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Meet Don Herlinger, an original employee of the world's oldest McDonald's

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – For many, the old McDonald's on the corner of Florence and Lakewood is just that: it's the old McDonald's. For others, the site is a source of joy and pride as one of Downey's many historical gems.

But for nearly 81-year-old Don Herlinger, the oldest-operating McDonald's is a source of fond memories and nostalgia.

Herlinger and his family moved into Downey in 1952. He was briefly a Downey High School Viking, before he exited in the middle of his 10th grade year to "seek his fortune." He found himself at the all too familiar golden arches, hired as one of the original employees when the restaurant opened in 1953.

"McDonald's was a great experience for me," said Herlinger. "I made 85 cents an hour, and all the hamburgers I could eat."

The very same McDonald's that Herlinger once worked for now has the cachet of being the oldest McDonald's still in operation.

McDonald's showcased a

much simpler menu back in 1953, consisting of burgers, fries, and malts.

"That was just about their menu. No Big Macs or anything like that," said Herlinger.

Herlinger mainly presided over French fries. His uniform consisted of a white short sleeved dress shirt, a black bow tie and a paper cap.

When reflecting back on the time, Herlinger jokingly noted that gasoline was only 18 cents a gallon. The car culture that exploded in the 1950's is well documented, and the then young teen was no exception to it.

Some of Herlinger's fondest memories of the time include him and a few friends pitching in gas money and piling into one of their cars to cruise around Downey and the surrounding cities. Sometimes it was in his 1948 Chevrolet.

"About every night, we'd put in 25 cents apiece and fill up, you know, get gasoline," said Herlinger. "We'd go cruise Downey, South Gate; never got into trouble. None of my friends ever got into any trouble."

"I've got to say, the 50's was the best time in the world to be



Don Herlinger was 16 when he was hired at the Speedee McDonald's in 1953. Photo by Eric Pierce

a teenager. Nobody knew what graffiti was. Nobody knew what 'dope' was...no drive-by shootings. It was just an excellent time to be a teenager...[McDonalds] was a good place to hang out back then, it was a safe environment. Downey is a good town – still a good town..."

Herlinger remembers that

at the time of the burger joint's opening it functioned more as a takeout stand, however customers would park their cars and eat in the parking lot. In the modern era, the location plays host to the occasional car show, and has only recently applied for the addition of a drive thru.

Herlinger travels back to the location from time to time, and is always willing to tell his story about his time under Speedee's watchful neon-lit eyes.

"I feel like part of the McDonald' family for working there, and working at the oldest McDonalds in the world," said Herlinger.

In softball, this girl found confidence, leadership and happiness

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In the sports of baseball and softball, the pitcher could easily be described as the unofficial leader of the team, dictating the progression of the game with every pitch. Such pressure often makes even the best players in the world crack, however one little girl has taken the challenge in stride, and in turn it has brought out the best in her.

Nine-year-old Vanessa Hernandez was faced with an unfortunate reality for many kids: bullying. This resulted in her being extremely shy and quiet, with very few friends.

"I got bullied a lot," said Vanessa. "I went to go and see a therapist and my mom and dad, they were talking to somebody and they said to put me in sports..."

Vanessa's parents originally considered soccer and basketball, however their daughter didn't seem to take to either. It was Vanessa herself who moved in the direction of softball.

Leanna Hall, Vanessa's mom, has played softball her whole life, but she didn't tell her daughter

about softball for fear of pushing Vanessa too hard towards it. It wasn't until Vanessa saw a game on TV that she voiced her interest.

Vanessa was enrolled in Downey Ponytail late in the process, and was quickly inserted onto a team a mere week before the season began.

She was placed on Steve Roberson's team.

Roberson says that Vanessa was extremely quiet when she was first added to his roster. She had little to no skill in the sport, didn't interact with the other girls, and was "scared to death of the entire process."

"She couldn't hardly look at you," said Roberson. "She didn't know what end of the bat to even hold, she'd never caught a ball. It was just 'how do you help this little girl...'"

Despite her lack of skill and extreme shyness, Vanesa continued to show up to games and practices. Eventually, she discovered pitching.

She discovered she had a talent for it too.

Vanessa enjoys how fun pitching is, and that pitchers are often looked towards to determine the fate of the game. She also enjoys the friends that she makes while playing.



Vanessa Hernandez credits softball with helping her confidence and leadership abilities. She is the team's pitcher. Courtesy photo

Vanessa has spent the last few seasons playing as one of the main pitchers of her team; she's even made the all-star team.

According to her father, Victor Hernandez, Vanessa's new found love for the game and for the mound has provided her with a new confidence and attitude, along with a host of new friends.

"Ever since then she's been more happy," said Hernandez. "More friends, more outgoing. Happy. Just a happy kid...In my opinion, I think the pitcher is one of the leaders of the team...by having that role as one of the leaders on the team, I think she opened up to be more responsible...you know, helping others out."

Vanessa hopes to one day take her talents to Westwood and play for the UCLA Bruins.

Until that time comes, Vanessa has recently gone through the normal preseason tryouts and is preparing for her next season of play under the coaching of Roberson.

Heavy rains wreak havoc on Downey streets

DOWNEY – Record amounts of rainfall caused havoc on Downey streets and freeways this week.

Heavy rain doused Downey starting Sunday morning, transforming streets into lakes and trapping motorists who tested their luck driving through the deluge of water.

On Monday, residents contended with intermittent thunderstorms and even hail. A pine tree on the 7600 block of Coolgrove Drive was struck by lightning and caught fire.

Fire Station No. 1 ran out of sandbags by Sunday afternoon but officials were working to secure more by nightfall, said Mayor Fernando Vasquez.

Flooding was reported throughout the city, and residents were warned to avoid the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo rivers.

One resident, who declined to give her name, said multiple vehicles became stuck in a lagoon near Walmart, and cars were veering into oncoming traffic to avoid the stalled motorists.

"There are about five cars that are stalled and drivers have decided to jump on the opposite side of the road to avoid it," she said. "The flooding is in the side of when you are leaving the Promenade."

Residents also reported power outages Sunday afternoon, though electricity was mostly restored by Monday morning.

Public Works staff filled approximately 150 potholes on Monday alone.

–Eric Pierce, editor



Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 71°

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THINGS TO DO



Downey Symphony

Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 pm

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AWS Wrestling

Saturday - American Legion Post 335 in South Gate, 8 pm

AWS Wrestling stars compete in the squared circle. Full card posted on Facebook.com/AWSpromotions



Monster Jam

Saturday - Angels Stadium, 6:30 pm

Monster truck racing and freestyle competitions, including an appearance by the world famous Grave Digger.



Kings of Leon

Saturday - The Forum, 7:30 pm

The popular band performs before departing for Europe as part of its world tour.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Heavy rains wreak havoc on Downey streets

Heather Boggs: Wow, haven't seen that much rain since I was a kid and we had "El nino" hit. I remember walking on wooden pallets in the halls at Unsworth Elementary.

Dwayne Jenkins: Time to put away the van and pull out the jet ski!

Jason Bohr: The city needs to work on its drainage system

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyFutbol: Downey is a Hispanic city -- crazy how difficult it is to get a friendly pickup soccer game with friends #ChangeParkPolicy

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Downey's Bruce English named fire chief in Vernon

DOWNEY – Longtime Downey firefighter Bruce English has been named fire chief for the city of Vernon, effective Jan. 16.

English started with the Downey Fire Department nearly 28 years ago, and was assistant fire chief before landing the job in Vernon. He is a Downey native, growing up in the city and graduating from Warren High School.

English's departure triggered several promotions within the fire department. Jay Ibey was elevated to assistant fire chief, while Mike Whitney was promoted to battalion chief, Josh Halbmaier to captain, and Richard Hernandez and Patrick Runyon to fire engineers.

Residents urged to report storm damage

DOWNEY – A series of strong storm systems swept through Los Angeles County between Wednesday, January 18, 2017 and Monday, January 23, 2017 bringing record amounts of rain throughout the area.

Los Angeles County would like residents to take action by reporting how much damage was sustained at their homes by completing a survey.

To complete a damage assessment survey go to www.211LA.org and click on the banner for Damage Assessment Survey. Residents can also call 211 to complete a Damage Assessment Survey and get information and referrals for assistance. At this website there is also up-to-date weather outlooks, road closures, and information on emergency preparedness actions.

Los Angeles County residents, renters, and business owners, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Coordinating Council meeting

DOWNEY – The Downey Coordinating Council's monthly meeting will be held Feb. 1 at the Barbara J. Riley Senior Center.

The program speaker will be Kim Tachiki-Chin from the office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard.

