how this project should be planned and take all of their input before we start

developing potential alternatives."

The second of two community open houses for the project was held Wednesday evening.

According to Law, community members have already raised concerns about potential displacement due to the project. Others also failed to see the direct benefits to Norwalk, despite the regional pros the connection would bring.

Details for what the project could entail are extremely vague as a whole up to this point without a solid plan in place. Factors such as construction and community impact all very depending on how the project eventually proceeds.

Even time of implementation is up in the air depending on funding. Even still, the entire process could take upwards of 14 years. Potentially, the project could have to wait for Measure M, which would push the project out to 2046.

There are several ways the project could be developed, including at grade (street level), below-grade (subway), and above grade (elevated) options. However, SCAG will eventually pass on their study results to Metro, and the ultimate decision will fall to the discussions between Metro and City Council.

The project's study is anticipated to be completed by March of 2018.

– Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Downey's Mario Guerra named civilian aide to Army secretary

WASHINGTON – Former Downey mayor Mario Guerra was appointed the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army during an induction ceremony Monday.

The ceremony took place inside the Hall of Heroes at the Pentagon.

Guerra, who served on the Downey City Council from 2006 to 2014, was selected for the position by Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning to represent California and Greater Los Angeles.

"It is my great honor to accept this appointment as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for California. To be able to serve the Army in this capacity is humbling and exciting," said Guerra. "I am deeply committed to my community, especially the men and women who serve in uniform, and their families. My goal is to serve the American soldier, our beloved Army, and our Veterans."

"I came to the United States as a Cuban refugee and immigrant at the age of 6 on one of the first 'Freedom Flights,' and I truly appreciate the many opportunities that this country has provided for me. I look forward to taking on this position and executing my duties with pride, passion and integrity."

The Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) is appointed by the Secretary of the Army and is equivalent to a three-star general position.



Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning recognized Mario Guerra as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army during a CASA investiture ceremony Jan. 9 in the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes.

A CASA reports directly to the Secretary of the Army about the Army and community activities. CASAs are a vital part of the Army, promoting good relations between the Army and the public and advising the Secretary about regional issues.

The CASA program is "as important now as it has ever been," said Fanning. "Forty-plus years into an all-volunteer force, the most professional, capable force I'm sure we have ever had, has also led in many ways to a growing divide between those who are serving and those who are being protected."

"CASAs are one critical element to help us with that link, to keep that connective tissue strong, so that the public understands why we have a military, and what it is doing."

"The Army is of course its people," added Fanning. "We are the sum of our Soldiers, Civilians and their Families, and their collective contributions. But the Army also depends on another

source of strength and support: the Army is only as strong as our connection to the American people. Our CASAs are our front line of maintaining and strengthening that fundamental bond."

CASAs, formally recognized in 1922, advise the secretary of the army. Since then only about 500 people have ever been asked to serve as CASA's.

Typically, each state has one CASA appointed and their role is to provide individual advice to the Secretary of the Army, the Chief of Staff, and commanders at all levels on public sentiments toward the Army.

In his eight years on the Downey City Council, Guerra served as mayor twice. He is also an ordained deacon and chaplain for the Downey Police Department.

He is co-founder of one of the largest insurance brokers in the country and is currently an executive with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance.

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Warren High donates 38K cans in food drive

DOWNEY – Over the holiday season, Warren High School collected a total of 38,129 cans that were donated to the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. (Health Education Local Pantry Service) program.

This collection was a joint effort of the entire school as it involved every teacher, staff member and student on campus.

"It was remarkable to see the generosity and selflessness of our staff members and students," expressed Samantha Sears, the Activities Director at Warren. "We sincerely hope that this donation makes an instrumental difference in the lives of our Downey family members!"

This three-week Canned Food Drive was made up of many competitive components; however, the ultimate motivation was the true desire to help those who are less fortunate.

Mr. Paul Tse, science teacher whose class finished in third place in the Canned Food Drive, asserts, "I was floored by the generosity of my students." Mrs. Karen Kozhaya, English teacher and taking first place in the Canned Food Drive, furthers that sentiment by saying, "This is a true testament to our students' generosity and the teachers who encourage acts of kindness."

Finally, Mr. Rob English, math teacher and runner-up, sums it up best when he affirms, "The biggest winners are the members of our community who are in need. Our Warren family stepped up big time and answered the call and I couldn't be more proud to be a Bear!"

Located at the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. program is run completely by volunteers and the office itself is operated by PTA members. This program is possible through the dedication of individuals that are members of the PTA programs within the Downey Unified School District, the City of Downey, community organizations, businesses, and individual citizens who offer their support throughout the year providing generous donations of financial aid, non-perishable foods and service hours.

Their clients must live in the City of Downey or have a student(s) enrolled in the Downey Unified School District. The purpose of the PTA H.E.L.P.S. program is to provide temporary emergency aid by providing food which is distributed throughout the year. Approximately 600 families are aided during the year and any one household can be helped once every other month.

For more information about the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. program, please visit; pta.dusd.net/org/helps.htm



Symphony concert to feature special performance of piano and vocal music

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphonic Society presents a very special concert on January 28 at the Downey Theatre.

"Our concertgoers have been asking for piano and vocal music and also to hear again some of the great young performers we've presented in recent seasons," said Society President Larry Lewis. "Instead of the orchestra, we'll be presenting three amazing young performers, so the audience can enjoy their talents for the entire show," he added.

Performers include violinist Michelle Tseng and baritone Anthony Moreno, both outstanding young musicians who delighted audiences in Downey in previous appearances. Pianist Robert Blake will join them for solo pieces and as accompanist.

The three will play solos, duets, and trios by composers including Debussy, Rachmaninoff, and Saint-Saens. Even more exciting will be pieces by great Spanish and Latin composers, including Ravel, Granados, Piazzolla, and Ginastera.

"These brilliant young musicians will provide a memorable and enjoyable evening," commented Music Director Sharon Lavery, "and the Latin pieces will add a special rhythmic and melodic zest."

Doors at the Theatre open at 6:30 pm, so patrons can enjoy an exhibit of work by local artists titled "Dreamscapes." Robert Blake will present a pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm.

The Downey Symphonic Society and its patrons take particular pride in bringing to its concerts many outstanding musicians at the early stages of their careers.

Michelle Tseng has won many prizes and awards in the US and internationally and played at venues including Walt Disney Concert Hall; Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and Avery Fisher Hall in New York; and the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

Anthony Moreno studied at El Camino CC, CSU Long Beach, and USC's Thornton School of Music, where he received major awards. He has performed across the US and in Europe in many operatic and solo roles.

Robert Blake has directed and played for numerous operatic productions at USC and teaches and performs widely in Los Angeles.

Tickets are \$35 or \$30 depending on seating section and are available at downeysymphony.org or by calling the



Vocalist Robert Blake will be one of three young performers to be featured at the Downey Symphony's Jan. 28 concert.

Theatre Box Office at (562) 861-8211 or in person (open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday).

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Assembly speaker demands clean-up for toxic chemicals in Paramount

PARAMOUNT – In testimony submitted to two separate agencies on Tuesday, Jan. 10, Assemblymember Anthony Rendon (D-Paramount) called for additional actions to be taken by the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Paramount City Council to respond to the high levels of Chromium 6 that have been found in Paramount.

“As both a representative and a resident of Paramount, I am dismayed that our community has become the latest example of people being exposed to dangerous toxic chemicals,” Rendon wrote. “Especially because, once again, a company is breaking the rules and regulations are insufficiently protective of public health. This is a vicious cycle that has played out too many times in Southeast Los Angeles County.”

In testimony presented to the independent hearing board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Rendon urged the board to put an immediate stop to the excessive Chromium 6 emissions coming from Anaplex Corporation, a metal processing plant in Paramount.

“On behalf of the people I represent, I respectfully ask the Hearing Board to approve the agreement reached last Thursday so that the community and the facility’s workers do not have to wait any longer for protections

Police officers to work as waiters for good cause

DOWNEY – Downey police officers will work as waiters and servers at Lazy Dog restaurant in Downey this Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 5-9 p.m., collecting donations for Special Olympics.

The public is invited to attend and dine at the restaurant. All tips left for the officers will be used to benefit local Specialty Olympic athletes.

Lazy Dog is located in the new Promenade shopping center.

offered by the order,” Rendon wrote.

Rendon also asked the Hearing Board to require Anaplex to take any additional actions necessary to immediately address the chromium 6 pollution found on the roof and to stop all chromium 6 emitting operations until permit violations are resolved.

Tuesday afternoon, the Hearing Board ruled that Anaplex will be shut down unless they obtain proper permits for all equipment with the potential to emit hexavalent chromium above a certain level. Anaplex will be required to provide SCAQMD

proof of permits and hexavalent chromium reductions on Jan. 20.

“We don’t want any more Exides where repeated violations are allowed to go unanswered for years, especially with the public health dangers posed by cumulative exposure to toxic chemicals,” Rendon wrote. “The toughest regulations in the world don’t matter if they are not aggressively enforced—the Hearing Board helped ensure those regulations are enforced.”