"Scooter" (ID # 17-13814) is SEAACA's Pet of the Week.

He is an adult, male, white, black and tan Husky mix. "Scooter" is an active dog that wishes to be with an owner that likes to walk, run or even hike. He also loves to play and fetch balls.

Scooter is available for adoption at SEAACA located at 9777 Seaca St. in Downey.



Tickets still available to Symphony concert Saturday

DOWNEY – This Saturday at the Downey Theatre, the Downey Symphonic Society presents violinist Michelle Tseng, baritone Anthony Moreno, and pianist Robert Blake, performing a variety of pieces by European, Latin, and American composers.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for "Dreamscapes," an art exhibit in the Theatre lobby. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm. The concert begins at 8 pm.

Tickets are \$35 or \$30 depending on seating section and are available at downeysymphony.org or by calling the Theatre Box Office at (562) 861-8211 or in person (open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and at 6:30 p.m. Saturday).

Free parking adjacent to the Theatre.

DUSD open enrollment begins Feb. 1

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District will be conducting its annual School of Choice in February for the 2017-18 school year.

Downey parents of students who reside within the district boundaries and wish for their student to attend a Downey school outside of their attendance area may pick up an application at any Downey school or at the DUSD district office during the open enrollment period, Feb. 1-28.

New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey school for the first time and wishing to apply for School of Choice should also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration in the District for the new school year.

Applications must be submitted to the DUSD district office by 4 p.m. Feb. 28. Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. Instead, a random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on a School of Choice waiting list for the 2017-18 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting lists according to priority, but only if space is available.

For questions, call the Office of Student Services at (562) 469-6550.

Christian club meets Feb. 8

DOWNEY – Joyce Bruggeman, an executive assistant at Cal State San Marcos, will be the program speaker at the Downey Christian Women's Club meeting on Feb. 8.

The lunch meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

Admission is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch. For reservations, call Helen at (562) 864-7319.

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

At 5:15 p.m., a female was walking on the 9300 block of Elm Vista when a suspect approached her from behind and grabbed her shopping bag from her hand. The suspect fled the location in a silver sport utility vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

At 2:30 p.m., officers were investigating a trespassing at a home on the 11500 block of Downey Avenue. They located a stolen vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence and observed a female exit the vehicle. The female was arrested for grand theft auto.

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

Between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., two vehicle burglaries occurred in the parking lot behind Shakey's Pizza (12030 Paramount Blvd.) A few hours later, officers responded to the area of Bergman and Orizaba regarding a suspicious male. He was detained and found to be in possession of property stolen from one of the parked vehicles. The suspect was arrested for vehicle burglary.

At 10:30 a.m., a resident on the 9300 block of Cecilia St. observed two males enter his neighbor's backyard and then a few minutes later, run to a parked vehicle in the driveway. Officers located the males driving in the area of Florence and Brookshire avenues and detained them. It was determined the males removed a window screen attempting to break into the residence. Three males in the vehicle were arrested for attempted residential burglary.

At 7:00 p.m. three males armed with handguns entered the T-Mobile store (9400 Firestone Blvd.) The suspects took phones and unknown amount of U. S. currency. The suspects then fled in a dark colored vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

DUI, driver's license checkpoint Friday

DOWNEY – Downey Police will conduct a DUI and driver's license checkpoint Friday night, Jan. 27, at an undisclosed location in Downey, starting at 8 p.m.

There have been 461 alcohol-related vehicle collisions in Downey in the past three years, police officials said, resulting in two deaths and 119 injuries.

Police did not announce the location of Friday's checkpoint, but officers will be looking for signs of drug or alcohol impairment, while also checking for proper licensing.

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Downey High to offer new diploma program

DOWNEY – Downey High School will be one of approximately 1,000 schools worldwide to implement Advanced Placement (AP) Capstone – a diploma program that allows students to develop the skills that matter most for college success: research, collaboration and communication.

The program consists of two courses taken in sequence: AP Seminar and AP Research. Developed in direct response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admission officers, AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific study of other AP courses and exams.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research assessments and on four additional AP Exams of their choosing will earn the AP Capstone Diploma. This signifies their academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on both AP Seminar and AP Research assessments only (but not on four additional AP Exams) will earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

"This innovative program gets a broader, more diverse student population ready for college and beyond," said Downey High School Principal Tom Houts. "The program gives our teachers more leeway with curriculum choices so their students can access more challenging coursework and sharpen their reading and writing skills."

Downey High School will start AP Seminar in the fall of 2017. The AP Seminar course, typically taken in 10th or 11th grade, equips students with the ability to look at real-world issues from multiple perspectives.

Through a variety of materials that range from articles to research studies, to foundational and philosophical texts - students tackle complex questions; understand and evaluate opposing viewpoints; interpret and synthesize information; and construct, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments.

Education, innovation, sustainability, and technology are examples of themes or topics covered in AP Seminar. However, teachers have the flexibility to choose subject content based on student interests, whether local, regional, national, or global.

By tapping into students' personal interests, AP Capstone gives students from a wide range of backgrounds an entry point into stimulating coursework more than ever before, DUSD officials said. Students are assessed through a team project and presentation, an individual project and presentation and an end-of-course written exam.

In the subsequent AP Research course, students design, plan, and conduct a yearlong research-based investigation on a topic of individual interest, documenting their process with a portfolio. Students build on skills developed in the AP Seminar course by learning how to understand research methodology; employ ethical research practices; and collect, analyze, and synthesize information to build, present and defend an argument.

Each AP teacher's syllabus is evaluated and approved by faculty from some of the nation's leading colleges and universities, and AP Exams are developed and scored by college faculty and experienced AP teachers. Most four-year colleges and universities in the United States grant credit, advanced placement, or both on the basis of successful AP Exam scores — more than 3,800 institutions worldwide annually receive AP scores.

Astronaut John Olivas to visit Downey space center

DOWNEY – NASA astronaut John 'Danny' Olivas will be at the Columbia Memorial Space Center this Saturday as the center hosts an Astronaut Commemoration Day.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 1 disaster, the first time NASA had lost astronauts, and an event strongly connected to the Space Center and the city of Downey.

"Our site is where the Apollo program was designed and built and, after the Apollo 1 accident, the capsule provided Downey engineers valuable lessons that fundamentally changed NASA," space center officials said.

The space center will dedicate a memorial plaque in honor of the Apollo 1 astronauts Saturday.

The facility also will pay tribute to victims of the Challenger and Columbia disasters.

"The Columbia Memorial Space Center is invaluable in preserving the memory of the ultimate sacrifices paid by heroic individuals in pursuit of science, as well as proliferating the cause of the human exploration of space," said Olivas. "We owe it to them, ourselves and the generations yet to come to continue our search for the truth in the infinite sea of stars that is our universe."

Saturday's event will include engineers who worked on the Apollo program and were familiar with the forensic work on the Apollo 1 capsule 50 years ago.

Additionally, members of the Space Shuttle design team will give insight into the Challenger and Columbia disasters.

The day also includes special activities throughout the center, self-guided tours of the Challenger Learning Center, and solar viewings provided by the Columbia Astronomers, along with a brief ceremony dedicating the Apollo 1 plaque.

The space center opens at 10 a.m. and the program begins at 11:45. Admission is free as part of SoCal Museum Free Day.

Olivas was selected as a NASA astronaut in 1998. He has participated in two space missions, including STS-117 Atlantis, the 118th Shuttle mission and the 21st mission to visit the International Space Station, delivering the second starboard truss segment, the third set of U.S. solar arrays, batteries and associated equipment.

Sharon Ingram mourned

DOWNEY – Sharon Ingram passed away Jan. 24. She was born in Lynwood and graduated from Lynwood High in 1964. She worked for AT&T for 30 years.



She married Bill Ingram in 1968. He passed away in 1998. She was a Downey resident for many years.

Her memorial service will be at the Imperial Hwy. Church of Christ, 8321 Imperial Hwy. on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m.

Harold Camp was WWII veteran

DOWNEY – Harold Eugene Camp died at age 93 on Jan. 14 in Joshua Tree after a brief illness.

Harold was born to Gerald and Lola Camp in Long Beach on January 6, 1924. He graduated from Avenal High School in the Central Valley in 1941. Harold enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1942 and served for four years during WWII.

He married Doris Frank in 1929 and enjoyed a long and happy marriage of 42 years. Harold opened Camp's Appliance Store in South Gate. Harold lived for many years in Downey before moving to the high desert.

Harold was a generous man who donated liberally to Biola University and Moody Bible Institute.