In testimony prepared for the Paramount City Council on Tuesday evening, Rendon praised the council for their proactive approach in purchasing

additional air monitors, but warned there were other steps that must be taken as well.

“I would hope that the information gathered from these monitors can be used to better inform the land use decisions that come before the Council,” Rendon wrote. “Additionally, it would be worth examining how the cost of monitoring can be borne by the businesses that produce emissions and not by the taxpayers.”

Rendon also encouraged the city to be engaged in the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s latest rule-making regarding metal forges.

In Memory of Rita Streed

October 5, 1925 - December 17, 2016



Rita Murdock Streed was born Rita Grace Murdock on October 5, 1925 in New Mexico to Roy and Gladys Murdock. She became a doting big sister to James and Charles, and was known as “Sis” to her family.

Rita enjoyed helping children in the Little Lake School District, volunteering with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Santa Fe High School Band, sewing for her family and community groups, and helping in countless other local activities.

A celebration of her inspirational life is planned on January 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11507 Studebaker Road in Norwalk, where Rita was extremely active as a member for 63 years. In lieu of flowers, donations to the children of Trinity Christian School in her honor and memory would be appreciated. Children were always her priority, and as she was fond of saying, “Everyone is a teacher.”

In Memory of Lois Law Frett

February 25, 1926 - November 30, 2016



Lois was born in Sioux City, Iowa to parents Glen and Hilda Law. She was the oldest of four children. The family moved to Pierson, Iowa where Lois attended a one room country grade school. She graduated from Pierson High School. After high school, she joined the Nurse Cadet Corps where she went to nursing school. On graduation, her services as a nurse were no longer needed by the military so she began her career in Sioux City doing private duty nursing.

It was there that she met her future husband, Edward Frett. They were married on September 26, 1947. They settled in Norwalk, California when Edward was discharged from the US Navy following the Korean Conflict and started a family.

Lois worked for 35 years as an emergency room RN. Upon retirement, Lois and Edward moved to the Sun Lakes community in Banning. She enjoyed knitting caps for veterans undergoing chemo treatment at their local VA hospital, made quilts for Head Start programs and teddy bears for the local police and fire dept. and being part of the Red Hat Society. When she could no longer live alone she moved to assisted living in Whittier and then to Lakewood Gardens (Downey) to be close to family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Edward, sons Michael and Steven and brothers John “Jack”, Paul and Don.

She is survived by daughter, Nancy and her husband Kevin Merrick, grand children David and wife Cecilia, Sarah and husband James Granger, great granddaughter Rebecca Granger.

A memorial mass will be said for Lois on January 20th at 10:30 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Downey.



In Memory of Pamela Ann Box

March 7, 1947 - December 21, 2016

Pamela Ann Box, beloved Mother, Wife, Grammy, Great-Grandmother, Sister and Aunt passed away on December 21, 2016 with her family at her side.

Pamela was born on March 7, 1947 in Huntington Park, California to H.J. and Emma Rose Lee. She grew up in Downey, California where she graduated from Downey High School in 1964. As a Downey Vikette, she loved all of the friends she gained from being a part of that experience. Pamela met and fell in love with her husband, Ron, and married on July 5, 1969 at the First Baptist Church of Downey.

Pamela began her journey in education as a teacher at Rio Hondo Elementary School in 1970. Throughout her 35 years of service in the Downey Unified School District, Pamela was a teacher, a reading specialist, and an elementary school principal. Throughout her 35 years of dedication to the children of Downey, Pam found happiness in impacting the lives of everyone she met. She loved all aspects of her career. It truly was her calling and she found great joy in encouraging teachers as well as students to be the very best they could be.

In her retired years, Pam and her husband Ron, found tremendous pleasure in spending time with their wonderful family. Pam’s favorite thing to do was having the family over, because she enjoyed a home filled with laughter. She looked forward to monthly birthday celebrations that were spent sharing good food, watching the kids play, and hearing all about life’s adventures from each of her beloved family members. She lovingly cared for her two youngest granddaughters during the day, and cherished the time playing games, reading stories, and cuddling for nap time with them.

Pam will be greatly missed. We know her spirit lives on in each and every one of us who were fortunate to be a part of her life. She is survived by her beloved husband Ron; her three faithful daughters, Kelly, Allison, and Melissa; her devoted son, Jeff; her two wonderful sons-in-law, Mario and Trevor, her incredible grandchildren, Christina, Freddy, Gianna, Matthew, Stephanie, Carlos, Stella, and Delilah ; precious great grandchildren, Preston, Kaden, Mia, and Joshua, and many close cherished friends.

A “Celebration of Life” service will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Downey First Christian Church, in Downey, CA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pamela Box Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Warren High School, which will provide a scholarship to a Downey senior pursuing a career in education.

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Meryl Streep: Her full Golden Globes speech



-- no, in Ireland, I do believe. And she's here nominated for playing a small town girl from Virginia. Ryan Gosling, like all the nicest people, is Canadian. And Dev Patel was born in Kenya, raised in London, is here for playing an Indian raised in Tasmania.

Hollywood is crawling with outsiders and foreigners. If you kick 'em all out, you'll have nothing to watch but football and mixed martial arts, which are not the arts. They gave me three seconds to say this. An actor's only job is to enter the lives of people who are different from us and let you feel what that feels like. And there were many, many, many powerful performances this year that did exactly that, breathtaking, passionate work.

There was one performance this year that stunned me. It sank its hooks in my heart. Not because it was good. There was nothing good about it. But it was effective and it did its job. It made its intended audience laugh and show their teeth. It was that moment when the person asking to sit in the most respected seat in our country imitated a disabled reporter, someone he outranked in privilege, power, and the capacity to fight back. It kind of broke my heart when I saw it. I still can't get it out of my head because it wasn't in a movie. It was real life.

And this instinct to humiliate, when it's modeled by someone in the public platform, by someone powerful, it filters down into everybody's life, because it kind of gives permission for other people to do the same thing. Disrespect invites disrespect. Violence incites violence. When the powerful use their position to bully others, we all lose.

This brings me to the press. We need the principled press to hold power to account, to call them on the carpet for every outrage. That's why our founders enshrined the press and its freedoms in our constitution. So I only ask the famously well-heeled Hollywood Foreign Press and all of us in our community to join me in supporting the committee to protect journalists. Because we're going to need them going forward. And they'll need us to safeguard the truth.

One more thing. Once when I was standing around on the set one day whining about something, we were going to work through supper, or the long hours or whatever, Tommy Lee Jones said to me, isn't it such a privilege, Meryl, just to be an actor. Yeah, it is. And we have to remind each other of the privilege and the responsibility of the act of empathy. We should all be very proud of the work Hollywood honors here tonight.

As my friend, the dear departed Princess Leia, said to me once, take your broken heart, make it into art. Thank you."

"Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Thank you. Please sit down. Please sit down. Thank you. I love you all. You'll have to forgive me. I've lost my voice in screaming and lamentation this weekend. And I have lost my mind sometime earlier this year. So I have to read.

Thank you, Hollywood foreign press. Just to pick up on what Hugh Laurie said. You and all of us in this room, really, belong to the most vilified segments in American society right now. Think about it. Hollywood, foreigners, and the press. But who are we? And, you know, what is Hollywood anyway? It's just a bunch of people from other places.

I was born and raised and created in the public schools of New Jersey. Viola [Davis] was born in a sharecropper's cabin in South Carolina, and grew up in Central Falls, Rhode Island. Sarah Paulson was raised by a single mom in Brooklyn. Sarah Jessica Parker was one of seven or eight kids from Ohio. Amy Adams was born in Italy. Natalie Portman was born in Jerusalem. Where are their birth certificates? And the beautiful Ruth Negga was born in Ethiopia, raised in

Reflecting on the Obama presidency

On Tuesday night, President Barack Obama delivered his farewell address to the nation in Chicago, Illinois. For Mi Familia Vota (MFV), a leading Latino advocacy and civic engagement organization the moment marked a time for reflection on the strides made and the business left unfinished.

As advocates for accessible healthcare, MFV celebrates that since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was implemented four million Latinos have found coverage. Not only did Latinos benefit from enrollment, the program created jobs and inspired lawmakers in California to expand coverage to children regardless of immigration status. MFV's roots are in the fight for immigration reform and in 2012 President Obama delivered on his commitment to the immigrant community through the DACA program. More than 741,000 people who arrived to the U.S. as children have been able to come out of the shadows, study, strengthen our economy, and thrive in the only country they know as home. Many of them worked during the last election, ensuring that those that were eligible to vote exercised their right.

As Latinos look toward the Trump Administration, the business left unfinished looms large and there will be many challenges to overcome, but MFV's commitment to building political power and ensuring Latinos and immigrants are treated with dignity and respect has not wavered.

The following is a statement from Ben Monterroso, executive director of Mi Familia Vota:

"In President Obama, we had an advocate in the Oval Office who we may not

have always agreed with, but who often times wanted to deliver on the promise of ensuring the lives of all Americans were better. For the Latino community, who is so often courted for our vote, but not always offered a seat at the table, the eight years were transformative.

For eight years, we fought for accessible healthcare, education reform, protections for our nation's workers, and environmental protections alongside Obama. With Latino students graduating high school and college more than ever before, the future is bright.

However, we cannot forget the unfinished business. Efforts to pass bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform stalled and there continues to be an urgent need to restore the Voting Rights Act to protect the cornerstone of our democracy, the right to vote.

With a little more than a week until President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration, Latinos must not forget their important role in making the victories accomplished during Obama's Administration possible. We cast our votes decisively, held our elected officials accountable fiercely, marched on the streets proudly - our political participation made a difference. Obama knows it and Trump will know it.

Mi Familia Vota will continue the business of building Latino political power in communities across the country. This week we're saying thank you and farewell to Obama, but next week we will welcome an era of Latino political participation the country has never seen before."

Great news for people who get sick

Getting time off when you're sick, or need to care for a new child or ailing parent, shouldn't be a luxury enjoyed only by those who are financially well off. Yet low-wage workers in the United States — the workers who need paid leave the most — typically have this key benefit denied them.

But not anymore in Washington, D.C.

Activists in the city recently overcame stiff opposition from corporate lobbyists to win one of the country's most generous paid-leave policies. The new law guarantees eight weeks of paid time off for new parents, six weeks for those caring for sick family members, and two weeks of personal sick time.

One key to this victory: outspoken support from small business leaders like Ethel Taylor, owner of a local pet-grooming parlor called the Doggie Washerette.

Taylor first became involved in the paid-leave struggle when she met an activist with the Main Street Alliance, who was going door-to-door down D.C.'s Georgia Avenue talking to business leaders about the paid-leave plan the group was backing.

The plan's novel mechanism for funding paid-leave benefits particularly impressed Taylor. The D.C. law will use a "social insurance model" funded through a 0.62 percent payroll tax on all private-sector employers, so none of them will have to pay the full cost of employees' sick time.

"I would've been gone tomorrow if I'd had to pay out of pocket for the cost of an employee's leave time," Taylor told me.

The compensation employees will receive under the new D.C. law significantly improves upon leave policies in other jurisdictions. The District government will reimburse employees for 90 percent of their first \$900 in weekly pay and 50 percent of their remaining weekly pay, with a limit of \$1,000 per week.

By comparison, private sector employees in California can receive only up to 55 percent of their wages.

Taylor has in the past taken her beautifully groomed standard poodle Joy to campaign events for candidates she supported. But the D.C. paid-leave drive has otherwise been her first encounter with political activism.

She had some special motivation. Taylor personally had to take a lot of unpaid time off after her husband was diagnosed with cancer. Under the D.C. law, business owners like Taylor can also tap into the paid-leave fund.

But Taylor's commitment went beyond her own personal situation. "I'd always been active in my neighborhood of Shepherd Park. But when I opened the Doggie Washerette there five years ago, I felt a whole other level of responsibility to serve the public."

Working with the Main Street Alliance, Taylor attended public meetings, penned a commentary in support of the paid leave law, and did other media interviews. The new legislation, adopted on December 20, will cover everyone working in the District for a private sector employer, including the self-employed.

At the federal level, we can't expect much action on family-friendly work policies in the near future. The man nominated to be the next Secretary of Labor, fast food CEO Andrew Puzder, is strongly opposed to paid leave policies.

But as Washington residents themselves proved, cities and states don't need to wait for leaders in Washington to act. D.C.'s successful campaign for comprehensive paid leave offers important lessons for other communities — not least that small businesses and employees can be on the same side.

Sarah Anderson directs the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies and co-edits Inequality.org, where an earlier version of this piece appeared.

Professional police officers

Dear Editor:

Just a little shout out to the Downey police officers who responded to the domestic disturbance at Apollo Park [Sunday] at 1 pm from a grateful grandparent. Thank you for the dignity you showed and the hope you restored.

Having to deal with child custody cases is not to be taken lightly and is very much like a cancer that affects the family from the very young up to the grandparents. I have personally observed some pretty callus responses from officers, leaving the victims feeling hopeless and desperate, angry, and vengeful and not even following through with a report. My last incident was followed by a trip to urgent care.

I think not making the child's safety the first priority is a crime in itself. Lakewood could take a lesson from these Downey police officers.

**Gayle Riley
Lakewood**

Impressed with Downey float

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing a picture of the Downey Gold Rush float. I generally don't view the parade, and I'm not a fan of floats, but I heard so much about ours that I was anxious to see a picture.

I never expected to see anything so amazing, and I'm a convert. I love everything about it: from the "rugged Old West California" design to the beautiful workmanship. The awards were well-deserved, and now I'm looking forward to next year's design.

Hats off to the float committee.

**Joan Nieritit
Downey**

New Year's poetry

Dear Editor:

So here hath been dawning another new year!
Let's overflow it with an abundance of good news and good cheer

Let political crudeness stay in the past
And hate be replaced with a love that lasts
May peace and civility throughout our land
Abound and flourish in our country grand
Let's life our God in adoration
And pray He'll bless and guide our nation

Happy New Year all.

**Martha Morrissy-Call
Downey**

Defending Uber

Dear Editor:

In response to your article "How safe is Uber? It depends on your gender," I find it disappointing that the writer would put forth such a one-sided position that maligns businesses without presenting, or even considering the whole picture, or facts.

I am all for protecting the public, male or female. However, it seems that I have seen more stories of ride-share drivers being assaulted by their passengers, even being killed. Many people saw the widely spread video of the male driver being assaulted by a drunken rider.

I gave a ride to a male passenger who shared with me that he used to drive for one of the companies. He had been robbed but he also acknowledged that he did not follow company recommendations and picked up the wrong persons. So while he was being assaulted, the people he was supposed to pick up were calling asking where he was.

There are zero background checks for riders, and riders frequently are using a friend or relative's account so the driver may not even know who that rider is. Furthermore, your article includes a story of a person posing as an Uber driver who is not. I'm sorry but there is no background check that can prevent that person's actions. Your inclusion of that incident is akin to people thinking gun control will stop bad people from obtaining guns. In fact, current Uber and Lyft rules will protect any rider as long as they follow the instructions given by the ride-share company. Uber and Lyft drivers are not allowed by law, nor by company policy to pick up a rider hailing a ride not through the app. Riders using those apps have a picture of my car and of me available to them so if someone else were to try to pick them up they can easily tell that it is not me.

As a driver for either company, and I drive for both, I have gone through whatever background check they have. As a youth sports coach I have passed many background checks so that was not a concern for me. I also have to take my car for the companies to inspect. I have to present my identification and my auto insurance. I have to maintain my vehicle and insurance. In addition, riders have the opportunity to rate their drivers, as do the drivers of the riders. So when you request a ride through either Uber or Lyft, the rider not only sees my car and my photo, but they also see my rating. If I do not maintain a rating equal or above the majority of drivers in my area, the company will give me a warning about what I need to do to improve my performance. If the rating does not improve then I would be booted out of the system. I know of one driver who was released because he did poorly when following directions and didn't use GPS.

I hope you will write further to include the whole story when it comes to these two companies. It is unfortunate that whenever someone has a good idea, there are those who want to ruin it. Can the companies have tougher background checks? I don't know exactly what they are doing. I do know that when I originally signed up for Uber it took 10 days to clear me which gave me the impression that they were doing a complete check.

But I do know that your safety is less dependent upon gender than it is on the people who are driving or riding in the car.

**Mike Davis
Norwalk**

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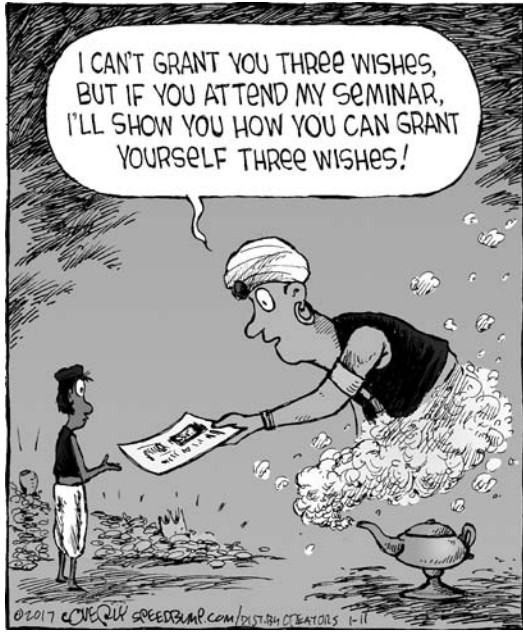
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On This Day...