Harold was predeceased by his wife, Doris in 1992. He is survived by his brother, Jerry Camp (Flora) in Oregon, his sister, Lois Harrison in Texas, his daughter, Mary Camp Jenison (Roger), his sons Paul, (Doris) and Joel. Harold is also survived by three grandchildren, along with two step grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Jan. 20 at Wiefels Mortuary in Yucca Valley. Burial will take place at Riverside National Cemetery at a later date.

Thomas Hartsfield passes away

DOWNEY – Thomas Hartsfield passed away Dec. 15.

There will be no memorial service, per his wishes. Thoughts and well wishes can be shared online at iowafuneralplanning.com/obituaries/thomas-hartsfield

James Johnson dies at 91

DOWNEY – James R Johnson passed away on Nov. 15 at the VA hospital in Long Beach. He was 91.

He lived in Garden Grove. He will be buried at Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Riverside.

Mary Tyler Moore, iconic TV actress


LOS ANGELES – Mary Tyler Moore, the vivacious actress known best for roles on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show," died Wednesday. She was 80.

Moore was one of the most popular TV stars of the 1960s and '70s, thanks to the two hit series that featured her in prominent roles. Just 24 years old and a relative unknown when "The Dick Van Dyke Show" launched in 1961, Moore was chosen from among dozens of actresses who auditioned to play the role of Laura Petrie, wife of Dick Van Dyke's Rob Petrie.

In addition to Moore's five Emmy awards for best actress, she won three Golden Globes, an Emmy for best supporting actress, a Crystal Award from Women in Film and Television International, and two Tony awards. She received lifetime achievement awards from the Screen Actors Guild and the American Comedy Awards, and she was a member of the Television Hall of Fame. In 2002, TV Land and the city of Minneapolis honored Moore with a statue in downtown Minneapolis, depicting an iconic scene from the opening credits of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" in which Mary stopped in the middle of the street and threw her hat in the air.

Moore was born Dec. 29, 1936, in Brooklyn, New York. She is survived by her third husband, Dr. Robert Levine.

In Memory of
Dolores Farris
 Entered into this life June 14, 1931.
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A native of Los Angeles, Dolores Stevens grew up during the Great Depression. From a young age she was taught the importance of her faith in the Lord Jesus. Lowell and Dolores were married in Spring of 1950. In 1955 they moved to Downey. Dolores had a few jobs, besides raising their children she was a cashier at Ralph's Grocery Store and working in the Downey Unified School District. After suffering a stroke, Dolores passed away surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 65 years Lowell, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting a donation be made to either Operation Smile or the Fred Jordan Mission.

In Memory of
Patricia Welter
 April 17, 1925 - January 18, 2017

Patricia Francis Welter, of Downey, CA passed away on January 18th, 2017 at the age of 91. Patricia is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Baron, and her four children; Cynthia, Stephen, Richard, and William; and her five grandchildren: Chris Chloe, Erin, Jessie, and Jamie. Patricia, a citizen of Downey for the past sixty years, was an active member of the Downey Assistance League, the D.A.R., and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. If anyone would like to make a donation in lieu of flowers for the services, Patricia requested that all proceeds go to Doctors Without Borders or the American Heart Association. Church services will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 28th.

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SPORTS: Downey, Warren start thinking playoffs as basketball season hits mid-mark

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 12-9 and are 1-3 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Vikings were defeated by Dominguez at Downey in their league opener 46-44 on 1/11.

Downey was then defeated by Lynwood at Lynwood 63-57 on 1/13, defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey 53-34 on 1/18 and were defeated by

Gahr at Downey 63-58 on 1/20. Downey's three league losses thus far have come by a total of 13 points.

The Vikings traveled to Paramount (3-16, 0-3) on Wednesday to face the Pirates (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Dominguez for their rematch tonight. Downey will travel to Sylmar (9-11, 5-2) tomorrow for a non-league game before they host Lynwood (5-14, 1-2) on Wednesday and travel to Warren (8-12, 1-3) next Friday.

Downey has been led this

season on offense by a trio of seniors. Brian Chavez has averaged 14.6 points per game, Justin Reyes has averaged 14.3 points per game and Aaron Garcia has averaged 11.6 points per game. Senior Jesse Medina has averaged 5.9 rebounds per game and Brian Chavez has averaged 3.4 assists per game running the offense.

As league play is nearing the midway point the standings are as follows: Gahr is 4-0, Dominguez is 4-0, Lynwood is 1-2, Downey is 1-3, Warren is 1-3 and Paramount is 0-3. Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to the second round of league play, finishing up strong and making a playoff run.

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■ The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 8-12 and are 1-3 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Bears defeated Paramount at Paramount 63-40 in their league opener on 1/11.

Warren was then defeated by Gahr at Warren 71-48 on 1/13, was defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey 53-34 on 1/18 and was defeated by Dominguez at Warren 79-66 on 1/20.

The Bears traveled to Lynwood (5-14, 1-2) on Wednesday to face the Knights (score unavailable at press time) and will host Paramount (0-3, 3-16) tonight to start the second round of league play. The Bears will travel to Gahr (13-8, 4-0) on Wednesday and will host cross-town rival Downey (12-9, 1-3) next Friday in their much anticipated rematch.

Warren has been led this season on offense by senior Deveone's Jones' 15.7 points per game. Jones has also led the Bears with 8.8 rebounds per game. Senior point guard John Nicolas has ran the Bear offense and is averaging 2 assists per game.

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■ The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 14-6 and are 3-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Lady Vikings defeated Dominguez at Downey in their league opener 65-21 on 1/11.

Downey was then defeated by the Lynwood Lady Knights at Lynwood 65-59 on 1/13, defeated the cross-town rival Warren Lady Bears at Downey 49-34 on 1/18 and defeated the Gahr Lady Gladiators at Downey 74-40 on 1/20.

The Lady Vikings traveled to Paramount (4-8, 1-3) on Wednesday to face the Lady Pirates (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Dominguez to face the Lady Dons tonight. Downey will host Lynwood (8-11, 4-0) on Wednesday and will travel to Warren (12-8, 3-1) next Friday for their much anticipated rematch.

Downey has been led this season on offense by senior Naelene Garcia's 11.7 points per game. Seniors Lynette Garcia and Danise Herrington have averaged 6.5 and 6.4 rebounds per game, respectively, and sophomore point guard Surie Camacho has averaged 4.2 assists per game running the offense.

As league play is nearing the midway point the standings are as follows: Lynwood is 4-0, Downey is 3-1, Warren is 3-1, Gahr is 1-3, Paramount is 1-3 and Dominguez is 0-4. Coach Harris, his staff and players are all looking forward to the second round of league play, finishing up strong and making a playoff run.

■ The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 12-8 and are 3-1 in San Gabriel Valley

League play. The Lady Bears defeated the Paramount Lady Pirates at Paramount 63-31 in their league opener on 1/11.

Warren then defeated Gahr at Warren 54-38 on 1/13, was defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey 49-34 on 1/18 and defeated Dominguez at Warren 67-20 on 1/20.

The Lady Bears traveled to Lynwood (8-11, 4-0) on Wednesday to face the Lady Knights (score unavailable at press time) and will host the Paramount Lady Pirates (4-8, 1-3) tonight to start the second round of league play.

Warren will travel to Gahr (10-8, 1-3) on Wednesday and will host cross-town rival Downey (14-6, 3-1) next Friday in their much anticipated rematch.

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At Santa Fe High, baseball brings athletes, special needs students together

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Wearing batting helmets and fielders' mitts, students in the special education program at Santa Fe High School swung their

bats, ran bases and fielded their positions in a baseball game as part of the third annual Make A Difference (M.A.D.) game – a cheerful event organized by student-athletes and the school's Associated Student Body.

another level. That's why the M.A.D. game is so special. It's 100 percent student-organized."

The M.A.D. event is an extension of Chieftain Friends, a weekly volunteer social enrichment program.

Guided and assisted by the student-athletes, dozens of students wearing commemorative M.A.D. T-shirts had their names announced over a loud-speaker as they approached the field, with friends and family cheering them on in the stands.

"The students in our program know all of the athletes, so they are super excited to play in the baseball game," special education teacher Rebecca Larsen said. "It's the biggest day of the year for them."

With the baseball diamond and students' classrooms located near each other, baseball players regularly interact with the students. Head Baseball Coach Pierre Romo asked the players how they could include the students and give them a better high school experience.

"It was the student-athletes who came up with the idea and it turned out to be such a tremendous success," Romo said. "They take a lot of pride in putting together the game and are always looking to take it to

"We are committed to helping our students in the special education programs interact with their peers, to give them increased visibility on campus," said Christine Garcia, who teaches students with moderate to severe disabilities. "Many of the students have known each other since elementary school, so they have already established a friendship. With others, they are meeting someone new, and they begin a special bond together."

At the beginning of the school year, general education students apply for a mentor position in Chieftain Friends. Once selected, they are paired with a special education student – their "buddy" – and meet with them once a week for lunch in the school library.

Chieftain Friends maintains a 1:2 mentor/buddy ratio, ensuring that students always have a friend to spend time with, play games with, dance with or listen to music on the quad. The group also hosts themed events throughout the year, including Halloween, Christmas and other holidays.

This school year, there are 85 students in Chieftain Friends.

"Santa Fe is committed to ensuring that every student has a chance to socialize and enjoy extracurricular activities, especially those for whom their educational experience will translate into learning skills for life," Principal Craig Campbell said. "I'm so proud of our student-athletes and ASB members for creating such an inclusive event that will not only enhance the high school experience of our students in special education, but give everyone the opportunity to make long-lasting friendships and memories."

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President Trump's inauguration speech

By Donald J. Trump

Chief Justice Roberts, President Carter, President Clinton, President Bush, President Obama, fellow Americans, and people of the world: Thank you.

We, the citizens of America, are now joined in a great national effort to rebuild our country and to restore its promise for all of our people.

Together, we will determine the course of America and the world for years to come.

We will face challenges. We will confront hardships. But we will get the job done.

Every four years, we gather on these steps to carry out the orderly and peaceful transfer of power, and we are grateful to President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama for their gracious aid throughout this transition. They have been magnificent.

Today's ceremony, however, has very special meaning. Because today we are not merely transferring power from one administration to another, or from one party to another -- but we are transferring power from Washington, D.C. and giving it back to you, the American People.

For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government while the people have borne the cost. Washington flourished -- but the people did not share in its wealth. Politicians prospered -- but the jobs left, and the factories closed.

The establishment protected itself, but not the citizens of our country. Their victories have not been your victories; their triumphs have not been your triumphs; and while they celebrated in our nation's capital, there was little to celebrate for struggling families all across our land.

That all changes -- starting right here, and right now, because this moment is your moment: it belongs to you.

It belongs to everyone gathered here today and everyone watching all across America. This is your day. This is your celebration. And this, the United States of America, is your country.

What truly matters is not which party controls our government, but whether our government is controlled by the people. January 20th 2017, will be remembered as the day the people became the rulers of this nation again. The forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer.

Everyone is listening to you now.

You came by the tens of millions to become part of a historic movement the likes of which the world has never seen before. At the center of this movement is a crucial conviction: that a nation exists to serve its citizens.

Americans want great schools for their children, safe neighborhoods for their families, and good jobs for themselves. These are the just and reasonable demands of a righteous public.

But for too many of our citizens, a different reality exists: Mothers and children trapped in poverty in our inner cities; rusted-out factories scattered like tombstones across the landscape of our nation; an education system flush with cash, but which leaves our young and beautiful students deprived of knowledge; and the crime and gangs and drugs that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential.

This American carnage stops right here and stops right now.

We are one nation -- and their pain is our pain. Their dreams are our dreams; and their success will be our success. We share one heart, one home, and one glorious destiny.

The oath of office I take today is an oath of allegiance to all Americans.

For many decades, we've enriched foreign industry at the expense of American industry; subsidized the armies of other countries while allowing for the very sad depletion of our military; we've defended other nation's borders while refusing to defend our own; and spent trillions of dollars overseas while America's infrastructure has fallen into disrepair and decay.

We've made other countries rich while the wealth, strength, and confidence of our country has disappeared over the horizon.

One by one, the factories shuttered and left our shores, with not even a thought about the millions upon millions of American workers left behind.

The wealth of our middle class has been ripped from their homes and then redistributed across the entire world.

But that is the past. And now we are looking only to the future. We assembled here today are issuing a new decree to be heard in every city, in every foreign capital, and in every hall of power.

From this day forward, a new vision will govern our land.

From this moment on, it's going to be America First.

Every decision on trade, on taxes, on immigration, on foreign affairs, will be made to benefit American workers and American families. We must protect our borders from the ravages of other countries making our products, stealing our companies, and destroying our jobs. Protection will lead to great prosperity and strength.

I will fight for you with every breath in my body -- and I will never, ever let you down.

America will start winning again, winning like never before.

We will bring back our jobs. We will bring back our borders. We will bring back our wealth. And we will bring back our dreams.

We will build new roads, and highways, and bridges, and airports, and tunnels, and railways all across our wonderful nation.

We will get our people off of welfare and back to work -- rebuilding our country with American hands and American labor.

We will follow two simple rules: Buy American and hire American.

We will seek friendship and goodwill with the nations of the world -- but we do so with the understanding that it is the right of all nations to put their own interests first.

We do not seek to impose our way of life on anyone, but rather to let it shine as an example for everyone to follow.

We will reinforce old alliances and form new ones -- and unite the civilized world against radical Islamic terrorism, which we will eradicate completely from the face of the Earth.

At the bedrock of our politics will be a total allegiance to the United States of America, and through our loyalty to our country, we will rediscover our loyalty to each other.

When you open your heart to patriotism, there is no room for prejudice. The Bible tells us, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity."

We must speak our minds openly, debate our disagreements honestly, but always pursue solidarity.

When America is united, America is totally unstoppable.

There should be no fear -- we are protected, and we will always be protected.

We will be protected by the great men and women of our military and law enforcement and, most importantly, we are protected by God.

Finally, we must think big and dream even bigger.

In America, we understand that a nation is only living as long as it is striving.

We will no longer accept politicians who are all talk and no action -- constantly complaining but never doing anything about it.

The time for empty talk is over. Now arrives the hour of action.

Do not let anyone tell you it cannot be done. No challenge can match the heart and fight and spirit of America.

We will not fail. Our country will thrive and prosper again.

We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space, to free the Earth from the miseries of disease, and to harness the energies, industries and technologies of tomorrow.

A new national pride will stir our souls, lift our sights, and heal our divisions.

It is time to remember that old wisdom our soldiers will never forget: that whether we are black or brown or white, we all bleed the same red blood of patriots, we all enjoy the same glorious freedoms, and we all salute the same great American Flag.

And whether a child is born in the urban sprawl of Detroit or the windswept plains of Nebraska, they look up at the same night sky, they fill their heart with the same dreams, and they are infused with the breath of life by the same almighty Creator.

So to all Americans, in every city near and far, small and large, from mountain to mountain, and from ocean to ocean, hear these words:

You will never be ignored again.

Your voice, your hopes, and your dreams will define our American destiny. And your courage and goodness and love will forever guide us along the way.

Together, We will make America strong again.

We will make wealthy again.

We will make America proud again.

We will make America safe again.

And yes, together, we will make America great again. Thank you. God bless you. And God bless America.

Politics

Dear Editor:

Should we listen to Trump's words or to his heart?

On Saturday I had the privilege of participating in the Women's March, which took place in over 600 cities across the U.S. and in major cities across the world. Standing in Downtown L.A., at the corner of First and Broadway, facing City Hall with a crush of people surrounding me and filling every available space in the streets and sidewalks as far as I could see in every direction, I was proud to come to join in the reaction against the words of our new president.

I have never seen so many women and men gathered, united against hate, bigotry and for women's rights, hundreds of thousands in L.A. alone. In DC it was estimated there were over 400,000 people marching!

That same day, at his very first meeting with CIA leaders and staff, Trump told them that he had the biggest inaugural crowd in history, saying that the crowd spread all the way to the Washington Monument and consisted of maybe a million and a half people. But photographs in the media showed large gaps in the crowd, while subsequent analyses, ridership data from the Washington Metro system, pictures (and our vivid memories) of President Obama's 2009 inauguration all tell us that Trump's claims are not true.

At his very first press conference, presidential spokesman Sean Spicer followed up with another lie about the size of Trump's inaugural turnout, and followed that with attacks on the media, accusing them of shameful dishonesty.

When confronted with these untruths (or "alternate facts," as Kellyanne Conway said on Meet the Press), Trump and his sycophants just double down on them, unfairly attacking the news media at every turn.

Millions of Americans and people around the world are not fooled, as evidenced by their turning out on Saturday for the Women's Marches: young and old, women and men of all races, colors, religions and beliefs, all united to protest against Trump and his incitement of hatred and intolerance, mistreatment of women, minorities, Muslims, the disabled, and attacks on the media.

Kellyanne Conway asked plaintively, "Why does everyone listen to his words instead of listening to his heart?" In other words, we cannot take anything that our new President says as true. And from his hateful statements so far, we are afraid of what is in Trump's heart.