- Jan. 12, 1991:** A deeply divided Congress gave President George H.W. Bush the authority to use force to expel Iraq from Kuwait.
- 2000:** The Supreme Court gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.
- 2005:** Britain's Prince Harry apologized after a newspaper published a photograph of the young royal wearing a Nazi uniform to a costume party.
- 2010:** A catastrophic earthquake struck Haiti, killing over 200,000 people and destroying much of the capital, Port-au-Prince.
- 2004:** After 14 years of denials, Pete Rose publicly admitted that he'd bet on baseball while manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Friday, Jan. 12: Roy Anthony Shabla opening reception, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 13: Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up, Paramount and Orange, 9 a.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.
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.
 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 Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 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 Russell Skersick 929-3710.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 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.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 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 Rio Hondo Event Center, 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 Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please 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

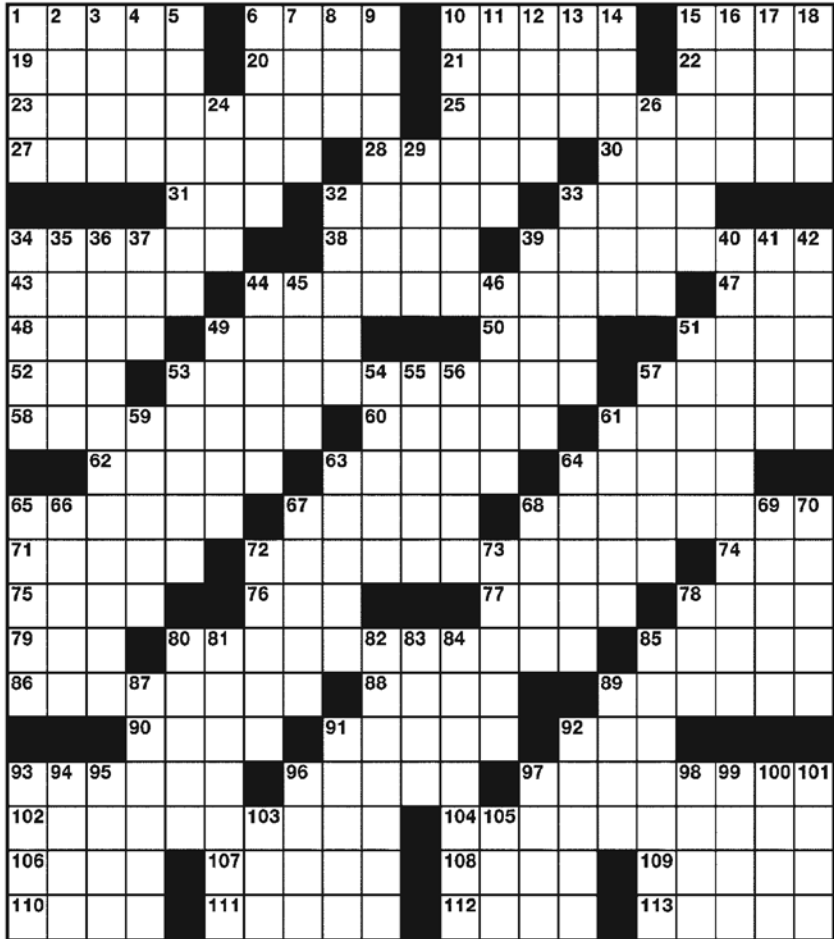
9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Diet sodas have long come under scrutiny. Are they a healthy alternative to "regular" soda? Are they harmful?



A recent statement from Coca Cola isn't surprising: "People have enjoyed drinking a Coca-Cola for more than 129 years. Like all soft drinks, it is perfectly safe to drink and can be enjoyed as part of a balanced diet and lifestyle."

It's common knowledge that until 1903, Coca Cola's recipe included actual coca leaf. John Pemberton, a morphine-addicted pharmacist, formulated the original recipe. When coca leaf was removed from the formula, Coca Cola needed to create a new formula with addictive properties. History demonstrates just how successful they were!

It wasn't until the late 1950's that diet colas were introduced in the United States. By the 1980's, they became mainstream and profitable. Originally, the target market was women who were watching their weight. Currently, the marketing strategy includes men and children as well, as a "healthier" alternative to regular sugar soda. One tagline states: "Regret Nothing: no sugar, no calories."

The perceived benefit of drinking diet soda instead of regular soda is that we are consuming far fewer calories. Diet soda contains no high fructose corn syrup, sucrose, or other forms of processed sugar. The artificial sweetener in most diet soda is aspartame, which is indeed calorie-free. Some, especially those who don't like to drink plain water, find diet sodas to be a good source of hydration.

While diet soda is a source of fluid, it offers no positive nutritional or health benefits. In fact, drinking diet soda on a daily basis is associated with a long list of increased risks: stroke, diabetes, osteoporosis and greater risk of bone fracture (due to high levels of phosphoric acid), hypertension, kidney disease, heart disease, metabolic syndrome, type-2 diabetes, nausea, dizziness, and migraine headaches. The most surprising correlation, however, shows that diet soda may actually contribute to weight *gain*!

Why? Research has focused on artificial sweeteners leading to overconsumption of other sweet foods. The theory is that diet sweeteners trick the body and disrupt its natural ability to regulate calorie intake.

Aspartame, the most commonly used sweetener in diet sodas, has been the subject of controversy since being approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1974. It remains on the EPA watch list of most hazardous chemicals.

After reviewing the data, I am in agreement with the large body of scientists who feel that diet soda is not helpful, and likely is harmful to our health. While roughly 20% of us consume diet soda regularly, consumption has been on a steady decline, while the consumption of bottled water has been rising. Hydrating our bodies with water, milk or vegetable juices is far more healthful. If you enjoy fizz in your drinks, try carbonated water.

My recommendation is to avoid diet sodas entirely.

Alternative Medicine: Vision Board 2017

Happy New Year! Let's get those dreams, visions and goals materialized!

A few weeks ago, the ladies from Super Mamás invited me as a guest for their first ever vision board posada (holiday potluck) held at the Munchkin headquarters. What a wonderful experience. I met people from all walks of life. Some at the height of their careers and others just beginning. Everyone had one thing in common: the drive for continued success.

So, what is it that propels us to achieve what seems impossible? Allow me to break it down for you.

1. A clear objective – When you're shooting arrows at everything that moves it's difficult to hit your target.
2. Realistic time frame – Yes, excitement will get the best of us. We presume that our great idea will take one day to be the best invention ever. Remember, great things take time and lots of patience.
3. Lots of Willpower – Yup, willpower will continuously push you through "perceived" obstacles. Without proper will power there is no action! No action = No materialization

These three main ingredients are the recipe for continued success. Today we're going to focus on creating a clear objective. Without an objective, you're shooting the precious arrows towards anything that moves. This is a waste of your time, effort, energy and resources. Make a commitment today to stop this habit.

Vision Board

- The fun begins! Grab a 22"x 28" (size optional) poster board from the Dollar Tree or craft shop.
- Grab a pencil and paper and jot down all the ideas that come to your mind. What do you want to accomplish in 2017? No idea is too small or grand.
- When you are done visually scan your paper. Select no more than

three objectives at a time taking in consideration the three key ingredients mentioned earlier. Practice self-honesty on this one. No one but you will know the answer, not even Google

- Collect newspapers, magazines and/or printouts. Begin by cutting out words, phrases and images that reflect your three chosen objectives. Nothing is off limits here!

Begin gluing the cutouts to form your objectives on the poster board. When done place your vision board preferably on a north wall (the majority of materialization energy emanates from this node) and within your eye sight.

Every time life kicks in and you feel like giving up we will be reminded of our commitment to the objectives with a single glance of the vision board. Our hearts will palpitate joyously, the mind will respond with the proper intelligence and the will power will be recharged and empowered to overcome whatever obstacles are in front of us.

Each time an objective is fulfilled give thanks to whomever you pray to. In its place add another objective and repeat throughout the year.

Have a question regarding this article or maybe you'd like to suggest a topic? Write to me at: m_arrieta@yahoo.com. Next article we will talk about Karma.

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L.A. County Supervisors appoint new public health director

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, a nationally known public health leader, to the position of Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) effective February 6, 2017.

As Director of Public Health, Dr. Ferrer will work under the Los Angeles County Health Agency (Health Agency) to further its mission to integrate services and activities that enable the Health Agency to build health equity across the county. Work will continue in advancing the eight strategic priorities in the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, and Public Health.

"Dr. Ferrer is uniquely qualified to lead and serve Los Angeles County's diverse populations, and has a gift for engaging youth and families," said Board Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas. "I look forward to the energy and creativity that she will bring to protecting the health of our communities during this time of uncertainty in federal healthcare policy."

Most recently, Dr. Ferrer worked as the Chief Strategy Officer of the

W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Previously, she was the Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission where she led a range of public health programs and built innovative partnerships to promote health and education, improve family economic security and address racial health disparities.

Dr. Ferrer earned a doctorate from Brandeis University's Heller School for Advanced Studies in Social Welfare, where she was a Pew Doctoral Fellow. She also holds a master's degree in public health from Boston University and a master's degree in education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

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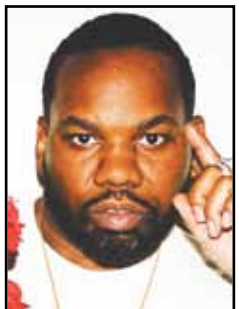
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The Weinermobile will be at Vallarta supermarket this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fans can take photos next to the iconic vehicle and receive a free "wiener whistle."