How will we live through the next four years with a President who is so willing to distort the truth for his own ends, malign anyone who questions him, and malign others when it suits him?

Anita Rivero Downey

Dear Editor:

Approximately 67 members (Democrats of course) decided to boycott the US presidential Inauguration. The elections are over and regardless of candidate support, the respect for American electoral process should be maintained by members of Congress.

This is appalling that elected members of the United States Congress would display their personal reasons in their dislike of the person elected to the office of President of the United States. They preferred to embarrass the United States electoral system, its constituencies (that elected them), the office of the United States of America Presidential Office, and overall, the people and country of the United States of America, as well for the principles that this country was established.

It is appalling that the Downey area elected official, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, would be part of this group. She needs to be warned that she may have not only violated Constitutional principles as an elected official but also failed as the Congressional representative of her district.

Her dismal performance in office should be reviewed by her constituencies at the next election. More could have been accomplished by attending than by staying out of the cold weather.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (the defeated opponent to the President) attended with smiles alongside the former presidents. She represented the country proudly by sitting on that stage with the new President to honor the United States of America's peaceful transition of power without speaking harshly toward her former opponent.

We may hear from Mrs. Clinton in the future but on this day, she was an American and proudly.

Carl Mir Downey

Dear Editor:

The last four or five years, California's government has spent taxpayers' money to pass bills that have granted illegal immigrants the right to get a drivers license, receive "Obamacare" benefits, declare cities "safe havens", and so on.

Now they're spending money to counsel and defend illegal immigrants.

It seems to me that illegal immigrants are being treated more like American citizens, and the taxpayers who think our tax dollars are going to the good of America should be called "dreamers."

Jim Cuddy Downey

POW flag

Dear Editor:

As a American Legion member and Post Commander of Downey Post # 270, I would like to congratulate Downey City Hall for displaying the POW/MIA flag over city hall. It has been a long time coming.

Downey city hall and council members have been very supportive of our veterans through the years. This display of the POW/MIA flag over city hall is an example of Downey's concern for our veterans.

Thank you Downey.

Ray Gard Downey Post #270 American Legion

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Letters should be signed with a full name and address, and are subject to editing.

Hahn: Let EMTs take intoxicated patients to sobering centers

On Tuesday, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn pushed for commonsense reform to allow EMTs and paramedics to bring patients to mental health urgent care centers and sobering centers.

Under current California State law, law enforcement personnel are allowed to transport intoxicated patients or patients experiencing mental health episodes to sobering centers or mental health centers but bars Emergency Medical Technicians or paramedics from doing so. Instead, EMTs and paramedics are required to bring these patients to the emergency room, which is often not the best place for these patients and only contributes to overcrowding.

"The bottom line is that if people like you and I can take an individual to a sobering center or a mental health urgent care center," said Supervisor Hahn, "why can't a highly trained medical professional do the same?"

Today, Supervisor Janice Hahn recommended that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors sponsor legislation in the California State Legislature to address this important issue.

Mitch Katz, the director of the county's Department of Health Services, offered testimony to the Board of Supervisors.

"Sobering centers and mental health urgent care centers are more humane places to bring people. They are also less expensive places to bring people," said Mitch Katz, who also commented that the state provision that requires paramedics to take patients to the hospital is outdated. "Having the board support a change in legislation will make a huge difference."

The motion passed with unanimous support.

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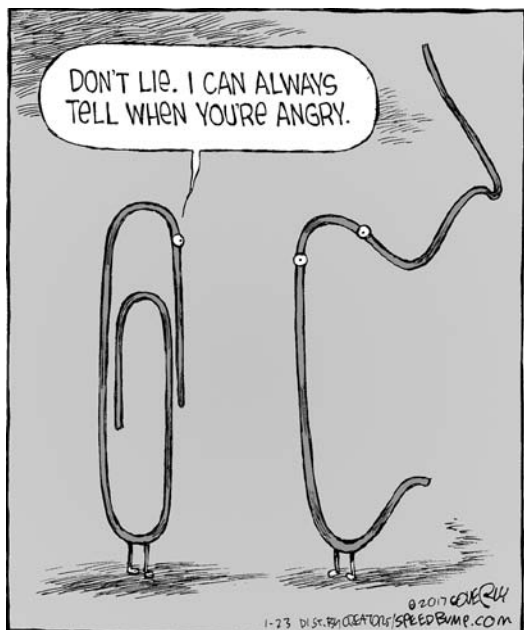
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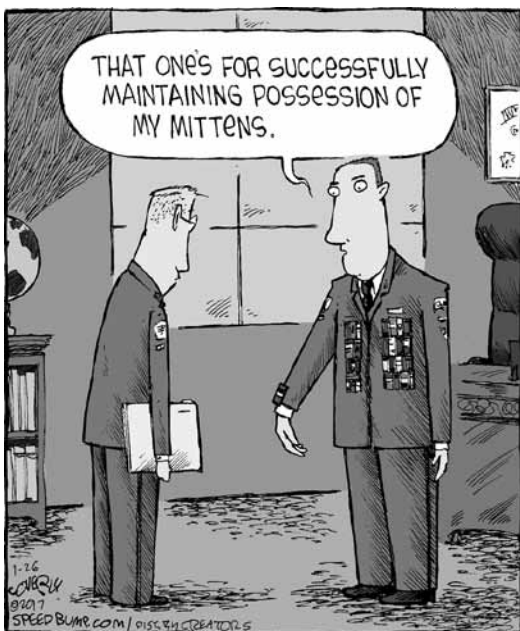
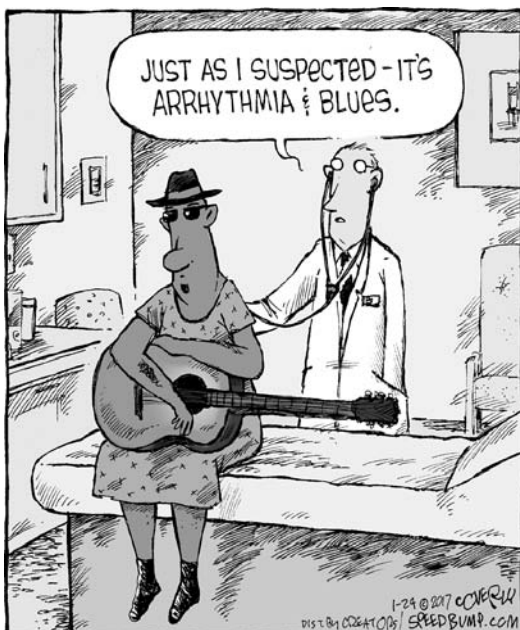
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Saturday, Jan. 28: **Astronaut Commemoration Day**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, Jan. 28: **Downey Symphony concert**, Downey Theatre, 8 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
 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.

On This Day...

Jan. 26 1988: The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Phantom of the Opera," the longest-running show in Broadway history, opened at the Majestic Theater in New York.

2005: Condoleezza Rice was sworn in as secretary of state.

2006: Confronted by Oprah Winfrey on her syndicated talk show, author James Frey acknowledged lies in his addiction memoir "A Million Little Pieces."

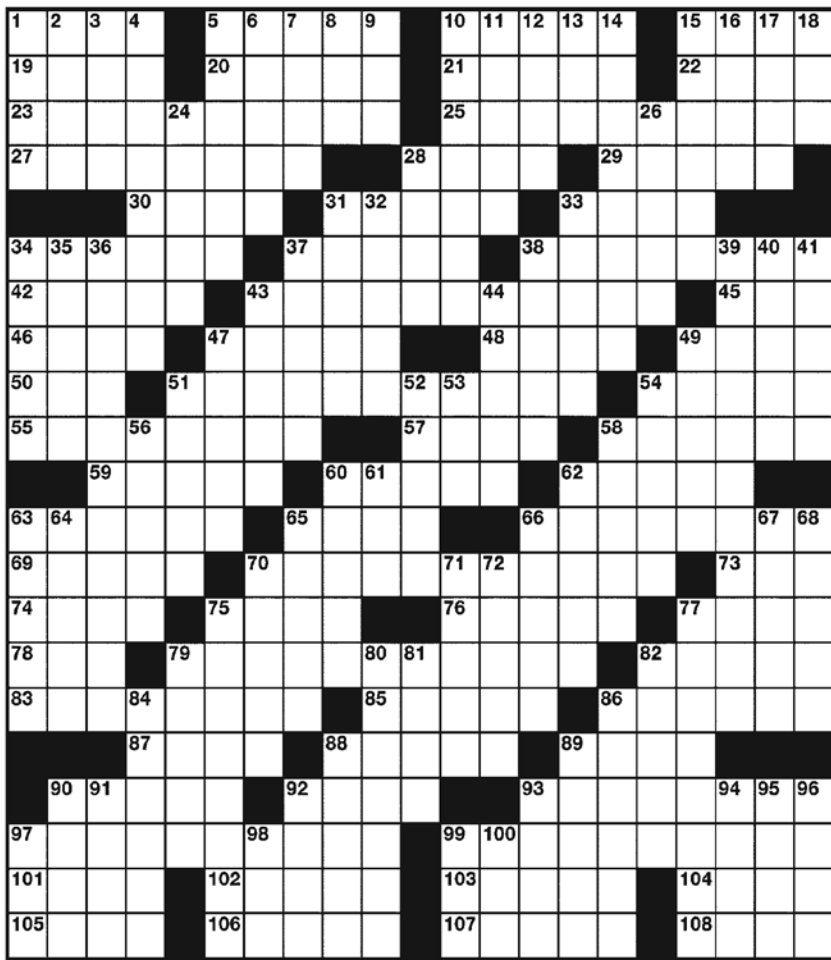
2009: "Octomom" Nadya Suleman of Whittier gave birth to octuplets conceived by in vitro fertilization. Suleman was already a mother of six.

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WWE Royal Rumble: Preview and Predictions

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

WWE will present the Royal Rumble this Sunday live from the Alamo Dome, and officially kick off the Road to Wrestlemania. The Rumble itself is always one of the company's most anticipated shows each year. With one of the most stacked match cards to date, here's a look at and prediction for each matchup.

Rich Swan (c) vs Neville for the Cruiserweight Championship: After the spectacle that was the Cruiserweight Classic, the cruiserweight centered show "205 Live" has been less than desired. Things started to look up, however, when superstar Neville made his shocking return from injury, turned heel and made his intentions for the Cruiserweight Championship clear.

A Neville title reign might just be what "205 Live" needs to get back on the up and up.

Prediction: Neville

Charlotte Flair (c) vs Bayley for the Raw Women's Championship: Bayley will win the Raw Women's Championship...it just won't be on Sunday.

This particular feud has been a refreshing change of pace from the back and forth, title flopping debacle that was Charlotte Flair vs Sasha Banks. Bayley is the lovable fan favorite underdog, and Charlotte Flair has an undefeated title win streak at PPV's.

This will be an entertaining match for sure. Just don't expect Bayley to start her title reign until 'Mania.

Prediction: Charlotte Flair

Becky Lynch, Nikki Bella, and Naomi vs Alexa Bliss, Mickie James, and Natalya

In reality, this match shouldn't be on the card. The women involved are more than deserving of getting a spotlight on Sunday's show, but it shouldn't be this way.

The Becky Lynch / Alexa Bliss story line has been one of the more entertaining women's feuds in recent months, despite the silliness of the "Who is La Luchadora" element. The rivalry has gained even more of a head of steam, now that La Luchadora has been revealed as the returning, five time Women's Champion Mickie James.

Nikki Bella and Natalya have a good thing going on Raw, as personal storylines that bend the fantasy barrier known as kayfabe are always entertaining. The excellent use of The Total Divas / Bella's reality television shows and Nikki's well known relationship with John Cena has made for some good segments.

And then there's Naomi. Naomi has always been considered one of the more athletic and hardworking superstars, but has failed to truly get over or secure a legitimate push. She was most recently seen on this week's Smackdown after months of an extended absence from television.

The two people to watch here are Naomi and Mickie James. Either the WWE will start to make Naomi look like a legitimate contender and start to send her towards the push that many believe is long overdue, or Mickie James will be established as a credible threat to Lynch and the rest Smackdown Women's division.

Either way, these rivalries should have been spotlighted on their own, and not just thrown together for the sake of having a match to feature these six talented women.

Prediction: Alexa Bliss, Mickie James, and Natalya

AJ Styles (c) vs John Cena for the WWE Championship: Last year, the "Phenomenal" AJ Styles shocked the WWE Universe when he entered the Royal Rumble match at number three, effectively debuting in the company and putting the locker room on notice that "They don't want none."

It took less than a year for Styles to secure his hold on the WWE's top prize. The "Champ that runs the camp" now finds himself once again facing the "face that runs the place" John Cena, who seeks his record-tying 16th world championship.

Styles has had a solid reign with the championship for the last several months, but all clues point to that ending here. Look for the Cenation leader to make history

Prediction: John Cena

Kevin Owens (c) vs Roman Reigns for the Universal Championship w/ Chris Jericho suspended above the ring in a shark cage: Probably the gimmickiest match on the card. Just read the sub-header.

Kevin Owens defends his title with his "best friend" hanging high above his head, seemingly removing any possibility that Jericho could influence the match's decision. This probably means that Jericho will once again have some impact on the match finish. Unfortunately for Owens, it's a likely bet that the WWE will give the title to Reigns in an effort to reestablish the push that the company seems so determined to give him. With rumors of a pending Owens / Jericho 'Mania match up, look for Jericho to wiggle his way out of the cage and cost Owens his title.

Prediction: Roman Reigns

The Royal Rumble: For the last several years, the Rumble has been fairly predictable when determining its winner. This year's result is much foggier to predict, though it can be narrowed down a little.

The match's biggest draws are by far Goldberg and Brock Lesnar, however instead of victory it is much more likely that Goldberg and Lesnar eliminate each other from the match in some shape or form, setting up their third and final clash at Wrestlemania. Recent cracks in the Wyatt Family foreshadow a feud between Bray Wyatt and Randy Orton, so they're out. Samoa Joe is anticipated to make his call up debut from NXT and receive a major push, but it's unlikely that he'd get the immediate nod for the title opportunity.

Surprise entrants could include recently announced Hall of Fame Inductee Kurt Angle, NXT Champion Shinsuke Nakamura, or even New Japan Pro Wrestling star Kenny Omega (though the latter is probably unlikely), however surprise entrants usually just serve the purpose of easy crowd pops.

Most likely, it'll come down to two men: either Braun Stroman or The Undertaker.

A Stroman push has been teased for a while now. Though Stroman is still very obviously green in some areas, WWE Chairman Vince McMahon has a reputation for promoting and pushing "big men."

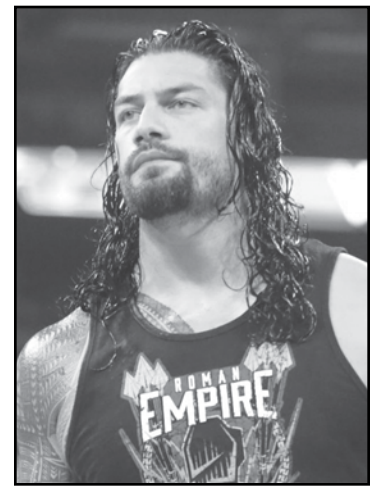
Undertaker is rumored to retire at the end of the year. This upcoming Wrestlemania will likely be his retirement match. A 'Mania clash with company face John Cena has been rumored for a few years now, so if the above prediction for the WWE Championship match proves true, it might be safe to expect the Deadman to come out on top.

That being said, with SmackDown exclusive PPV Elimination Chamber being held before 'Mania and a WWE Title match already announced for the show, expect a Raw Superstar, notably Stroman, to stand victorious in the Rumble.

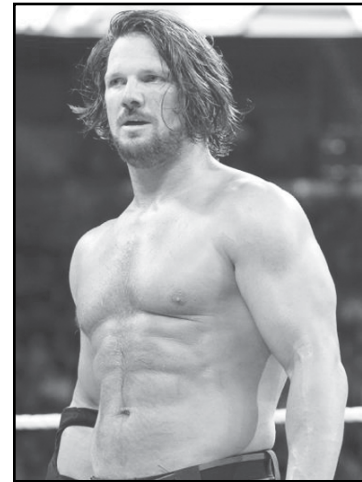
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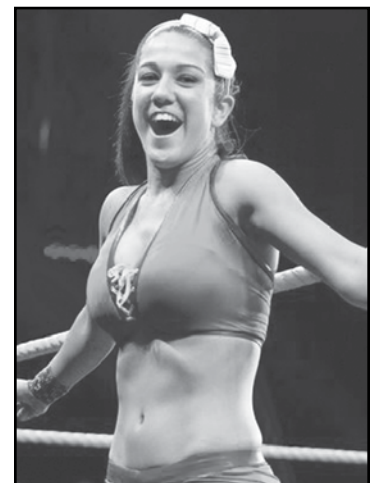
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Having just returned from a wonderful wine tasting weekend in the beautiful Napa Valley, I can wax on about the beneficial effects of alcohol.