SPORTS: Downey tops Warren in wrestling showdown

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School wrestling team traveled to cross-town rival Downey Tuesday night for their annual grappling showdown and were defeated, 43-25.

The evening started well for the Bears as 106 pounder Carlos Vasquez defeated Isaac Medina of Downey 9-2 to take a 3-0 lead.

Downey's 113 pounder Jonathan Prata pinned Warren's Moreno at the 2:28 mark of the second period and the Vikings took the lead at 6-3. Downey's 113 pounder Dilan Ajtun pinned Warren's Salvador Alvarez at the 2:45 mark of the second period to extend Downey's lead to 12-3. Roland Dominguez of Downey pinned Joshua Mendoza at the 3:02 mark of the second period and Downey went up 18-3 after four matches.

Warren's Matthew Lopez defeated Matthew Morales at 132 pounds 3-1 and Warren closed the gap to 18-6. Allan Elizalde of Warren defeated Omar Acosta of Downey 6-5 and Warren pulled to within 18-9. Downey's 145 pounder Armando Padilla defeated Warren's Allan Dillon 7-0 and Downey extended their lead to 21-9. Downey's 152 pounder Adrian Segovia pinned Gabriel Cabrera at the 1:08 mark of the first period as Downey started to pull away 27-9 after eight matches.

Warren's 160 pounder Ismael Bautista answered back for the Bears as he pinned Sergio Smith at the 3:27 mark of the second period to get Warren six team points and draw the score to 27-15. Downey's 170 pounder Nic Arellano pinned Martinez of Warren to make it 33-15 and Miguel Bravo of Downey pinned Garcia of Warren

at 189 pounds as Downey took a commanding 39-15 lead.

The Bears' 195 pounder Kenneth Gonzalez defeated Downey's Daniel Martinez 11-0 to add four team points and close the score to 39-19. Warren's 220 pounder Alexis Galvan then pinned Downey's Adrian Guerra at the 3:50 mark of the second period and that closed the score to 39-25. Finally, Viking heavyweight Elias Velasco (285) defeated Warren's Edgar Negrete 16-2 to add four more team points to nail down the Vikings' 43-25 win. The Bears wrestled well and won 6 of 14 weight classes.

The Downey High School wrestling team competed in the Juan Enriquez Memorial Tournament at John Glenn High School last weekend where they finished in second place behind tournament champion Millikan.

Downey had five wrestlers place in the top eight of their individual weight classes.

Jonathan Prata placed first at 106 pounds and was named "champion of champions" for the tournament. Dilan Ajtun also placed first at 113 pounds as did 120 pounder Roland Dominguez. Downey went 3-3 in the 106, 113 and 120 weight classes. Nic Arellano placed second at 170 pounds and Adrian Guerra placed fourth at 195 pounds.

Millikan finished the tournament with 193 points, Downey finished second with 180.5 points, Mira Costa finished third with 169 points, John Glenn finished fourth with 165 points and Cypress finished fifth with 162 points, respectively.

To round out the top ten, Santa Fe finished sixth with 159 points, Valencia finished seventh with 147.5 points, Marina finished eighth with 143 points, Peninsula

finished ninth with 142.5 points and Ventura finished tenth with 137 points.

Downey defeated cross-town rival Warren 43-25 on Tuesday at Downey and wrestled Gahr yesterday (scores unavailable at press time). Coach Soto, his staff and wrestlers are all looking forward to S.G.V.L. competition and making another run at a C.I.F. championship.

The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 7-9 and began league play Wednesday night when they traveled to Paramount to play the Pirates (score unavailable at press time).

The Bears competed in the Rancho Mirage Holiday Invitational Tournament over the Christmas Break and finished with a record of 1-3.

Warren was defeated by Faith Lutheran of Las Vegas 61-36 on 12/27, were defeated by Ironwood Ridge of Tucson 55-48 on 12/28, were defeated by La Quinta 70-66 on 12/29 and defeated Bellarmine-Jefferson of Burbank 83-71 on 12/30.

In their final preseason games, the Bears were defeated by La Salle 59-56 at Warren on 1/4, were defeated by Woodrow Wilson of Long Beach 75-67 at Warren on 1/6 and defeated Bernstein of Hollywood 70-65 on 1/7 in the Cavalier Classic.

Warren will host the Gahr Gladiators later today and will travel to cross-town rival Downey next Wednesday for the first of two of their much anticipated games against the Vikings.

Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play. The preseason is now officially over and the S.G.V.L. season is finally

here. Warren finished last season with an overall record of 13-14 and were 3-7 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Lynwood and Dominguez will once again be the teams to beat.

The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-8 and played Dominguez at Downey on Wednesday night in the S.G.V.L. opener for both schools (score unavailable at press time).

The Vikings competed in the Holiday Hoops Classic Tournament at Mt. Carmel over the Christmas Break and finished in fifth place. Downey defeated Mission Vista of Oceanside 74-39 in their first game on 12/27, defeated Chatsworth 60-45 in their second game on 12/29 and defeated Burbank Burroughs 53-39 in their third game on 12/30. The win over Chatsworth secured the Downey's fifth place finish.

In their final preseason games, Downey was defeated by Murrieta Mesa 54-50 on 1/5 at Downey and defeated Sunny Hills 68-61 on 1/6, also at Downey. The Vikings will travel to Lynwood later today to face the Knights and will host cross-town rival Warren on next Wednesday.

Coach Shelton, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play. Downey has been led on offense this season by senior Brian Chavez's 14.6 points per game, senior Justin Reyes' 14.3 points per game and senior Aaron Garcia's 11.6 points per game.

The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 20-10 and a S.G.V.L. record of 3-7. Downey was defeated by J.W. North of Riverside 51-36 in the quarterfinal round of the C.I.F. Division 1AA playoffs.

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Shared Stories: A Dream Comes True -- My First Vacation

An older sister's need for a babysitter was the occasion for Vickie Williams's first trip away her childhood home in Louisiana. She traveled to Chicago in a brand new '67 Malibu, reveled in a Motown concert, and took her first airplane ride in a 20-seater plane. 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 Vickie Williams

Winter slept, as spring leaped forward. Orange-black butterflies suckled on still magnolias during the day. The scent of honeysuckle perfumed the night air. Plum trees fully laced with white blossoms attracted black bumblebees and early birds sang morning, delightfully feasting on their prey.

Dewdrops nestling on blades of grass quickly evaporated in the rising sun as day progressed and lazy dogs lay sluggishly in humid Delta heat. Old trucks with live chickens for sale rumbled through the

neighborhood and children took to competition playing box hockey, shooting marbles, jumping rope and racing up and down the streets.

Sunshine drew elders to their rocking chairs on their garrets. Winter wear packed in mothballs were stored in old footlockers and cedar chest awaited the return of winter.

Backyard gardens planted in late March blossomed, looked hopeful as yellow flowers flourished on tomato vines signaled future possibilities. Chickens laid eggs in their coups and cackled. Toddlers played in dirt painting their faces with mud, and manicured lawns looked like shags of green carpet.

March winds hummed loudly and danced with fury. April showers brought heavy rains as fluffy white clouds mushroomed into blackness. Crystal sheets of rain poured heavily and thunder roared loudly with sharp bolts of lightning.

I loved playing skinning the cat, draping my knees over the T-shaped poles that held up our clothes lines, as the remainder of my body dangled toward the ground. These were springtime snapshots of my familiar, where I lived in the South.

The school year had ended. March winds and April rains had passed. It was mid May 1967, when I received the good news. I was going to Chicago for the summer. I had just turned fourteen years old on May 7th that year, a poor, proud young colored girl with my chest stuck out after receiving the exciting news. I wasted no time packing mother's gray Samsonite suitcase she let me borrow. I needed no encouragement to do so. Her approval was all I needed, such a wonderful belated birthday gift.

My sister Gertrude, who lived in Chicago, needed a babysitter for the summer. Going to a big city was a dream come true. She and her husband had come home to visit with their two-year-old son and upon returning to the Windy City, they needed someone to look after him.

My nephew and I bonded like glue. His dark dreamy doll eyes stole my heart, when our eyes first met. He quickly became the magnet of my affection. He was soft, serene, and sweet as a velvet breeze. I was happy to show off his good looks. It was love at first sight.

"Be good. Behave. Do what they ask you to do," mother instructed. "I'm gonna miss you." "I'll miss you too, Ma Dear." "I love you." "I love you too."

Hugs and kisses flourished between us, as we said our good-byes. Mother stood at the edge of the front yard waving, loudly issuing more instructions. "Keep the doors locked when you are home alone. Don't talk to strangers."

My nephew and I proceeded to the back seat of the car waving good-bye, as the car took off. My father had said his goodbyes the night before. He woke up with the chickens to go to work.

Christmas arrived early May for me. I felt as light as a helium balloon in my own orbit. I gladly left my dusty tracks behind, spinning dreams in my mind, headed Midwest. Little did I know what was in store.

Leaving my hometown for an entire summer was a long stretch, bigger than my imagination. I did not know what I had bargained for. My young mind took no time to think about it. I relished the opportunity to get away. I embraced the journey.

I knew of no other kid on the block as fortunate as me. Poor folks like us never took vacations. My vacation was usually around the corner to Uncle Eddie's, my mother's brother, for a week. His children were close to my age. All of my siblings were much older.

My hay fever resonated, spring was in full bloom, as my nose and eyes watered for relief. Pollen rode the air, as the humidity, not quite oven-like was heating up. Leaving home sparked adventure in my mind. Nothing could tarnish my exhilaration.

I had visions of seeing the world some day, as I sometimes drifted into wonderland daydreaming, watching planes sailing across iris-blue skies. Opportunity embodied my dream. My day had come. I often

pondered what other places would be like beyond the South. Good weather along our journey made traveling provisions ideal.

We pivoted from the Deep South headed North in a brand new burgundy 1967 Malibu Chevrolet. It was spick and span, stylish and smelled new. As we advanced to the Windy City, I could not contain my excitement. My eyes, riveted with curiosity, drank in the scenery along the way. I inhaled countryside fresh air, soaked in intriguing landscapes: rainbow meadows, fields of yellow, purple, red and pink wild flowers, green pastures, orchards of trees, spans of cotton fields and unknown crops. Crossing bridges and witnessing steamboats meandering on the Mississippi River grabbed my attention. I had never seen so many big rigs ambling down the highway.

I dared not sleep. All the excitement made me feel like a rookie advancing from the minors to the big league. I felt so lucky. The sparkling beige interior made me proud to be a passenger in such a plush car.

The dung of cows, sheep, and goats grazing in fertile pastures created a lasting stench, as we traveled through the countryside. I was relieved to inhale the fresh breath of pines and towering oaks once we passed the stench. I was enchanted with stylish southern brick homes sitting on acres of grassy green carpet, rustic red barns with stacks of golden hay, and men plowing farmland on industrial tractors.

I saw silver strands of moss draped on trees and wondered what was in the thick bush. I cringed to know. Eerie thoughts came to mind.

As night unfolded, I felt like a junior astronomer enamored with clusters of stars sparkling like tinsel in the jet-black sky. I was moonstruck and awed. We listened to Wolf Man Jack on the radio spinning Motown jams and danced in our seats. It was about a day and a half before our arrival in the city.

Chicago

My first view of Chicago was not impressive. Houses crunched next to each other startled me. The buildings appeared drab, mostly grey stone, dark, dirty, and dingy. No grass anywhere it seemed. Soot veiled the city. The air smelled stale and rancid.

Washburn Ave, a main artery in the inner city, teemed with hustlers. Old women sat at bus stops weighted down with grocery bags and laundry carts. Peddlers pushing their products selling everything from fine jewelry, clothing, Chicago dogs, and Polish sausages crowded the streets.

Young women in hot pants and go-go boots hung out on street corners. A man smiling with gold front teeth tapped on the car window trying to sell watches while we waited at the stoplight. Colored men dressed in bright yellow, red, green, and purple suits with matching wide brim hats, and shoes paced the streets.

My eyes ablaze with so much color, my ears overwhelmed with such commotion. The streets reminded me of a busy circus. Some folks

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POETRY MATTERS

summer solstice 2014
for Steve Sanford aptos california

in reality it is sand coarse white sand like common seashells ground down by the ocean of time	that ocean reaches each of us in time erases the distinct sparkle from the beige and the gray as it always will
we take this sand you and i the shell of him as we walk along the rim of the sea	the waves reach and recede and repeat with a tremulous music beneath the constant sky
and broadcast shards like stars across the sky	where the fire of the sun even covered by cloud or shroud or the body of the sullen moon
a last gesture at the wet edge of this world	still burns

- Roy Anthony Shabla

"2016 showed us so much death of famous people, people we never really knew," says Shabla. "These are poems to people i knew and loved." Poetry Matters is highly pleased to be presenting Shabla, Stay Gallery's artist in residence, for a multimedia poetry happening on January 19. Open Mike begins at 7:30. "I try to write poetry using simple language, without individual words drawing attention to themselves," says this versatile artist. "I want the reader to slip into the poem like a warm bath, without realizing he has left his own life... and maybe he hasn't." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017007498
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RUBIO FOODS, 9324 HORLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IVO RUBIO, 9324 HORLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
 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/ IVO RUBIO, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 10, 2017
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot

1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016307948
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COMMAND COMFORT, 4431 CORPORATE CENTER DRIVE #16, LOS ALAMITOS CA 90720, COUNTY OF ORANGE COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) COMMAND AIR CORP., 4431 CORPORATE CENTER DRIVE 115, LOS ALAMITOS CA 90720
 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/ COMMAND AIR CORP., PRESIDENT, CHRISTOPHER PARKER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 20, 2016
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot

12/22/16, 1/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017002420
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALI AUTO DEALS, 1704 W. MANCHESTER AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90047, LA COUNTY, 1901 LOCUST AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3973782
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CALI AUTO DEALS, 1704 W. MANCHESTER AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90047
 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/ CALI AUTO DEALS, PRESIDENT, PERRY ISICHEI
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 4, 2017
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot

1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016309121

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALEXANDRA NOIR, 10524 DOLORES AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY, 538 LAGUNA CANYON WAY, BREA CA 92821
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201630210308
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEXANDRA NOIR LLC, 10524 DOLORES AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
 State of Incorporation: (1) CA
 This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/19/98
 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/ ALEXANDRA NOIR LLC, CEO, ELSIE JARAMILLO
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2016

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The Downey Patriot

12/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016305417
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LIZARRAGA & SONS PLUMBING AND RATER (2) LIZARRAGA & SONS ROOTER, 1840 S. NELSON ST # 90, WEST COVINA CA 91792, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OSCAR LIZARRAGA, 1840 S. NELSON ST APT 90, WEST COVINA CA 91792
 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/ OSCAR LIZARRAGA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2016

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The Downey Patriot

12/22/16, 1/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016307476
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JEANIES FINANCIAL SERVICES #14, 5212 W. ADAMS STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90016, LA COUNTY, 13985 E. LIVE OAK AVE., IRWINDALE CA 91706
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JEANETTE FARID SHALABI, 13985 E. LIVE OAK AVE., IRWINDALE CA 91706
 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/ JEANETTE FARID SHALABI, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 20, 2016

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12/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17

STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

Current File No. 2016259762
 The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) VIA ONE MORTGAGE (2) VIA ONE HOME LOANS located at 6528 GREENLEAF AVE. STE. 201, WHITTIER CA, 90601
 The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on OCTOBER 24, 2016 in the County of LA COUNTY.
 The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): ALEJANDRO ANTONIO MARTINEZ GONZALEZ, 6528 GREENLEAF AVE. STE. 201, WHITTIER, CA 90601
 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/ FAVIOLA JAIME
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on DECEMBER 6, 2016.

The Downey Patriot

12/22/16, 1/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016306789
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TI FIGHTER INDUSTRIES, 12345 FLORENCE AVENUE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SI MOTORSPORTS INC, 12345 FLORENCE AVENUE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
 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/ SI MOTORSPORTS INC, PRESIDENT, THOMAS ROY MCKENZIE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 19, 2016

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12/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016305500
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUCAL KUSTOMZ, 215 EUCLID AVE SUIT 310, LONG BEACH CA 90803, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JULIO IXTA, 215 EUCLID AVE SUIT 310, 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 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/ JULIO IXTA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016304861
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ON-SITE ENERGY SERVICES, 8720 MICHIGAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANK L. VILLANUEVA, 8720 MICHIGAN AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605
 State of Incorporation: (1) CA
 This business is conducted by an Individual
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or

she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/ FRANK L. VILLANUEVA, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2016

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1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016313286
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE PRIDE BY HER, 8321 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JULIA SOLIS, 9504 BRYSON AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) LLOYD VERNIS, 9504 BRYSON AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
 State of Incorporation: (1) CA (2) CA
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/ JULIA SOLIS, PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2016

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1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016315508
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ANGLE NAIL, 10053 VALLEY BLVD SUITE 1, EL MONTE CA 91731, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHINO HILLS KITCHEN VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT INC, 10053 VALLEY BLVD SUITE 1, EL MONTE CA 91710
 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 12/2016
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/ CHINO HILLS KITCHEN VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT INC, PRESIDENT, CANH BA LE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 30, 2016

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016309794
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JOB PARTNERSHIP, 12524 WILLOWCREEK LANE, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSALIE CASCOE, 12524 WILLOWCREEK LANE, CERRITOS CA 90703 (2) CHRISTINE FRASER, 13212 DUNROBIN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242
 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership
 The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
 S/ CHRISTINE FRASER, PARTNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2016
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The Downey Patriot