Most of us enjoy a drink from time to time, and studies show positive health effects (under certain circumstances) from drinking in moderation.

However, excessive drinking over time, or even on a single occasion, can take a serious toll on our health. Every sip of beer, wine, or other alcoholic drink quickly enters the bloodstream and comes into contact with nearly every organ in the body.

When we consume more alcohol than our body can efficiently metabolize, the blood alcohol level rises. The affect it has on us depends on a number of factors, including weight, age, gender, body composition, general health, food consumption, and the presence of other drugs or medications. What actually happens to our organs when we drink?

Alcohol affects the *brain* in a number of ways, changing coordination, mood, memory and thinking. Speech can become slurred and more difficult. Changes in coordination interfere with balance and the ability to walk. Thought processes, impulse control, and ability to form memories change. Over the long term, drinking can actually shrink the brain's frontal

lobes, and severe alcoholism can lead to permanent brain damage and dementia. Damage to the nervous system may result in pain and numbness. Alcoholism can cause a thiamine (vitamin B1) deficiency, which can result in rapid eye movements, weakness, or paralysis of the eye muscles. Acute alcoholic withdrawal can cause seizures and delirium.

Drinking excessively over time, or even a one-time binge, may damage the *heart*. It can lead to cardiomyopathy, heart arrhythmias, stroke, and high blood pressure. (Of course, in moderate amounts, it can protect healthy adults from developing coronary heart disease.)

Alcohol can wreak havoc on the *digestive system*, from the mouth to the colon. Even a single incidence of heavy drinking can cause injury to the digestive tract. It can damage the salivary glands and irritate the mouth and tongue, leading to gum disease, tooth decay, and tooth loss. It can lead to ulcers in the esophagus, acid reflux, heartburn, stomach ulcers and inflammation of the stomach lining (gastritis). It can cause gassiness and diarrhea. It can also lead to internal bleeding from ulcers, hemorrhoids, or esophageal varices. It makes it harder for the digestive tract to absorb nutrients and vitamins and to control bacteria. As a result, alcoholics often suffer from malnutrition.

The *liver's* job is to break down and detoxify harmful substances, including alcohol. Liver disease is life threatening because it allows toxic substances to remain in the body. Excessive drinking can cause fatty liver, fibrosis, and ultimately cirrhosis (scarring caused by chronic liver inflammation), which can destroy the liver. Another danger is alcoholic hepatitis, which can lead to jaundice. Women are at higher risk for alcoholic liver disease than men, because women's bodies tend to absorb more alcohol and take longer to process it.

Drinking can cause pancreatitis, a serious inflammation and swelling of the blood vessels of the *pancreas,* which interferes with digestion and regulation of metabolism. A damaged pancreas can result in a lack of

insulin, which then leads to hyperglycemia and diabetes.

The *reproductive system* is significantly impacted. For men, heavy drinking affects the testosterone level, leaves the penis limp and the libido reduced. As few as five drinks per week decreases the sperm count and affects their ability to swim. Almost three-quarters of men who drink excessively have at least one sexual health issue such as low desire, erectile dysfunction, or premature ejaculation. It can cause infertility by affecting the testicles. Excessive drinking can cause a woman to stop menstruating and become infertile. It also can increase her risk of miscarriage, premature delivery, and stillbirth. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (and related disorders) can result in a baby with physical abnormalities, learning difficulties, and emotional problems.

Long-term alcohol use makes it harder for the body to produce new *bone*, and increases the risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures. It can lead to broken *blood vessels*, which turn the skin and eyes red, and cause puffiness in the face. Alcohol affects the ability to make *muscle*, leading to weakness, cramping, and even atrophy.

Alcohol weakens the *immune system*, making the body an easier target for infections like pneumonia and tuberculosis. It is associated with an increased risk of developing a number of cancers, including cancer of the mouth, esophagus, throat, liver, breast, and colon.

It is clear that there is an enormous difference between drinking moderately (never more than two drinks per day) and drinking excessively. If you are not able to limit your alcohol consumption, I urge you to get help and to not drink at all.

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Alternative Medicine: Karma

By Marcela Arrieta

Karma is not real! But contrary to belief it's as real as oxygen and gravity. According to Wikipedia, karma is the spiritual principle of cause and effect where intent and actions of an individual (cause) influence the future of that individual (effect).

Let's try an experiment: Imagine in your hands a beautifully crafted boomerang. It's color your favorite. The patterns and curves right on point. You're at a park surrounded by luscious trees stretching to the heavens. The grass is oh so green and fluffy. Birds fill the sky with song as the sun shines upon you.

You throw your boomerang into the picturesque landscape. You can

see from afar how it glides, gently cutting through the air as it folds and makes its way back to you with a greater force than what you launched it with. Doesn't this feel so perfect and gratifying? Something that you love so much keeps coming back to you over and over.

Now, let's change the scenery. You still have a boomerang only this one isn't your favorite color. The curves are a bit uneven. Its pattern not what you like. The park you decided to go to has no tress or grass. A gloomy day outdoors with no birds chirping high above.

And there it goes, your boomerang into the unflattering landscape with its unfavorable shape and colors. You see it swerve and curve back to you. Stay in this

moment for a few seconds. Take in this scenery and compare it to the first panorama. Doesn't this feel perfect or gratifying? Why is it that something you dislike so much keeps coming back to you over and over!

Let's put all of this jibber jabber into simplified terms. The boomerang represents our thoughts, words and actions. Whatever boomerang we choose to sling is exactly what we are putting out into our existence. When the boomerang curves its way back to us is perfectly embodied as the representation of Karma. What we choose to sling out in thoughts, words or actions will come back to us multiplied whether we believe in this or not.

Karma is not just of the eastern traditions. It has been written and spoken of throughout time. And even in the science community!

"Newton's third law is: For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. The statement means that in every interaction, there is a pair of forces acting on the two interacting objects. The size of the forces on the first object equals the size of the force on the second object."

"The Golden Rule: So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 7:12"

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 The Emotional Body.

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Parents: learn the symptoms of AFM

CDC has received an increased number of reports of children with acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), a rare but serious condition. CDC is working hard to find the causes of these AFM cases.

Parents may be hearing about children in the United States who suddenly became weak in their arms or legs from a condition called acute flaccid myelitis, or AFM. This type of condition is not new. Anyone can get AFM or neurologic conditions like it, and there are different possible causes, such as viruses, toxins, and genetic disorders. AFM affects the nervous system, specifically the spinal cord, which can cause the muscles and reflexes in the body not to work normally.

In August 2014, CDC started receiving an increase of reports of people, mostly children, with AFM. Since then, we've been working hard to better understand this condition, what puts people at risk of getting it, and the possible causes. AFM remains rare (less than one in a million people), even with the recent increase in cases. However, AFM is serious, and we don't yet know what causes people to get this condition, or how to protect people from getting it. As we continue to learn about AFM, we urge parents to seek medical care right away if their child develops symptoms of AFM.

Symptoms of AFM

AFM is rare, but it can lead to serious neurologic problems. You should seek medical care right away if you or your child develops any of these symptoms:

- weakness and loss of muscle tone and reflexes in the arms or legs
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2016306675

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MINTY CLEANING SERVICES, 6316 MALABAR ST APT C, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN CARLOS MEDINA MITRE, 6316 MALABAR ST APT C, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 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 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/ JUAN CARLOS MEDINA MITRE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 19, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The 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).

The Downey Patriot
1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17, 2/9/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2016311387

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SIMCOMM (2) SIMCOMM SOLUTIONS, 5200 CLARK AVE 6215, LAKEWOOD CA 90714, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERIC LEMANN HALL TRUSTEE OF THE JEANK LIVING TRUST, 5200 CLARK AVE 6215, LAKEWOOD CA 90714

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by a Trust 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/ ERIC LEMANN HALL, TRUSTEE This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 27, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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).

The Downey Patriot
1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017013860

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CM FINANCIAL ADVISORS (2) CMA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, 10821 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3629637 REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) CERDA MUNOZ, ADVISOR, 10821 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: (1) CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2017 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/ CERDA MUNOZ, ADVISORS, INC., CFO, HILBERTO CERDA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 18, 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).

The Downey Patriot
1/26/17, 2/2/17, 2/9/17, 2/16/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017079722

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FIRST TMS (2) TRAILER REPAIR SERVICE (3) ACE FIRST TRANSPORT SERVICES (4) ACE TRAILER PARTS SALES, 4859 E. GAGE AVE., BELL CA 90201, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3859003 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FIRST TMS CORP., 4859 E. GAGE AVE., BELL CA 90201 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/FIRST TMS CORP., PRESIDENT, HUGO CERVANTES This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 12, 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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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES ADOPTED

On January 24, 2017, the City Council of the City of Downey adopted the following Ordinances:

Ordinance No. 17-1372, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1373, 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; Clea St. between Downey Ave. and Brookshire Ave.; Clea 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.

Ordinance No. 17-1371, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1363, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1364, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1365, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1366, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1367, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1368, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1369, 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

Ordinance No. 17-1370, 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

The Downey Patriot
1/26/17

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 14-1
BROOKSHIRE AVENUE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(GARDENDALE ST. TO IMPERIAL

HWY. AND FIRESTONE BLVD. TO FLORENCE AVE.)

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 16, 2017 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 14-1 Brookshire Avenue Water System Improvement Project (Gardendale St. to Imperial Hwy. and Firestone Blvd. to Florence Ave.)**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on Brookshire Avenue from Gardendale St. to Imperial Hwy. and Firestone Blvd. to Florence Ave., as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed generally consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, tees, cross, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and boxes; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 14-12.

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 \$35.00 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. 14-1. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash or 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/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid: promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the form of the City of Downey, and furnish 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 Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid as 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/her, 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 Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline 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/her 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 an informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, 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/her 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:
Mrs. Lorena Powell,
Assistant Civil Engineer
E-Mail: lpowell@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

The Downey Patriot

1/26/17, 2/2/17

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 – 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 – 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday the 15th day of February, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California**, the following:

Customer Name	Unit#
Katherine Carias	1003
Donald U. Babsky	1057
Luis Torres	1165
Tanya Jackson	1216
Virginia Adame	1314
Consuelo Banuelos	1336
Claudia Avila	1541
Virginia Soto Padilla	1586
Uriel Mendoza	2279
Edder Castillo	2165
Leticia Marquez	2403
Tavia Vaughn	2446
Hansel Aiken	2945
Wanda L. James	2948
Lachesha Jackson	2951
Lisa Leblue	5010
Joseph Luisi	1404

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, wherein is and must be removed at the time of sale. **Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.**

Dated this 26th Day of January 2017 and 2nd day of February 2017.
Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: WL11254152

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1/26/17, 2/2/17

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029914

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jocelyn Quintanilla filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Jocelyn Libeth Rodriguez Quintanilla to Proposed name (1) Jocelyn Libeth Quintanilla
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 29, 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 19, 2017
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Pro
Jocelyn Quintanilla
5623 Shull St.
Bell Gardens, CA 90201
(310) 489-1234

The Downey Patriot
1/26/17, 2/2/17, 2/9/17, 2/16/17

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Tsigedengel D. Alemu filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Tsigedengel 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.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: March 8, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

The Downey Patriot
1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: NS033269

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Robert Anthony Gonzales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Robert Anthony Gonzales to Proposed name (1) Robert Anthony
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 17, 2017, Time: 8:30am, Department: 27
The address of the court is 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029828

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Elizaveta Kirillova filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Elizaveta Kirillova to Proposed name (1) Liza Richards
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: April 5, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 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 10, 2017
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Pro
Elizaveta Kirillova
10407 Jackson Ave
South Gate, CA 90280

The Downey Patriot
1/26/17

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 Pro
Tsigedengel D. Alemu
16000 Grayville Dr. #41
La Mirada, CA 90638
(310) 621-4888
abbatda@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029828

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Elizaveta Kirillova filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Elizaveta Kirillova to Proposed name (1) Liza Richards
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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** December 20, 2016
Lori Ann Fournier
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Pro
Reginald James Akers
10440 Paramount Blvd F259
Downey, CA 90241

The Downey Patriot
1/12/17, 1/19/17, 1/26/17, 2/2/17

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS029871

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 10, 2017
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Pro
Desiree DiAnn Kirk
10644 S. Newcomb
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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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case Number: 17STBP002961
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: **March 15, 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 Hazlebrook Avenue Lakewood, California 90712 (562) 630-5504

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BENJAMIN BRUCE COUTE
Case No. 17STPB00290

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **BENJAMIN BRUCE COUTE**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **STEVEN COUTE** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **STEVEN COUTE** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 15, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 Room 244 located at 111 NO. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DENISE DIANE MARTINEZ
Case No. 17STPB00326
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **DENISE DIANE MARTINEZ**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Maria T. Soto in the Superior Court

of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Maria T. Soto be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 17, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SOPHIE LOUISE MCCOY
Case No. 17STPB02385
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **SOPHIE LOUISE MCCOY**
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **JACQUELINE M. BUTLER** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **JACQUELINE M. BUTLER** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 21, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 NO. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARIE C. CRITTENDEN, akas, MARIE CRADDOCK, DORIS CRITTENDEN
Case No. 17STPB00218
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **MARIE C. CRITTENDEN, akas, MARIE DORIS CRADDOCK, DORIS MARIE**

CRADDOCK and MARIE CRITTENDEN
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by County of Los Angeles Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that County of Los Angeles Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 24, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 048265-CA APN: 8078-032-024
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/9/2006, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 2/14/2017 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/5/2007, as Instrument No. 20070236417, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by: **CAROLYN J MORRISON AS TRUSTEE OF THE 1995 CAROLYN J MORRISON REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 1/3/1995 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 under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and**

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other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15639 FAIRFORD AVE NORWALK, CA 90650-6252 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: \$8,551.32 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 048265-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: LOT 33 OF TRACT NO. 14568, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 357, PAGES 21 TO 24 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THEREFROM ALL OIL, OTHER HYDROCARBONS, GAS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED SUBSTANCES AND OTHER MINERALS AND KINDRED SUBSTANCES LYING UNDER SAID LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO ENTER THE SUBSURFACE OF SAID LAND AT ANY POINT 500 OR MORE VERTICAL FEET BELOW THE SURFACE THEREOF, BUT WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO ENTER UPON OR FROM THE SURFACE OF SAID LAND, AS RESERVED BY MARGARET A. 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Shared Stories: Good Morning, Burglar

Claire Hess recalls the day when she was a young mother with a new baby and she felt her heart stopped. 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 Claire Hess

The setting: An apartment in Norwalk, California, down the street from the old sheriff's station on Pioneer Boulevard.

The characters: Child - two weeks old, laying in her crib

Me - laying in bed

Burglar - not sure how old and with unidentifiable characteristics

On a cool, crisp December morning 48 years ago, my heart stopped temporarily. The following is what happened that day.

My husband left our apartment in a hurry about 7 a.m. forgetting to lock the front and only door to the small furnished apartment we shared with our newly born child. He was on his way to downtown Los Angeles where he worked for the Medical Records Division of a county hospital.

We said our early goodbyes and knowing that my baby was sleeping, I immediately turned over in bed to rest awhile before her first morning feeding.

About five long minutes went by before I heard the front door open. Heavy footsteps, one at a time, were slowly coming toward the bedroom. I thought, "It must be my husband, forgetting his

key or forgetting something important in our bedroom/office/everything you could imagine in that room."

By the final footstep I was expecting to see his handsome face. It was a stranger's face stopping in the hall staring at me.

I likewise stared at him, only all the adrenaline went

out of my body and I could not move a muscle. I was terrified. I learned why many people can't fight back when accosted by a stranger.

I am so thankful I did not scream as he might have charged at me to shut me up. My daughter was sleeping so peacefully through all this and I was glad.

He realized someone was in the apartment and exited out the front door. Did he take anything? He took all the change in my wallet; I somehow had left it on the bar the night before.


I called the police and they searched all around, of course. After the police left, I still searched the closet thinking he was still there.

Gee, we were lucky that day no harm was done. I called my parents and husband and relayed the events. He wasn't too worried about me. My mom and dad suggested we move as soon as possible.

Later, we could only surmise that my husband forgot to lock the door when he left that morning. End of story.

I am still breathing but will always remember how my heart semi-stopped that cool December morning.

POETRY MATTERS



Old Boards

I love to see boards lying on the ground in early spring:
The ground beneath them is wet—
Perhaps covered with chicken tracks—
And they are dry and eternal.

II

This is the wood one sees on the decks of ocean ships,
Wood that carries us far from land,
With a dryness of something used for simple tasks,
Like a horse's tail.

III

This wood is like a man who has a simple life,
Living through the spring and winter on the ship of his own desire.
He sits on dry wood surrounded by half-melted snow
As the rooster walks away springily over the dampened hay.

-Robert Bly, Silence in the Snowy Fields

Simple on the surface, the poem moves from celebrating the local, the ordinary, to open up to the ocean ship, a vehicle for the imagination, and then returns, like Thoreau, to the wood which is now infused with the energy of the universe. As a poet, editor and translator, Bly has profoundly affected American verse. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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