1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016308751
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) D & B CONSTRUCTION, 14638 DUMONT AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARMEN SONIA NICOLAI TORREBLANCA, 14638 DUMONT AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) DEMETRIO GOMEZ BARRON, 14638 DUMONT AVE, NORWALK CA 90650
 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/ C A R M E N S O N I A N I C O L A I TORREBLANCA, WIFE
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2016

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or names listed above on 12/2016 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ WILLIAM MARISCAL, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 30, 2016
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The Downey Patriot
 1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2016307474

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JEANIE'S FINANCIAL SERVICES #11, 17305 E. VALLEY BLVD., LA PUENTE CA 91744, LA COUNTY, 13985 E. LIVE OAK AVE., IRVINDALE CA 91706
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N. N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JEANETTE FARIQ SHALABI, 13985 E. LIVE OAK AVE., IRVINDALE CA 91706
 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/ JEANETTE FARIQ SHALABI, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 20, 2016
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The Downey Patriot
 12/29/16, 1/5/17, 1/12/17, 1/19/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017008252

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SKYE VISUALS, 10450 TRABUCO ST., BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N. N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KEVIN MICHAEL TAYLOR, 16212 CHICAGO AVE., BELLFLOWER CA 90706
 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/ KEVIN MICHAEL TAYLOR, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 11, 2017
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2016289502

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LIBERTY TRANSPORTS, 6122 WILSON AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N. N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FERNANDO ANTONIO CALDERON, 6122 WILSON 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 11/2016
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declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ FERNANDO ANTONIO CALDERON, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 30, 2016
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

Capital Improvement Project No. 14-17
Imperial Highway Traffic Signal Communications System and Upgrades Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 14-17 - Imperial Highway Traffic Signal Communications System and Upgrades Project.**

The work shall include the installation of PVC conduits, innerducts, different fiber-optic cables, (48 Single Mode Fiber Optic (SMFO), 24 SMFO, 6 SMFO, etc.), communication equipment including existing traffic signal controller and communication cabinets, additional communication cabinet, the installation of City-furnished video detection systems at eight (8) intersections; traffic signal upgrades at up to eight (8) intersections; the integration of the communication system and video detection system into the Traffic Management Center located at City Hall and all appurtenant work there to necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with plans and specifications entitled CIP 14-17.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$50.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 14-17. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et. seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful

bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-10, "Electrical Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Edwin J. Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works
 email: enorris@downeyca.org
 Tel: (562) 904-7110
 Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
 Adria M. Jimenez, MMC
 City Clerk

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 1/2/17, 1/9/17

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED

On January 10, 2017, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced the following Ordinances:

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Amending Article V, "Sanitation" Chapter 8, ("Construction And Demolition Waste Management").

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Amending Section 3186 of Part 13, Chapter 1, Article III of the Downey Municipal Code Relating to Speed Limits for: Dunrobin Ave. between Imperial Hwy. and Cheddar St.; Dunrobin Ave. between Cheddar St. and the I-105 Bridge; Cleta St. between Downey Ave. and Brookshire Ave.; Cleta St. between Brookshire Ave. and Lakewood Blvd.; Cecilia St. between Studebaker Rd. and Dollison Dr.; Gardendale St. between Lakewood Blvd. and Brookshire Ave.; Haledon Ave. between Florence Ave. and Gallatin Rd.; Fifth St. between Brookshire Ave. and Lakewood Blvd.; Rives Ave. between Stewart & Gray Rd. and Firestone Blvd.; Gallatin Rd. between Lakewood Blvd. and Lemoran Ave.; Gallatin Rd. between Lemoran Ave. and Downey Sanford Bridge Rd.; Davis St. between Downey Ave. and Brookshire Ave.; and Dolan Ave. between Davis St. and Firestone Blvd.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Amending Chapter 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Article III of the Downey Municipal Code, Through Adopting by Reference the 2016 California Fire Code (California Code Of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9), Based on the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, with Errata, and Those Portions of the International Fire Code, 2015 Edition, Including Appendices A Through K Inclusive, Together with Certain Additions, Insertions, Deletions and Changes Thereto, for the Purpose of Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to the Life and Property From Fire or Explosion; and Adopting Chapter 6.95 of California Health and Safety Code for the Purpose of Prescribing Regulations Governing Conditions Hazardous to Life and Property from the Handling, Use, Storage or Release of Hazardous Materials or Hazardous Waste

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 1 of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Downey Building Code) and Adding a New Chapter 1 to Article VIII (Downey Building Code) By Adopting

By Reference the 2016 California Building Code and Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 2 of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Downey Electrical Code) and Adding a New Chapter 2 to Article VIII (Downey Electrical Code) By Adopting By Reference the 2016 California Electrical Code And Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 3 Of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Downey Mechanical Code) and Adding a New Chapter 3 to Article VIII (Downey Mechanical Code) By Adopting By Reference the 2016 California Mechanical Code And Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 4 Of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Downey Plumbing Code) and Adding a New Chapter 4 to Article VIII (Downey Plumbing Code) By Adopting By Reference the 2016 California Plumbing Code and Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 11 of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Green Building Standards Code) and Adding a New Chapter 11 to Article VIII (Downey Green Building Standards Code) By Adopting By Reference the 2016 California Green Building Standards Code and Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 12 Of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Energy Code) and Adding a New Chapter 12 to Article VIII (Downey Energy Code) By Adopting By Reference the 2016 California Energy Code and Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Repealing Chapter 13 of Article VIII of the Downey Municipal Code (Downey Residential Code) and Adding a New Chapter 13 to Article VIII (Downey Residential Code) By Adopting By Reference the 2016 California Residential Code and Making Local Amendments Thereto

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey Amending In Its Entirety Downey Municipal Code Article II, Chapter 4, Part 9 Establishing A Board of Building Appeals

Copies of the full texts are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Adria M. Jimenez, MMC, City Clerk
 January 12, 2017

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 1/12/17

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029783

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Saeed Bilal Abubakar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) Saeed Bilal Abubakar to Proposed name (1) Saeed Cedric Deshun Bilal French-Abubakar
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: February 22, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** December 09, 2016
 Lori Ann Fournier
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Saeed Bilal Abubakar
10440 Paramount Blvd F259 Downey, CA 90241

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029833

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Tsigidengel D. Alemu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) Tsigidengel D. Alemu to Proposed name (1) Theophilus Alemu
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Date: February 22, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** January 09, 2017
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Desiree DiAnn Kirk
10644 S. Newcomb Whittier, CA 90603 (702) 210-9822

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029752

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Reginald James Akers filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) Reginald James Akers to Proposed name (1) Reginald James French
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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Date: February 22, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312

scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: March 8, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk California 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** January 04, 2017
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Tsigidengel D. Alemu
16000 Grayville Dr. #41 La Mirada, CA 90638 (310) 621-4888
abbatada@yahoo.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029861

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: February 8, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** January 09, 2017
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Teresa Nelle Fernandez-Otano
5529 Hazelbrook Avenue Lakewood, California 90712 (562) 630-5504

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029867

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Desiree DiAnn Kirk filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) Desiree DiAnn Kirk to Proposed name (1) Desiree DiAnn Hay
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 15, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** January 09, 2017
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Teresa Nelle Fernandez-Otano
5529 Hazelbrook Avenue Lakewood, California 90712 (562) 630-5504

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029867

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Desiree DiAnn Kirk filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) Desiree DiAnn Kirk to Proposed name (1) Desiree DiAnn Hay
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 15, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** January 09, 2017
 Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Desiree DiAnn Kirk
10644 S. Newcomb Whittier, CA 90603 (702) 210-9822

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029752

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


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After deliberation, Norwalk sticks with trash vendor

NORWALK—Three Norwalk City Council members on Wednesday chose to keep the city's solid waste services for now after reviewing possible alternatives during a special council meeting.

Councilmen Leonard Shryock, Luigi Vernola and Vice Mayor Cheri Kelley heard a report on the search for a potential new solid waste vendor for the city of Norwalk.

The current dual-vendor contract expires in March 2018.

After a half hour delay of the proceedings scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Mayor Mike Mendez read a statement, excluding himself from the selection proceedings.

The primary speaker, of HF&H Consultants, presented his firm's findings, but after Shryock expressed concern about the length of time it took to receive the findings.

The PowerPoint presentation showed each of the 12 submitted proposals compared to each other against the current vendor's

rates.

No decision was made after the presentation and the testimony of nearly a dozen people speaking about the current service.

After Kelley made a motion to adjourn for the evening, Shryock said, "I have a final comment."

With that, Shryock entered the idea of gathering more info on the vendors who were not interviewed and to present any new information after the March 7 election.

"If you're trying to exclude me from the vote...I've been here for 20 years," Kelley said.

Shryock withdrew his suggestion, simultaneously seconding the original motion for adjournment of the meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Norwalk City Council is scheduled for next Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m.

— Raul Samaneigo, contributor

Opening reception Friday for artist Roy Anthony Shabla

DOWNEY — Stay Gallery invites the community to attend an opening reception for Roy Anthony Shabla, artist-in-residence, Friday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m..

Roy Anthony Shabla is a Downey-based painter, poet, and filmmaker and is the first resident of our space. During the studio portion of his residency, Shabla created eighteen-foot paintings and junk sculptures.

One of the paintings was a collaboration with the public. His residency included a Community Paint Day, educational Film Nights, and student workshops. Starting on Jan. 13, the formal exhibition of

his work is open to the public.

The reception begins at 7 p.m. with food, drinks, and live music by Esmoladera, Corbo, and Courted and Bobtail, three exciting local bands. Stay Gallery will accept donations at the door.

To see a complete list of Shabla's artwork, visit www.staygallery.org/shablaart.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-FNM-16016974. NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) 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 TRUSTEE OR, IF YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/23/2015, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ipsasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-FNM-16016974. 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. On January 25, 2017, at 11:00 AM, BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, IN THE CITY OF POMONA, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by DONRITA S. BELLO, A SINGLE WOMAN AND MAYNARD ALLEN JR., A SINGLE MAN AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustors, recorded on 3/2/2015, as instrument No. 20150221555, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association,

or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein after 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. Property is being sold "as is - where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 6367-003-021 LOT(S) 14 OF TRACT NO. 16032, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 354, PAGE(S) 19 AND 20 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF THE VACATED STREET ADJOINING SAID LOT ON THE NORTH SAID VACATED PORTION WOULD PASS WITH THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID LOT 14. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 8400 RIVES AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240-2130. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$455,300.58. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information.

If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 714-730-2727 or www.ipsasap.com Dated: 12/19/2016 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE, Trustee by Shelley Chase, Foreclosure Administrator A-4603129 01/05/2017, 01/12/2017, 01/19/2017

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000006008494 Title Order No.: 160131475 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 041-9955378-731 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/20/1997, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/04/1997 as Instrument No. 97 1908015 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: DARIO DELGADILLO, A SINGLE MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 02/16/2017 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10420 DOWNEY AVENUE #202, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241. APN#: 6252-019-055 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of

Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$117,054.03. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000006008494. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 800-280-2832. www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852. Dated: 12/29/2016 A-4603944 01/05/2017, 01/12/2017, 01/19/2017

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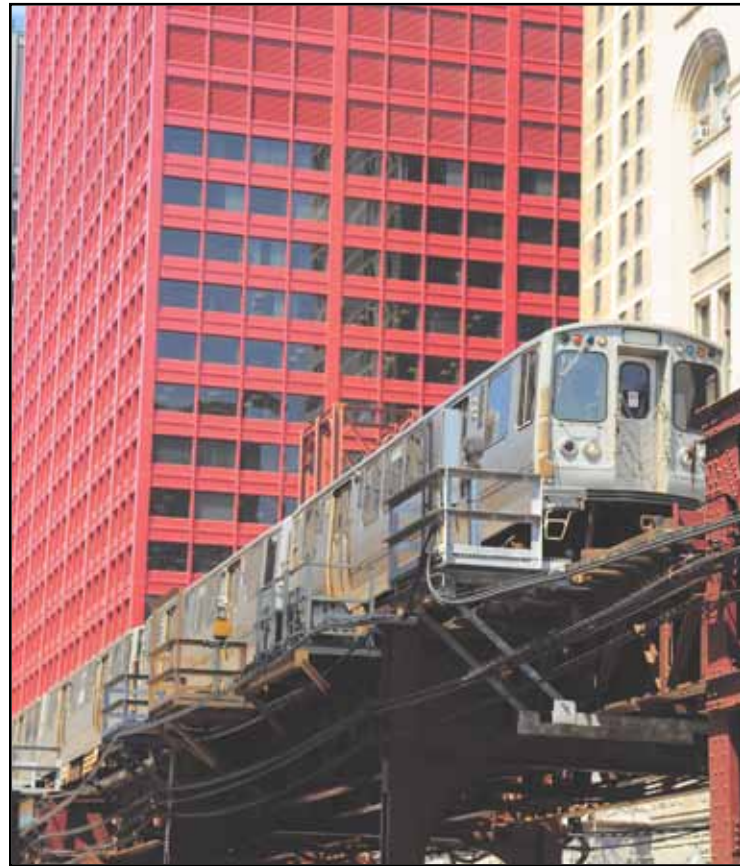
T.S. No. 028519-CA APN: 6245-011-037 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/7/2005, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/8/2017 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0342716, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: GERARD B. GORLERO AND MARTHA E. GORLERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the undersigned Trustee in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST the street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12313 JULIUS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the

initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$367,835.43 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. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 028519-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION CALL: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

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Shared Stories: A Dream Comes True -- My First Vacation

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moved as if they were on octane with a mission. The scariest sight was a man without a shirt wearing tattered dark pants draped in chains dragging a flatbed of wood on his tobacco brown back. Some colored men had processed hair and others had Afros. It was a blend of the wildly exotic and the ordinary, a real shock to me.

L-Trains screeching and chugging on tracks vibrated with annoyance. It was an alarming welcome to the city. I silently longed for the simple life, the peace and quiet of my laid-back neighborhood: the smell of sweet magnolias, the comfort of my mother's kitchen, the scent of fresh cut grass, clean air, and open spaces. I missed sprawling shade trees and warm southern greetings,

Things got better as we approached the apartment on West Adams where my sister lived. I greeted it with a sigh of relief. The building had several entrances and many levels. It was an upgrade from home with a red brick exterior, neatly attired with modern furniture, walls with fresh coats of paint, floors blanketed with carpet, a doubled sink in the kitchen, a sparkling stove and snow white refrigerator. It was a quiet

habitat.

I met Rose, my sister's friend. She was round, plump, and friendly, had no children and adored my nephew and me. I had no one my age to communicate or play with. I grew homesick quickly, but never asked to go home.

My sister worked days and her husband worked nights. He slept most of the day. We played card games, monopoly, dominoes, and checkers for entertainment, when my sister and her husband were not working.

My freedom was restricted. Caution a must. Doors always locked. My brother-in-law was not to be disturbed. Plenty of food and a neatly kept apartment maintained by my sister were reassuring. The noise level I monitored. I was quiet as a whisper.

My nephew was a joy to care for. I would put him in his stroller and with my sister's permission we would go for short walks. I read him stories, bathed, and fed him. The conservatory was nearby and we would frequent there regularly.

On his parents off-days, we would go sightseeing. We visited Lake Michigan, and nearby were White Sox's Park, Soldier Field where Gale Sayers, the Chicago Bears running back, broke ankles and made tacklers miss.

We went to the Loop downtown, and my favorite place of all was the Regal Theater. I saw a "dream girl" like performance there. It was a gift from my brother-in-law for being a good babysitter. The line up included the Spinners, Four Tops,

Impressions, the Miracles, Martha and the Vandellas.

The glitz and glamour caused my eyes to glow like the moon. I struck gold and was in a Motown groove. The songs and choreography received long applause. Those days the music was the star.

Going Home

I never thought I would miss home so much. I longed for my mother's loud voice and soulful cooking, the rivalry playing sports with friends, and the freedom to roam free. I missed the simple things, picking plums and blackberries, buying penny cookies and dill pickles at the neighborhood store, hanging out at the softball park, shooting hoops at the recreational center, saying hello and chatting with elders that admired my spunk.

I missed spending summer nights at Uncle Eddie's around the corner, keeping my cousins awake telling jokes and giggling. "Go to sleep gal. Y'all stop that giggling." My Uncle's command made my rebellion that much sweeter. We would pull the covers over our heads, place our hands over our mouths, and silently giggle.

My anticipation to return

home was like a drought thirsting for rain. Leaving my nephew behind brought tears to my eyes. A lump swelled in my throat. "Thank you so much, Vic, for being a great babysitter," my sister with a forlorn look said to me. "I'm going to miss you so much."

We hugged tightly saying our goodbyes. I picked up my nephew and held him closely not wanting to leave him behind. I wanted to safeguard him from harm, hurt, and danger. A rivulet of soft tears fell from his eyes when I told him I was going bye-bye. My brother-in law and I locked eyes with a smile and I grabbed him around his waste ever so grateful for spending a sometimes lonesome, but eye-opening vacation with them. "You be good and hit the books. Thanks a million," he said to me.

I took my first airplane ride out of Midway Airport in Chicago. I was thrilled. The plane was a commuter with a single engine. The seats were snugly, rubber-band tight. It only seated about twenty passengers or less.

I had to change planes in St. Louis. The plane there was much larger and the skies were surreal for travel. It had a black cover on its nose as if it had been in battle. My stomach was queasy on take off, but with little turbulence, my ride home was a success. The ease in which we sailed the heavenly blue skies was seductive.

Leaving Chicago I had earned my wings. I was ecstatic to see my parents' faces. My residence at 814 Camp Street never looked more inviting to me. I had so much to share. There was no sweeter landing than home sweet home.

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